INTRODUCTION - History of East-West Medical Research Institute (EWMRI)

- 1971: Establishment of EWMRI to carry out research and projects that are required to develop East-West Medical Science.
- 1988: WHO adapted East-West Medical Research Institute as a WHO CC for TRM(1st).
- 2008: Hosted the 3rd Informal Consultation on International Classification of Traditional Medicine in East Asia.
- 2009: Symposium for the 20th Anniversary of the Designation of the East-West Medical Research Institute as the WHO CC for TRM.
- 2012: WHO re-approved East-West Medical Research Institute as a WHO CC for TRM (7th).

EWMRI appoints experts and professors from various fields as researchers.

Organization - Structure

TERMS OF REFERENCE (2012-2016)

- To contribute to WHO's work in the construction of evidence based medicine (EBM) using Traditional Medicine on stroke, pain disorders, drug interaction between herbal medicine and bio-medicine.
- To participate in government policies on Traditional Medicine.
- To assist and support WHO projects including the International Classification of Traditional Medicine.
- To provide special training courses on Traditional Korean Medicine.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Joint Symposia with other WHO Collaboration Centers

RECENT RESEARCH

Promote EBM on stroke
1. Neuroprotective effect of Chunghyuldan (Qing Xue Dan) on hypoxia-reoxygenation induced damage of neuroblastoma 2a cell lines. Chin J Integr Med. 2013 Dec;19(12):940-4.

Promote EBM on pain disorders


Promote EBM on drug interaction between herbal and bio-medicine
1. Influence of herbal complexes containing licorice on potassium levels: A retrospective study. Evid Based Complement Alternat Med. 2014.

2. Development of international training courses with International Education Institute of Korean Medicine (IEIKM) of Kyung Hee University
- Clinical observation and discussion, lectures on Korean medicine for students, O.M.Ds, and M.Ds from around the world.

This year, 20 medical school students from China Medical University (8/7-8/27) and 10 medical school students from Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (10/6-12/12) participated in the Continuing Education Program.