

# FOREWORD

Dear readers,

Welcome to our August issue. This issue features several interesting articles on pain management. Topics such as the use and application of acupuncture mediated analgesia are discussed at length. In addition, their applications in instances such as the administration of analgesia in childbirth through scalp acupuncture are also covered. Of interest, this issue also illuminates the practice of acupuncture in managing phantom limb pain – a fascinating topic covered by Dr. Singh.

The section “Integration Institutes” also features TCM courses offered by the Akademie für Wissenschaft, Wirtschaft und Technik an der Universität Ulm. These courses provide a comprehensive approach on integrating TCM with Western medicine.

On a last note, we would like to draw your attention again to the several congresses being held worldwide: the 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Traditional Medicine on the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of November in Singapore (details on page 59), the Euro-TCM congress *TAO of Jing* on the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of September in Vienna (details on page 9) and last but not least, the International WFAS Congress in Beijing on the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October in Beijing. Many international organisations and TCM practitioners will be congregating at these conferences to share their knowledge on Chinese medicine and are thus worthwhile events to consider attending.

The East West Integration Medicine team will be present at these conferences and we look forward to seeing you there!

We hope you enjoy reading this issue!

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