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Welcome to NAMA 2006
New York
Bhaswati Bhattacharya, M.P.H., M.D., M.A., is a public health specialist and clinician practicing holistic primary care medicine in New York City. She received the 1998 National Award by the American Holistic Medical Association and was appointed to the NIH Advisory Panel on Medical & Nursing Education in Complementary Medicine in 1996. Currently, she directs the Division of Complementary and Alternative Medicines and also serves as the Director of Research in the Department of Medicine at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, one of the Cornell Medical College community hospitals.

John Douillard, DC, PhD, is the author of four books on Ayurveda, Body, Mind and Sport. He received his Ayurvedic training in India and his PhD from Open International University (Sri Lanka). John co-directed Deepak Chopra's Center for eight years and is the former Director of Player Development for the New Jersey Nets NBA basketball team. He currently runs an Ayurvedic/Chiropractic Health Center and Ayurvedic School in Boulder, Colorado where he lives with his wife and six children. Dr. Douillard has been teaching Ayurveda for 17 years.

HARI SHARMA, MD, DABP, FRCPC, DABHM

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David Simon, M.D., Medical Director/Co-Founder

In his role as Medical Director, Dr. Simon is the driving force behind The Chopra Center’s development, training and implementation of programs and seminars in mind body medicine, emotional healing, and spirituality. He directs a comprehensive curriculum that includes on-site seminars and workshops, in addition to a worldwide educational outreach program. His far-reaching endeavors have resulted in the training of thousands of physicians, nurses, health care providers and educators in holistic healing approaches throughout the world. David Simon laid the foundation for his influence in the medical community through his practice in neurology, and his roles as Chief of Staff and Medical Director of the Neurological Services at Sharp Cabrillo Hospital, an affiliate of the Sharp HealthCare system, the largest in Southern California. As a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurosciences at the University of California San Diego, Dr. Simon supervises medical students rotating through The Chopra Center. Dr. Simon is a popular author of wellness books and a sought after media expert and keynote speaker for organizations such as the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, the California Medical Association and academic institutions such as Tufts University, Tulane University, and Harvard Medical School.
Alakananda Ma, MB, BS, is a British trained physician who graduated from St. Bartholomew’s Hospital medical college in England in 1975. After working in a rural hospital in England, she traveled to India in 1980 to study with Father Bede Griffiths at Shantivanam. In India she met her guru, Raghudas Maharaj and Dr. Vasant Lad, her first teacher of Ayurveda. Among the first western physicians to take up Ayurveda, she has been studying Ayurveda for 24 years and practicing and teaching for 16 years. She is principal of Alandi School of Ayurveda, a traditional Gurukula, and is known for her insightful articles on Ayurveda.

Dr. Shekhar Annambhotla, B.A.M.S., M.D. (Ayurveda - India), RYT, has been a dedicated Ayurvedic practitioner, educator since 1988. He traveled extensively throughout Europe, West Indies and North America for 7 years, practicing and teaching Ayurveda. He is the founder and Director of Ojas Ayurveda Yoga Wellness Center in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania. Website: www.ojas.us <http://www.ojas.us/>

Jay Apte, BAMS is an Ayurvedic Doctor from India with an integrated degree in Ayurvedic and Conventional medicine. She also has an MS in Pharmacology from University of North Texas. Currently, Dr. Apte is on the Board of Directors of California Association of Ayurvedic Medicine. She is a director and founder of Ayurveda Institute of America with branches in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Detroit, and in Kauai. From her clinic in Foster City, CA she does Ayurvedic Health counseling, Panchakarma, and many other Ayurvedic therapies. She offers seminars and lecture series in many hospitals, business places, and conferences.

Kumar Batra, PhD, author of several scientific and research publications, is a licensed Clinical Laboratory Toxicologist in California. He has served as the Director of Toxicology and Drug Analysis Laboratory and as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of California Davis Medical Center. He is a founding director and the recent past President of NAMA. Dr. Batra has a passionate desire to integrate Ayurveda with western medicine.

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Dr. Richard P. Brown is Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University. After receiving his M.D. in 1977 from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Brown completed his Residency in Psychiatry and a Fellowship in Psychobiology and Psychopharmacology at New York Hospital.

Dr. Brown is the recipient of numerous awards and has authored over 80 articles and book chapters on pharmacological and clinical studies in psychiatry.

