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CHANGING CHAIRS



As I finish my 9 years as the chair of ISO/TC 249, I would like to express my gratitude to and respect for the members of ISO/TC 249.

We have had some challenging issues to manage over the years but these discussions have always been conducted with respect and professionalism and the successful outcomes are reflected in the very high regard in which the committee and its work is held.

I have greatly enjoyed my role and my thanks to all of you for the time and intellect that you contribute to the important work of the committee. We are also very lucky to have such an expert and well-resourced secretariat, second to none among the ISO committees. Prof Shen will be an excellent chair ably supported by Dr Sang as secretary, Ivy, Shirley, Yufeng, Iran and the other staff.

I wish the committee the best success as it continues its work to enhance public health and wellbeing and to support trade and commerce in the area of traditional medicine systems based on ancient Chinese medicine.

With my respect and thanks

David GRAHAM



THE NINTH PLENARY MEETING OF ISO/TC 249 IN SHANGHAI, CHINA



The ninth plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249 was held on June 4-7, 2018 in Shanghai, hosted by Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China (SAC) and the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of the People's Republic of China (SATCM), organized by the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences (CACMS) and the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM).

Fourteen national member bodies (Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, USA, Vietnam) participated with two hundred and twenty-eight delegates that also included the ISO/TC 249 secretariat, Antoine MORIN from ISO Central Secretariat and representatives from three Category A liaison organizations WHO, WFCMS, WFAS and two representatives from ISO/TC 215.

'Number of participants attending working group meetings' and 'possible role of ISO/TC 249 in providing guidance on desirable levels of education and training' were important issues discussed at the plenary.

The Working Group meetings were held during June 4-6. 63 projects were presented to and then discussed by the Working Groups, including 29 NWIPs.

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The Working Group deliberations are reflected in the resolutions made by the committee following the presentations of each Working Group to the committee during the second plenary session on Thursday.



During the plenary, the secretariat organized an informal coordination meeting with WHO to discuss the collaborative work between WHO and ISO/TC 249. The WHO and ISO/TC 249 are keen to ensure coordination and collaboration for relevant work.



The committee thanked the hosts and organizers for their excellent hosting of the 9th plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249 in Shanghai. Thailand has offered to host the next meeting in Bangkok in the first full week of June in 2019.



APPOINTMENT OF THE WG CONVENORS

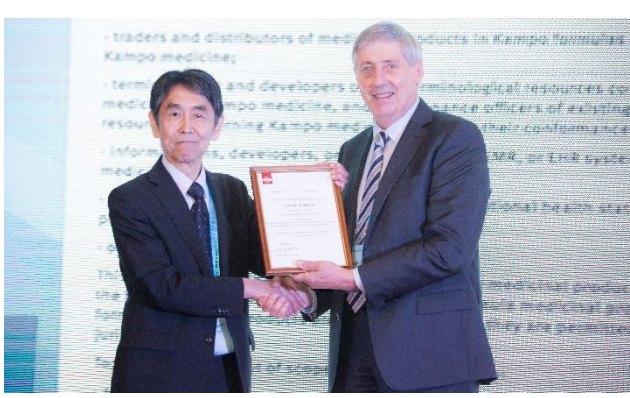


Upon the resolutions taken at the 9th plenary meeting, the Secretariat submitted the list of convenors to ISO/CS for appointment for the next three years:

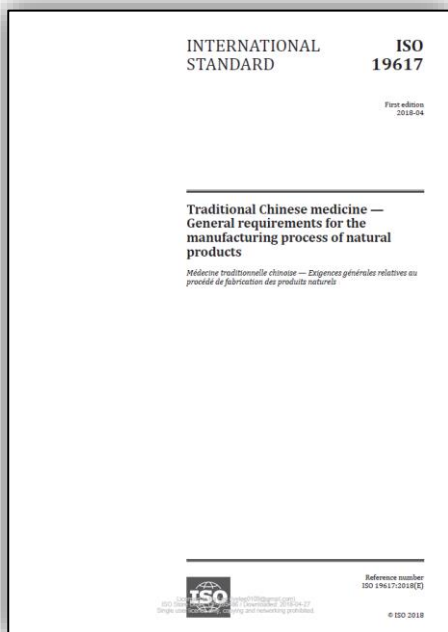
- WG1 Prof LIU Liang
- WG2 Dr Sven SCHRODER
- WG3 Dr ZHAO Hong
- WG4 Dr CHOI Sun-mi
- WG5 Prof KOH Byung-hee and Dr LI Keda
- JWG6 Mr LI Libin

