

Accommodation:

The main congress hotel will be Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok Hotel, 1695 Phaholyothin Road, Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 (for further information please visits the hotel and congress website at <http://www.centralhotelsresorts.com> and <http://www.9icbm-2006.org>). In addition, luxurious and comfortable hotels in different price categories located between 0.5 to 5 kilometers from the congress will be offered at special congress rates.

Constituent societies of the ISBM presently include:

- Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research (USA)
- American Psychosomatic Society
- Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine
- Behavioral Medicine Section of the Czech Medical Association
- Danish Society of Psychosocial Medicine
- Finnish Section of Behavioral Medicine of the Finnish Association of Social Medicine
- German Society of Behavioral Medicine and Behavior Modification
- Hungarian Institute of Behavioural Sciences
- Japanese Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Mexican Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Netherlands Behavioral Medicine Federation
- Norwegian Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Psychosomatic and Behavioral Medicine Section of the Slovak Medicine Society
- Society of Behavioral Medicine (USA)
- Swedish Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Thailand Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Venezuelan Interdisciplinary Group of Behavioral Medicine
- The Division of Health Psychology of the American Psychological Association and Society of Pediatric Psychology (USA) are affiliate members.



Important Dates:

April 2005: Second Announcement and Call for Abstracts

1 April 2006: Deadline for abstract submission

1 June 2006: Deadline for early registration.

1 September 2006: Deadline for submitting Rapid Communication Posters.

Websites:

<http://www.9icbm-2006.org> and the ISBM website at <http://www.isbm.miami.edu>



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First Announcement



**Ninth International Congress
of Behavioral Medicine
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*Bridging Behavior and Health
-Connecting the Hemispheres*

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and
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Invitation:

On behalf of the International Society of Behavioral Medicine, the Thai Society of Behavioral Medicine and the Local Organizing Committee, we cordially invite you to the Ninth International Congress of Behavioral Medicine (9th ICBM) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2006



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Scientific Program:

Based on the tradition of the previous eight congresses in Uppsala, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Washington DC, Copenhagen, Brisbane, Helsinki and Mainz, the scientific program of the congress will include keynote addresses, master dialogues/debates, symposia, roundtable discussions, oral and poster presentations, meetings of special interest groups, teaching and training workshops, and satellite activities, scientific and trade exhibitions.

The 9th ICBM will be attended by authorities and experts in behavioral medicine and related disciplines from every region of the world, including all the countries of Asia. The theme of the 9th ICBM, "Bridging Behavior and Health – Connecting the Hemispheres", will encourage collaboration and networking between all regions of the world as well as all disciplines that contribute to the science and practice of behavioral medicine. As the most populous and most rapidly changing region of the World, Asia is facing many challenging health issues and problems which will be highlighted in the Congress Program.

Tracks:

Adherence • Aging • AIDS/HIV • Alcohol / Smoking / Substance Abuse • Asthma and Pulmonary Disorders • Behavioral Genetics and Gene-Environment Interactions • Cancer • Cardiovascular Disease • Childhood and Adolescence • Chronic Fatigue and Somatoform Disorders • Diabetes, Metabolism, Nutrition, Obesity, and Eating Disorders • Gastrointestinal, Dermatological and Psychophysiological Disorders • Gender and Women's Health • Health Behaviors • Health Education, Promotion • Health Systems, Policy and Economics • Illness/Illness Affect/Illness Behavior • Pain, Musculoskeletal and Neuromuscular Disorders • Physical Activity • Psychological, Somatic Problems and Quality of Life • Screening and Early Detection • Socioeconomic Factors • Stress, Psychophysiology, and Psychoneuroimmunology • Violence, Victimization, and PTSD • Work Related Health • Cross Track and Other

Pre- Congress and Post-Congress Workshop

The congress will include pre-congress and post-congress workshops on a range of topics relevant to behavioral medicine research and practice.

Social Program:

Social program for congress participants and accompanying persons: the organizing committee will offer a variety of stimulating activities. These will include: half-day guided tour around the city of Bangkok, visit to the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the National Museum, National Theatre, the Temple of Reclining Buddha, School of Thai Massage and Ancient-Ayurvedic Medicine, the Rose Garden and the Thai Cultural Show, the Floating Market, the famous Jim Thompson Thai Silk Factory and House.

Official Language: English will be the official language of the congress.



Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

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Bangkok the capital of Thailand is a well-known destination for traveling either for convention, business or pleasure. Thailand is also known as "the land of smile and unique hospitality", and good blend and harmony of all religious vibrant cultures, arts, and modern facilities for living accommodation and modern convention facilities. Thai foods and cuisine are also among the world most popular and nutritious. Abundance of museums, temples, art galleries, and fascinating shopping and comfortable hotels make it very convenient to enjoy the visit to "the Amazing Thailand". Located in the central part of Southeast Asia, it is conveniently connected to most parts of the world by all major airlines. (For more information visit Tourism Authority of Thailand at www.tourismthailand.org and www.tatnews.org)

Weather in Bangkok: The weather in Bangkok in November and December is usually nice, dry and cool with typical temperature ranges between 20 to 25 degree Celsius. The weather forecast can be checked at the following website (www.thaimet.tmd.go.th/eng/).

Congress Venue: The main congress will take place at the Sofitel Central Hotel and the adjoining Bangkok Convention Center (www.centralhotelsresorts.com). Pre- and Post-congress teaching and training workshops and some satellite programs will be held at Mahidol University (www.mahidol.ac.th) in Salaya, Nakornpathom, Thailand. (17 Kilometers south of Bangkok).

