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THE EIGHTH PLENARY MEETING OF ISO/TC 249 IN HONG KONG, CHINA



The eighth plenary meeting of ISO/TC249 was held on June 5-8, 2017 at the Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong hosted by School of Chinese Medicine of the Hong Kong Baptist University and assisted with sponsorship from the Jilin Zixin Pharmaceutical Industrial Co. Ltd.

Twelve national member bodies (Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong (China), Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand, USA, Vietnam) participated with two hundred and thirty delegates that also included the ISO/TC249 secretariat, and representatives from two Category A liaison organizations WFCMS and WFAS and a representative from ISO/TC 215.

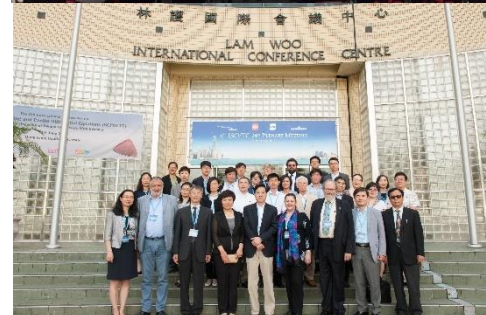
The vice chair hosted the opening session. The Chair and the Secretary gave reports covering the general issues arising from the business of committee during the last year. The committee congratulated and gave awards to the project leaders of the 14 international standards published since the previous plenary meeting in 2016.

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The Working Group meetings were held during June 5-7. 43 projects were presented and discussed by the Working Groups, including 30 NWIPs.

The definition of 'safe use' for the purposes of the committee's work was fully discussed on the last day of the meeting. The following consensus was reached at the meeting: the committee resolved that the scope of TC249 remain unchanged and that the Scope Definition Statement (N677) be adopted to clarify safe use.

The committee thanked Hong Kong, China for its excellent hosting of the 8th plenary meeting. China has offered to host the next meeting in Shanghai from June 4-7 2018. ISO/TC249 expressed its gratitude to Thailand for its invitation to host the 10th plenary meeting of ISO/TC249 in the first full week of June in 2019.



PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THE PROJECT LEADERS OF PUBLISHED STANDARDS



ISO 18662-1:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Vocabulary -- Part 1: Chinese Materia Medica*

INTERNATIONAL
STANDARD

ISO
18662-1

First edition
2017-07

Traditional Chinese medicine —
Vocabulary —

Part 1:
Chinese Materia Medica

Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Vocabulaire —
Partie 1: Matières médicinales chinoises

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ISO 18662-1:2017(3)

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ISO 18662-1:2017 specifies the basic vocabulary for the Chinese Materia Medica (CMM), including most commonly used CMM species. Each term is provided a Latin name, Chinese name, Pinyin name and English name. Source-related definition of applicable parts and botanical name(s) of the plant, zoological family name of the animal, or mineral stated with mineral or rock title and active ingredients are given as note(s) for each item.

ISO 18662-1:2017 is intended to be used by those engaged in the practice and management of production, trade, research and education of crude natural Chinese medicinal materials.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/63148.html?browse=tc>

ISO 18668-2:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Coding system for Chinese medicines -- Part 2: Codes for decoction pieces*

ISO 18668-2:2017 encodes 828 kinds of decoction pieces, according to the rules in ISO 18668-1.

This document is suitable for coding of decoction pieces, as well as decoction pieces in the fields of clinical medication, scientific research, teaching, statistics, and management.

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STANDARD

ISO
18668-2

First edition
2017-03

Traditional Chinese medicine —
Coding system for Chinese
medicines —

Part 2:
Codes for decoction pieces

Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Système de codage des médicaments
chimiques —
Partie 2: Codes pour les pièces de décoction

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2017-03

Traditional Chinese medicine —
Coding system for Chinese
medicines —

Part 3:
Codes for Chinese Materia Medica

Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Système de codage des médicaments
chinois —
Partie 3: Codes pour les matières médicinales chinoises



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ISO 18668-3:2017(0)

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ISO 18668-3:2017 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Coding system for Chinese medicines -- Part 3: Codes for Chinese Materia Medica

ISO 18668-3:2017 encodes 592 kinds of Chinese Materia Medica, according to the rules in ISO 18668-1.

