Strengthening the knowledge base, capacity building, and research
VHL TCIM Americas

Information to strengthen interculturality and the articulation of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine in health decision-making in the Americas

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The VHL TCIM Americas: a collective dream and effort that became reality.
The Virtual Health Library on Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine (VHL TCIM)

- Applies the VHL model of network collaboration of the Latin-American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME/PAHO/WHO)

- The VHL TCIM is a collaborative and participative virtual space, developed by the Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine Network for the Americas

- BIREME/PAHO/WHO, works as the articulator and facilitator of the said Network.
**Background**: Started as a technical cooperation agreement between BIREME and PAHO/WHO Country Office in Nicaragua, and evolved towards a Regional initiative

**Objective**: To promote the visibility, access, use, and generation of scientific, technical and educational contents that contribute to the promotion, development and integration of the TCIM in the health services and systems in the Americas Region, through the collaboration of stakeholders
Lines of Action:

- To promote open access to scientific, technical information and evidence on TCIM

- Promotion of informed decision-making, using the best available knowledge and evidence on TCIM (aimed at researchers, managers, students, health professionals, policy makers)

- Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and collaboration amongst stakeholders

- Experience exchange and visibilization of good practices
TCIM Network for the Americas

The Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine Network (TCIM) of the Americas is a collaborative initiative.

It was created with the aim of interconnecting several stakeholders involved in the formulation of policies, regulation, training, promotion, practice, use and research of TCIM in the Region.

The Network was established in June 2017 by a group of delegates to the Regional Meeting “Advancing Towards Universal Health: Contributions of Traditional and Complementary Medicine”, in Managua, Nicaragua.

The members of the Network are responsible for establishing bridges with other institutions that produce information and research in TCIM area, in each country.

The Network is responsible for the content and development of the Virtual Health Library on MTCI.
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Regional Meeting; Nicaragua, June 2017

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APORTES DE LA MEDICINA TRADICIONAL
Y COMPLEMENTARIA
VHL TCIM´s launched

First Results

- Stakeholders from 15 countries already engaged
- The Portal TCIM VHL Americas was developed
  → Interface in Spanish, Portuguese, English

- Creation of a specialized TCIM Database
  → Indexing scientific and technical publications of the Region of the Americas (including non-conventional documents, gray literature)
- Development of +80 search expressions to harvest documents from different databases – VHL, Medline, LILACS, and other national databases
- Development of the Advanced Search Tool and filters
- Completed First phase of a TCIM terminology review – working towards updating the Health Sciences Descriptors (DeCS) on the field
  → Developed a thematic structure to organize the databases and the TCIM VHL
Directory of Institutions

Entities that work in the regulation, training, research, and health promotion in TCIM in the health systems of the Americas
Regulation and Policies

Information on legislation, public policies, regulation, and implementation models for TCIM and related health practices in health systems in the Americas’ countries.
Traditional Medicine in Ethnic Diversities

In this section you will find information on indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants and other ethnic diversity of the Americas Region, which includes a description of the health situation, their ancestral knowledge in health practices, and traditional medicine, their own health models, relevant organizations and resources of interest.
Academic Consortium

An initiative that started with the Brazilian Integrative Health Consortium and that is intended to expand to the region, with the development of academic research consortium in each country. The subsection includes the universities that are part of the consortium, discussion and debate tools, research project records, and others.
Health Strengthening
Healthcare Models and TCIM approaches for Health Strengthening
• Self-care

Understanding TCIM
It groups the concepts, models, evidence dossiers and terminology on TCIM.
• Resources for capacity development in TCIM research

Strengthening Research
Resources for capacity development in TCIM research
• One of the purposes of VHL TCIM portal is to build a useful collection of relevant academic resources for researchers in training, young researchers and experienced researchers.

Conceptual Models
Understanding diverse paradigms and developing new concepts
Events

Sto Congresso Internacional sobre Farmacología de Productos Naturales
25/05/2018 - 30/05/2018
Topos de Coñates - Cuba.

VI Congreso de la Sociedad Cubana de Medicina Biorrigenética y Naturalista-BIONAT
03/06/2018 - 07/06/2018
Ciudad de La Habana - Cuba.

62º Congresso Brasileiro de Ofthalmologia
08/06/2018 - 09/06/2018
Niterói - Brasil.

Coloquio Internacional Sobre Información y Comunidades Indígenas: “La Importancia de la Información en las Culturas Originarias”
26/09/2018 - 28/09/2018
Ciudad de México - México.

News

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Próximos eventos

2018 International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health
Baltimore, MD - Estados Unidos de América
Fecha: 08/05/2018 - 11/05/2018

Ver más detalles

Medicina Integrativa, Salud, Terapias Complementares, Pesquisa, Assistência e Saúde

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Ver más detalles

Medicina Tradicional, Farmacología Clínica, Productos Biológicos, Biología Computacional, Farmacovigilância, Farmacoeconomia, Medicina Tradicional, Farmacognosia, Farmacoeconomia de productos naturales, Farmacología experimental

Sugerir un evento

Asuntos

Medicina Tradicional
Terapias Complementarias
Homeopatía
Farmacognosia
Farmacología Clínica
News of interest

Biblioteca Virtual em Saúde para as PICS
A plataforma traz referências científicas para diversas práticas integrativas. A Biblioteca Virtual em Saúde em Medicinas Tradicionais, view more.

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Direct Access
Direct access to:
- TCIM Database
- Systematic Reviews
- Clinical Guidelines
- TCIM from LILACS
- TCIM from MEDLINE
- TCIM Infometrics

Links of interest
- TCIM at WHO
- PAHO Cultural Diversity
- PAHO Systems and Services
- VHL Regional Portal
- WHO Collaborating Centers
- Chaco Initiative
- VHL Indigenous Peoples
- Homeopathy VHL
- TCIM PAHO Cuba

Events
Seto Congresso Internacional sobre Farmacologia de Productos Naturales 25/05/2010 - 28/05/2010, Topes de Collantes - Cuba.


The VHL is yours! Be part of it, collaborate, and suggest documents or contents

Suggest an event

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More than 2.4 million documents from different sources, including the TCIM database, with journal’s articles, thesis, and unconventional documents.
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• Databases specialized on Health models, and Tradicional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine
Databases
Thematic structure

It groups the terminology of the area according to concepts, models and glossaries related to the TCIM theme, to organize the databases and the content of the TCIM VHL.
Next phases
The Network

• Expand the TCIM Network in each country of the Region of the Americas, and strengthen the model of cooperation and participation in Network in the VHL TCIM

Information sources

• Strengthen the MTCI Database with the registry of the scientific and technical production of the countries of the Americas - journals, thesis, gray literature, legislation, courses, REAs, congresses, research

Mapping the TCMI terminology – regional terms

• Expand the DeCS - Health Sciences Descriptors in TCIM area
Initiative

Pan American Health Organization  
World Health Organization

Coordination

Pan American Health Organization  
World Health Organization  
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Support

- PAHO/WHO Representation in Nicaragua
- Cultural Diversity Program of the Equity, Gender, and Cultural Diversity Office (PAHO/WHO)
- Health Services and Access Unit, Health Systems and Services Department (PAHO/WHO)
- Integrated Health Systems Project in LA&C
Aligned with

- WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023

- PAHO/WHO Ethnicity and Health Policy

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCtaqrCzEu0&t=17s
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