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□ Natural mineral waters and climatic resources are part of the cultural heritage of every country's medical tradition. We can indeed say that these form the base on which the different therapeutic systems have begun to exist and operate. In the West, this tradition has developed and been consolidated over the centuries where, although with alternating fortunes, the "Science of Thermal Baths" is a discipline that has been perfectly integrated into modern medicine.

In the East, on the other hand, despite the great cultural tradition and considerable natural resources that exist, the scientific and therapeutic study of waters and the climate has not been developed as necessary. However, extensive development has been given to the culture of spas, where the heritage and traditions of oriental medicine are used to maintain well-being.

Today, with the processes of globalization and social, cultural and economic integration in course, this sector is also undergoing processes of transformation and supranational exchange. Therefore a pause of reflection and comparison of the different systems of approach appears necessary for their reciprocal optimization and for a correct governance of change.

FEMTEC could not fail to assume this role, especially on the basis of its 75 years from its foundation, and thanks to its prerogatives and institutional objectives and its long history in the world of thermal spas, it is also a point of reference for the World Health Organization.

Science, culture, economy and innovation in Thermal baths and in Spas are therefore the cardinal points on which discussion and development of the sector will take place in the forthcoming decades. It is therefore with this spirit of innovation and research, that Femtec invites you to take part in the international Congress in China, in CHONGQING AND NANJING with numerous and prestigious Spa Centres and Thermal Springs. This meeting is the first event in the history of the Thermalism and it can be realized on the basis of the agreement between FEMTEC and CHINA HOT SPRINGS ASSOCIATION.

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