



ICMART-FILASMA Mexico 2017:

World Medical and Veterinarian Acupuncture Congress

„Evolution in Science: Medical Acupuncture on the World’s Health Integration”

For the first time the two biggest umbrella associations for medical acupuncture, ICMART and FILASMA (Federación Ibero-Latinoamericana de Sociedades Médicas de Acupuntura), combined their forces to organize a conference full of power and premieres. COMAH (Colegio Mexicano de Acupuntura Humana) as the host of this special congress spared neither trouble nor expense to satisfy the auditorium and to guarantee high quality.



More than 400 participants from 29 countries attended this outstanding event (Table 1), 68 speakers offered lectures and workshops concerning oncology, prevention, integration, trigger points, first aid and much more.

Veterinarian session

Dr. Francesc Minguel, ICMART Board Member and veterinarian from Spain, appreciated this session and reports: “Veterinary lectures were generally a very practical view of clinical Acupuncture. All lecturers showed a great clinical experience and combined theories and scientific publications with clinical practice at their daily job. Veterinary assistants enjoyed the conferences as they talked with us in coffee-break time and after sessions. A lot of questions were put after all conferences, so we could say that they were interesting for assistants.

Workshops about Laser and Japanese moxibustion were also very well accepted and everybody was very interested to follow them.”

Country	Number	Country	Number
Argentina	7	Australia	1
Brazil	22	Germany	19
Colombia	3	Austria	3
Costa Rica	1	Belgium	1
Ecuador	1	Croatia	2
Mexico	275	Slovakia	3
Peru	1	Spain	4
Puerto Rico	5	France	4
Uruguay	16	Greece	1
Venezuela	1	Netherlands	2
United States	13	Czech Republic	8
Canada	2	Russia	2
Korea	1	Switzerland	1
Indonesia	3	Turkey	4
		Japan	3

Table 1: Participants

Awards

As in the previous ICMART conferences awards were made in several categories.

ICMART Science Award 2017:

Joseph F. Audette, United States: Rewiring the primary somatosensory cortex in carpal tunnel syndrome with acupuncture [Maeda Y, Kim H, Kettner N, Kim J, Cina S, Cina S, Malatesta C, Gerber J, McManus C, Ong-Sutherland R, Mezzacappa P, Libby A, Mawla I, Morse LR, Kaptchuk TJ, Audette J, Napadow V. Rewiring the primary somatosensory cortex in carpal tunnel syndrome with acupuncture. *Brain* 2017;140(4):914-927]

3B Scientific Young Scientist Travel Awards:

1. Petra Bäuml, Germany: Impact of central sensitization on acupuncture effects
2. Angel Filiberto Teniente De Alba, Mexico: Comparative study of the effect of the application of acupotomy and neuromuscular bandage vs neuromuscular bandage in the treatment of patients with hallux valgus
3. Verónica Ojeda Vargas, Mexico: The comparative study of the effectiveness of acutomo therapy vs ozone therapy in the osteoarthritis of the knee
4. Alejandra Aguirre Guerrero: Anxiolytic effect of electroacupuncture in an anxiety model in rats: involvement of gaba-ergic pathway

DÄGfA Poster Awards:

1. Jessica Garcia, Mexico: Comparison of different Acupuncture Technics in the treatment of obesity in women.
2. Ex aequo:
Maria Virginia Rodriguez, Uruguay: „Acupuntura en asistencia reproductiva – caso clínico desde la teoría de los 5 elementos (Acupuncture in Reproductive Care – clinical case report according to the theory of 5 elements) and
Dorothea Zeise-Süss, Germany: Treating Parkinsons Disease with scalp acupuncture

Accreditation:

Congratulations to all winners and special thanks to the Mexican crew under the president Dr. Francisco Lozano and “maid-of-all-work” Dr. Lia Diaz! ICMART accreditation, given for the first time, had been well deserved!

Common Board Meeting:

FILASMA and ICMART board members shared experiences during a common board meeting. Initial language barrier has been negotiated not least because of the multilingual ability of Dr. Tomás Dawid, who can easily switch between English, German, Spanish and Portuguese. For all his duties and competences he achieved a special award!

Future

ICMART 2018: The World of Acupuncture will meet in Munich from 7th – 9th September 2018!



The banner features four logos at the top: ICMART (a globe with a red 'S'), DÄGfA (a green yin-yang symbol), iSAMS (acupuncture needles), and LMU (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München). Below the logos, the text reads: 'CHANGE THE DATE!' in blue, 'ICMART-iSAMS 2018' in large black letters, 'September 7th – 9th, 2018 in Munich' in smaller black letters, and 'The World of Acupuncture meets in Munich!' in red at the bottom.