

World Acupuncture Day (WAD), 15 November 2018, Paris

World Scientific and Cultural Dialogue on Acupuncture (WSCDA), 16–17 November 2018, Paris

World Acupuncture Day (WAD) will be celebrated, in Paris, on **15 November 2018** by the international acupuncture and moxibustion community.

World Acupuncture Day is being organized to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the inscription of acupuncture and moxibustion, in November 2010, into the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/acupuncture-and-moxibustion-of-traditional-chinese-medicine-00425*

This one-day event, organized under the patronage of UNESCO and the WHO and taking place in the House of UNESCO in Paris, France, will bring together practitioners, researchers, politicians, academics, and administrators of all disciplines related to acupuncture and moxibustion to share their knowledge and experience.

World Acupuncture Day will demonstrate to the world that acupuncture and moxibustion are today used globally as an integral part of the world's health systems. It is organised by WADO (World Acupuncture Day Organisation, <http://www.cerc-congres.com/wado>).

How will World Acupuncture Day be Celebrated?

World Acupuncture Day promises to be an exceptional event, which will clearly demonstrate the extensive use of acupuncture and moxibustion throughout the world. It will be a day not only for the profession but also one for the general public, including current as well as future patients.

Open to everyone, it will be a free, but registration-based event that will offer an informational and cultural program highlighting three areas:

- An exhibition on **acupuncture history, practice, and education** as well as methods of associated care (for example, pharmacotherapies, massage, physical exercises)
- A conference on the **historical developments, clinical highlights, and the latest research** in acupuncture and moxibustion on all continents. Papers will be presented by world-recognized speakers, representatives from world societies, and guests of honor
- An evening show, expressly conceived for this exceptional day, presenting a lighthearted look at the **strengths and diversity of the international acupuncture community**

World Acupuncture Day will be a day for the global public—a large, inclusive showcase intended to shine a light on the value of these practices long after the close of the celebrations.

World Acupuncture Day welcomes acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) practitioners, other medical practitioners, healthcare providers, researchers, health politicians, academics and students, insurance representatives, consumers, and patients to update their understanding of what acupuncture means, how its scientific foundations have been proven, and what it can provide.

A press conference will provide the opportunity for questions and answers.

WAD has free admission but please register via the WADO website, www.cerc-congres.com/WADO. At UNESCO there will be no commercial exhibition.

After that? Two Days of World Scientific and Cultural Dialogue on Acupuncture (WSCDA), 16–17 November 2018, Paris

The following two days, **16 and 17 November 2018**, will bring together medical and health professionals and researchers from around the world to exchange knowledge, skills, and practices. This event will take place in Cité des Science et de L'Industrie, Paris, France. <http://www.cite-sciences.fr/en/home/>. It is organised by WADO (World Acupuncture Day Organisation, <http://www.cerc-congres.com/wado>).

Animated by the leading worldwide specialists of all disciplines related to acupuncture and moxibustion, this event promises an abundance of exceptional meetings and constructive exchanges. Organized under the patronage of UNESCO and WHO, the two-day meeting will be chaired by the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS, <http://www.wfas.org.cn>).

The program will feature lectures and workshops related to the clinical practice of acupuncture and moxibustion. Clinical practice, however, cannot be considered without a discussion of the great scientific works that gave prominence to acupuncture, and in turn, gave rise to studies on cost effectiveness, safety, efficacy as well as clinical research—all of these topics will also be a part of the extensive program. Energetic exchanges will bring together professionals in a dialogue of a special dimension.

Many other themes will find their place in these dialogues, in particular, a presentation of the numerous humanitarian actions involving acupuncture and moxibustion that have been conducted worldwide in countries experiencing health crises.

The WADO team likes to welcome you in Paris to join an exceptional opportunity to present, exchange and network on world level. Please inscribe for the newsletter at our website.

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*„Intangible cultural heritage is defined by UNESCO as the “means the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills—as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith—that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.”