Karyn Chabot, D.Ay., LMT is the founder of The Sacred Stone School of Mystical Healing Arts in Rhode Island. She pioneered / Sacred Stone Therapy / (Shila Abyhanga) and is a 1997 graduate from The Ayurvedic Institute & Ayurveda-Yoga Institute in NYC 2000. She has her BS in Alternative Health & Fitness & is nationally certified as a Bodyworker, Yoga Teacher, Fitness Trainer, Master Crystalologist, Reiki Practitioner, Quantum Touch Therapist, and Medical Thai Therapist. Karyn is also the mother of a 17-year-old princess, the sunshine of her life. Sacred Stone.

Cynthia Coppel, an Ayurvedic Practitioner since 1983, is one of the first American practitioners of Ayurveda and a founding Board Member of NAMA. She is the current President of the NAMA Board. Her Ayurvedic practice and the organization have been over 2,000 hours and internship were with Dr. R. P. Trivedi. She also studied with Dr. Vasant Lad, Dr. Sunil Joshi, and Dr. Pankaj Naram. She is the Director of Lotus Holistic Health Institute in Capitola, CA. A former war correspondent, she has published articles on Ayurveda for over 20 years. She teaches at Twin Lakes College of the Healing Arts and Mt. Madonna Center.

William ("Bill") Courson is administrative director of the Starseed Center for Yoga & Wellness and its associated New Jersey Institute of Ayurveda. Bill has been a lifelong student of and writer on the themes of ayurveda and other forms of traditional healing, alternative medicine, spirituality and eastern and western alchemy. He is a certified herbalist with special interests in the fields of Ayurveda and Traditional Western Medicine (humoral medicine) and energetic healing through ‘subtle therapies’ including chakra, color and crystal therapies. Additionally, Bill is a Reiki Master/Teacher in the traditional Usui lineage. He makes his home in Montclair, New Jersey where he is active in a number of civic and charitable organizations.

Bill’s presentation at the NAMA conference is aimed at health issues and concerns attendant on the widening use of Soy-based foods and their contribution to an array of disorders including obesity.
Our Conference Featured Presenters

Tirun Gopal MD is an allopathic physician who studied Ayurveda in India and in the US and has been practicing it for the past 15 years. He is also an Acupuncture practitioner, having completed the course in acupuncture through the University of CA, Berkeley. He lectures widely on Ayurveda, Acupuncture, Yoga and Meditation.

Bri. Joan Shivarpita Harrigan, Ph.D.
Joan is a brahmacharini and psychologist who has taught Yoga and Vedanta for almost thirty years. The designated successor of a lineage of Kundalini specialists, she is the author of Kundalini Vidyā: The Kundalini Model of Spiritual Transformation and offers spiritual assessments, retreats, and consultations through Patañjali Kundalini Yoga Care (www.kundalini-care.com)

John Kepner, MA, MBA.
John is the Executive Director of the International Association of Yoga Therapists (IAYT). He is a practicing Yoga teacher and therapist with a professional background in economics and finance.
Presentation: “Using Health Savings Accounts to Pay for Yoga Therapy and Ayurvedic Treatments”
Using Health Savings Accounts to Pay for Yoga Therapy and Ayurvedic Treatments /Tax sheltered health care accounts are an important and growing vehicle to support complementary and alternative therapies not covered by traditional health care insurance. Still, they must be used carefully and in a manner consistent with tax law and, in some cases, individual company policies.

Abha Lokhande
I have my first degree BAMS from India. I practised Ayurved for 5 yrs in Bombay. I immigrated to USA in 97. I did my research at Connecticut State University in molecular biology, more specifically in cancer therapeutics. I have MD in allopathic medicine. Currently I am at Montefiore Medical Center, University Hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Manisha Madhavi, BAMS, is an Ayurvedic Physician, graduated from the prestigious Pune University. She specialises in Rancakarma Therapies, Lifestyle-Diet Consultations, Herbal Remedies, Ayurvedic cooking, Ayurvedic Beauty Therapies Pranayama and Meditation. She has an experience of over 10 years & is honored to be a part of NAMA. She is a Devoice of Ayurveda and offers her humble contribution at the alter of Ayurvedic Healing.

Dr. Naina Marballi, Ayurvedacharya from Mumbai University in 1977. Studied Advanced Cosmetology from USA in 1985. Established Ayurveda’s Beauty Care a Day Spa in Manhattan and for the past 5 years successfully conducting a nation-wide accredited 150 hours NUTRITION PROGRAM, today she proudly owns a New York Education Dept. approved School which will offer a 600 hours ESTHETICS program from February 2007. Beauty and wellness through Ayurveda and extending its knowledge is the mission of her life.

