

International Symposium on Traditional Medicines



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Integrating Traditional and Modern Medicines:

A Necessity for One Health?

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The 2nd International Symposium on Traditional Medicines will be held in Abidjan (Ivory Coast). The symposium will host multidisciplinary communications on various topics related to the valorization of medicinal plants, health policies, and institutions involving traditional medicines, as well as monographs and studies on social practices or innovations in this sector. Additionally, part of the symposium will be dedicated to the theme of integrating traditional medicines into modern medicines to realize the full potential of One Health and, most importantly, to improve access to healthcare services for all.

Examples from China and India illustrate the successful integration of traditional medicines into modern medicines. In China, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) is fully integrated into the national healthcare system, with specialized hospitals, practitioner training programs, and official recognition of its effectiveness. In India, Ayurveda is also integrated into the modern healthcare system, with university training programs and hospitals offering Ayurvedic treatments. The Indian government has established regulatory bodies to oversee and promote Ayurveda, strengthening its legitimacy and credibility.

Africa has also embarked on this path with the establishment of legislative systems, dedicated institutions, traditional hospital experiences, initiatives to promote herbal medicines from traditional pharmacopeias with the beginning of

dissemination and recognition. Hence, it is pertinent to go further in terms of official recognition, regulation, practitioner training, and collaboration between traditional and modern healthcare systems while ensuring high standards of quality and safety, as well as promoting better accessibility and judicious use of available medical resources or to promote innovation.

We invite speakers to submit proposals for communications on general themes related to traditional medicines and the valorization of medicinal plants. We also encourage the exploration of various aspects of integrating traditional medicines into modern medicines:

1. How can traditional medicinal practices complement and enrich modern approaches to health and well-being?
2. What are the barriers and challenges to overcome for effective integration of traditional medicines into modern healthcare systems, particularly in Africa?
3. What strategies and collaborations between practitioners of traditional and modern medicines can be envisaged to promote an integrated approach to health in the future?
4. How can innovations in the field of healthcare practices be promoted, both in terms of designing new products and in social practices?

Intentions for communication (1 Page and 1 Resume) must be submitted before April 1st, 2024, and sent to onehealthtam@gmail.com. After acceptance by the Organizing Committee, you will be able to submit a 5-page full proposal by May 31st, 2024. We look forward to welcoming you to Abidjan for fruitful and stimulating exchanges.