

European Thermal Meeting

7 & 8 November 2013

Enghien-les-Bains, France



Symposium dedicated to the state of the art of medical balneotherapy in Europe.

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday November 7th Afternoon	European scientific medical meeting
Friday November 8th Morning	European symposium: Balneotherapy in Europe, present and future (1)
Afternoon	European symposium: Balneotherapy in Europe, present and future (2)

BALNEOTHERAPY IN EUROPE: PRESENT AND FUTURE

Session 1: Balneotherapy Medicine in Europe

- Basic sciences and balneology.
- Balneotherapy medicine a complex therapeutic intervention, from health care center to health resort.
- Doctors and health professions involved in balneotherapy, practice and training.

Session 2: Organisation, regulation and funding of balneotherapy in Europe

- Regulation and definition of mineral waters.
- Balneotherapy care facilities' legal operating frame-work.
- Contractors' organisation.
- Macro-economic data of Balneotherapy in Europe.
- The funding of balneotherapy cares in Europe.

Session 3: Circulation of patients and professional in Europe and balneotherapy

- Vocational exercise (doctors, allied professions): the European regulation
- The european directive on cross-border cares and balneotherapy
- Administrative and legal dimensions.
- Parliamentary dimension.

§ Summary and prospect

European Medical Scientific Meeting

State of the Art

Evidence in Balneotherapy of Rheumatic Conditions

Basic issues

- Hydro-thermal products and cares for balneotherapy of rheumatic conditions, the scientific evidence.
- Mechanisms of action of balneotherapy in rheumatic diseases, the scientific evidence.
- The specific therapeutic role of the mineral elements, the evidence.

Clinical approach

- Balneotherapy for mechanical conditions of the limbs and of the back, the evidence.
- Balneotherapy for inflammatory chronic rheumatic diseases, the evidence.
- Balneotherapy for patients with Fibromyalgia, the evidence.