



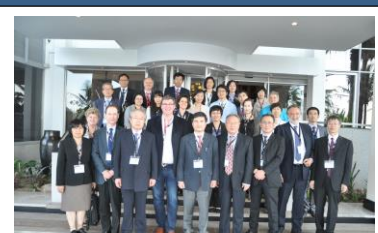
The fourth plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249

The fourth plenary meeting of ISO/TC249 was held on May 20-23 in Durban hosted by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS). Seventeen national member bodies participated with a hundred and seventy delegates that also included representatives from an observing member, organizations in liaison, other related organizations and the ISO/TC249 secretariat.

The chair and the secretary of ISO/TC249 welcomed all the participants, and then gave reports covering the general issues arising from the business of committee during the last year and information relating to ISO procedures.

Each of the committee's five working groups met on 20th, 21st or 22nd May. JWG1 (a joint working group with ISO/TC 215) also held its first meeting. The following outcomes were achieved at the meeting:

- The committee resolved to continue using the provisional title of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) while including a statement of the scope in the Strategic Business.
- The committee asked BIS to prepare a paper on Ayurveda and its relevance to ISO/TC249 for circulation following the 4th plenary meeting.



- The World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) and the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS) were requested to develop a paper for members to consider whether to proceed with a review of the content area priorities at the next plenary meeting of the committee.
- The committee reviewed the standing agenda items for liaison arrangements and the Strategic Business Plan and made some minor operational changes to its standard operating procedures.
- Ten new proposals were approved by the plenary committee and the secretariat will circulate the revised Form 4 and relevant documents for balloting and approval as new work items.
- With the experience now gained from the work of the Working Groups, the committee fine tuned the scope for WG3, and adjusted the titles of WG5 and JWG1.

ISO/TC249 thanked the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) for their excellent support to this meeting and expressed its gratitude to Japan for its invitation to host the 5th ISO/TC249 plenary meeting.

Follow-ups after the fourth plenary

- *The Resolutions of the fourth plenary meeting of TC249* (N120) have been posted to the TC eCommittee on Jun 3rd, 2013.
- *The Report of the third plenary meeting of TC249* (N121) has been submitted to TMB on Jun 14th, 2013.
- The reports from the chair, the secretary and WGs (N122) during the 4th plenary meeting have been posted to the TC eCommittee on Jun 14th, 2013.
- The updated *Procedures for TC249: Part 5 Processing new proposals* (N128) have been posted on Sep 3rd, 2013.
- *The result of Questionnaire for attendees at Working Group meetings of TC249 4th plenary meeting* has been sent to ISO/CS TPM, Dr Pelaprat and the Chair of TC249, Dr Graham on Aug 6th, 2013.
- Recent efforts have been made to explore liaison arrangements with IHTSDO and ISO/TC34.

Progress on projects

ISO/DIS 17217-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Ginseng seeds and seedlings -- Part 1: Panax ginseng CA Meyer
Stage: 40.99

ISO/FDIS 17218 Sterile acupuncture needles for single use
Stage: 50.20
End of FDIS ballot: 2013-12-24

ISO/WD 18586 Requirements for basic safety for Electroacupuncture Stimulator
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18615 General requirements of electric radial pulse tonometric devices
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18662-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Vocabulary -- Part 1: Chinese Materia Medica
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18663 Electroacupuncture stimulator device for quality
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18664 Heavy metals in natural materials used in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM)
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18665 Herbal decoction apparatus
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18666 Moxibustion devices
Stage: 20.20

ISO/WD 18668-1 Coding system of Chinese medicines -- Part 1: Coding rules for decoction pieces
Stage: 20.20

ISO/AWI 18746 Intradermal acupuncture needles
Stage: 20.00

ISO/NP 18668-2 Coding System of Chinese Medicines — Part 2: Codes of Decoction Pieces
End of NP ballot: 2013-12-13

ISO/NP 18668-3 Coding System of Chinese Medicines — Part 3: Coding Rules for Chinese Medicines in Supply Chain Management
End of NP ballot: 2013-12-13

ISO/NP 18668-4 Coding System of Chinese Medicines — Part 4: Coding Rules for Formulas and Their Codes
End of NP ballot: 2013-12-13

ISO/NP 19465 Traditional Chinese Medicine —Categories of TCM Clinical Terminological System
End of NP ballot: 2013-12-13

ISO/NP 19617 General requirements for manufacturing process of natural products used in and as Traditional Chinese Medicine
End of NP ballot: 2014-02-22

ISO/NP 19610 Requirements for Industrial Manufacturing Process of Red Ginseng (Panax ginseng C.A. Meyer)
End of NP ballot: 2014-02-22