Rama Kant Mishra (GAMS, DSc) is an ayurvedic practitioner, dermatologist, product formulator, researcher and educator. He was born into a family of Raj Vaidyas that have a millenial history of healing. A graduate of Ayurvedic Medicine from the University of Bihar, India, 1974, he underwent additional intensive training for 7 years his father, reputed Vaidya Gameshwar Mishra, receiving the family legacy. Vaidya Mishra currently has designed a series of workshops for healers wishing to master the ‘Transdialm Marma System’, the result of more than two decades of research on transdermal applications in India, Europe, and the United States. He was recently invited to give a key-note address as well as present his latest findings in this field at the annual Symposium on Health, Healing, and Intelligent Medicine held in Baden-Baden, Germany. He is the author of numerous publications.

Narendra Pati, R.Ph., DAS, CAS, YICT
Registered Pharmacist: 20 years. Board of Director, & Treasurer: CAAM. Practitioner, & Life Member: NAMA. Founder: International Wellness Foundation
“Dedicated to Positive Health Outcome through education and research in evidence based expertise from Global Health Practices”

Vivek Shanbhag, ND, MD (Ayu), BAMS, Ayurvedic Physician, educator, researcher and author is the Medical Director of Ayurvedic Academy, Clinic & Spa in Seattle and a faculty member of the Bastyr University in Seattle. His clinical, teaching and research experience spans over 25 years. From 1991-96, he was the Chairman of the Ayurvedic Medicine Department at Bastyr University. During 1983-88 he was the Head of the Institute of Research in Ayuvedic Medicine, Poona, India. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Ayurvedic Medicine Association, Editor on Ayurveda Journal, and Washington Association of Ayurvedic Medicine.
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MARIANNE TEITELBAUM

Dr. Marianne Teitelbaum graduated Summa Cum Laude from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1984. She has been studying Ayurveda ever since, first with Maharishi Ayurved and for the past 6 years one-on-one with Vaidya Rama Kant Mishra. She has a highly successful large Ayurvedic practice in Cinnaminson, NJ -- 15 minutes from Philadelphia and 11/2 hours from New York City.

JENNIFER WORKMAN, M.S., R.D.

Jennifer Workman, M.S., R.D. is the owner of The Balanced Approach®, a National Nutrition/Weight Management Education Company and author of Stop Your Cravings, (Free Press/Simon & Schuster). Jennifer is a graduate of New York University with a Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology and Sports Nutrition. She helps her clients create individualized lifestyle approaches to food and exercise, maximize health, energy, and digestion, lose body fat and has achieved tremendous short term success and compliance by balancing cravings, and satisfying taste without sacrificing health. The Balanced Approach also supports and educates both consumers and health professionals about benefits of organic, sustainable, and globally conscious who emphasize humane treatment to animals and the planet. The Balanced Approach is committed to re-allocating a portion of the $$ spent on weight loss to children’s hunger and education programs.

Dr. Swaroopa Nishar, BAMS Dr. Pratima Raichur, ND Dr. Eric Scheinbart, MD
Dr. Akhilesh Sharma, BAMS Dr. Lynnea Villanova, MD
NAMA 2006 - CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day: Thursday  Date: September 21st

Consulate Reception
We graciously invite you all to grace us with your presence at
The Inaugural Reception on Thursday 21 September 2006 at 6-9 pm
Venue: Consulate General of India NY
Address: 3 East, 64th Street, Bet Madison & Fifth Avenue, NY

AGENDA
Welcome note by Dr. Aparna Bapat BAMS Conference Chair
- 5mins
Introduction of Chief Guest by Dr. Aparna Bapat
Inauguration of the NAMA 2006 Conference by Hon Neelam Deoji (Consul General of India NY) with Samai Pratijalan
Publication of Conference Guide
Speech by Hon Neelam Deoji (Consul General of India NY) -
10-15mins
Intro of Dr. Kumar Batra Phd by Dr. Aparna - 1mins
Speech by Dr. Kumar Batra Phd (Future of Ayurveda in US) &
Intro of Cynthia Coppole President - 8mins
Welcome Message by Cynthia Coppole President NAMA - 5mins
Felicitat of the Chief Guest by Cynthia Coppole
Vote of Thanks by Dr. Manisha Madhavi BAMS - 2mins
Details of the Evening Agenda & Conference Agenda
& Registration Info - 2mins
Introduction of Dr. Richard Brown MD by Dr. Aparna
Work shop & Lecture by Dr. Richard Brown, MD
(Breathing Techniques & Meditation )
Art of Living Foundation - 30mins
Intro of Dr. Narendra Pati, R Ph by Dr. Aparna - 1min
Lecture by Dr. Narendra Pati, R Ph (Iatrogenesis & Ayurveda) - 10mins
Announcement of Snack Break (Dr. Manisha)
Snack Break & Arrangement of Film Set up. - 10mins
Intro to the Film by Dr Bhawati Bhattacharya, MD - 3mins
Actual Film Presentation
Title: An Exploration into Healing
Q & A Session Dr. Bhawati Bhattacharya MD
Networking & Snacks
Closing Announcement (Dr. Manisha)VV