ISO 18668-3:2017 is suitable for coding of Chinese Materia Medica, as well as Chinese Materia Medica in the fields of clinical medication, scientific research, teaching, statistics and management.

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<https://www.iso.org/standard/68354.html?browse=tc>

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STANDARD

ISO
18668-4

First edition
2017-03

Traditional Chinese medicine —
Coding system for Chinese
medicines —

Part 4:
Codes for granule forms of individual
medicinals for prescriptions

Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Système de codage des médicaments
chinois —
Partie 4: Codes pour les granules de médicaments individuels pour les
prescriptions



Reference number
ISO 18668-4:2017(0)

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ISO 18668-4:2017 Traditional Chinese medicine - - Coding system for Chinese medicines -- Part 4: Codes for granule forms of individual medicinals for prescriptions

ISO 18668-4:2017 encodes 777 kinds of granule forms of individual medicinals for prescriptions, according to the rules in ISO 18668-1.

ISO 18668-4:2017 is suitable for coding of granule forms of individual medicinals for prescriptions, as well as granule forms of individual medicinals for prescriptions in the fields of clinical medication, scientific research, teaching, statistics and management.

ISO link to purchase at
<https://www.iso.org/standard/68355.html?browse=tc>

ISO 19465:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Categories of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) clinical terminological systems*

ISO 19465:2017 specifies a categorial structure within the subject field of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) clinical practice. It describes the upper-level categories of TCM clinical terms and the nomenclature of the hierarchical categories. It is applicable only to clinical terminological systems in TCM disciplines, not to a comprehensive categorial structure of TCM, the conceptual definition of the hierarchy categories, and terms for individual TCM concepts.

The following are considered outside the scope of this document:

- comprehensive categories of TCM;
- the conceptual definition of the hierarchy categories.
- terms for individual TCM concepts;
- the terms or categories of Kampo, Korean medicine and other traditional medicines.



ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/64962.html?browse=tc>



ISO 19610:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements for industrial manufacturing process of red ginseng (Panax ginseng C.A. Meyer)*

This document specifies the general requirements for the industrial manufacturing process of red ginseng from *Panax ginseng* C.A. Meyer which is the only species from which red ginseng is processed[6-11]. It is intended that manufacturers perform the appropriate washing, steaming, drying and packaging processes to assure the quality of red ginseng products for consumers.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/65462.html?browse=tc>

ISO 19611:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Air extraction cupping device*



ISO 19611:2017 specifies requirements for an air extraction cupping device which operates using negative pressure. This document includes requirements for the material, pressure, sterilization or disinfection, and packaging of the cupping device, as well as appropriate test methods.

ISO 19611:2017 is applicable to single-use type and multiple-use type devices.

ISO 19611:2017 does not apply to the suction pump used to create the negative pressure.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/65463.html?browse=tc>

ISO 19614:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Pulse graph force transducer*

ISO 19614:2017 specifies the technical requirements, classification and test method for a pulse graph force transducer, hereafter referred to as transducer.

It only applies to pulse graph acquisition over the patient's radial artery based on TCM pulse condition requirements.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/65479.html?browse=tc>



PUBLISHED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ISO/TC249 IN 2017



ISO 19824:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Schisandra chinensis (Turcz.) Baill. seeds and seedlings*

ISO 19824:2017 specifies minimum requirements and test methods for *Schisandra chinensis* (Turcz.) Baill. seeds and seedlings.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/66278.html?browse=tc>

ISO 20308:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Gua Sha instruments*

ISO 20308:2017 specifies appearance, material, requirements of visual inspection, cleaning and disinfection, hardness, roughness, resistance to abrasion, exposure index of radionuclide activity, biocompatibility of Gua Sha instruments, as well as related information on package, transport and storage, labelling and instructions for use.

