On Feb 22nd 2013, the Secretary-General of ISO Central Secretariat, Mr. Rob Steele, accompanied by the Vice Director of Standardization Administration of China (SAC), Ms. Yu Xinli along with the relevant officers from SAC took a visit upon TC249 secretariat office in Shanghai.

TC249 secretary, Prof Shen Yuandong warmly welcomed them and made a presentation on the working progress and current situations of TC249. Upon active communications, Mr. Rob Steele congratulated the great progress made by the committee and stated that all the projects within the area and issues have been managed in an appropriate manner. He also offered some excellent guidance and suggestions, e.g. in terms of encouraging wider participation, and pilot project management.

After that, Mr. Rob Steele met with Mr. Shen Xiaoming, vice Mayor of Shanghai Municipal government to have a further discussion about cooperation on international standardization field.
Progress on projects

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

Stage: 40.00
End of DIS ballot: 2013-07-05
Reference document: N72

**ISO/DIS 17218 Sterile acupuncture needles for single use**

Stage: 40.20
End of DIS ballot: 2013-06-18
Reference document: N64

In accordance with the resolutions of the third plenary meeting, there are 10 new work item proposals are agreed to start NP ballot. 9 proposals are approved to be the active work items after balloting and only one proposal is disapproved in lack of enough expertise.

**ISO/AWI 18586 Requirements for basic safety and essential performance for Electroacupuncture Stimulator**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-02-01
Reference document: N74, N75

**ISO/AWI 18615 General requirements of electric radial pulse tonometric devices**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-02-22
Reference document: N79, N80

**ISO/AWI 18662-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Vocabulary -- Part 1: Chinese Materia Medica**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-02-26
Reference document: N82, N84

**ISO/AWI 18663 Electroacupuncture stimulator device for quality**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-03-04
Reference document: N88, N89

**ISO/AWI 18664 Heavy metals in natural materials of TCM**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-03-13
Reference document: N94, N95

**ISO/AWI 18665 Herbal decoction apparatus**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-03-04
Reference document: N90, N91

**ISO/AWI 18666 Moxibustion devices**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-03-07
Reference document: N92, N93

**ISO/AWI 18668-1 Coding System of Chinese Medicine -- Part 1: Coding Rules for Decoction Pieces**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-02-27
Reference document: N85, N86

**ISO/AWI 18746 Intradermal acupuncture needles**

Stage: 20.00  Reg. Date: 2013-03-27
Reference document: N96, N97
New Work Item Proposals

There are 16 new work item proposals have been submitted to the secretariat. These proposals have circulated to members for review will be disused on WG meetings. For those proposals which have not been allocated to certain WG will be discussed on the fourth plenary meeting held in Durban, South Africa this May.

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JWG1 Informatics of TCM

TC249/JWG1 has been formally registered with the title of "Informatics of TCM" in ISO/TC249 website and the nomination of the co-convenor from TC249, Dr Michael Hammes has been approved by the committee. Both of the secretariats of TC249 and TC215, TPM from ISO CS, co-convenors of JWG1 discussed the operating procedures for this group at several occasions. The first potential items for consideration as JWG1 projects are still under assessment by co-convenors, Dr Michael Hammes and Dr Ken Toyoda, including:

- TC249 N48 Coding System of Chinese Medicine -- Part 1: Coding Rules for Decoction Pieces
- Traditional Chinese Medicine- Categories of SNOTCM-CT
- ISO / TS 17938: Semantic network framework and coding of traditional Chinese medicine language system
- ISO / TS 17948: Traditional Chinese medicine literature metadata
- ISO/PWI Health informatics–Profiling Framework and Classification for Traditional Medicine informatics standards development – Part 1 Traditional Chinese Medicine

Activities within ISO/TC 249 and ISO

Chairman Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting

Since its establishment in May, 2011, five CAG meetings via WebEx have been held with the participation of ISO/TC249 chair, CAG members and the secretariat:

- First: August 9, 2011
- Second: December 13, 2011
- Third: April 19, 2012
- Fourth: May 21, 2012
- Five: December 12 2012
Round table meeting on title of ISO/TC 249

The roundtable meeting was held on Jan 18, 2013 in Shanghai hosted by the secretariat of ISO/TC249. Twenty-one participants from three countries: China, Japan and Korea as well as the chair, Dr. David Graham and the secretary, Prof Shen Yuandong of TC249 held a discussion on the Title of the committee with the purpose of assisting the Secretariat to prepare a proposal on the Title and scope for the 4th plenary meeting.

The chair and the secretary of TC249 welcomed all the participants and noted that it’s an opportunity for three major stakeholders to have an informal discussion on the Title. It was emphasized that the meeting was for exchanging and exploring ideas and had no authority under TC 249 to make any decisions. Prof Lu Aiping from China, Prof Tanaka Yasuo from Japan and Prof Kim Yong-suk from Korea gave presentations to initiate the discussions which included information on the size of the industry, overall development of standardization on traditional medicine, particularly regarding the activities of TC249, impact of trends such as modernization and suggestions to explore when considering the title of the committee.