Prof LI Haiyan (JWG1) is still within her first term from 2017-2019. The committee expressed appreciation for the contributions by Prof HUANG Longxiang and Mr ZHANG Haiming who have retired as the convenors of WG3 and JWG6 respectively.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THE PROJECT LEADERS OF PUBLISHED STANDARDS



ISO 19617:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements for the manufacturing process of natural products*



ISO 19617:2018 specifies the general requirements for manufacturing processes to ensure the quality of finished products used in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). This document covers premises, documentation, personnel, training, manufacturing control and quality control. This document applies to the manufacturing of natural products used in and as TCM.

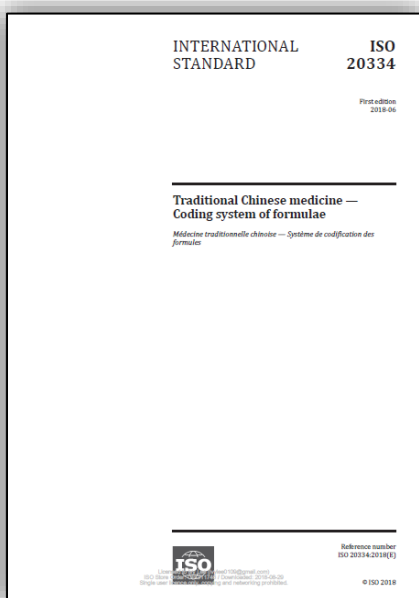
ISO 19617:2018 does not conflict with general pharmaceutical good manufacturing practices (GMPs).

ISO 19617:2018 applies to all materials of natural origin: medicinal plants, medicinal animals, medicinal minerals, crude drugs or crude drug preparations.

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<https://www.iso.org/standard/65504.html?browse=tc>

ISO 20334:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Coding system of formulae*

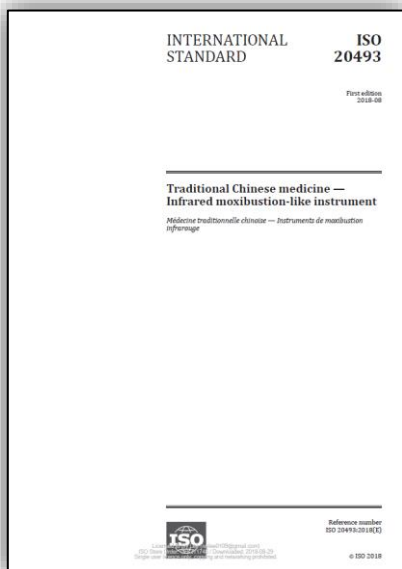


This document specifies rules to encode formulae, and gives specific codes for 1 233 frequently-used formulae. Chinese patent medicines (CPM) are outside the scope of this document. Kampo formulae are outside of the scope of this document.

This document is applicable to formula-relating databases in fields of clinical medication, scientific research and teaching, electronic medical records and prescription of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/67713.html?browse=tc>



ISO 20493:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Infrared moxibustion-like instrument*

This document specifies the requirements for infrared moxibustion-like instrument as a medical device.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/68210.html?browse=tc>

ISO 20495:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Skin electrical resistance measurement devices*

ISO 20495:2018 specifies performance and test methods for skin electrical resistance measurement devices.

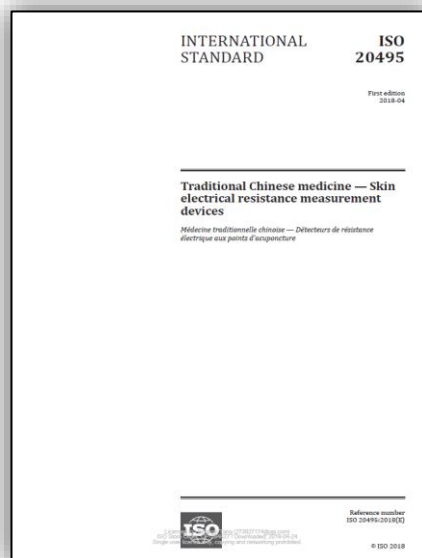
ISO 20495:2018 is applicable to skin electrical resistance measurement devices through which an electrical signal is applied on acupuncture points of the human body or specific points of the body surface in a non-invasive way so as to detect the resistance of the body.