Electro-devices and other forms are outside the scope of this document.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/67623.html?browse=tc>



INTERNATIONAL
STANDARD

ISO
20311

First edition
2017-03

**Traditional Chinese medicine —
Salvia miltiorrhiza seeds and
seedlings**

Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Graines et plants de Salvia
miltiorrhiza



ISO 20311
Salvia miltiorrhiza

Reference number
ISO 20311:2017(01)

ISO 20311:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine - Salvia miltiorrhiza seeds and seedlings*

ISO 20311:2017 specifies the minimum requirements and test method for Salvia miltiorrhiza seeds and seedlings. It is suitable for use in quality assurance during the production and management of Salvia miltiorrhiza seeds and seedlings.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/67644.html?browse=tc>

INTERNATIONAL
STANDARD

ISO
20333

First edition
2017-08

**Traditional Chinese medicine —
Coding rules for Chinese medicines in
supply chain management**

Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Règles de codage des médicaments
chinois dans la gestion de la chaîne logistique



ISO 20333
Coding rules for Chinese medicines in supply chain management

Reference number
ISO 20333:2017(01)

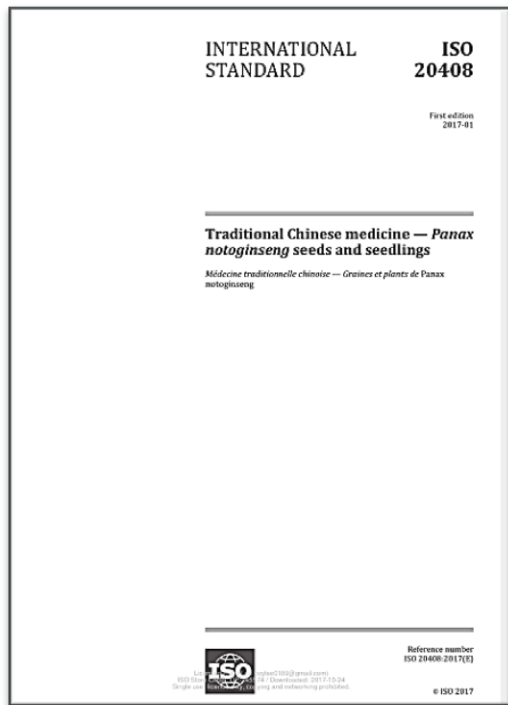
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ISO 20333:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Coding rules for Chinese medicines in supply chain management*

ISO 20333:2017 specifies coding rules for Chinese medicines to assist in supply chain management. The coding provides information such as the trade item, producing area, unit, grade, production date, batch number, quantity of medicines, and logistic unit. This includes Chinese Materia Medica and decoction pieces, but excludes granule forms of individual medicinals for prescriptions (GFIMP) and Chinese patent medicines (CPM).

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/67712.html?browse=tc>



ISO 20408:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Panax notoginseng seeds and seedlings*

ISO 20408:2017 specifies minimum requirements and test methods for seeds and seedlings of *Panax notoginseng* (Burk.) F. H. Chen. It is suitable for marketing of cultivated *Panax notoginseng* seeds and seedlings. It is also suitable to be used for quality assurance by cultivators of *Panax notoginseng*.

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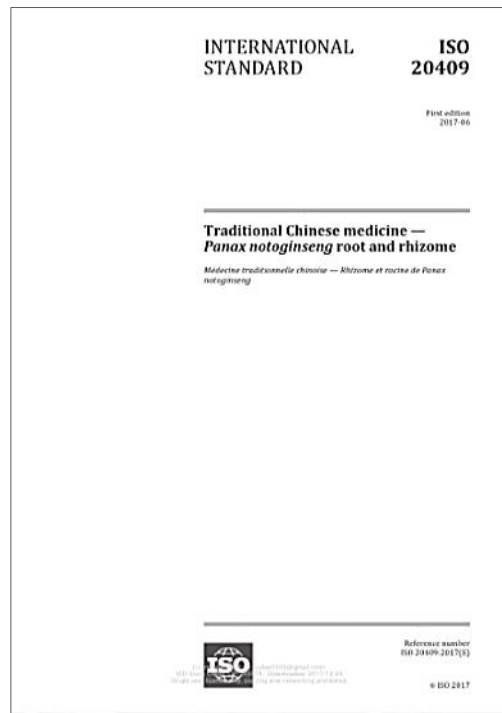
ISO 20409:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Panax notoginseng root and rhizome*

ISO 20409:2017 are derived from the plant *Panax notoginseng* (Burk.) F.H. Chen.

