

WELCOME

Dear members,

ISO/TC 249 was established in 2009 with its initial scope being the standardization of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). The committee decided to focus on quality and safety of natural materials and medical devices used in TCM, as well as informatics of TCM, e.g. nomenclature, classification as the foundation of work.



The Newsletter of ISO/TC249 is circulated among members of ISO/TC 249 and Category A Liaison organizations.

Our mission is to develop it as informative to the international standardization of Traditional Chinese Medicine. We hope it will serve as an open platform of communication with all the members and strengthen the cooperation with each other.

This issue includes activities within ISO/TC 249 and ISO, and the latest working progress and the recent meeting schedule. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on the Newsletter, or would like to share information on development of TCM in your country, welcome contribution.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of TC 249

ACTIVITIES WITHIN ISO/TC 249 AND ISO

- **The second plenary meeting of TC249 held in the Hague, the Netherlands 02-04 May 2011**



The second plenary meeting of ISO/TC 249 was held in Hague, the Netherlands from 2nd to 4th May, 2011, which was hosted by Netherlands Standardization Institute (NEN). There are 84 delegates from 14 P-members and 4 liaison organizations attending this meeting. The main issues explored were:

- Business Plan
- NWIPs
- Establishment of Working Group
- Chairman Advisory Group

Dr. David GRAHAM, the chair of ISO/TC249 gave a presentation on outcomes of the Resolutions taken at the first plenary meeting in 2010. A work report during 2010-2011 was given by the Secretary of TC 249, Prof. SHEN Yuandong.

The three days' meeting came out to be indeed successful and fruitful in agreeing on a pathway of TC249 standardization work by setting up 5 WGs to develop the specificity in each area. Through the enthusiastic involvements and great contribution by members, we're firmly confident in the future standardization progress of TC249, which of course need more unified strategies of communication and coordination.

- **TC215 plenary meeting in Kuopio Finland 23-27 May 2011**
TC215 held its plenary meeting in Kuopio, Finland from May 23 to 27. Due to the proposal from TC 215 to set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) with TC 249, two representatives from TC 249 secretariat, Dr. SANG Zhen, assistant Secretary of TC249 and Ms. Shirley XU attended this meeting.

The discussion to set up JWG between two secretariats was convened by Mr. Chute, the chair of TC215. The participants also include many observers from Japan, Korea, China, Australia, USA, etc...who involve with both TC's works and a representative from ISO/CS. After the intensive and thorough discussion, we reached consensus and resolved to establish one single Joint Working Group with multiple projects. It's decided to have co-convenors for this working group, one from TC 215 and the other, TC 249. It mainly works on explicit scopes in the area of informatics issues exclusive to TCM. In this case, both of the secretariat agreed to title this JWG with "Informatics of TCM". For the working procedures in details need further discussion. TC 215 appointed Mr. Ted Klein on site as the contact for the time being to be responsible to communicate with TC 249 secretariat.

THE LATEST PROGRESS

- **The Resolutions and Report of the second plenary meeting of TC249**

The Resolutions of the second plenary meeting of TC249 (N19) has been posted to the TC website on May 13th, 2011.

The Report of the second plenary meeting of TC249 (N20) has been submitted to TMB on May 20th, 2011.

- **Chairman Advisory Group (CAG)**

The maximum number of members in the CAG is seven; the first five CAG members are confirmed as followings:

- Prof. Christopher ZASLAWSKI (Australia)
- Prof. CHEN Kaixian (China)
- Dr. Michael HAMMES (Germany)
- Prof. Yoshiharu MOTOO (Japan)
- Dr. Ramón Mar á CALDUCH (Spain)

According to the resolutions of the second plenary meeting, the two additional members will be nominated very soon.

- **Business Plan**

The draft Business Plan has been circulated for national members input as the third round commenting which ends till June 18th. The new version will then be submitted to TMB for formal approval.

The BP will evolve as the work of TC 249 develops and it will be reviewed at each plenary meeting.

- **NWIPs**

ISO/TC249 N13 NWIP Standardization on seed and seedling standards of

ginseng

The NWIP on ginseng seeds and seedlings will be assigned to the working group of raw materials. In the second plenary meeting, it was resolved that the ballot on NWIP 13 would continue but the period would be extended by one month to allow time for the NWIP to be edited for clarification. The new version (N21) has been posted to TC website on June 6th, 2011.

End of vote: 2011-06-24

ISO/TC249 N14 NWIP Acupuncture Needles

The ballot on NWIP 14 will be extended to give sufficient time for the revision of the NWIP. China takes the responsibility for the revision of the circulated NWIP on acupuncture needles with regards to the recommendations of the second plenary meeting.

End of vote: 2011-07-08

NWIP Quality and safety of manufactured products

A NWIP on quality and safety of manufactured products shall be developed by Germany based on the task force's former work and be assigned to the working group of manufactured products.

ISO/TC249 N11 NWIP International Standard Chinese-English Basic Nomenclature of Traditional Chinese Medicine

It was resolved to develop a revision of NWIP N11 in cooperation with ISO TC 215 and WHO.

● **Working Group (WG)**

In the second plenary meeting of TC 249, it was resolved that the existing Task force on Quality and Safety is to be dissolved and five working groups were established as followings:

- TC 249/WG 1 Quality and safety of raw materials used in TCM
- TC 249/WG 2 Quality and safety of manufactured TCM products
- TC 249/WG 3 Quality and safety of acupuncture needles
- TC 249/WG 4 Quality and safety of TCM medical devices other than acupuncture needles
- TC 249/WG 5 Informatics of TCM

To be noted, the first meeting of the working group shall be convened within 3 months. The convenor still need to be nominated by the national body to which WG has been allocated and WGs remain open to all P-members and A-liaison organizations to nominate experts before June 17th, 2011.

RECENT MEETING SCHEDULE

- **The Fifth ISO Chairs' Conference 2011, 16-17 June 2011 Geneva**
Dr. David GRAHAM and Prof. SHEN Yuandong will attend the fifth ISO Chairs' conference held in Geneva on 16-17 June.
At this meeting, they intend to visit TMB and have a conversation with them on TC work plans.
- **Mr. T Bedirhan USTUN from WHO will visit China, 24-28 June, 2011**
Mr. T Bedirhan USTUN will have a visit to China on 24-28 June. In schedule, there is a meeting between WHO, ISO and WFCMS to coordinate ISO/TC249 N11 NWIP International Standard Chinese-English Basic Nomenclature of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

CAG Meeting	July 2011
WG Meetings	July-August, 2011
The third plenary meeting	2012

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