ISO 20495:2018 is not applicable to software or functions for medical analysis of the test results.

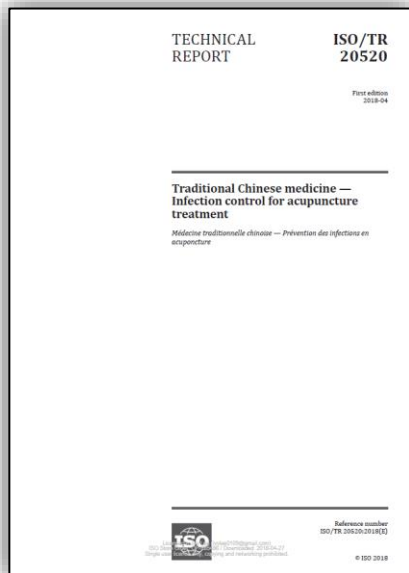
Additional guidance and rationale are given in Annex A.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/68212.html?browse=tc>



ISO/TR 20520:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Infection control for acupuncture treatment*



ISO/TR 20520:2018 specifies aspects to be considered for infection control for acupuncture treatment.

Clinical practice in acupuncture treatment is outside the scope of this document.

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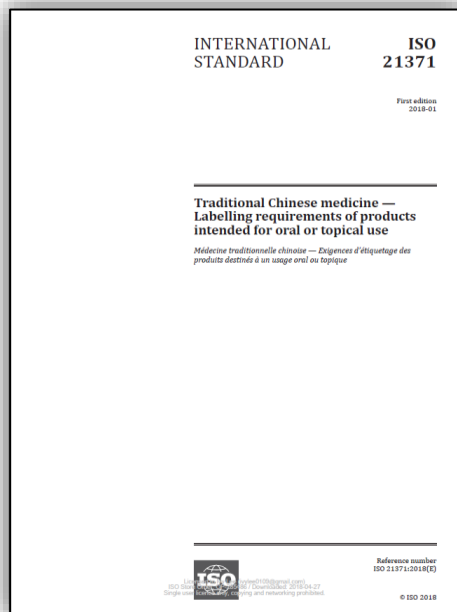
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ISO 21371:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Labelling requirements of products intended for oral or topical use*

ISO 21371:2018 specifies general requirements for the labelling of products intended for oral or topical use in and as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

ISO 21371:2018 is applicable to all finished manufactured products including packaged herbs used in and as TCM. This document includes the essential and informative elements for labelling of products to assist in the choice and safe use of these products by consumers and practitioners.

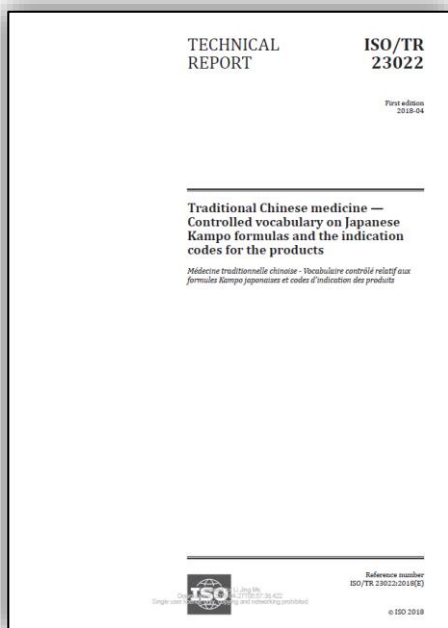
NOTE A list of TCM labelling requirements of the WHO and various regions and countries is given in Annex A.



ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/70793.html?browse=tc>

ISO/TR 23021:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Controlled vocabulary on Japanese Kampo crude drugs*



This document gives names for crude drugs used in Kampo formulae with concepts (or definitions) that are designated by the names to ensure safety and to facilitate international trade, including source materials and intermediate products/materials. Those names are aligned with the names for both the intermediate products and the medicinal products that are manufactured in accordance with the definitions and/or designs. This document is applicable to crude drugs "as concepts (or definitions)" used in Kampo medicine.

