

CALENDAR OF RECENTLY COMPLETED AND 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 represented the Research Track sponsored by the Massage Therapy Foundation. Included among these CE options were these 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 follow-up information regarding any of the foregoing sessions, please contact: info@massagetherapyfoundation.org.

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 included free oral and poster presentations of peer-reviewed research, and special panels and presentations that addressed 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 demonstrated at both podium and small-group sessions aimed to bring manual therapy clinicians and scientists together to enhance common research interests and communication. Post-congress workshops were held on Saturday, October 31, 2009, at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. These workshops provided a forum for clinical practitioners to present their methodologies and research questions so as to cross-educate other clinicians and to stimulate new areas of inquiry by research scientists. The 2009 Fascia Congress was co-sponsored by the Massage Therapy Foundation. The *International Journal of*

Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork is serving as one of two post-congress publishing venues for selected presentations [the *Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies* is the other].

For full event details, please visit <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009>.

Key speakers/personnel are acknowledged at <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009/speakers.php>.

Selected articles made available as pre-congress resources are available at <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009/articles.htm>.

Oral and poster presentation abstracts are available at <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009/abstracts.htm>, and an extensive glossary of terms pertinent to the congress can be found at <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009/glossary.htm>.

9th Annual Integrated Care Conference

November 3 – 6, 2009; Vienna, Austria

For detailed information about the recently ended 9th Annual Integrated Care Conference—titled “Lost in Transition: Meeting the Challenge Through Integrated Care”—please visit <http://www.integratedcare.eu/inic09vienna/index.html>.

NCCAM's 10th Anniversary Research Symposium: Exploring the Science of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

December 8, 2009; Bethesda, MD, U.S.A.

For details, please visit <http://nccam.nih.gov/news/events/#10thanniversary>.

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). 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 [the *Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies* is the other].

Online registration opened October 30, 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.

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 in December 2008. 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.

Contact: Carol Pontzer, PhD

E-mail: pontzerc@mail.nih.gov

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-010.html>

Tel: 301-435-6286

Fax: 301-480-3621

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>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R21)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49755>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R03)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49763>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49764>.

Exploratory/Developmental Grant for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Studies of Humans (R21)

(Modification 1) Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44072>.

Exploratory/Developmental Grant for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Studies Using Cells, Tissues, and Animal Models of Disease (R21)

(Modification 1) Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44104>.

Roadmap Transformative Research Projects Program (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49970>.

Translational Tools for Clinical Studies of CAM Interventions (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=50261>.

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

Please visit [News from the Foundation](#) for announcements inclusive of these major topics: Massage Therapy Body of Knowledge update; Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research Conference, May 13 – 15, 2010, Seattle, WA, U.S.A.; various other conference announcements; Teaching Research Literacy: An In-Service for Massage Therapy Educators; and NCCAM's 10th Anniversary Research Symposium.

Massage Therapy Foundation's Student Case Report Contest

The Massage Therapy Foundation invites participation in its 2010 Student Case Report Contest. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2010. For additional information, please see these resources:

- [Introductory Letter for Schools](#)
- [2010 Student Contest Guidelines](#)
- [2010 Student Contest Awards](#)
- [Authorship and Copyright Transfer](#)

Massage Therapy Foundation's Research Grants Program

The Massage Therapy Foundation invites participation in its 2010 Research Grants Program. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2010. For additional information, please see the [2010 Research Grant Guidelines](#) and [2010 Research Grant Application](#).

Executive Editor's Note: Colleagues are strongly encouraged to share information pertinent to this News/Announcements section of the IJTMB. Please forward possible entries to the IJTMB's Executive Editor at the following email address: hymel@loyno.edu.