

ICIM's Spring Conference features Dr. Karen von Merveldt-Guevara, for two lectures and a lead-in workshop

"What Works in Clinical Medicine" is the theme of ICIM in Cincinnati April 18-22, and Dr. von Merveldt-Guevara has a lot to say about it. She is providing a lead-in workshop that will kick off the conference program and will later be re-capped in a lecture entitled ***Radically new perspectives & treatment options: nutritional hair tissue mineral analysis***. She will provide additional teaching through ***Untapped Resources: Thyroid lab tests as gateway to assess mineral status, detoxification capacity, liver function, and hormonal balance***

A 1995 medical graduate from Friedrich-Alexander-Universität in Erlangen-Nueremberg, Germany, Karen von Merveldt-Guevara MD works in private practice as Health Consultant and Traditional Healer at Harmonia Mundi LLC in Sedona, AZ. Her scope of practice covers Integrated Manual Bodywork, Energy and Orthomolecular Medicine, Environmental Aspects of Diseases, Biochemical Lab Evaluations, HTMA (hair tissue mineral analysis) and ASYRA-Biofrequency Scans. She has studied metal and mineral properties and their behavior *in vivo*. She has done an extensive literature review and a thorough analysis of different diagnostic approaches (serum, plasma, urine, biofrequency scanning and RBC analysis and cross-referenced with hair mineral tissue analysis. She concludes that nutritional hair tissue mineral analysis is a key tool in understanding chronic disease and when cross-referenced with routine lab tests delivers the answer to many unresolved health issues. She is excited to offer comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic solutions for many chronic health problems.

Dr. von Merveldt-Guevara describes her contributions this way:

Issues in the Tissues

Mineral imbalances may be the largest factor in the etiology of human diseases. Every enzyme in the human body is dependent on mineral cofactors for its structure, its induction and its function. Energy production in the mitochondria requires specific minerals. Voltage-gated ion channels and nerve signal transduction only function with proper conductivity; conductivity depends on proper mineralization. In the words of the late Dr. Henry Schroeder, trace elements (minerals) "are more important than are the vitamins, in that they cannot be synthesized by living matter. Thus they are the spark-plugs in the chemistry of life, on which the exchanges of energy in the combustion of foods and the building of living tissues depend." As we observe e.g. in Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Hemochromatosis, and in many other diseases, that excess metals accumulate in tissues, radical oxygen species formation increases which leads to chronic oxidative inflammatory disease, mitochondrial impairment, membrane dysfunction and destruction. Impaired energy production on the mitochondrial level leaves us with chronic fatigue, low adrenal, thyroid and other glandular function, and vulnerable to a host of infectious diseases.

ICIM (www.ICIMed.com) Is a non-profit medical association which has been providing high quality continuing education for 32 years. Join our brightest and best as we share our experiences, question claims, and examine the evidence with refreshed rigor and enthusiasm. Learn more at www.IntegrativeMedicineConference.com.