This document excludes the following:

- individual manufactured drug names for medicinal products "as things" derived from crude drugs;
- medicinal materials (Materia Medica) "as things", or traditional medicines that are not regulated by the Japanese Pharmacopoeia or the related official documents published by the Medicinal Regulatory Agency, the Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare of Japan.

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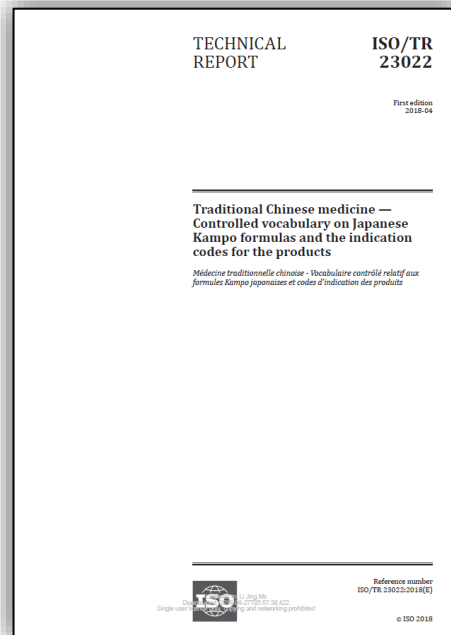
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ISO/TR 23022:2018 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Controlled vocabulary on Japanese Kampo formulas and the indication codes for the products*

ISO/TR 23022:2018 specifies the controlled vocabulary for formulas used in Japanese Kampo medicine with the therapeutic indications of each product according to the subset of IDMPs (ISO 11238, ISO 11615, ISO 11616[10], ISO 19844[15], ISO/TS 20443[16], ISO/TS 20451[17]).

ISO/TR 23022:2018 is intended to be used by:

- traders and distributors of medicinal products in Kampo formulas and crude drugs used in Kampo medicine;
- terminologists and developers of new terminological resources concerning herbal medicines in Kampo medicine, and maintenance officers of existing terminological resources concerning Kampo medicine to enable their conformance;
- informaticians, developers, or managers of HIS, EMR, or EHR systems concerning Kampo medicine;
- officers, analysts or maintenance personnel of national health statistics, and policy proposal staff of national health policies;
- officers of WHO, and WHO statistics.



This edition of ISO/TR 23022:2018 describes only medicinal products in accordance with the Kampo formula in Japan. Both OTC Kampo formula medicinal products and in-pharmacy formula medicinal products are omitted, although they are permitted under Japanese jurisdiction.

Topics considered out of scope of this document are:

- any medicinal products manufactured in accordance with the formula of traditional medicines that are not permitted under the Japanese jurisdiction;
- whole information models of medicinal products, pharmaceutical products and substances (see ISO 11238) because those are already specified in IDMPs;
- any categorical structure(s) of herbal medicaments (see ISO/TS 18062, ISO 17115[13] and EN 12264[18]).

The controlled vocabulary for formulas used in Japanese Kampo medicine is given in Annex A.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/74340.html?browse=tc>

ISO/NP TS 20498-3 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 3: Colour chart

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ISO/NP TR 20498-4 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 4: Peripheral visual instruments

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21292 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Electric heating moxibustion equipment

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21310 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Microscopic examination on medicinal herbs

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21311 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Astragalus root (astragalus membranaceus)

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21313 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Platycodon grandiflorum root

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21373 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Minimum requirements for herbal dispensing services

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ISO/NP 22213 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Traditional glass cupping device

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22283 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Determination of Aflatoxins in natural products by LC-FLD

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22466 Traditional Chinese medicine- Laser acupoint radiation device

Stage: 10.99

ISO/AWI 19609-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Quality and safety of natural materials and manufacturing products made with natural materials - - Part 1: General requirements

Stage: 20.00

ISO/AWI 19609-2 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Quality and safety of natural materials and manufacturing products made with natural materials - - Part 2: Identity testing

Stage: 20.00

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

ISO/AWI 23190 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Determination of aristolochic acids in natural products by HPLC