It is applicable to *notoginseng* root and rhizome that are sold and used as food supplements, functional food or natural medicines in international trade, including Chinese materia medica (whole medicinal materials) and decoction pieces derived from this plant.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/67921.html?browse=tc>





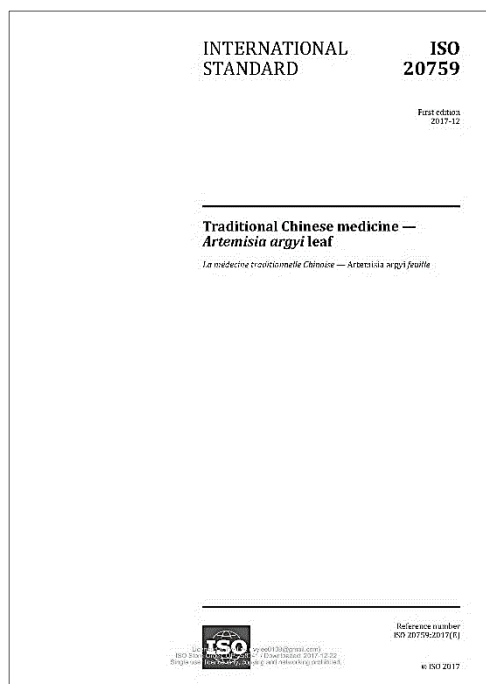
ISO 20498-2:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 2: Light environment*

ISO 20498-2:2017 specifies the light environment necessary for the functioning of a computerized tongue image analysis system (CTIS).

ISO 20498-2:2017 does not include the electrical safety and biocompatibility of the lighting component.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/68215.html?browse=tc>



ISO 20759:2017 *Traditional Chinese medicine -- Artemisia argyi leaf*

ISO 20759:2017 specifies the minimum requirements and test methods of Artemisia argyi leaf for medicinal use. It is suitable for identification and quality control of this herbal medicine.

ISO link to purchase at

<https://www.iso.org/standard/68986.html?browse=tc>

ISO/CD 18615 Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements of electric radial pulse tonometric device
Stage: 30.60

ISO/AWI 18662-2 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Vocabulary -- Part 2: Processing of Chinese materia medica
Stage: 20.00

ISO/AWI 19609-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Quality and safety of natural materials and manufacturing products made with natural materials used in and as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) -- Part 1: General
Stage: 20.00

ISO/AWI 19609-2 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Quality and safety of natural materials and manufacturing products made with natural materials used in and as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) -- Part 2: Identity testing
Stage: 20.00

ISO/FDIS 19617 Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements for manufacturing process of natural products
Stage: 50.00

ISO/FDIS 20334 Traditional Chinese Medicine -- Coding System of Formulas
Stage: 50.00

ISO/CD 20487 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Test method for acupuncture needles for single use on electrical stimulation
Stage: 30.99

ISO/DIS 20493 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Infrared moxibustion-like instrument
Stage: 40.60

ISO/FDIS 20495 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Skin electrical resistance measurement device
Stage: 50.00

ISO/DIS 20498-1 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 1: General requirements
Stage: 40.00

ISO/NP 20498-3 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 3: Colour chart
Stage: 10.99

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

Stage: 10.99

ISO/AWI TR 20498-5 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Computerized tongue image analysis system -- Part 5: Tongue color and tongue coating color

Stage: 20.00

ISO/CD 20520 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Infection control for acupuncture treatment

Stage: 30.99

ISO/NP 20758 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Abdominal physiological parameter detector

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21291 Traditional Chinese medicine --Therapeutic fumigation devices

Stage: 10.99

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

Stage: 10.99

ISO/CD 21300 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Guidelines for Chinese materia medica specification

Stage: 30.20

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 21312 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Safe use of acupuncture needles in the acupoints requiring special caution

Stage: 10.99

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

Stage:10.99

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

Stage:30.99

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

ISO/CD 21315 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Ganoderma lucidum fruiting body

Stage:30.60

ISO/CD 21316 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Isatis indigotica root

Stage:30.60

ISO/DIS 21317 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Lonicera japonica flower

Stage:40.60

ISO/CD 21366 Traditional Chinese medicine -- General requirements for smokeless moxibustion

