Announcements

CALL FOR PAPERS
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY
OF TRADITIONAL ASIAN MEDICINE

**Sixth International Congress on Traditional Asian
Medicine 27–30 April 2006, Austin, Texas, USA**

The International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM) will hold its Sixth International Congress (ICTAM) from 27 to 30 April 2006 in the Texas Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. The theme for the Sixth Congress is 'Sense and Substance in Traditional Asian Medicine'. IASTAM invites proposals for papers on the senses (such as vision and hearing) and their functions in medicine and in different medical contexts (such as prognosis and diagnosis), sensory perception, how 'sense is made' out of various sets of symptoms in practice, and how contemporary adaptations 'make sense' of older medical paradigms. IASTAM also invites proposals on physical substances (such as blood, milk, or tears) and their roles in different theories and models of anatomy and treatment.

IASTAM encourages papers from scholars from all science and humanities disciplines as well as from practitioners of traditional Asian medicine (āyurveda, acupuncture, etc.). Proposals on any theme or topic are welcome, but papers that address the themes of sense and substance will be given preference, as will proposals for organised panels over individual papers.

Panel and paper abstracts of not more than 250 words should be sent via e-mail attachment to Dr Martha Ann Selby (ms@uts.cc.utexas.edu) by no later than *1 August 2005*. Decisions on the final programme will be made by 1 December 2005, and full programme details will be made available by 1 March 2006.

Registration details are available on the IASTAM website. Accommodation details will be available shortly.

IASTAM-INDIA SILVER JUBILEE FUNCTION

The Indian chapter of IASTAM is the outcome of the First International Conference for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (ICTAM) held in Australia in 1979. The Indian chapter was formally launched in the presence of the famous Indologist Professor A.L. Basham on 31 January 1980 at Bombay, under the leadership of Pandit Shiv Sharma. Since then, under the guidance of the late Professors K.N. Udupa and K.M. Parikh, and Professor R.K. Mutatkar and Dr. S.K. Jain, the association has continued to serve its purpose with the help and effort of a group of committed workers.

In accordance with the preamble of the International Association, the Indian chapter has thrived and fulfilled its objectives, acting as an organisational catalyst and providing a multidisciplinary platform for debates on the development of indigenous systems of medicine. The Indian chapter has more than 400 members representing different faculties and interests.

The Indian chapter of IASTAM has been an active force, with leading Indian participations at ICTAM II at Surabaya, Indonesia; ICTAM IV at Tokyo, Japan; and ICTAM V at Halle, Germany. It has also organised national events, such as meetings on Ethno Botany; Maternal and Child Care; Education; Priorities and Modalities of Research; Medical Pluralism; and others related to indigenous systems of medicine. IASTAM India has also initiated the Pandit Shiv Sharma Oration, the Professor K.N. Udupa Award, the Dr. C. Dwarkanath Award, and the Dr. K.M. Parikh Award, to generate cross faculty interest and activities.

IASTAM India has decided to celebrate its Silver Jubilee on 30–31 January 2005 at Pune, India. A commemorative publication covering 25 years of activities of the Indian chapter is also planned. Contact for further details: Dr. Narendra Bhatt, drnsbhatt@vsnl.com.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW

- Alter, Joseph S. 2004, *Yoga in Modern India. The Body between Science and Philosophy*, Princeton University Press.
- Das, Rahul Peter 2003, *The Origin of the Life of a Human Being. Conception and the Female According to Ancient Indian Medical and Sexological Literature*, Motilal Banarsidass.
- Gourlay, Jharna 2003, *Florence Nightingale and the Health of the Raj*, Ashgate.
- Harrison, Mark 2004, *Disease and the Modern World. 1500 to the Present Day*, Polity Press.
- De Michelis, Elizabeth 2004, *A History of Modern Yoga: Patanjali and Western Esotericism*, Continuum Books.