

Second Announcement
The 23rd Congress of International Association of Rural Health and Medicine
(IARM)
September 16-18, 2026
Beijing . China

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1. Message from the IARM Host and Organizer

Dear Colleagues

It is our great pleasure to announce that the **23rd Congress of the International Association of Rural Health and Medicine (IARM)** will take place in **Beijing, China, from 16 to 18 September 2026**.

The Congress is hosted by the **International Association of Rural Health and Medicine (IARM)** and organized by the **School of Population Medicine and Public Health, Peking Union Medical College (PUMC)**, in collaboration with the **National Center for Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) of the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China**.

Under the theme "**Holistic Health for Rural Populations: Tackling Global Challenges**," the Congress will provide an international forum for the exchange of knowledge, experience and innovative approaches to advancing rural health and medicine. The scientific programme will include keynote lectures, thematic sessions, oral and poster presentations, field visits and discussions addressing both established and emerging issues affecting rural populations worldwide.

The Congress will also benefit from the participation of several international organizations, whose contributions to the scientific programme and related activities are presented in **Section 4 – Participating International Organizations**.

Registration is available through the official Congress website. Registration fees, payable in euros (EUR), are structured according to participant category, World Bank country income classification and mode of participation (in person or online). Detailed information is provided in the Registration Fee Schedule. Participants who are unable to register in advance may register on site at the Congress venue on the opening day.

The 23rd IARM Congress builds on a longstanding tradition of international cooperation in rural health and medicine. Beijing previously hosted the **11th International Rural Medicine Conference** in 1991, which brought together more than 400 specialists from nearly 30 countries. We are honoured to welcome the international rural health community back to Beijing for this important scientific event.

The Congress will be held at the **No. 1 Auditorium, Peking Union Medical College (PUMC)**, No. 9 Dongdan Santiao, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China. Professor Min Zhang of PUMC will serve as Congress President.

For the convenience of participants, the Organizing Committee recommends two hotels located within easy reach of the Congress venue:

- North Garden Hotel Beijing Wangfujing (No. 218-1 Wangfujing Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing 100006); and
- Zhong An Hotel Beijing (Former Residence of Journalist Edgar Snow) (No. 6 Kuijiachang Hutong, Beijing Railway Station East Avenue, Beijing 100005).

Participants are encouraged to make their reservations through the Booking App.

The Congress programme will include the IARM General Assembly, plenary lectures, thematic sessions, poster presentations, field visits and social events. While the Congress is primarily designed for in-person participation, selected presentations will also be available online for participants who are unable to attend in person.

The 23rd IARM Congress welcomes members of the IARM Board, physicians, nurses, epidemiologists, occupational and environmental health professionals, hygienists, toxicologists, psychologists, ergonomists, economists, public health practitioners, researchers, social scientists, rural workers, farmers, representatives of employers' and workers' organizations, farmers' organizations, government officials, policymakers, and all others committed to advancing rural health and medicine.

Please refer to the updated Congress Programme at a Glance for further details.

For additional information, please visit the official Congress website:

<http://iarm-jrm.org/index.html>

We look forward to welcoming you to Beijing.

Professor Min Zhang

Congress President

Professor Petar Bulat

IARM President

2. International Scientific Committee

(This list will be updated as additional members are confirmed)

■ **Chair**

Min Zhang

Professor, Board Member of IARM; Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, School of Population Medicine and

Public Health, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS)/ Peking Union Medical College (PUMC), China

■ **Vice-Chair**

Petar Bulat

Professor, President of IARM; Chair of occupational health postgraduate teaching, University of Belgrade School of Medicine, Serbia

Claudio Colosio

Professor; Immediate Past President, IARM; Department of Health Sciences, University of Milan,

■ **Members**

Shengli Niu

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Professor, President, International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)

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Jingguang Fan

Former Director, National Center for Occupational Safety and Health, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China

Qinghua He

Executive Vice President and Secretary-General, China Association on Tobacco Control for Health (CATC)

Cong Jin

Director, Reference Laboratory, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Zhaoxia Wang