By incorporating comments from members of TC249 as well as the results of communication conducted among the three countries, the secretariat will take real practice of the committee into account to bring a proposal on title and scope to 4th plenary meeting for discussion.
The fourth plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249

The fourth plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249 will be held from 20 to 23 May 2013 at the Southern Sun Elangeni Hotel, Durban, South Africa.

The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) is host of the meeting. Participation in the ISO/TC 249 meeting is open to ISO/TC 249 members only, as appointed by ISO member bodies. The deadline for registration is April 20th 2013.

More detailed information could be reached at https://www.sabs.co.za/tc249/Invitation.html

Draft agenda

- May 20 morning  Plenary meeting
- May 20 afternoon  WG5 & JWG1 meeting
- May 21  WG1/WG3 meeting, WG5 & JWG1 meeting
- May 22  WG2/WG4 meeting
- May 23  Plenary meeting

Latest information on TM in the world


The LFTCM is a unique international academic platform for exchanging clinical experiences, broadening academic horizons and inspiring further development in the field of traditional Chinese medicine.

The topics of the LFTCM include:

• The study of TCM fundamental theory;

• Clinical reports and experiences on TCM, in particular, evidence based clinical trials;

• Scientific research of herbal medicine, acupuncture, moxibustion, tuina therapy and medical qigong:
• Standardisation for higher education and scientific study of TCM;
• The strategy of global development and international legislation of Chinese medicine.

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The 4th International Conference on the Modernization of Traditional Chinese Medicine （September 26-27, 2013, Chengdu, China）

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), an important component of world medical science, has made an indelible contribution to human health and world civilization for thousands of years. The Chinese government has been working unremittingly to promote the heritage and development of TCM. On the basis of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd “International Conference on the Modernization of Traditional Chinese Medicine” launched successfully in 2002, 2005 and 2010 respectively, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Health, the State Administration of TCM, the State Food and Drug Administration and Sichuan Provincial People’s Government have decided to hold “The 4th International Conference on the Modernization of Traditional Chinese Medicine” in Chengdu of Sichuan Province from September 26 to 27 of 2013.

With the theme of “Traditional Chinese Medicine Concerted Innovation & Development”, the conference will hold firmly to the tradition as well as face up the cutting-edge science. The latest trends and advanced ideas of the application and development of international TCM will be discussed from multi-angles, aiming to establish a profoundly influential platform for the communication and development of TCM. The Organizing Committee warmly invites medical officials, scholars, entrepreneurs and investors from governments of all countries and regions, international organizations, research institutes, medical institutes, universities and well-known pharmaceutical enterprises to come for this grand gathering, to discuss the great course of the development of TCM and jointly accelerate the process of modernization and internationalization of TCM, which will be great benefit to human health.

Theme: Traditional Chinese Medicine Concerted Innovation and Industrial Development

(i) Plenary Lecture
Lectures and speeches are to be delivered by well-known officials, scholars and entrepreneurs of Traditional Chinese Medicine and traditional medicine.

(ii) Topics for Panel Meetings
Panel 1: Government Forum on TCM Concerted Innovation and Industrial Development
Panel 2 Heritage and Development of Basic Theories of TCM
Panel 3 Evaluation on Clinical Efficacy of TCM and its Moral Principles
Panel 4 Research and Internationalization of Acupuncture and Moxibustion
Panel 5: Systematic Research and Development of Chinese Herbal Medicine Resources
Panel 6: Innovation and Industrialization of Chinese Herbal Medicine
Panel 7: Research on Disease Prevention by TCM and TCM Health preservation Industries
Panel 8: Development and Industrialization of Chinese Ethnic Medicines

Agenda
September 25 Registration
September 26 Morning Opening Ceremony
    Plenary lectures
September 26 Afternoon  Panel Meetings
September 27 Panel Meetings

More information at http://www.icetcm.org/info/E64YHKOK81.jsp
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WFAS Sydney 2013 is sponsored by the World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies and the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences (CACMS). International supporting organisations are: the China Association of Acupuncture-Moxibustion, the China Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine, the China Health Care Association, the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists, and the Rothenburg TCM Kongress/AGTCM.

CONFERENCE DATES

2 – 4 November 2013: WFAS Conference

3 November 2013: Gala Dinner

1 November 2013: WFAS 8th General Assembly

31 October 2013: Meeting of the WFAS 7th Executive Committee

4 November 2013: Post-conference Workshop A (evening)
5 November 2013: Post-conference Workshop B (full day)

**REGISTRATION DATES**

31 March 2013: Very Early Bird Registration closes
31 May 2013: Early Bird Registration closes
31 July 2013: Regular Registration closes
31 October 2013: Late Registration closes


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