

The International Association
for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine



Seasons Greeting

Dear friends and colleagues,
Dear Members and Sympathizers of IASTAM,
Greetings to all of you!

We hope, this finds you all well. We would like to inform you about ongoing developments within and concerning IASTAM and especially ICTAM X.

We look forward to our major **in person** international conference, **ICTAM X, in Taipei on June 20-24, 2024** (<https://www.ictam-ashm.com/>). The **Submission of papers and panels will open tomorrow September 5th and closes November 15, 2023.**

ICTAM X will be a joint congress of IASTAM & ASHM (Asian Society for the History of Medicine). Both, IASTAM & ASHM in 2024 celebrate their 10th conference.

It is entitled

“Challenges to Asian Medicines: Drawing a Big Picture”



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IASTAM AND ASHM

http://www.ihp.sinica.edu.tw/~medicine/ashm/en_index.htm

Please find here the dates and deadlines for panel and paper submissions for ICTAM/ASHM: <http://iastam.org/important-dates-and-deadlines/> .

Please find here the themes and sections at ICTAM/ASHM:

<http://iastam.org/ictam-x-challenges-to-asian-medicines-drawing-a-new-big-picture-2024/>

All panels and abstracts submitted in 2019 must be revised and resubmitted according to the current state of research. Please consider submitting proposals for panels, roundtables, and for singular papers or posters. We encourage papers and panels that develop the theme “Challenges to Asian Medicines: Drawing a Big Picture” by revisiting old paradigms in the spirit of new research.

Today we also want to inform you about other recent developments

within IASTAM: In order to bridge the long time span between ICTAM IX (August 2017) in Kiel and ICTAM X in Taipei, we decided earlier on to support and participate at regional events that are thematically related.

Last year IASTAM acted as a cooperation partner of AGEM (German acronym for Association for Anthropology and Medicine) at the occasion of its annual conference in Vienna, June 2-4, 2022. Under the umbrella theme **Visual Expressions of Health, Illness, and Healing** our Secretary General Katharina Sabernig organized a conference. This year IASTAM cooperated with two regional conferences. Our Vice President Michael Stanley-Baker and his team were local co-organizer of HOMSEA 2023, the **9th International Conference on the History of Medicine in Southeast Asia**, June 9- 11 in Singapore, supported by Nanyang Technological University. The focus were papers dealing with the influence of Traditional Medicine in SE Asia, local medical

traditions, and the impact of colonial medicine.

The other conference IASTAM was involved this year, took place at Kiel University, Germany, June 7-9, 2023. Under the theme “**Comparative Guts**” **this conference** explored transcultural medical concepts and images of viscera. Organized by Chiara Thumiger and our President Angelika Messner, this conference took place in the realm of the Excellence “ROOTS” and Kiel University which was aimed to celebrate the website created: <https://comparative-guts.net/>

Good news comes from our journal **Asian Medicine**, with Pierce Salguero as editor-in-chief. The last issue, edited by Roman Sieler, was published *With A Special section on Religion, Alchemy, and Medicine in South India*. Currently we are working on a double issue on the Laoguan Shan manuscripts edited by Vivienne Lo and others, to be released later this year. Members of IASTAM e. V. are granted free access to the journal (for more information see: <http://iastam.org/asme/>). We also would like to share with you the news of the recently launched **The Blue Beryl Podcast** by Pierce Salguero & Lan Li, dedicated to "intelligent conversations about Buddhism, Asian medicine, and embodied spirituality." (<http://blueberyl.buzzsprout.com>)

In the latest episode, Drs. Michael Stanley-Baker and Pierce Salguero discuss his book coming out later this month, *Situating Medicine and Religion in Asia*, as well as Dr. Stanley-Baker's new digital project, polyglotasianmedicine.com. (You can also check out an introductory video for that project [here](#))

As you all know, the IASTAM membership **fee** of 50 € (reduced € 20.00) comes with free access to the Journal Asian Medicine and moreover, it entitles the holder to a 35% discount on other Brill publications on Asian medicines. Currently the Membership is only valid for those who have renewed it during

the pandemic gap, or are planning to do so. With the registration for the next IASTAM conference it will be renewed automatically.

With regard to the transition of IASTAM to a legally registered association in Munich, an issue that was decided in Kiel on the occasion of ICTAM IX (August 2017) we are happy to inform you that this process has been finalized and accomplished last year (2022). The newly constituted Association consists of a smaller Board of Directors and a larger Advisory Board. IASTAM will continue to engage in scholarly exchange across various disciplines and Asian regions. We need your support and would like to welcome new members who feel committed to engage in our issue.

Detailed information on membership and possibilities of payment can be found at <http://iastam.org/membership>. In case of question please do not hesitate to contact our treasurer Reinhard Bögle (iastam.treasurer@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting our voluntary work!

In addition, last year, Angelika Messner was **elected a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts** for her outstanding achievements with regard to science, society, and medical knowledge. She has been awarded this membership for her research into emotions in a historical and contemporary Chinese context and insight into the various dimensions of self-perception and environmental perception. It was emphasised that Prof. Angelika Messner has not only produced her cross-cultural studies over a wide historical period, but also brought together researchers in both East and West. Her role with IASTAM was particularly noted in this context. “As President of the International Association for the Study of Asian Medicine (IASTAM), she brings together scientists and medical practitioners across disciplinary and

subject borders.” (<https://www.uni-kiel.de/en/research/details/news/111-auszeichnung-messner>)

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Taipei in June 2024!

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Warm regards,

Best wishes

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Michael Stanley-Baker (Vice President)

Reinhard Bögle (Treasurer)

Katharina Sabernig (Secretary General)

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