ISO/NP 19609 Quality and Safety of natural materials and manufacturing products made with natural materials used in and as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM)
End of NP ballot: 2014-02-22

ISO/NP 19611 Cupping apparatuses for medical use except for the traditional cupping apparatuses
End of NP ballot: 2014-02-23

ISO/NP 19614 Pulse Graph Force Transducer
End of NP ballot: 2014-02-23

ISO/NP 19616 Ear acupuncture points detector
End of NP ballot: 2014-02-23

Activities within ISO/TC 249 and ISO

The fourth meeting of ISO/TC 249/WG1

The fourth meeting of ISO/TC249/WG1 was held on 11 October 2013 at Beijing, China. Thirty delegates from seven national member bodies and representatives of TC249 Secretariat participated the meeting. Three members joined this meeting via Webex service provided by ISO.

As convener of WG1, Chair Professor Liang Liu opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. Prof. Lanping Guo, as local organizer of this meeting, gave a warm welcome speech. The secretary of ISO/TC 249 Prof. Yuandong Shen also gave a speech in the meeting.



The following outcomes were achieved at the meeting:

- ISO/WD18664 *Heavy metals in natural materials used in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)* was resolved to be moved to TC249 Secretariat for CD ballot after revision is made based on the members' comments.
- N65 *Geo-herbs* was resolved to be discussed in the next meeting.
- ISO/TC249/WG1/N30 *Standard of Schisandra chinensis Seeds and Seedlings* was resolved to be moved to TC249 Secretariat for NP ballot after new proposal is prepared by both China and Korea. More references on the implication of this standard on the international trade of this herb should be collected.

WG1 praised Dr. Lui's work on the project Seed and Seedling of *Panax quinquefolius*. WG1 encourages more collaborative research on collecting more data to support this project moving forward to new proposal preparation.

The next meeting of WG1 will take place in May 2014 in Kyoto, Japan.

The seventh meeting of the Chair's Advisory Group for ISO/TC 249

The seventh TC249/CAG meeting will be held via WebEx meeting tool on Dec 4th, 2013.

The fourth meeting of ISO /WG3 &WG4

The fourth meetings of ISO/WG3&WG4 will be held in Sydney, Australia on Feb. 13-14, 2014.

The fifth plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249

The cutoff dates for submitting papers for preparation of the 5th plenary meeting in Kyoto, Japan on May 26-29, 2014 are:

- 26 January for major documents including NWIPs to be discussed during the meeting
- 13 April for other papers
- 19 May for the final agenda and minor papers

The plenary meeting of ISO/TC215 held in Sydney Australia on 21-25 October 2013

TC215 20th plenary meeting has been held at ANZ stadium, Sydney from Oct 21-25, 2013. Li Jing (Ivy), the representative from the TC249 secretariat attended the meeting including TM/TF, JWG1 and WG3 sessions. Further communication with TC215 secretary, Lisa Spellman and the relevant leaders, including TM/TF convenor, Dr Khadzir Bin Sheikh Ahmad and JWG1 convenor, Dr Ken Toyoda have been explored. Under the innovative mechanism of JWG1, one project from TC249 and one from TC215 have been accepted as joint work items and proceeded to call for experts within each committee. Another two projects from TC249 will be also jointly developed upon a positive result of NP balloting that will end on Dec 13. Two reinstate projects from TC215 will be delivered to co-convenors of JWG1 for a one-month assessment.

Joint work items under development

- ISO/NP TS 18790-1 *Health informatics -- Profiling Framework and Classification for Traditional Medicine informatics standards development -- Part 1: Traditional Chinese Medicine*
- ISO/WD 18668-1, *Coding System of Chinese Medicine -- Part 1: Coding Rules for Decoction Pieces*

Potential projects to be JWG1 items

- ISO/ PWI 18668-3, *Coding System of Chinese Medicine -- Part 3: Coding Rules for Chinese Medicines in Supply Chain Management*
- ISO/ PWI 18668-4, *Coding System of Chinese Medicines -- Part 4: Coding Rules for Formulas and Their Codes*

Projects under assessment

- ISO/NP TS 16843-1 *Health Informatics -- Categorical structures for representation of acupuncture -- Part 1: Acupuncture points*
- ISO/NP TS 16843-2 *Health Informatics -- Categorical structures for representation of acupuncture -- Part 2: Needling*



Ivy Lee (representative from ISO/TC 249, Right) and Lisa Spellman (secretary of ISO/TC 215, Left)

ISO/IEC Directives

Management System Standards

Some of ISO's most well-known standards are management system standards. They provide a model to follow when setting up and operating a management system. Like all ISO standards, they are the result of international, expert consensus. Therefore, by implementing a management system standard, organizations can benefit from global management experience and good practice. These standards can be applied to any organization, large or small, whatever its product or service and regardless of its sector of activity.

