

FOREWORD

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Dear readers,

In front of you lies the August issue of East-West Integration Medicine. We have included a special editorial on our symposium in the center of this issue, the detailed program can also be found in this editorial. We are very enthusiastic about our international-oriented program. New methodology will be discussed by speakers from among others Indonesia, China, Japan, Korea, India, Canada, Germany and the Netherlands.

Not only do we want to broaden the knowledge on integration medicine, we also want to secure the recognition and quality of integration therapists in the Netherlands. Several countries have gone ahead of us, such as Singapore, Indonesia and several states in America.

The time has come to make a change, for the benefit of the health of our patients. We have scheduled a discussion titled Future of Integration Medicine in the Netherlands on Saturday the 23rd of September. Several educational institutes, TCM societies, health insurance companies and patients' associations will join in this discussion. We would also like to invite our readers to speak their minds at our symposium.

In this issue you will find several articles on clinical research and treatment methods, such as the article on Laserneedle stimulation and tinnitus (page 17). We especially want to point out the study on Attitudes and Beliefs Towards Complementary and Alternative Medicine (page 5).

We hope you enjoy this new issue and we would like see you at our symposium in September!

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