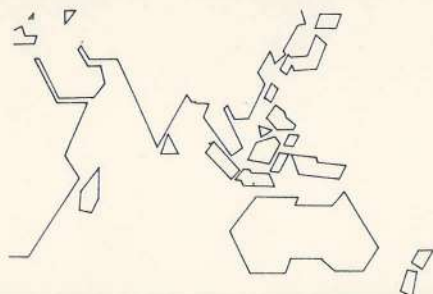


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AMDA SUMMER MEETING IN THAILAND August 12 - 14, 1988



Participants of AMDA summer meeting in Thailand

Standing in the last row from left to right are: Dr. K. Krishnaraja Bhat (India), Dr. Kohei Tohda, RC (Japan), Mr. Kumashiro (Japan), Dr. Mohd Suhaimi Hassan, RC (Malaysia), Dr. Ahmad Zaini B. Mohd Salleh (Malaysia), Dr. Nipit Piravej (Thailand), Dr. Shigeru Suganami, President (Japan)

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Front row, left to right: Dr. Wiboon Tantirittisak (Thailand), Dr. Kenneth Hartigan Go, RC (Philippines), Dr. Francisco P. Flores, Chairman (Philippines), Dr. Antonio Sison (Philippines)



<<< "AMDA companions in Action"

Left to right: Dr. Kohei Tohda, Dr. Shigeru Suganami, Dr. Kenneth Hartigan Go, Dr. Anatoino Sison, Ms. Christmas



<<< "A Smile of mutual friendship and international cooperation"

Left to right: Dr. Mohd Suhaimi Hassan, Dr. Jose Alvin P. Mojica, Dr. K. Krishnaraja Bhat, Dr. M.S. Kamath



<<< "Hospitality is our special feature"

Ms. Christmas, Dr. Wiboon Tantirittisak, Dr. Ekachai Satiyanpitayakul, A Thai Medical Student and Ms. Praphai Piravej



<<< Dignitaries with the Vice-Chairman Mr. Pai Chi-Hsien (far left), General Secretary Mr. Chuang Hung-Yih (second from left) and Chairman Mr. Chang Chau-Kay (fifth from left) of 9th AMSC during the opening ceremony in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic Of China."

The conference was held from 1st August through 10th August with the participation of 220 students out of which 130 were from out of R.O.C., i.e. the host country.

Brief Report on the folklore Medicine Research Project Udupi Ayurvedic College - Kuthpady, Inida

The Science of Medicine is as old as humanity. Every generation has developed newer technique to tackle the diseases and that is how the medical science has grown enormously now. In this continuous process some of the scientific knowledge fails to come to the foreground and remains within the limits of a certain community or a certain family. Such knowledge from the outlook loses its scientific nature and attains the shape of folklore medicine. It is absolutely necessary to re-evaluate those remedies in new perspective, so that the treasure of knowledge is not lost to the humanity. Keeping this purpose in view, a Research Project of Folklore Medicine was established in Udupi Ayurvedic College on 1st November 1985.



<<< The photo shows one of the investigators collecting folk lore treatment from Smt. Ratnamma Heggade, the mother of Sri Veerendra Heggade who is the sponsor of the project and the President of Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheswara Educational Society.

The project is sponsored by Sri D. Veerendra Heggade, President, Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheswara Educational Society, Ujire, with Dr. Ramesh Harwalkar, Professor, Udupi Ayurvedic College and Dr. Prasad U.N. , Asst. Professor, Udupi Ayurvedic College as investigators. The procedure of the work is as follows:

- a) Survey of fields taking Taluk as a Unit is to be done.
- b) Persons practicing Folklore Medicines may be paid honorarium for demonstrating his treatment, skills and furnishing the details to the Research worker.
- c) The folklore herbalist may be issued a certificate in appreciation of his valuable services.
- d) The medicinal herbs collected during the field survey is to be studied botanically.

e) After collecting about 10 to 12 preparations for a disease the medicines are to be prepared in the College Pharmacy and it has to be analysed for toxicity and fixation of the therapeutic dosage.

f) Finally clinical trials on the patients are to be carried out and efficacy of the drug must be assessed.

Now the Research Project is still getting importance to field survey. The progress can be summarised in the following manner.

1. Adresses of folklore Practitioners collected	- 157
2. Number of Folklore practitioners revealed the treatment	- 46
3. Number of the diseases for which the treatment collected	- 91
4. Number of preparations collected	- 151
5. Number of Manuscripts collected	- 4
6. Number of Books translated	- 3
7. Number of preparations trialed	- 10
8. Number of preparations absorbed	- 3

The preparations absorbed to routine practise are purely herbal in nature and none are toxic. No analysis was done as the combinations are harmless to the human beings. Next step in the project is to make use of these drug regimen in the routine clinical practice. It is planned to have a controlled study on experimental animals and patients before bringing them to a good pace, the clinical and experimental work will be taken up within a short period and we hope to make a headway progress in this field too.

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Sanskrit Name:
Khadira

Botanical Name:
Acacia Catechu Willd.

Family:
Leguminosae

Folk lore use:
Juic extracted
from the leaves is
useful in Jaundice.