

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Second International Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Scholarly Publishing Conference

July 8 – 10, 2009; Vancouver, BC, Canada

The conference will provide opportunities for those involved in the organization, promotion, and study of scholarly communication to share and discuss innovative work in scholarly publishing, with a focus on the contribution that open-source publishing technologies (such as, but not restricted to, PKP's OJS, OCS, OMP, Lemon8-XML, and OA Harvester) can make to improving access to research and scholarship on a global and public scale.

For detailed information, please visit <http://pkp.sfu.ca/ocs/pkp/index.php/pkp2009/pkp2009>.

AMTA National Convention

September 23 – 26, 2009; Rosen Shingle Creek Resort; Orlando, FL, U.S.A.

Several of the continuing education options offered at the 2009 AMTA National Convention represent the Research Track sponsored by the Massage Therapy Foundation.

For detailed information, please visit <http://www.amtamassage.org/education/NationalConvention2009.html>.

Second International Fascia Research Congress

October 27 – 30, 2009; Amsterdam, Netherlands

Recent basic and applied research and reviews in soft connective tissue sciences at all levels—molecular, cellular, tissue, organ, compartment, and limb or trunk and whole body—and in all disciplines—for example, molecular biology, cytology, histology, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, biomechanics, neurology, and surgery. The conference will include:

- Free oral and poster presentations of peer-reviewed research
- Special panels and presentations that will address the research interests of clinical practitioners in acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, neuromuscular therapies, osteopathy, physiatry, physical therapy, sports medicine, structural bodywork, and surgery
- Demonstrations of clinical practice techniques at both podium and small group sessions aimed at bringing manual therapy clinicians and scientists together to enhance common research interests and communication

There will be an opportunity to attend several post-congress workshops on Saturday, October 31, 2009, at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. These workshops will provide a forum for clinical practitioners to present their methodologies and research questions in order to cross-educate other clinicians and stimulate new areas of inquiry by research scientists. The 2009 Fascia Congress is co-sponsored by the Massage Therapy Foundation.

Registration is open online. Early registration has been extended through June 15, 2009. For full event details, including the program schedule and list of key speakers with biographies and abstracts of their recently published works, please visit <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009>.

Update: Post-congress workshops following the 2009 Fascia Congress are now available for registration online at http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009/post_conference_workshops.php.

9th Annual Integrated Care Conference

November 3 – 6, 2009; Vienna, Austria

The 9th Annual Integrated Care Conference is titled “Lost in Transition: Meeting the Challenge Through Integrated Care.”

For detailed information, please visit <http://www.integratedcare.eu/inic09vienna/index.html>.

Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research

May 13 – 15, 2010

The Massage Therapy Foundation is pleased to present the second Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research conference (see the “Save the Date” conference reminder at http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/pdf/STD_2010.pdf). This three-day conference brings together massage and manual therapy practitioners, educators, CIM researchers, allied health professionals, and others interested in massage research. Current research and manual therapy-related research will be presented, with a special focus on translational research and public health.

Online registration opens October 30, 2009. Abstract submissions are due October 15, 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/researchconference2010.html>.

5th International Congress on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research

May 19 – 21, 2010; Tromsø, Norway

For detailed information, please visit <http://www.iccmr2010.com> or contact Vinjar Fønnebo at Vinjar.Fønnebo@fagmed.uit.no.

NCCAM/NIH NEWS AND GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Cam Research Centers

NCCAM has added four new Centers of Excellence for Research on Complementary and Alternative Medicine to its research centers program. The new centers will add to knowledge about CAM approaches and their potential in treating and preventing diseases and conditions that are common among Americans. Visit <http://nccam.nih.gov/news/2008/102008.htm>.

New Statistics on CAM Use

Approximately 38% of adults in the United States aged 18 years and over, and nearly 12% of U.S. children aged 17 years and under, use some form of CAM, according to the 2007 National Health Interview survey released last week. This survey marks the first time questions were included on children's use of CAM. Visit <http://nccam.nih.gov/news/camstats.htm>.