Deputy Secretary-General/Chief Nurse, China National Diagnosis and Treatment Center for Pneumoconiosis

Youlin Qiao

Distinguished Professor, School of Population Medicine and Public Health, CAMS/PUMC

Dajin Yang

Professor, China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment

Jie Yan

Editor, Editorial Office of Global Health Journal, People's Medical Publishing House Co. Ltd, China

- **IARM Board Member** (Please see the list of IARM Board Member in a separate web page <https://www.eventomeeting.com/IARM2026/enSecondary.html?menuId=712&menuIndex=3-9>)

3.National Organizing Committee

(This list will be updated as additional members are confirmed)

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4. Participating International Organizations

(This list will be updated as additional international organizations are confirmed)

- International Labour Organization (ILO)
 - Occupational Safety and Health and Working Environment Branch (OSHE), Governance and Tripartism Department, ILO Headquarters
 - ILO Office for China and Mongolia
- International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)
- European Rural and Isolated Practitioners Association (EURIPA), a cross-

cutting network within WONCA Europe.

5.National Partners

(This list will be updated as additional national organizations are confirmed)

- National Center for STD and AIDS Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention(China CDC)
- Chinese Association on Tobacco Control for Health (CATCH)
- Global Health Journal, People's Medical Publishing House Co. Ltd (PMPH), China
- National Center for Pneumoconiosis Diagnosis and Treatment, Emergency General Hospital

6.Updated Instructions for International Bank Transfer Payments

Due to technical constraints, international online payment is currently unavailable through the IARM 2026 Congress registration website.

To facilitate registration for participants residing outside China, registration fees may be paid by international bank transfer. Detailed instructions, including the bank account information and payment procedure, are available on the official Congress website under the **Registration** section:

<https://www.eventomeeting.com/IARM2026/enSecondary.html?menuId=702&menuIndex=2-4>

Participants are kindly requested to follow the payment instructions carefully and retain proof of payment for registration verification.

To allow sufficient time for international bank transfers to be processed, the deadline for payment at the **Early Bird** registration rate has been extended until **15 August 2026**.

7. Congress Programme at a Glance

	Tuesday, Sep. 15	Wednesday, Sep. 16	Thursday, Sep. 17	Friday, Sep. 18	Saturday, Sep. 19
08:00-		Delegates registration/check-in; Conference materials distribution	Pre-conference preparations	Pre-conference preparations	
09:00-	1. Delegate Registration and Check-in 2. Distribution of Congress Materials	1. Opening Ceremony 2. Keynote Lecture	1.Keynote Speech 2.Thematic Session: Whole-Chain Management of Pesticide Exposure and Risk: Occupational, Environmental and One Health Perspective	1.Thematic Session: ILO Conventions and Technical Tools in the Agriculture Sector: Priorities, Challenges and Solutions 2.Thematic Session: Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Rural Communities	1. Delegates' Departure 2. Venue Close-out and Materials Collection
10:30-		Group Photo, Coffee&Tea Break	Coffee&Tea Break	Coffee&Tea Break	
11:00-		3.Thematic Session: Tobacco Control and Health Promotion in Rural Communities	3.Thematic Session:(continue)	2.Thematic Session: (continue) 3.Thematic Session: Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases in Rural and Community Settings	
12:30-	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
14:00-	1. Delegates check-in/registration 2.Conference materials distribution 3.Organizing Committee Meeting	4.Thematic Session: Early Cancer Prevention and Detection in Rural Areas 5.Thematic Session: Capacity Building for Health Professionals in Rural Area	4.Field Visit	4.Thematic Session: Promoting Equity for Vulnerable Population in Rural Areas	
16:00-		Coffee&Tea Break		Coffee&Tea Break	
16:15-		6.Thematic Session: Primary Health Care for Rural Populations		5. Closing Ceremony	
19:00-	Final Preparations by the Organizing Committee	7.Welcome Dinner	5.IARM Board Member Meeting 6.Organizing Committee Meeting (Closing Ceremony Preparation)		
9:00-18:00		Poster Presentations	Poster Presentations	Poster Presentations	