



AAMA Symposium Baltimore, Maryland 25th Anniversary May 2 – 5, 2013

It gives me great pleasure to speak to you today as a member of the board of ICMART, the International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques. Unfortunately ICMART's General Secretary, Walburg Marić-Oehler, cannot join us this year, but she sends you this Greeting:

ICMART, the International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques, is comprised of approximately 90 organizations of physician acupuncturists worldwide and is the only international organization speaking for CAM in general and Medical Acupuncture in specific.

Under ICMART's leadership, Medical Acupuncture has made impressive advances in developing a new model of Integrative medicine which seeks to combine the traditional western medicine with complimentary modalities like Medical Acupuncture. As a result of ICMART's continuing efforts, Medical Acupuncture is now used throughout the world by many physicians and is requested by many patients.

It is through international dialogue, exchange of ideas, education, clinical practice and research that ICMART has been able to initiate the process of integration. The 90 national ICMART member associations worldwide have been working actively on this process since the founding of ICMART in 1983. As a result of their continued efforts, ICMART has developed into an international umbrella organization with great influence in the areas of health policy and research.

ICMART's annual world congresses and symposia have become established meeting places for physicians who are actively involved in education, practice and research. Like our AAMA, many ICMART member organizations are pioneers in Medical Acupuncture in their countries. Many of them have developed new methods, new schools of acupuncture and have expanded understanding of acupuncture through universities and publications. Their enthusiasm, like our, has given rise to younger practitioners and is a tribute to the efforts which began half a century ago.

The AAMA is an active member of ICMART and has become an important part of the global effort toward Integrative Medicine, while imparting your uniquely American perspective to the rest of the world.

The ICMART Board congratulates the AAMA on its 25th Anniversary. Over these 25 years the AAMA has played an important role in establishing Medical Acupuncture in the US and has become an important partner in developing a western scientific Medical Acupuncture. The AAMA has made many contributions to the field of acupuncture for the benefit of patients worldwide.

On behalf of the ICMART Board, Dr. Marić-Oehler wishes all of you a successful symposium, an unforgettable celebration of your 25th anniversary and a pleasant stay in Baltimore. The experiences of new acupuncture ideas, the interaction with colleagues, the greeting of old and new friends and the knowledge that each of you is part of a network which spans the whole world is sure to spur new ideas and broaden of modern medicine internationally.

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