Stage: 20.00

ISO/AWI 23191 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Determination of selected Aconitum alkaloids by HPLC

Stage: 20.00

ISO/AWI 23419 Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirement of manufacturing procedure and its quality control for granules

Stage: 20.00

ISO/AWI 24571 General requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electro-acupuncture stimulator

Stage: 20.00

ISO/CD TS 23030 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Clinical document specification for prescription of TCM decoction pieces

Stage: 30.00

ISO/CD 23193 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Lycium barbarum and Lycium chinense fruit

Stage: 30.20

ISO/DTR 23975 Traditional chinese medicine -- Priority list for developing standards for single herbal medicines in ISO/TC249

Stage: 30.20

ISO/CD 22236 Traditional Chinese medicine -Thread embedding acupuncture needle for single use

Stage: 30.60

ISO/CD 18662-2 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Vocabulary -- Part 2: Processing of Chinese materia medica

Stage:30.99

ISO/CD 22217 Traditional Chinese medicine --Storage requirements for raw materials and decoction pieces

Stage:30.99

ISO/CD 22256 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Detection of irradiated natural products by photostimulated luminescence

Stage:30.99

ISO/CD 22258 Traditional Chinese medicine- Determination of pesticide residues in natural products by GC

Stage:30.99

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

ISO/CD 22467 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Determination of microorganism in natural products
Stage:30.99

ISO/CD 22590 Traditional Chinese medicine- Determination of Sulfur Dioxide in natural products by titration
Stage: 30.99

ISO/CD 22894 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Pulse waveform forma
Stage: 30.99

ISO/DTS 22990 Categories of clinical terminological systems to support integration of Traditional Chinese medicine and western medicine
Stage: 30.99

ISO/DIS 22584 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Angelica sinensis root
Stage: 40.00

ISO/DIS 18615 Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements of electric radial pulse tonometric device
Stage: 40.20

ISO/DIS 21291 Traditional Chinese medicine --Therapeutic fumigation devices
Stage: 40.20

ISO/DIS 22988 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Astragalus mongholicus root
Stage: 40.60

ISO/FDIS 20487 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Test method of single-use acupuncture needle for electrical stimulation
Stage: 50.00

ISO/FDIS 20498-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 1: General requirements
Stage: 50.00

ISO/FDIS 21300 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Guidelines and specification for Chinese materia medica
Stage: 50.00

ISO/FDIS 21317 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Lonicera japonica flower
Stage: 50.00

ISO/FDIS 21366 Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements for smokeless moxibustion devices
Stage: 50.00

ISO/FDIS 22212 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Gastrodia elata tuber
Stage: 50.00

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

ISO/PRF TR 20498-5 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 5: Method of acquisition and expression of tongue colour and tongue coating colour

Stage: 50.20

ISO/PRF TS 20758 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Abdominal physiological parameter detectors

Stage: 50.20

ISO 21314 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Salvia miltiorrhiza root and rhizome

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ISO 21315 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Ganoderma lucidum fruiting body

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














ISO 21316 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Isatis indigotica root

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ISO 21370 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Dendrobium officinale stem

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The following projects are under NP balloting, please cast your vote before the deadline.

Type	Committee	Reference	Start date	End date 
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23956 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23958-1 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23958-2 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23959 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23960 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23961-1 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23961-2 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23962 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23963-1 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23963-2 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23964 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23965 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23966 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23967-1 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23968 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP 23972 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP TS 23957 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01
NP	ISO/TC 249	ISO/NP TS 23969 	2018-12-07	2019-03-01

SEEKING POSSIBILITY AND FEASIBILITY FOR TCM EDUCATION STANDARDS

As some requests from certain members on developing education standards to ensure the competency of practitioners and quality of services, TC 249 secretariat took a cautious attitude on this matter considering the current workload and scope.



Therefore we held ‘The workshop for the Role of ISO/TC 249 in giving guidance on desirable levels of education and service standards’ on March 23, 2018 in Shanghai, China. The workshop was part of an annual event of an open week led by the secretariat.

At the plenary meeting on June 4-7, 2018, it had been discussed whether TC 249 members wanted to step into the field of education and training of practitioner.



