

# Newsletter



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## International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine

### Program Committee Working on 2nd International Congress

Dr. G.J. Meulenbeld, Chairman of the Program Committee for the IASTAM Congress to be held in Surabaya in 1984, reports that by December 1982 thirty-two people had mailed forms to participate, with twenty-eight of them planning to read papers. The Committee is also planning poster sessions and hopes that many participants will select this form of participation in which they can display information about their research and discuss it with others.

The Committee welcomes proposals on historical, philosophical and cultural topics, along with those on drug research, studies on health education and the training of practitioners, the regulation of practice, the relationships between different forms of health care in the same society, the use of traditional medicine and indigenous practitioners in programs of Primary Health Care, and so on. The purpose of the Congress is to encourage scholarly and scientific research on all aspects of traditional Asian medicine.

WHO, UNESCO and other agencies concerned with health care planning and development have been invited to cosponsor the Congress.

Application forms are enclosed with this Newsletter, and should be typed or printed very clearly when they are filled in. The forms are brief, and it would be helpful to enclose a letter with the form to describe in greater detail the subject of research to be reported, and to indicate whether you will read a paper or prefer to present your material in a poster session.

Besides the Chairman, the Program Committee is composed of Dr. Sutarjadi (Airlangga University), Dr. Beatrix Pfeleiderer-Lutze (University of Hamburg), Dr. Francis Zimmermann (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris), and Dr. Paul Unschuld (University of Munich). The Committee is still being formed, however. Several other Asian scientists have been asked to represent their regions on the Committee.

Address correspondence to Dr. G.J. Meulenbeld, Institute of Indian Studies, Groningen University, Grote Kruisstraat 2/1, 9712 Groningen, Holland.

### In Memory of Jean Filliozat

Prof. Jean Filliozat died on October 27, 1982. IASTAM Honorary Fellow and author of *The Classical Doctrine of Indian Medicine* (Munshi Ram Manohar Lal Oriental Publishers, Delhi, 1964), he was the teacher of leading students of ancient and modern Ayurveda. Scholars concerned with the history and character of traditional Asian medicine will for many years continue to learn from his work.

### Exact Date Set for 2nd International Congress

Dr. Sutarjadi, Chairman of the Host Committee, has selected September 2 through 7, 1984, as the date of the next IASTAM Congress.

Participants should arrive in Surabaya, Indonesia, on Sunday, September 2. They will pick up the final Program and other Congress materials at Airlangga University or at their hotels, check into their rooms, and in the late afternoon and evening they will attend a reception or other event.

Various symposia, sessions of individually volunteered papers, and poster sessions will meet concurrently on Monday and Tuesday, September 3 and 4.

Wednesday, September 5, will be a free day to rest, but the Host Committee plans to arrange a tour for which participants can purchase tickets to visit institutions concerned with traditional Indonesian health care and medical practice.

The Congress will resume concurrent sessions on different topics on Thursday and Friday, September 6 and 7, and during this period a time will be set aside for the IASTAM Business Meeting.

As a member of the Program Committee, as well as Chairman of the Host Committee, Dr. Sutarjadi has been meeting with members of the Ministry of Health and with colleagues at Airlangga University. He writes that they are interested in the theme of development. A number of sessions during the Congress should provide opportunities for scientists, practitioners and administrators to compare efforts in different countries to utilize indigenous traditions and personnel in programs to improve health care.

## Malaysian Chapter of IASTAM Being Formed

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for the project. Her task will be to forward any manuscripts that she receives from authors to the appropriate editor, to receive edited manuscripts for publication, to set deadlines for receiving copy and to communicate with the Section editors about publication problems as they arise.

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For information write IASTAM-India, c/o Zandu Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd, Gokhale Road (South), Dadar, Bombay 400 025, India.

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## New Research Projects in Korea

reported by Dorothea Sich and Duk Hee Kang

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Prof. Chul Whan Cha, Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine, Korea University, is the Project Director. The Project Coordinator is Dr. Tae Young Yum, who has gone to the University of Hawaii for three months for special training in medical anthropology which he will use in the project.

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Dr. Dorothea Sich, Institute of Tropical Hygiene, Heidelberg University, is an advisor for the Projects, and she will spend six weeks during January and February 1983 in Korea in this capacity. Dr. Sich's address is Kleegarten 15, 6900 Heidelberg, West Germany.

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#### Future Conferences:

**1st International Conference on Elements in Health and Disease**, February 6-10, 1983. Hamdard Nagar, New Delhi, India. (see special story in his newsletter)

**IASTAM India, conference on traditional Asian medicine** from March 3 through 9, 1983, at Birla Matushri Sabhagar, Bombay Hospital. Bombay, India (see special story in this newsletter).

**International Conference on World Medicine Up-Date Traditional and Indigenous Systems of Medicine** at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, from March 17 through 28, 1983. For information write to Institute for Advanced Research in Asian Science and Medicine, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York 11203, U.S.A.