Stage: 30.60

ISO/CD 21370

Traditional Chinese medicine --- Dendrobium officinale stem

Stage: 30.60

ISO/FDIS 21371 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Labelling requirements of products intended for oral or topical use in and as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM)

Stage: 50.20

ISO/AWI 22236 Traditional Chinese Medicine -Thread Embedding Acupuncture Needle for single use

Stage: 20.00

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

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 21374

Traditional Chinese medicine -- Herbal medicine decoction service

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22212 Traditional Chinese Medicine -- Gastrodia tuber

Stage: 10.99

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

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22217 Traditional Chinese medicine --Storage requirements for Chinese materia medica and decoction pieces

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22256 Traditional Chinese Medicine--Determination of irradiated Traditional Chinese Medicine using photostimulated luminescence

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22258 Traditional Chinese medicine- Determination of pesticide residues in herbal medicines used in Traditional Chinese Medicine

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22283 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Determination of aflatoxins in herbal medicines used in traditional Chinese medicines -- Method by LC-FLD

Stage: 10.99

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

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22467 Traditional Chinese Medicine- Determination of microorganism in herbal medicines used in Traditional Chinese Medicine

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22584 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Angelica sinensis root

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22590 Traditional Chinese medicine- Determination of Sulfur Dioxide in herbal medicines used in Traditional Chinese Medicine

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22894 Traditional Chinese medical -- Pulse waveform format

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP 22988 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Astragalus mongholicus root

Stage: 10.99

ISO/NP TS 22990 Traditional Chinese medicine--Categories of integration of traditional Chinese medicine and western medicine-- Clinical terminological system

Stage: 10.99

ISO/DTR 23021 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Controlled vocabulary on Japanese Kampo crude drugs

Stage: 30.60

ISO/DTR 23022 Traditional Chinese medicine -- Controlled vocabulary on Japanese Kampo formulas and the indication codes for the products

Stage: 30.60

ISO/NP TS 23030

Traditional Chinese Medicine- Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) for Prescription of TCM Decoction Pieces

Stage: 10.99

THE OPEN WEEK OF ISO/TC 249 SECRETARIAT



The secretariat has implemented an annual event of “The Open week of TC249 Secretariat”. The purpose of the open week is to invite experts with in-depth discussions on a technical area.

For this year, the focus of the open week event was terminology work of TC249. On April 8th of 2017, the secretariat invited co-conveners and secretaries of WG5 and experts from China, Thailand, and USA to discuss the following topics,

- Work priorities and plan of WG5;
- Collaboration with other international organizations;
- Language policies and presentation of the terminological entries.

The consensus has been reached and included in the secretary’s report in 2017 on the committee’s website.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STANDARDIZATION OF TCM

On March 16-18 of 2017, the secretariat held an International Workshop on Standardization of TCM, with the purpose of providing information on the role and work of ISO and to encourage new members to join our committee. Over 20 participants from 12 countries (Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom) participated in this workshop.



The main lecturer of the workshop was Dr. Staffan Söderberg who has served as the Vice Chair of the ISO 26000 Post Publication Organization. The workshop discussed the following topics:

- Stakeholder engagement and building consensus;
- ISO Standard Development for Chinese Medicines;
- Development of International Standards on Acupuncture;
- Panel discussion on developing service standards by ISO/TC249.



SHANGHAI FORUM FOR WORLD TRADITIONAL MEDICINE



Traditional medicine is an essential part of global health system, and plays an important role in health care, disease prevention and treatment.



Hosted by the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine Development Office of Shanghai Municipality, the forum invited experts from 9 countries, 4 international organizations and 12 different schools in traditional and complementary medicine to introduce and demonstrate the history, present and future of the world's major traditional medical schools and their therapies in this forum.

