

## CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### AMTA National Convention

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

Several of the continuing education (CE) options offered at the 2009 American Massage Therapy Association National Convention represent the Research Track sponsored by the Massage Therapy Foundation. Included among these CE options are the following sessions (presenters indicated parenthetically): Learning Through Clinical Research (Douglas Nelson and James Ivaska); Research Rocks (Angela Palmier and Chris Alvarado); Teaching Research Literacy (Pete Whitridge); Case Report Contests: Transforming an Interesting Case into an Informative Publication (Karen Boulanger); Trust This, Doubt That: Evaluating the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in Published Research (Karen Boulanger and Glenn M. Hymel); and Current Research on Cancer and Massage Therapy Foundation Case Report Winner Presentations (Leila Kozak, Jennifer Rosen, Marlaine C. Smith, Amy Axt Hanson, and Erika Larson).

For detailed information, please visit [www.amtamassage.org/education/National\\_Convention\\_2009.html](http://www.amtamassage.org/education/National_Convention_2009.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: molecular biology, cytology, histology, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, biomechanics, neurology, and surgery, among others. The conference will include free oral and poster presentations of peer-reviewed research; special panels and presentations will also address the research interests of clinical practitioners in acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, neuromuscular therapies, osteopathy, physiatry, physical therapy, sports medicine, structural bodywork, and surgery. Clinical practice techniques will be demonstrated 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 so as 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. The *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork* (IJTMB) is serving as one of two post-congress publishing venues for selected presentations.

Registration is open online. 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](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>.

### Society for Integrative Oncology’s “Revitalizing Health Care: Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Programs and Whole Systems Research”

November 12 – 13, 2009; New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY, U.S.A.

For detailed information, please visit <http://www.columbiacme.org/Ped-43-09/Ped-43-09.html>.

### Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research

May 13 – 15, 2010; Seattle, WA, U.S.A.

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](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. The *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork* (IJTMB) will serve as one of two post-conference publishing venues for selected presentations.

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 Fønnebø at [Vinjar.Fønnebø@fagmed.uit.no](mailto:Vinjar.Fønnebø@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. 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 FY 2008

This table lists research and training grants funded for both new and ongoing research by NCCAM during fiscal year 2007. 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 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>.

### 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 in response to this announcement may be submitted to <http://Grants.gov> 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.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)/NIH

### NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46829>

### NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46828>.

### Ancillary Studies to Large Ongoing Clinical Projects (R21)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=47093>.

### NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant Program (R34)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=47412>.

### Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Postdoctoral Training in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (F32)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44299> (modification 1).

**Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship Training in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (F31)**

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44308> (modification 1).

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)/AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)**

**AHRQ Grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36)**

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=48586>.

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

**Massage Therapy Foundation Research News and Conference Announcements**

Visit [News from the Foundation](#) for announcements regarding these major topics: 2009 Massage Therapy Foundation Student Case Report winners; call for abstracts for the 2010 Highlighting Massage Therapy

in CIM Research Conference; Massage Therapy Body of Knowledge Task Force announcement; 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.

**Alison Pittas, MS, Joins the IJTMB Editorial Board**

We welcome Alison Pittas, MS, Program Manager for the Massage Therapy Foundation's Research and Grants, to the IJTMB Editorial Board as an editorial assistant. Included among Alison's responsibilities is that of assisting in a liaison capacity between the journal's Editorial Board and the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

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