Day: Friday  Date: September 22nd

3:00 - 5:30 pm Conference Registration

5:30 - 6:00 pm Opening Ceremony
Ganesh Puja and chanting (5 mins)
1. Welcome by the Chairperson -
   Dr Aparna Bapat (3 mins)*

2. Welcome by The NAMA President
   Cynthia Coppole (10 mins) *

3. Brief Intro of the Hon Board Members
   (7mins)

4. Thank you note & Introduction of the
   Keynote Speaker by Dr. Manisha (2 mins)*

6:00 - 7:00 pm Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Bhaswati Bhattacharya MD, Ayurveda
- Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow and Forever

8:30 - 9:30 pm Annual NAMA Membership Meeting
Presided over by NAMA President
Agenda: As per NAMA Regular Annual Meeting.

Day: Saturday  Date: September 23rd

TIME KEEPER: Dr. Kumar Batra Phd.
8:00 - 8:15 am Dr. Aparna Bapat's Announcement
Pranayama & Meditation Alakananda Ma
8:15 - 8:30 am Ganesh and Durga Puja - first day of Navratri
by Vasant Madhavi Aharavashirsha
8:30 - 9:00 am Tea and Breakfast at the Banquet Area 2nd Floor:
Set up of Power point and Stage & mics & CD
(13 mins)
Introduction of Key Note by Dr. Shekhar
Annambhotla, BAMS, MD (2mins)
9:15 - 10:15 am Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Hari Sharma, Professor, Ohio State University
Spiritual Roots of Ayurveda
10.15 - 10.30 am Set up of stage for Panel Presentations.
10:30 - 12:30 pm Panel discussion I - Pathology of Vata Diseases
Self intro & Intro of all Speakers
by Moderator (5mins)
Presentation
by Moderator Dr.Lynne Villanova, MD (15 mins)
1. Dr.Shekhar Annambhotla, BAMS, MD: - GIT
   problems leading to Vata diseases (20 mins)
2. Dr.Jay Apte, BAMS -
   Pathology of Vata diseases (20 mins)
3. Dr. Marianne Teitelbaum, DC -
   Management of MS (20 mins)
4. Q&A Sessions (30 mins)
12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch At Buffet Area on 2nd Floor
Vendor Fair at Lower Level
2:00 - 3:30 pm Panel Discussion II - Skin Care, Body Care
Moderator - Dr. Vivek Shanbhag, N.D, M.D (Ayu)
Self intro & Intro of all Speakers by Moderator
(5mins)
Presentation (15 mins)
1. Dr Pratima Ratnch, N.D -
   Treatment of psoriasis and eczema (20mins)
2. Dr.Naina Mirabali, BSAM, D.Ac - Ayurveda
   for Healthy Skin and body (20 mins)
3. Vaidya R.K. Mishra GAMS DSc
   Skin pathology and Bhrjak pitta (20 mins)
4. Q&A Sessions (30 mins)

Panel 3  Ayurveda & Cancer
3:45 - 5:30 pm Moderator Alakananda Ma, MB,BS
Self intro & Intro of all Speakers by Moderator
(5 mins)
Presentation (15mins)
1. Dr.Hari Sharma, MD - Ayurvedic pathology
   of cancer (20 mins)
2. Dr. Eric Scheinbart, MD - Case studies -
   Treating Cancer with Ayurveda (20 mins)
3. Dr. Tirun Gopal, MD - Gynaecological cancer
   treatments with Ayurveda (20 mins)
5:30 - 6:00 pm  Chai & Chaat at Vendor Fair (Lower Level)

