«Medical Hydrology and Balneology from Molecules to Society»
Paris June 23rd – 26th 2010

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Message of the president of the organizing committee

Every two years, the World Congress of the ISMH gives the opportunity to present the best and latest medical balneology scientific achievements. “From Molecule to Society” congress, held in Paris on June 23rd - 26th 2010, will enable scientists from all around the world to illustrate the various aspects of balneological research.

The quality and diversity of lectures and papers will demonstrate the real interest and utility of the balneological medicine. The ISMH Board Young Scientist contest will award the best original work presented by an under graduate.

This international congress, organized by all the actors of French medical hydrology and balneogy, will reinforce both scientific and personal exchanges. Moreover, the delegates will discover Paris long lasting water story and enjoy the beauty and charm of the “ville lumière”.

Prof. CF. ROQUES MD

President of the Organising Committee
Message of the ISMH President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am delighted very much to announce that the 37th World Congress of International Society of Medical Hydrology and Climatology will be held in France; where scientific balneology has a long lasting tradition, in Paris, where the arts and love meet science!

The topics of the ISMH Paris 2010, as you will discover, are aimed to cover all aspects of balneology from the basic knowledge to the social issues and the motto of the congress is reflecting this; “Medical Hydrology and Balneology from molecules to society”

Our common medical field as I name it “Medical Hydrology, Balneology, Climatology and Health Resort Medicine” has been tremendously developed in the first decade of the new millennium. The scientific evidence that have been gathered has also increased enormously. To be informed about the recent developments, to share the study results, to discuss for further research and to network with the colleagues from all over the world the congress of ISMH is now being held in every two years. And we come together more often in the local or national or mutual meetings and congresses. So let us meet this time in Paris on 23 to 26 June 2010 for 37th Congress of ISMH.

I really look forward to greeting you all there.

Prof. Dr. MÜFIT ZEKI KARAGÜLLE, MD, PhD, ISMH President
GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE OF THE CONGRESS: PARIS (France) (Quartier Latin)

Opening Ceremony: Wednesday 23rd June 2010

Académie Nationale de Médecine
16 Rue Bonaparte, Paris 6ème
Metro: Saint-Germain des Prés (line 4)(way-out: Eglise St Germain des Près)

Main Scientific sessions (Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June 2010)

ICP (Paris Catholic University), 21 rue d’ASSAS, Paris, 6ème
Metro/tube station: Rennes (line 12), Saint-Placide (line 4), Notre-Dame des Champs (line 12)

Scientific session, ISMH General Assembly and clouture ceremony (Saturday morning 26th June 2010)

Palais du Luxembourg (the Senate of the French Republic)
15 rue de Vaugirard, Paris 6ème
Metro: Luxembourg (line RER B), Odeon (line 4 and line 10)

WEATHER

At the end of June the weather is usually very fine and hot in Paris.

TRANSPORTATION
It is possible to find **affordable flights** to Paris but it is necessary to book it in advance. **High Speed Trains (TGV)** link Paris to London (Eurostar), Brussels (Thalys), Germany.

Please note that the delegates will have to arrange themselves their **transport** (connection between the airport/train station to the hotel and the transport in Paris).

The **metro** and the **buses** are easy and cheap in Paris. Moreover, the underground or ‘Metro’ remains the quickest way to travel in Paris. The number of the tube lines and the name of the stations of the different venues are provided (cf. above page).

**From and to the airports**, you may use RER, underground railways, (easiest and cheapest way to get in the city-center, about 30 minutes and around 10€ one way). Other transports are described on [www.aeroportsdeparis.fr](http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr)

**ACOMMODATION**

The congress website will provide the names and addresses of hotels with a good level of comfort and price. You will also find hotel website links to help you to book directly your room. The situation of the listed hotels will be closed enough to the congress and/or to the metro line 4 which is the easiest and quickest line to reach the congress venues.

**VISAS**

The UE citizens need a valid identity card or passport. Citizens of other countries must check if they need a visa to enter the French Republic territory.

**LETTER of SCIENTIFIC INVITATION**
A letter of scientific invitation can be sent on request to the Congress organising committee: email ismh.paris@orange.fr. However, this letter will not be a guest invitation with fees, accommodation and transports paid.

CONTINUOUS MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Congress will provide CME credits.