1. What is MSS (Management System Standard)?

MSS - Management System Standard

Standard that provides requirements or guidelines for organizations to develop and systematically manage their policies, processes and procedures in order to achieve specific objectives.

NOTE 1 An effective management system is usually based on managing the organization's processes using a "Plan-Do-Check-Act" approach in order to achieve the intended outcomes.

NOTE 2 Such documents typically contains sections addressing the following components:

- policy;
- planning;
- implementation and operation;
- performance assessment;
- improvement;
- management review.

NOTE 3 For the purpose of this document, this definition also applies to other ISO deliverables (TS, PAS...)

2. Two types of MSS

Type A MSS

MSS providing requirements

EXAMPLES

- Management system requirements standards (specifications).
- Management system sector-specific requirements standards.

Type B MSS

MSS providing guidelines

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- Guidance on the use of management system requirements standards.
- Guidance on the establishment of a management system.
- Guidance on the improvement/enhancement of a management system.

3. The prerequisite of developing a MSS

Whenever a proposal is made to prepare a new management system standard, or to revise an existing one, including sectoral applications of generic MSS, a justification study (JS) shall be carried out in accordance with Appendix 1 to Annex SL, Part 1, ISO/IEC Directives

Further information including how to develop a project relevant to MSS can refer to Annex SL, Part 1, ISO/IEC Directives.

Latest Information on TCM in the world

The 8th World Acupuncture Congress of WFAS was opened in Sydney, Australia



The 8th General Assembly of WFAS was opened in Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on November 1, 2013.

The conference is host by World Federation of Acupuncture-moxibustion Societies and China Academy of Chinese Medicine Sciences, and undertaken by Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd. The conference is the third world academic conference host by the two organizations, and also the second conference held in Australia for the 26 years since WFAS was founded. The theme of this year's conference is "From classical to modern, let acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine promote the medical treatment and public health in the world."

Australian congressman and deputy foreign minister Mason sent a message of congratulation for this conference. Ma Jianzhong, vice commissioner of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine ,P. R. China, Fang Shuting, senior adviser of WFAS, former deputy director of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine ,P. R. China and chairman of China Association of Chinese Medicine, Zhang Boli, academician in China Academy of Chinese

Medicine Sciences, Deng Liangyue, former chairman of WFAS and co-chairman of international committee, David Graham, chair of ISO/TC249 Traditional Chinese Medicine, George Franz, representative of the mayor of Houston, where 2014 World Academic Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion will be held, and Xu Jie, counselor from the Chinese embassy in Australia, gave speeches in the conference. Doctor Zhang Qi, director of Department of traditional medicine, WHO, and Professor Liu Baoyan, chairman of the 8th WFAS gave keynote speeches in the conference.

There are altogether 822 delegates attending the conference, including delegates and observers from nearly 40 countries and districts' less than 100 WFAS's member organizations, and experts and scholars from professional groups, making the conference become the largest-scale conference on traditional Chinese medicine held outside the East Asia.

The 10th World Congress of Chinese Medicine held in USA



The 10th World Congress of Chinese Medicine and the 10th Anniversary for the Foundation of WFCMS held on 21st and 22nd September, 2013 in Santa Clara Bay Area, California, USA. More than 1000 delegates from all around the world attended the congress. The theme of the congress is “Co-operation between Eastern and Western Medicine, Better Health Services for People around the World”. The congress received 240 papers and 150 of them been communicated on the congress.

4 experts made keynote speeches for the congress:

1. Breaking New Ground with Traditional Medicine – Integrative Medicine in a Public Hospital (Colin M. Feeney, USA);
2. The Simplified Framework of the Chinese Medicine System (Chi Jing Liu, Australia);
3. First Sino-American Military Academic Acupuncture Exchange (Richard C. Niemtzow, USA);
4. Pulse Diagnosis Function and Development of the Modern Pulse Method Genre (Xianghua, China).

The congress had 6 sessions focus on the Development of TCM, Theory Study, Research Achievements, TCM Acupuncture, Genuine Regional Materia Medica and Clinical Research and Experience, etc. It also set up 6 Workshop including Clinical Allergic Disorder Treated With Specific Acupuncture Technic, Wuji Baoyang Moxibustion, Demonstrate of Treating Acute and Chronic Injury and Pain disorders, Psychology and Sleep, Pulse Manifestation and The application of acupuncture to weight losing.

Founded in 2003, after 10 years of rapid development, WFCMS have 234 members from 61 countries or regions and 60 specialty committees. The 11th World Congress of Chinese Medicine will hold on September, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

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