



Newsletter from the 2nd Scandinavian TCM Congress 3rd– 6th September 2009

Dear Colleagues of Classic and Traditional Chinese Medicine,

The summer holidays are soon within reach - do not forget to sign up for the congress. As you can see below some of the workshops are almost filled up, so:

Sign up now: <http://www.tcm-kongres.dk/registration.php>

Speech from the Rothenburg Congress

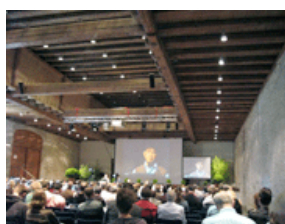
"It was a great pleasure attending the 40th TCM Congress in Rothenburg, Germany – a congress that gathers practitioners from the whole world, and where you feel togetherness on very many levels – just like what we have here in Denmark with our Scandinavian TCM Congress. As Gerd Ohmstede, congress organizer, said about our congress; it is like Rothenburg 15 years ago! Congresses are meeting points where one can attend lectures of high quality, network across borders and be a part of the bigger picture of our Chinese Medicine. When we work together, we stand stronger for our medicine, and everybody is important. Already more than 120 have registered for the Scandinavian TCM Congress in September 2009. We look forward to seeing you as well, so do not hesitate to join us in Slettestrand! "

Marian Nielsen Joos, congress organizer

Watch the speech given by Marian Nielsen Joos from AV Recording:

www.avrecord.de/mj.wmv

"The Scandinavian TCM Congress team congratulates the Rothenburg TCM Congress with their 40th congress of Chinese Medicine in Germany".



We look forward to welcoming 15 [international teachers:](#)



Anette Koppang
Norway



Arya Nielsen
USA



Barbara
Kirschbaum
Germany



Dominique
Hertz
Germany



Competition - Win a free ticket for the congress!

We have decided to give away one free "main congress" ticket to one of the next 30 people who register for the 2nd Scandinavian TCM Congress before 19th Juni. This ticket will give the lucky person free access to the main congress Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The main congress ticket also includes Danish lunch buffet, coffee, tea, cake and fresh fruit during the breaks. We will inform the winner directly after 19th Juni!

The Scandinavian TCM Congress - Video Podcasts

We have interviewed some of the congress teachers as well as participants at the Scandinavian TCM Congress 2009. The teachers introduce their congress topic, and the

participants are sharing what they look forward to at this year's congress in Denmark.

Watch the Video Podcats here: <http://www.youtube.com/TCMCONGRESS2009>

Accomodation

Please contact the congress hotel, Rønnes Hotel, if you have problems finding accomodation in connection with the congress. Phone: (+45) 98 21 71 50, fax: (+45) 98 21 74 95, www.roennes-hotel.dk

Transport

There are different ways of reaching the congress center at Rønne's Hotel, Slettestrand. If you come from Denmark, you will probably prefer to travel by car, bus or train. From Norway and Sweden ferry lines are available, and if you choose to arrive by airplane, you should find a connection to Aalborg airport which is the closest airport to Slettestrand. There are direct flights between Oslo and Aalborg with British Airways. Send us an e-mail with the details of your arrival at Aalborg airport, and we will aim at preparing bus and/or taxi pick-up at the airport if you arrive at the same time as other participants. Do not hesitate to contact us, if you need assistance.

Participant Interviews

Please read why some of the participants at the congress this year are willing to travel around the world to take part in the event!

Paddy McBride MHS(TCM) President, New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists.

What do you expect to benefit from participating in the Scandinavian TCM Congress?
I hope to benefit by attending lectures given by practitioners who have not visited New Zealand, but who work in areas which are of interest to me. As well as increasing and broadening my own knowledge, it is an opportunity to meet other practitioners and lecturers who may be interested in travelling to New Zealand to lecture in the future. Having not travelled to Denmark before, I see that by attending the Scandinavian TCM Congress, I can not only learn from the lecturers at the conference but also experience a completely new country. My family had an exchange student from Denmark for a year so I am hoping also to catch up with him and his family.

What made you decide to join? A specific teacher? The surroundings? Other things (maybe advice from other TCM practitioners)?

I am travelling to Denmark with other friends from New Zealand. We attended Rothenburg in 2008 and found the experience invaluable so decided to this year visit Denmark. Peter Firebrace came to New Zealand earlier this year and Lillian Bridges is a regular visitor so I am looking forward to catching up with them again as well as meeting new people. It is always inspiring to be in the company of so many dedicated and enthusiastic practitioners of Chinese medicine.

Have you participated in other congresses? And if yes, how did you benefit from this?

I attend and present at the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Conference each year and last year also attended Rothenburg. I also went to WFAS in Beijing in October 2007 and in Brisbane in 2004. Attending these international conferences reinforces that we are really all part of the same family – our medicine may have come from China, but there is no doubt that it is now well established all over the world. Meeting other practitioners and sharing experience and knowledge can only be of benefit – not only to those of us attending the conferences, but also to those who come to us for treatment in our own clinics.

Do you as president for a TCM organization have any comments concerning the benefits of networking internationally?

As the President of the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists, I appreciate being able to speak with others in similar positions from throughout the world. We all face similar situations and circumstances with regard to organisational and political matters, and it is of great help to be able to share points of view and experiences. Knowing first hand of the experience and situation in other countries makes it easier for me to deal with our own politicians and decision makers, and to help steer our organisation in the right direction.

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We look forward to greeting you at the 2nd Scandinavian TCM Congress in Denmark - where great spirits meet.

Best regards,
TCM Lectures



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