



## Newsletter from the 1st Scandinavian TCM Congress 6<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Before we know the summer holidays will be over us. And we will shift focus from our professional lives to spending time with our families. However, before that we would like to send you a little more information about the upcoming TCM Congress in Denmark. As promised we will introduce another three of the inspiring lecturers that you will get the opportunity to meet in person in September at Slettestrand. You and all the other professional and ambitious practitioners, who have signed up already for the first international TCM congress ever in Denmark, know the importance of developing your skills to an even higher level. And our lecturers are ready to respond to your request!

### **Barbara Kirschbaum**

Member of the British Acupuncture Council and MRCHM, Barbara Kirschbaum qualified at ICOM; East Grinstead and has been in practice for almost 25 years. She pursued her studies with G. Maciocia, Kaptchuk, and Dan Bensky and spent long periods of study in various Chinese hospitals in Kunming, Tianjin and Chengdu. For 15 years she has been lecturing on acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine in Germany and other European countries. She is the author of the Atlas of Chinese Tongue Diagnosis, Volume 1 and 2, and is well-known worldwide for her tongue diagnosis experience and expertise. At the congress she will be lecturing on "Tongue signs in relation to diseases of the reproductive system".

### **Yair Maimon**

Dr. Yair Maimon, PhD., O.M.D. is the head of the Complementary Medicine Unit at the Tel-Aviv Sourasky Medical Centre, and the head of the Integrative Centre for Complementary Medicine Cancer Research at the same hospital. He is the founder of Meditaf, the Centre for Paediatric Complementary Medicine and head of Refuo'ot Medical Centre where he is practicing Chinese medicine. Dr. Maimon has trained worldwide and been certified from a large number of postgraduate studies: Acupuncture for Children Certificate: Study program for paediatric Chinese Medicine with Dr. Julian Scott, Study Centrum Pakua Centre, Holland: Stems and Branches, Clinical Work and Studies at Guan an Men Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, Beijing, China: Oncology Ward, Oncology and Chinese Herbal Medicine Three-day Seminars with Elizabeth Rochat (three times per year since 1989), Institute of Complementary Medicine, UK: Chinese Herbal Medicine Studies with Dr. Ted Kaptchuk, Institute of Complementary Medicine, UK: Certificate in Advanced Acupuncture (C.A.), Advanced Studies in Traditional Chinese Medicine, College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, UK: Licentiate in Acupuncture Degree (Lic.Ac) 1984. In March 2007 the first Israelean TCM Congress took place at the Tel-Aviv Sourasky Medical Centre. The congress was a huge success and attracted much attention from all over the world. At the congress in Denmark Dr. Maimon will be lecturing on "Diagnosing and treating the Shen" and "The 7th emotion's role in relationship and sexuality".

### **Peter Firebrace**

Peter Firebrace is an Acupuncturist, lecturer and author who practices in London and lectures widely on Chinese Philosophy and Chinese Medicine. Peter Firebrace gained a Bachelor of Acupuncture from the International College of Oriental Medicine, England, and completed additional studies at the European School of Acupuncture in Paris and the Colleges of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Chengdu and Beijing. From 1985 – 1990 he was the Principal of the International College of Oriental Medicine, and he has lectured at many locations in the United Kingdom and Europe. Furthermore, he has published a large number of articles in the Review of Oriental Medicine, and he is co-founder of the European Journal of Oriental Medicine and co-author of A Guide to Acupuncture (Constable, 1994). His specialist subjects include the interaction between Chinese Philosophy and Chinese Medicine, the influence of Daoism and Confucianism on the Medical Model, spiritual and emotional aspects in Chinese Medicine, Alchemy and Chinese medicine, and the time cycles of the Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches and the Yi Jing (64

patterns of change). At the congress Peter Firebrace will be lecturing on "Classic Sex" – uniting the yin and yang.

## **Exhibition**

Simultaneously with the lectures and workshops an exhibition related to Chinese Medicine will take place. And this is a perfect opportunity for establishing contacts to the various suppliers of herbs, needles, equipment for your clinic or TCM books. The exhibition will be open during all the four Congress days and this offers you a unique chance to find out what is new on the market and what you should bring home for your clinic. Also, the public are invited to visit the exhibition, and we expect much interest especially in connection with the public TCM Forum on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 13.00 and 17.00: "How can acupuncture help you improve your health?" The exhibition is one way of gathering new information and examining actual products and literature, and thereby it provides an opportunity to establish the kind of close connections which are vital for our field of work. At the exhibition also the Danish Association for professional practitioners will be present with a booth.

*"The Danish Association for Acupuncture Practitioners (PA) is very pleased to note that a large number of people have registered for the congress already. It will be of immense importance to our members – and all practitioners – possibilities for finding continuing education, and thereby also of importance to the development of our field, to have an international TCM congress with internationally respected lecturers on Danish ground every second year. And as added value it gives us the opportunity of networking across national borders and organisations."*

Birte Nielsen

Chairwoman of PA, Denmark

Please note that the number of participants at some workshops is limited, for instance the workshops with Stephen Birch: "An Introduction to Japanese Abdominal Palpation Diagnosis" and Ilkay Zihni Chirali: "One-day hands-on Cupping Therapy workshop" are both nearly fully booked.

For those who have not yet registered, we look forward to receiving your registration.

And meanwhile, we do look forward to seeing all you good colleagues in September in Denmark.

Best regards,

## **TCM Lectures**



Marian Nielsen Joos  
Director

P.S. Please note that the next Scandinavian TCM Congress with the theme: "Classic Chinese Medicine: Emotions, Spirituality and Alchemism" will take place at the same location in Jammerbugten in the days from 3rd to 6th September 2009. Look out for the announcements and be sure not to miss the 2nd Scandinavian TCM Congress in Denmark.

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