**3rd International Symposium of Oriental Medicine** will be held in the Congress Hall of the Palais de Beaulieu, Lausanne, Switzerland. The main subject will be chronic diseases. The preliminary program lists Prof. Dr. Manfred Porkert, Director of the Institut für Ostasienskunde, Universität München; Dr. Frederick Kao, Director of the Institute for Advanced Research in Asian Science and Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Box 124, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203; Xian Ming Huang, Professor of Chinese Traditional Medical College, Shanghai, and Director of Acupuncture and Channel Institute, 725 Wan Ping Road, Shanghai, China, and other distinguished teachers. For information write to Dr. Guido Fisch, 11, Chemin du Frene, CH-1004 Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Traditional Healing and Contemporary Medicine** is the subject of the 1983 International Health Conference sponsored by the National Council for International Health, 2121 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Suite 303, Washington, D.C. 20037, U.S.A. The conference will be held in Washington, D.C. from June 13 through 15, 1983. The topics for different sessions are: health care in traditional societies, traditional healing, adapting technology, management systems, maximizing use of available personnel, payment practices, and evaluation.

**8th International Conference on Social Science and Medicine** will meet at the University of Stirling, Scotland, from August 22 through 28, 1983. At these conferences participants meet in seminar discussions, with printed papers distributed during the meetings. Among the many topics are "indigenous and multinational pharmaceutical companies," "health and the migrant worker," "the relevance of traditional medical

cultures to modern primary health care." For information write to Dr. Peter J.M. McEwan, Glengarden, Ballater, Aberdeenshire AB3 5UB, Scotland.

**IASTAM 2nd International Conference on Traditional Asian Medicine**, to be held at Airlangga University from September 2 through 7, 1984. (see special stories in this newsletter) For more information write to Dr. Sutarjadi, Dean, School of Pharmacy, JL. Dharmahusada 47, Surabaya, Indonesia.

**29th International Congress for the History of Medicine** will be held in Cairo, Egypt, from September 15-20, 1984. The topics include "Islamic medicine," "relations between East and West," and "medicine in Egypt until the 3rd century A.D." For information write Egyptian Society for the History of Medicine, Dar El-Hekma, 42 Kasr El-Eini Street, Cairo, Egypt.

**11th International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria** will be held from September 16-22, 1984 at the Calgary Convention Centre in Calgary, Canada. Sessions include: Nutrition and Health in the Tropics; Health Care Services for Tropical Communities; The Development Process Impact on Health in the Tropics; and so on. This is a congress of allopathic physicians, but experts on the traditional Asian systems should attend and broaden the horizons of the allopathic physicians working on these problems in Asian countries. For information write the Secretariat of the 11th ICTMM, Conference Office, The University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4.

## Editor Needs News Items

All readers are urged to send the editor of the *IASTAM Newsletter* information about conferences, research projects, government agencies concerned with traditional medicine, associations of practitioners, educational institutions, new publications, and so on. You may write

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brief items in Japanese, Hindi Chinese, German, French or Russian, and the editor will find a translator. Space limitations require brief items, but include addresses so that interested readers can write directly to the people and institutions mentioned in the newsletter to obtain more information.

## New Books

*Ancient Indian Surgery*, a series of 12 books under the editorship of Dr. G.D. Singhal, is a translation by scholars at Banaras Hindu University of the *Susruta Samhita*. Nine volumes have been published, the tenth volume is in press. The final volume, an English language synopsis of the whole work, will be co-edited by Dr. Singhal and T.J.S. Patterson of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, Oxford. The work can be purchased by writing the editor at 17, Medical Enclave, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 221005, India.

*Indonesian Medical Traditions: bringing together the old and the new* (Monash University, 1982), Edited by David Mitchell, has six essays based on lectures sponsored by the Australian Indonesian Association and the Centre of Southeast Asian Studies.

*An Introduction to the Primary Health Care Approach in Developing Countries* (Ross Institute of Tropical Hygiene, 1981) by Gill Walt and Patrick Vaughan, can be obtained by writing to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street and Gower Street, London WC1E 7HT.

*The Stone Monkey: an alternative Chinese scientific reality* (William Morrow, 1981) by Bruce Holbrook, is about Chinese medicine. His address is Box 116, Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, Canada COA 1H0.

*Shamans, Mystics and Doctors: a psychological inquiry into India and its healing traditions* (Alfred A. Knopf 1982), by Sudhir Kakar, a practicing psychoanalyst in New Delhi.

## Guy Mazars Edits Special Issue of *Curare*

The journal *Curare*, published by Arbeitsgenmeinschaft Ethnomedizin, published Vol. 4, No. 4 devoted entirely to traditional medicine in South Asia, with essays by Arion Rosu, G.J. Meulenbeld, Beatrix Pfeleiderer-Lutze and others. It was edited by Guy Mazars of the Centre Europeen d'Histoire de la Medecine, Universite Louis Pasteur, 67070 Strasbourg Cedex, France.