NCCAM-Funded Research for Fiscal Year 2008

A list of research and training grants funded with both new and ongoing research funding by NCCAM (National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine) during fiscal year 2007 has been released. The list includes grant number, project title, principal investigator, institution, and state. Visit <http://nccam.nih.gov/research/extramural/awards/2008/>.

NCCAM Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The year 2009 marks 10 years since NCCAM (National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine) was established by Congress. The agency will be celebrating 10 years of rigorous research with a series of events and materials. Visit <http://nccam.nih.gov/news/2009/anniversary.htm>.

RFA-AT-09-002 Translational Tools for Clinical Studies of CAM Interventions (R01)

Program number: 01788

Sponsor: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Synopsis: The sponsor invites applications that propose to develop, enhance, and validate translational tools to facilitate rigorous study of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) approaches that are in wide use by the public. CAM approaches being widely used include massage and manipulative therapies,

meditation, yoga, and acupuncture. Health conditions, particularly chronic pain, back pain, and musculoskeletal pain, are the most commonly cited reasons for their use. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) focuses on encouraging the development of improved research methodology to study safety, efficacy, and clinical effectiveness of widely used CAM approaches, such as mind-body interventions, manual therapies, yoga, and acupuncture. This FOA will use the NIH Research Project (R01) award mechanism.

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Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AT-09-002.html>

Tel: 301-594-3462

Fax: 301-480-1587

Deadline note: Applications may be submitted to <http://Grants.gov> in response to this announcement on or after June 17, 2009. The deadline for receipt of full applications is July 17, 2009.

Basic and Preclinical Research on Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) (R01)

Program number: 88339

Sponsor: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine/NIH/DHHS

Synopsis: The sponsors offer support for basic or pre-clinical research on CAM areas of special interest with an aim to understand the mechanisms of action of a CAM modality. This program will use the NIH Research Project Grant (R01) award mechanism.

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Deadline note: Applications may be submitted to <http://Grants.gov> in response to this announcement on or after January 5, 2009. The deadlines for receipt of standard R01 applications under this announcement are February 5, June 5, and October 5 annually. The deadlines for receipt of AIDS-related applications are January 7, May 7, and September 7 annually. This program will expire on January 8, 2012. Electronic application submission is required for this Funding Opportunity Announcement. The new Adobe versions of the application forms are not yet available. Please check back in December to download the application package.

Biology of Manual Therapies (R21)

Program number: 87574

Sponsor: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine/NIH/DHHS

Synopsis: The sponsors offer support for studies of the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunologic, endocrinologic, or neurophysiologic consequences of manual therapies, such as spinal manipulation, mobilization, and massage therapy. This program will use the NIH Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant mechanism.

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Deadline note: The deadlines for receipt of standard applications under this announcement are February 16, June 16, and October 16 annually. The deadlines for receipt of AIDS-related applications are January 7, May 7, and September 7 annually. This program will expire on September 8, 2009.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Massage Therapy Foundation Research News and Conference Announcements

Visit [News from the Foundation](#) for announcements regarding these topics: body of knowledge project manager; research on eldercare and hospice; newly published independent research articles; NCCAM spotlight on translational research; call for posters for the 2009 AMTA Convention; call for abstracts for the 2010 Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research Conference; and 2009 AMTA post-convention workshop on CORE Myofascial Therapy.

Massage Therapy Foundation's Practitioner Case Report Contest

The Massage Therapy Foundation invites participation in its Practitioner Case Report Contest. The Foundation has chosen to encourage the writing of case reports to provide an opportunity for massage therapists and bodyworkers to develop research skills and to enhance their ability to provide knowledge-based massage to the public. Please see the [2009 Practitioner Case Report Contest Guidelines](#) for further information. Submission deadline is October 8, 2009.

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