The secretariat started a Committee Internal Ballot on this matter from June 20 to July 20. The ballot result was polarized. The secretariat would like to mark this as an attempt to improve knowledge and develop competence of practitioners and thus protect the reputation of Traditional Chinese Medicine worldwide.

TAKING PART IN ISO/TC 215 AND ISO/TC 314 PLENARY MEETINGS

On April 30- May 4 of 2018, Ms. Ivy Lee and Mr. Yiran Huang as representatives of ISO/TC249 secretariat joined the ISO/TC215 Health Informatics 28th plenary meeting in Maringa, Brazil and from October 22-26, Ms. Ivy Lee attended the ISO/TC215 29th plenary meeting in Paestum, Italy.



On November 6-7, 2018, the vice chair of ISO/TC249, Prof. Shen Yuandong and the secretary assistant, Ms. Ivy Lee participated in ISO/TC 314 *Ageing Societies* 2nd plenary meeting in Hangzhou, China. Ivy gave an overall description of the work of TC249 at the meeting. Chairs and secretariats further investigated the potential need to set up a liaison arrangement between TC249 and TC314. The secretariat will prepare a background agenda paper to assist discussions at the 10th plenary meeting of ISO/TC249 .

The close working relationship between TC249 and TC215 enhances the reliable information exchanges and supports the appropriate international use of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Up to now, ISO/TC249/JWG1 has published 5 IS and ISO/TC215/JWG1 has published 4 TS. 10 joint projects are under development in both committees.



EVENTS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE

Communication and Cooperation with Different Countries

The secretariat has been seeking various ways with the purpose of providing information on the role and work of ISO and encouraging new members to join our committee.

- Active outreach programs to encourage new members, e.g. participate the industrial activities of potential members, such as Norway, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Russia...
- Through our efforts, the committee has enlarged its membership by 2 P-members(**Portugal** and **Saudi Arabia**) and 1 O-member(**Nepal**) in 2018.
- We actively organized several academic forums, inviting experts from different countries to share their experiences in TCM standardization.
- We took part in high-level forums, establishing communication and cooperation with many experts, encouraging them to join our work.



CAG MEETING IN 2018



- Jun. 3, 2018: 5th joint CAG1 and CAG2 meeting in Shanghai, China
- Nov. 14, 2018: 6th joint CAG1 and CAG2 meeting via Zoom.

WG MEETINGS IN 2018

- Jan. 25-26, 2018: 11th meeting of ISO/TC249/WG4 in Seoul, Korea
- Feb. 6-7, 2018: 14th meeting of ISO/TC249/WG2 in Berlin, Germany
- Oct. 23, 2018: 13th meeting of ISO/TC249/WG4 via Zoom
- Nov. 2, 2018: 12th meeting of ISO/TC249/WG1 in Seoul, Korea



WHO RELEASED THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES (ICD 11)



WHO released the new International Classification of Diseases (ICD 11) on June 18 2018. The ICD is the foundation for identifying health trends and statistics worldwide, and contains around 55 000 unique codes for injuries, diseases and causes of death. It provides a common language that allows health professionals to share health information across the globe. The ICD is also used by health insurers whose reimbursements depend on ICD coding; national health programme managers; data collection specialists; and others who track progress in global health and determine the allocation of health resources.

The new ICD-11 also reflects progress in medicine and advances in scientific understanding. For example, the codes relating to antimicrobial resistance are more closely in line with the Global. ICD-11, which has been over a decade in the making, provides significant improvements on previous versions. The new ICD includes new chapter on Traditional Medicine: although millions of people use traditional medicine worldwide, it has never been classified in this system. ICD-11 will be presented at the World Health Assembly in May 2019 for adoption by Member States, and will come into effect on 1 January 2022.



WFAS ISSUED 2018 PARIS DECLARATION AND HIGHLIGHTED ACUPUNCTURE-MOXIBUSTION IN UNESCO



In marking the 8th anniversary of acupuncture and moxibustion of Traditional Chinese Medicine being inscribed in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) held a series of events in Paris.

November 15th, World Acupuncture Day in UNESCO attracted approximately 1500 people from more than 40 countries/regions. *Work Together to Create a Community for Human Health – 2018 Paris Declaration* was officially issued, in which WFAS calls on all member societies and fellow professionals to spread, advance and use acupuncture-moxibustion of TCM so as to make greater contributions to the health of mankind.