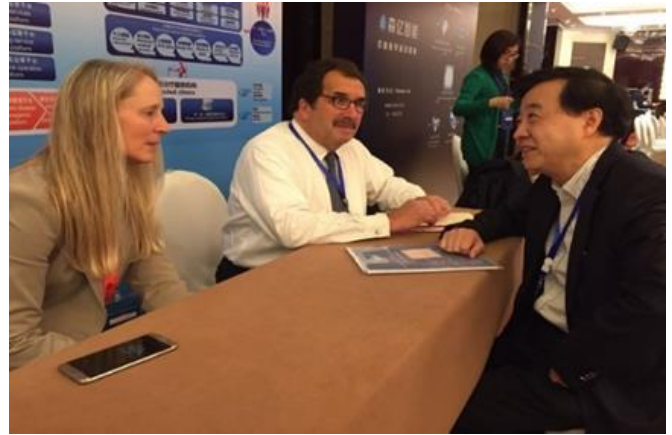


As the leaders of ISO/TC249, Dr. David GRAHAM, Prof. SHEN Yuandong, Dr. SANG Zhen participated the conference. Dr. David GRAHAM made a report about Challenges for Traditional Medicine.



ISO/TC 215 27th AND 28th PLENARY MEETINGS

On April 16-21, 2017, the vice chair of ISO/TC249, Prof. Shen Yuandong and the secretary assistant, Ms. Ivy Lee attended the TC215 plenary meeting in Hangzhou, China and on November 6-10, 2017, Ms. Ivy Lee as the representative of ISO/TC249 secretariat joined the ISO/TC215 plenary meeting in Liverpool, United Kingdom.



Communication between the chairs and secretariats was conducted to explore new opportunities to push forward the standards work of Joint Working Group between ISO/TC249 and ISO/TC215(JWG1).

It was agreed that this innovative mechanism of a joint working group has achieved great progress in the field of informatics which supported the appropriate international use of Traditional Medical systems. There are currently 10 joint items under development or in an early process of development, of which three are led by TC249 (ISO/NP22894, ISO/NP22990 and ISO/NP23030).

BRICS HEALTH MINISTERS MEETING AND HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON TRADITIONAL MEDICINE



The 7th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Health Ministers Meeting was held in Tianjin, China, on July 6 and 7, 2017 focusing on international cooperation on the development of traditional medicine.

About 300 delegates, including health ministers of BRICS nations and some other countries, international organizations, including the WHO, ISO, UNAIDS, health experts and company executives, participated in the meeting. The vice chair of ISO/TC 249, Prof. Shen Yuandong was invited to the meeting representing ISO.

Seminars on the development and application of traditional medicine, and traditional medicine exhibitions and interactive activities on the use of traditional Chinese medicine were held during the meeting. Prof. Shen introduced the achievements of ISO/TC 249 and the benefit of international standard during the seminars.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE MODERNIZATION OF CHINESE MEDICINE & HEALTH PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG, CHINA

Organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and the Modernized Chinese Medicine International Association Ltd (MCMIA), the International Conference of the Modernization of Chinese Medicine & Health Products (ICMCM) was held on 17-18 August 2017 to keep practitioners abreast of the latest trends and developments.



The conference featured 14 distinguished speakers from renowned institutions in Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland, Korea and Macau, including ISO/TC249, Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Jinan University College of Pharmacy, Seoul National University and the School of Chinese Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. These experts shared their views on quality-control of Chinese medicine products, pharmacology, internationalisation of Chinese medicine and successful cases.

The vice chair of ISO/TC 249 Prof. Shen Yuandong was among those speakers representing ISO/TC249. He gave a speech on ‘Development Status of Traditional Chinese Medicine International Standardization in ISO.’

2017 EURO-ASIA ECONOMIC FORUM IN XI'AN, CHINA

The seventh Euro-Asia Economic Forum was held in Xi'an, China, on September 21-23, 2017.

In its three-day schedule, over 40 meetings were held on topics such as finance, culture, science, medicine, and ecology. The forum attracted more than 3000 attendees from 76 countries and regions around the world.



The vice chair of ISO/TC 249 Prof. Shen Yuandong was invited to the opening ceremony of the forum and delivered a theme speech on the 1st Belt and Road Forum for Traditional Chinese Medicine Development.

Prof. Shen introduced the working scope of ISO/TC 249 and its current development situation. He welcomed Belt and Road countries to join in the work of TCM international standardization.



Set up in 2005 and bolstered by countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the forum was officially regarded as a platform to serve the Belt and Road Initiative and promote regional development.

