Working group operations: WG3 & WG4

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WG3 – Quality and safety of acupuncture needles

- ISO/TC 249 WG3 established at 2\textsuperscript{nd} Plenary meeting, the Hague, May 2011
- Work Group 3 - chaired by Professor Huang Longxiang (China - Chinese Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences)
- 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting 20-21\textsuperscript{th} October, 2011 in Beijing hosted by Chinese Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting as part of 3\textsuperscript{rd} Plenary meeting, Daejeon, Korea, May 2012
Ten active members include:
- China (PRC)
- Korea (ROK)
- Japan
- USA
- Norway
- Australia
- South Africa
- Thailand
- Italy
- Netherlands
Scope of WG3

- The scope of WG3 shall be the standardization of all kinds of invasive and potentially invasive single use needles that are commonly used in the acupuncture field.

- The goal of WG3 is to produce a formal international standard for commonly used acupuncture needles.

- WG3 will also be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and development of the standard.
Project priorities

- The top three priorities for WG3 are:
  - Single use filiform needle
  - Single use intradermal needle
  - Single use dermal needle

- The following items are low priority:
  - Single use thread embedding therapy needle
  - Single use three-edged needle
  - Single use needle-shaped knife
  - Single use fire needle
  - Single use floating needle
1st project
Sterile acupuncture needles for single use

- CD to DIS Ballot- 25th October, 2012
- Approved- 18 cast a vote of which 15 members voted yes, 3 abstained
- Six member countries did not cast a vote
Local WG 3

- Active - One teleconference - 19th July 2012
- All Australian WG 3 members supported the current needle standard and gave further feedback (submitted at last ballot to ISO)
- All agreed to support the development of a standard for the auricular thumb tack needle and the indwelling needle.
- Documents for the upcoming ballot for these two devices will be circulated prior to the ballot for comment
Current ballot and due date

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• ISO/TC 249 WG4 established at 2\textsuperscript{nd} Plenary meeting, the Hague, May 2011
• Work Group 4 - jointly chaired by Dr Sun Mi Choi and Professor Yong Suk Kim (Korea)
• 1\textsuperscript{st} Working group 4 meeting- Korea 19-20\textsuperscript{th} September, 2011
• 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting as part of 3\textsuperscript{rd} Plenary meeting, Daejeon, Korea, May 2012
Eight active member countries

- Korea (ROK)
- China (PRC)
- Japan
- USA
- Australia
- Canada
- Thailand
- Singapore
Priorities

- Development of WG 4 “roadmap”

At the first meeting a list of priorities were developed

- Moxibustion (SAC and KATS)
- Electro acupuncture stimulation (SAC and KATS)
- Herbal decoction apparatus (SAC)
- Cupping
- Other therapeutic equipment
- Other diagnostic equipment
- Several projects were supported and some rejected (acupuncture map and model)
- Very active WG as a diverse range of projects
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Local WG 4

- Members invited and agreed to participate
- Inactive as this point in time
- Plan to activate this month due to upcoming ballots
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