ISMH BOARD YOUNG SCIENTIST CONTEST

The ISMH BOARD YOUNG SCIENTIST CONTEST, according to the decision of the ad-hoc jury, will award the best original paper presented during the congress by an under-certified delegate (resident) with 500 €.
# INSCRIPTIONS

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The inscriptions will be made online (website) or by post mail downloading the appropriate form (PDF) on the website. The payment of fees will be done online using credit card or by bank transfer (account of the Congress):

**IBAN**: FR76 3000 30 19 8700 050027628 95

**BIC**: SOGEFRPP

**Address of the organising committee**

ISMH PARIS 2010

71ter Rue Froidevaux

75014 PARIS – France

**The inscription includes**

- DELEGATES and RESIDENTS: opening ceremony, scientific sessions, scientific workshops, pauses, lunches, gala dinner, cloture ceremony, scientific documents.
- ACCOMPANYING PERSONS: opening ceremony, gala dinner.
- Please note that the inscription will be free of charge for the fourth member of an institution, if each member presents a paper.

**Cancellation**

Should you cancel your participation to the Congress
- before 15\textsuperscript{th} April 2010, you will be refunded up to 90\% of the inscription fees
- before 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2010, you will be refunded up to 70\% of the inscription fees
- after 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2010, you will not be refunded

**SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} June 2010: Opening ceremony, 3 pm

Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} June 2010: Gala dinner, 8 pm
SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

TOPICS

- Biology (biochemistry, microbiology, physics, physiology, ...)
- Geology
- Health benefit of thermo-mineral balneological modalities (rheumatology, dermatology, respiratory and ENT, metabolism, digestive tract, urinary tract, obesity, vascular diseases, neurology, psychiatry, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, children, gynaecology, mouth conditions, ...),
- New trends: exercise, education, ageing, rehabilitation, prevention, public health,...
- Balneology and the ICF concept
- Mud Therapy
- Climatherapy
- Thalassotherapy
- Practices and techniques in balneology
- Safety (resources, products, treatments, patients, ...)
- Drug consumption and balneology
- Drinking mineral water
- Dermo-cosmetological issues
- Methodology of scientific investigation,
- Medical Hydrology Teaching (initial and continuous medical education)
- Managing the quality
- Economics
- Miscellaneous, ...

LANGUAGE

The language of the Congress is English. All the informative documents, inscription documents, abstracts submitted, text of the presentations and
posters will be in English. The Congress will not provide translation in other languages.

**ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION**

**DEADLINE for abstract SUBMISSION:**

**15th February 2010**

All the abstracts will have to be submitted online on the congress website. Once the abstract successfully submitted, the main author will receive a confirmation email. The decision of the scientific committee will be communicated to the main author on 15th April 2010.

**SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

The selected papers will be presented as key-note lectures, oral communications, posters communications according to the demand of the authors and to the final decision of the scientific committee. The main author will have to get an inscription to the congress for full acceptation of the presentation.

The authors will be informed of the decision of the committee and of the schedule of their presentation.

All the oral presentations will have to be Power Point documents (using PC only). The dimensions of the posters will be: 120 cms (H) x 80 cms (W).

**WORKSHOPS**

Workshops will be organised on the demand of the scientific committee, proposition of delegates and proposition of partners. The workshop will be
1.30 long and will be conducted by two experienced delegates. The attendees of the workshop will receive a certificate of attendance. Inscription to the workshop is compulsory and is free of charge.
GENERAL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE 2010 (Académie de Médecine, 16 rue Bonaparte)
3 pm to 5 pm: Opening Ceremony

THURSDAY 24th JUNE 2010 (ICP, rue d’Assas)
8 am: registration
8.30 am to 12.30 am: scientific sessions
12.30 am to 2 pm: lunch pause on site
2 pm to 6 pm: scientific sessions

FRIDAY 25th JUNE 2010 (ICP, rue d’Assas)
8 am: registration
8.30 am to 12.30 am: scientific sessions
12.30 am to 2 pm: lunch pause on site
2 pm to 6 pm: scientific sessions
8 pm: Gala Dinner

SATURDAY 26th JUNE 2010 (Senate of the French Republic, rue de Vaugirard)
8.30 am: registration (compulsory to enter the Senate)
9 am to 11 am: scientific session
11 am to 12 am: ISMH general assembly
12 am to 12.30 am: closure ceremony and presentation of the next Congress (Argentina)
12.30 am: end of the Congress