Introduction
In the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in the Field of Traditional Medicine between the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and the Italian Ministry of Health, the Italian National Institute of Health and the Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine have implemented the Joint Sino-Italian Laboratory on Traditional Chinese Medicine, with the purpose of investigating scientific evidence supporting traditional Chinese medicine.

The agreement was signed in November 2006 and lasted two years. The Laboratory carried out clinical and meta-analytic work on such areas as post-stroke rehabilitation, acupuncture on cancer patients, chronic cardiac failure as well as methodological aspects of clinical trials and Good Laboratory Practice (GLP).

The present Conference addresses a wide audience of scientists and clinicians and everyone interested in traditional Chinese medicine and in its potential integration with allopathic practices.

Objectives
The Conference aims at spreading information on the activities carried out in the Joint Laboratory and at presenting the comprehensive project results.

Method
The Conference will rely upon presentations followed by discussions, in a design for all approach. English will be the official language of the Conference.
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Programme

9.30  Registration

10.00  Welcome and opening address
   Enrico Garaci, President National Institute of Health, Italy
   Zhang Boli, President Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
   Alberto Ortolani, Fondazione Italia-Cina
   Xing Jijun, Director for Europe, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of
   Science and Technology, China
   Zhou Longchao, Deputy Director for Europe, Department of International Cooperation,
   Ministry of Science and Technology, China
   Fan Yingzi, Director of International Cooperation Department, Municipal Science and
   Technology Commission, Tianjin

10.30  JoSIL overview
   Rita Ferrelli

11.00  Coffee break

SESSION I: A WESTERN APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE
Chairpersons: Roberto Raschetti, Li Yan

11.20  Evidence-Based Medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine
   Francesca Menniti Ippolito

11.35  Systematic review on stroke rehabilitation
   Zhang Junhua

11.50  Systematic review on chronic cardiac failure
   Fu Shufei

12.05  Complementary therapies in oncology: a pilot study on chemotherapy side effects
   Fabio Firenzuoli

12.20  The Italian arm of the pilot study on chemotherapy side effects
   Luigi Gori

12.35  The Chinese arm of the pilot study on chemotherapy side effects
   Yu Tao

12.50  Discussion

13.10  Lunch break
SESSION II: STROKE REHABILITATION
Chairpersons: Valter Santilli, Yu Tao

14.00  Descriptive study on stroke rehabilitation: study design
Alice Fauci

14.15  The Gait Analysis Laboratory
Massimiliano Mangone

14.30  The Chinese section of the study on stroke rehabilitation.
Chu Qin

14.45  The Italian section of the study on stroke rehabilitation.
Massimiliano Murgia

15.00  Bridging Western and Traditional Chinese Medicine: the neurological transmission.
Gaudenzio Garozzo

15.15  Discussion

15.30  Tea break

SESSION III: TRIAL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION
Chairpersons: Hu Limin, Carlo Tomino

15.45  Trial on TCM myocardial infarction secondary prevention
Shang Hongcai

16.00  Reviewing TCM trials design and implementation
Entela Xoxi

16.15  Discussion

SESSION IV: LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL AND TCM
Chairpersons: Zhang Junhua, Franco Vincieri

16.30  Quality control on selected traditional Chinese medicines
Anna Rita Bilia

16.45  Laboratory quality control at the TUTCM
Hu Limin

17.00  Discussion
Josil Final Considerations

17.15 Josil final considerations and the way forward
Ranieri Guerra, Zhang Boli

Evaluation

17.45 ECM questionnaire

Speakers and Chairpersons
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Venue
Auditorium Pocchiari, Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Viale Regina Elena, 299 – Rome, Italy

Audience
Scientists and clinicians interested in TCM and in its potential integration with allopathic practices.

Registration
Participation is free, but pre-registration is required. Participants will be admitted up to 230. The application form, duly completed and submitted on-line at http://www.iss.it/site/reg/, must be printed, signed, and faxed to the Technical Secretariat (+39 06 49904124/4134) by 19 January 2009. Applicants will be informed about the status of their applications through the on-line registration system.

Language
The official language is English.
ECM credits (for Italian participants only)
For Italian participants, ECM accreditation has been requested for all professional profiles.

Attendance certificate
A certificate of attendance will be provided upon request at the end of the Conference.

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