WFAS BELT & ROAD TOUR OF TCM ACUPUNCTURE-MOXIBUSTION HELD IN CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

November 18th, WFAS Belt & Road Tour of TCM Acupuncture-Moxibustion was held in Cambridge University, UK.

Approximately 200 people including scholars and students from both Cambridge and Oxford attended the event inclusive of the Forum of TCM Acupuncture-Moxibustion for Youth Development and cultural activities.



THE 4TH SUMMER SUMMIT OF THE WORLD CONGRESS OF CHINESE MEDICINE WAS HELD BY WFCMS IN JIANGXI PROVINCE, CHINA

The 4th Summer Summit of the World Congress of Chinese Medicine was held by WFCMS on June 23, 2018, in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China.

The theme of the conference was “Opportunities and Development of TCM Internationalization at ‘New Era’”. During the summit, four international standards of WFCMS were approved by the members of the standing Council of WFCMS.



THE 15TH WORLD CONGRESS OF CHINESE MEDICINE WAS CONVENED BY WFCMS IN ITALY ON NOVEMBER 17TH, 2018



The 15th World Congress of Chinese Medicine and the “Belt and Road” Chinese Medicine Culture Week opened in Rome, Italy. Over 1,000 representatives from 38 countries and regions attended the congress. The Declaration of Rome was issued during the congress. It had been reviewed and passed by Council Board of WFCMS. During the congress, it was agreed that the 16th World Conference of Chinese Medicine will be held in Hungary next year.

ISO TRAINING RESOURCES

Here are some training resources from ISO on training of chairs & convenors and how to write standards:

<https://www.iso.org/publication/PUB100378.html>

<https://www.iso.org/publication/PUB100335.html>

Here is a video showing market relevance, development track of a standard:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=18&v=TyfDBIQEm8c



THE TENTH PLENARY MEETING OF ISO/TC 249

The next plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249 will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on **3-6 June, 2019**. The online meeting registration will be available very soon.



DEADLINES OF POSTING COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS FOR THE 10TH PLENARY MEETING IN 2019

The cutoff dates for posting papers for preparation of the 10th plenary meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 2019 are:

- **2nd February 2019** for major documents including NWIPs to be discussed during the meeting
- **21th April 2019** for other papers
- **26th May 2019** for the final agenda and minor papers

Please note that for those major documents including NWIPs (new work item proposals) to be discussed during the meeting, members are requested to submit them to the Secretariat at mscsh2009@gmail.com by **20th January, 2019** to allow processing time for the 2nd February cutoff date.

GREETINGS FROM THE NEW CHAIR



Time flies! We are going to usher in the new year of 2019 and ready to celebrate the 10th anniversary of ISO/TC249. As a Chinese saying goes, ‘taking 10 years to sharpen a sword’, which means persistence leads to success. Looking back on our first decade, though with some challenging times, the committee succeeded in demonstrating the importance of its work in developing 31 international standards and 44 on-going projects aimed at benefitting the public health through

the provision of safe and quality products and services. At this moment, I want to thank all experts from TC249 who have made vital contributions to the development of TCM international standardization.

From the year of 2019, I feel truly honored to fill in the Chair’s capacity subsequent to Dr David Graham. Being a devoted and enthusiastic internationalist, during his 9 years’ tenure as the Chair, David has led delegates and experts from 39 member bodies and put fair procedures into place to ensure excellent performance that definitely contribute to human health and well-being. I would like to extend my highest respect and sincere gratitude to David, a selfless friend with integrity who have always supported and inspired me.

With the continued social development and changes in the disease spectrum, Traditional Chinese medicine and related medical systems provide health care to an increasingly significant portion of the population worldwide. ISO/TC249 is committed to developing high quality international standards to improve quality and safety, promote better healthcare and enhance international trade and commerce. This sacred mission can be achieved by our strength in union. Under ISO structure and principles, I will continue to make joint efforts with all the ISO/TC 249 colleagues for a brilliant future.

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shen. YD.' followed by a flourish.

SHEN Yuandong

Wishing you
a Merry
Christmas

and a very
Happy New Year



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