Poster Display of Research Paper Presentations
1. Dr. Durai Paul MD
   (Curcumin for Cancer Treatment)
2. Dr. Sivarama Vinjamury
   (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)
3. Dr. Marianne Tetelbaum DC
   (Case study of MS)
   Introduction of Keynote Speaker
   by Felicia Tomasko (2min)

6:00 - 7:00 pm  Keynote Speaker
Dr. John Douillard, Owner - LifeSpa
Ayurveda for the Whole Family

7:15 - 8:00 pm  Dinner at Buffet Area on 2nd Floor
 & Stage set up for Dance Performance

8:00 - 8:30 pm  Entertainment Program
Introduction of East West School of Dance &
Shri Satyanarayana Charakaji by Ms Kanta
(5mins)
Kathak Dance Performance
by Shri Satyanarayana Charakaji & Students

8:30 - 9:15 pm  Dandiya Dance for All Delegates

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8:00 - 8:15 am  Dr. Aparna Bapat’s Announcement
Pranayama & Meditation Alakananda Ma

8:15 - 8:30 am  Ganesh and Durga Puja
By Vasant Madhavi
Aatharvashirsha

8:30 - 9:00 am  Tea and Breakfast at the Buffet Area
2nd Floor

9:15 - 10:15 am  Introduction of Keynote
by Cynthia Copple (2mins)

Keynote Speaker
Dr. David Simon, Director –
The Chopra Center

Thank you note & felicitation of
Dr. David Simon by Wynn Werner
New NAMA President (5mins)

10:20-10:30 am  Set up of stage for Panel Presentations.

Panel 4  “Diet, Weight loss and Obesity”

Day: Sunday  Date: September 24th

10:30 am to 12:30 pm  Moderator: Dr. Manisha Madhavi, BAMS
1. Dr Jennifer Workman MS, RD -
   Balance your Cravings
2. William Courson - Processed soy
   products and Health foods
3. Karen Chabot D Ay LMT -
   Stone massage and Obesity

   Introduction of Speaker
   by Hilary Garivaltis (2 mins)

12:30 - 12:50 pm  Speaker: John Kepner IAYT President
Topic: Using Tax Sheltered Health Accounts
for Yoga & Ayurveda.

12:50 - 2:00 pm  Lunch at Buffet Area 2nd Floor

Panel 5  “Mind, Stress, Psychology”

Day: Sunday  Date: September 24th

2:00 - 3:15 pm  Mind, Stress, Psychology
Moderator- Cynthia Copple, Outgoing
President, NAMA Board of Directors

Self intro & Intro of all Speakers
by Moderator Presentation (15 mins)
1. Narender Pari R Ph D/MS CAS -
   Placebo effect and Ayurveda (15 mins)
2. Dr. Richard Brown, MD -
   Stress management (15 mins)
3. Dr. Joan Harrigan, Phd - Psychology and
   Kundalini energy (15 mins)
4. Q&A Sessions (15mins)

   Introduction of Speaker
   by Dr. Aparna Bapat. (2 mins)

3:20 - 3:40 pm  Lecture: Dr. Gopal Basisht MD
   Integration of Ayurveda & Allopathy

3:45 - 4:30 pm  Discussion: Integrated Ayurvedic Medicine
   - Practice
   Moderator - Dr. Bhawwati Bhattacharya, MD
   Self intro & Intro of all Speakers by Moderator
   (5mins)

Presentation

Participants:
1. Dr. Akhilsh Sharma, BAMS (10 mins)
2. Dr. Naina Miraballi, BSAM (10 mins)
3. Dr. Abha Lokhande, BAMS (10 mins)
4. Dr. Swaroopa Nishar, BAMS (10 mins)

4:30 - 5:30 pm  Closing Ceremony of the
   NAMA 2006 Conference
   Introduction of Dr. Vivek Shanbhag ND MD
   (Ayu) by Dr Aparna Bapat BAMS (2mins)

   Speaker – Vivek Shanbhag ND, MD (Ayu)
   (20-25 mins)

   Director – AYU Academy & Clinic

   Vote of Thanks by Conference Chair
   Dr. Aparna Bapat (10 mins)

   Includes Felicitation of All Volunteers, Sponsors,
   Ex-Board Members, Officials
   by Wynn Werner & Cynthia Copple.

   Invitation for NAMA 2007 Conference by
   New President Wynn Werner. (5 mins)

   Closing of Silent Auction
   Mrs Manju Batra (10 mins)

   Official Closing and NAMASTE
   by Drs Aparna, Bhawwati, Manisha