In many European countries, acupuncture is among the most used Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) therapies for a wide range of disorders within both public and private health facilities. In Italy, it is included within the so-called national Essential Levels of Care (Livelli Essenziali di Assistenza LEAs) only for anaesthesiologic purposes, and within the LEAs of some Regions only for selected clinical conditions. This is the result of a rigorous process of evaluation of the available clinical studies, which has established the efficacy and security of acupuncture of some conditions. However, there remain some methodological problems that need to be addressed for pursuing research activities aimed at the acquisition of additional evidence on the efficacy of acupuncture, as well as on its integration into the healthcare systems.

Purpose of the Symposium is to discuss the most controversial aspects of the different phases of acupuncture research and provide practical and authoritative answers, useful for informing future health policies and for promoting the safety and effectiveness of acupuncture treatments.

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PROGRAM

8:30  Registration of participants

9:00  Welcome addresses
Chair: Umberto Mazzanti, Vice President, AMAB
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9:30  Introduction to the Symposium
Carlo Maria Giovanardi, Alice Fauci, Symposium Scientific Coordinators

Panel Session 1
Action Mechanisms of Acupuncture and Current Trends in Acupuncture Research
Chairs: Marco Romoli, Federico Marmori

9:50  Presentation of topics and panellists
9:55  The innovative idea of the neuromechanism of acupuncture bi-regulating gastrointestinal function: the hypothesis of homotopic/ heterotopic acupoints organ.
Bin Xu
10:10  Effect and mechanisms of acupuncture on reproductive dysfunction in polycystic ovary syndrome.
Elisabet Stener-Victorin
10:25  New technologies applied to acupuncture: modern tools for ancient wisdom.
Christine Nardini
10:40  Discussion
11:10  Coffee break

Panel Session 2
Methodology of Research and EBM in Acupuncture
Chairs: Francesca Menniti-Ippolito, Giovanna Franconi

11:40  Presentation of topics and panellists
11:45  Why the clinical effect of acupuncture is controversial?
Junhua Zhang
12:00  Systematic reviews: their role in determining the evidence for acupuncture.
Myeong Soo Lee
12:15  Methodology of research and EBM in acupuncture.
Jianping Liu
12:30  The incompatibility of external and internal validity invalidates the evidence hierarchy: theoretical and practical consequences.
Harald Walach
12:45  Discussion
13:15  Lunch

Panel Session 3
Acupuncture and Placebo
Chairs: Giovanni Battista Allais, Alessio Lilli

14:30  Presentation of topics and panellists
14:35  Acupuncture for chronic pain: definitive results on treatment and placebo effects.
Hugh MacPherson

14:50  Some thoughts on the placebo in acupuncture research.
Terje Alraek
15:05  Discussion
15:35  Poster Session
Chair: Eleonora Marchi
16:05  Coffee break

Panel Session 4
Integration of Acupuncture into the Healthcare Systems: Regulation, Education and Cost-Effectiveness
Chairs: Annunzio Matrà, Paolo Roberti di Sarsina

16:30  Presentation of topics and panellists
16:35  Acupuncture as part of the healthcare system: some key facts from European and a national point of view.
Wolfgang Weidenhammer
16:50  Should acupuncture play a greater role in healthcare?
Nicola Robinson
17:05  The cost-effectiveness of acupuncture.
David Wonderling
17:20  Discussion
17:50  Symposium Conclusions
Carlo Maria Giovanardi, Alice Fauci
18:00  CME and participant satisfaction questionnaires