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Newsletter from the 1st Scandinavian TCM Congress 6th – 9th September 2007

The date for the 1st Scandinavian TCM Congress is moving closer, and we are happy to inform you that the congress now has more than 100 registered participants. All these professional and ambitious practitioners know the importance of developing their skills even further while at the same time networking and connecting with other practitioners from the whole world. Nevertheless, we are overwhelmed by this huge interest which shows beyond doubt the need for an international TCM congress in the northern parts of Europe.

In this and future newsletter we will introduce the lecturers of the congress in order to give you all the opportunity to get to know them better, before you meet them in person at the congress.

Jeremy Ross

An exciting and inspiring teacher, who is at the forefront of development of a new integrated system that combines over 2000 years of Western herbal tradition with traditional Chinese medicine and modern pharmacology research. Jeremy is a leading world authority on Combining Western Herbs and Chinese Medicine. He has qualifications in botanical sciences, science teaching, acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, and Western phytotherapy. Jeremy shares his long experience as a clinician in his books and clinical trainings. You have the opportunity to meet Jeremy on three different occasions during the congress, and furthermore, TCM Lectures are planning a course with Jeremy in the autumn of 2008.

Gordon Faulkner

Gordon Faulkner is a practitioner and teacher of Qigong Therapy and Chinese Therapeutic Massage. Furthermore, he has studied the Daoist Arts since the late 60's and is a teacher of the Healing Tao, a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society and one of the first Westerners to be qualified as a Senior Judge certified by the China Daoyin Yangsheng Gong Association and the China Wushu Society. At present Gordon is Co-Director of the European Instructors Association for the Healing Tao, President of Scotland & Wales Daoyin Yangsheng Gong Association and Principal Instructor of the Chanquanshu School of Daoist Arts.

Jeffrey Yuen

Jeffrey Yuen serves as Dean for Academic Affairs for the Swedish Institute's School of Acupuncture and Oriental Studies, as well as the New England School of Acupuncture. His teachings have served as the basis of a state-approved doctoral program offered by the American University of Complementary Medicine in Los Angeles. Jeffrey comes from two Daoist lineages, and has trained under his adopted grandfather, the late Daoist Master Yu Wen of the Yu Qing Huang Lao Pa. He is ordained within the Yu Qing Huang Lao Pai as well as the Quan Zhen Long Men Pai. Furthermore, he has studied Chinese herbal medicine with Master Gong Song-Liu, a eunuch for the last two emperors of the Qing Dynasty who apprenticed with the imperial medical physicians. In the martial arts arena, Jeffrey trained under masters such as Leung Shum (Northern Eagle Claw), Lo Ching-Sum (Vietnamese Jing Wu Association), Chan Hai-Fu (White Crane's Eagle-In-Cotton), Chan Tai Shan (Tibetan Lama Style), Yao Mei-Hua (Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan), Wang Qing Shan (Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan), and Cui Yan (Chen Style Tai Chi Chuan).

It is no secret that the driving force behind the congress, Marian Nielsen Joos, is working hard right now to make everything run smoothly. But at the same time she still takes the time to network with

her international contacts, and recently she attended the congress in Rothenburg, Germany. More than 1000 participants from all over the world met and enjoyed a vast number of lectures, joint lectures, practical workshops and last but not least the opportunity to discuss, network and socialize. The Rothenburg congress has been a huge inspiration to Marian Nielsen Joos when planning the Scandinavian "sister" congress. Further to developing her professional skills during the congress, Marian also benefited from the opportunity to sit down and talk with other international congress organizers. The goal is to create an international network of TCM congress organizers in order to benefit from the experience of each other and give mutual inspiration for future congresses.

"A Congress is the flower of a profession showing strength and spirit, recharging the batteries which are empty from everyday's clinical work on many levels. Exchange, inspiration, knowledge and communication are the tools of a precious gathering. You will never predict what it will mean to you."

Gerd Ohmstede, B.Ac.

Chairman TCM Kongress Rothenburg, Germany

If you have not yet registered for the congress, we advise you to be quick. The number of participants at some workshops is limited, and obviously we serve on a first come basis. Note for instance that 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,



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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.