THE 14TH WORLD CONGRESS OF CHINESE MEDICINE WAS CONVENED IN THAILAND ON OCT 21TH, 2017



The 14th World Congress of Chinese Medicine and One Belt One Road TCM Culture Week was convened in Bangkok, Thailand on Oct 21th, 2017, held by WFCMS and Chinese Medical Doctor Association of Thailand. The theme of the Congress was “Boosting OBOR and serving the people’s health”. The congress attracted over 1200 representatives from the world covering approximately 32 countries and regions.

The 14th World Congress of Chinese Medicine was accompanied with the 4th General Assembly of WFCMS and elected the 4th Council Board. During the congress, four international standards of WFCMS were approved, namely SCM 0018-2017 International Guideline for Diagnostic and Treatment Principles of Chinese Medicine in Diabetes, SCM 0019-2017 International Standard Chinese-Thai Basic Nomenclature of Chinese Medicine, SCM 0020-2017 Basic Requirements of TCM Health Tourism Services, and SCM 0021-2017 World Classification Standard for Professional of Chinese Medicine Orthopedics Doctors. The congress also provides an academic platform for representatives from the world to exchange clinical experience and research fruits.

During the congress, it was agreed that the 15th World Conference of Chinese Medicine will be held in Rome, Italy next year.

2017 WORLD CONFERENCE ON ACUPUNCTURE-MOXIBUSTION OF WFAS WAS HELD IN BEIJING



On December 3rd, 2017, the World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion of the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) and the 2017 Annual Conference of China Association of Acupuncture-Moxibustion (CAAM) started. The theme of this conference was World-Acupuncture-Health.

Approximately 1,500 acupuncturists from over 40 countries and regions attended the conference. A total of 697 academic papers on basic research, clinical observation, education, equipment development and other aspects were submitted. The conference had more than 10 parallel sessions covering various topics. There were more than 100 oral presentations and more than 70 poster presentations.

A parallel exhibition involving 27 TCM acupuncture-moxibustion manufacturers based in and outside China was held where we could see the progress in acupuncture-moxibustion products and machines in recent years.

At present, WFAS has 215 member societies from 60 countries and regions, involving nearly 400,000 acupuncturists worldwide. In the past 30 years since the establishment of WFAS, it has held more than 40 international symposiums and conferences, organized the formulation of four international standards such as “Disposable Acupuncture Needles.”

The next plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249 will be held in Shanghai, China from 4th-7th June, 2018. The exact details of the venue will be available soon.



Deadlines of posting committee documents for the 9th plenary meeting in 2018

The cutoff dates for posting papers for preparation of the 9th plenary meeting in Shanghai, China, 2018 are:

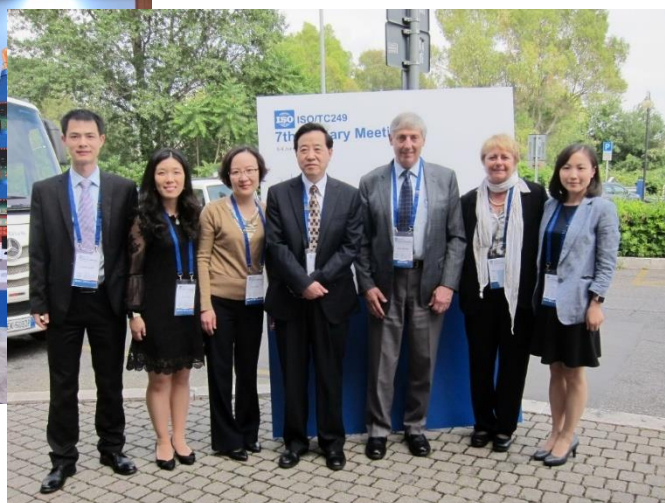
- **4 February 2018** for major documents including NWIPs to be discussed during the meeting
- **22 April 2018** for other papers
- **28 May 2018** for the final agenda and minor papers

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 **21 January, 2018** to allow processing time for the 4 February cutoff date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Dr. Mary Lou Pelaprat, our best wishes go to her on her retirement and we thank her for the important contributions she has made to ISO/TC 249. The Chairs and all the secretariat thank everyone who has contributed to the work of ISO/TC 249 in 2017, which has made it a very enjoyable and successful year.



BEST WISHES



*May this Christmas
season Brings you
fond memories,
happiness and
laughter.*

*Thank you to all who
have contributed to
the work of ISO/TC
249.*

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