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PRESS STATEMENT

Award ceremony on 29 May 2014 in Bad Nauheim: The German Medical Association of Acupuncture DAEGfA is to present the 2014 Gerhard-Bachmann Prize to its Honorary President Dr. med. Walburg Marić-Oehler.

2014 Gerhard-Bachmann Prize for Dr. med. Walburg Marić-Oehler.

Bad Nauheim, 29 May 2014. At their Annual Meeting on 29 May 2014 in Bad Nauheim, the German Medical Association of Acupuncture (DAEGfA) presented the 2014 Gerhard-Bachmann Prize to Dr. med. Walburg Marić-Oehler. She received this award for her life's work, her services to teaching, dissemination and recognition of acupuncture and its integration into modern medicine.

For almost two decades, from 1991-2010, Dr. med. Walburg Marić-Oehler led and shaped the German Medical Association of Acupuncture as its President. A specialist in general medicine and today Honorary President of DAEGfA, Dr. Marić-Oehler recognised and stressed the importance of acupuncture as a medium of intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange very early on in her career. It was she who paved the way for dialogue with standard university medicine.

Even as a young doctor, Marić-Oehler's work was always influenced by three main focal areas - her viewpoint shaped by her first degree in Sinology and Mongolian studies: A preference for the culture and medicine of Asia, an interest and involvement in unconventional healing methods and dedication to a more all-embracing and spiritually-oriented form of medicine and psychosomatic studies.

Walburg had already been on study trips to Japan and China in the 1970s. She received her initial training in acupuncture and Chinese medicine from Prof. Johannes Bischko, a pioneer of European acupuncture in Vienna. When, shortly afterwards she joined the DAEGfA, the members were enthralled by her knowledge and her talent for teaching it. As President of the DAEGfA, she played a formative role in medical acupuncture in Germany for almost 20 years and was instrumental in the official recognition process.

In other ways, too, she has devoted herself as an untiring, committed and charismatic ambassador of integrative medicine and acupuncture throughout the world – today as the General Secretary of ICMART (International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related

Techniques), where, as Vice-President and President in the 1990s, she set priorities for the dissemination of medical acupuncture as a new entity in western acupuncture, especially at European level within the framework of EU Public Health.



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Prize in honour of the founder of DAEGfA

Dr. med. Gerhard Bachmann was the visionary doctor who, in Munich in 1951, founded the German Medical Association of Acupuncture (DAEGfA). The prize, named after the founder, has been awarded by DAEGfA for 20 years to people who have made an outstanding and sustainable contribution to the promotion of research into and dissemination and recognition of acupuncture and Chinese medicine. The 2014 Gerhard-Bachmann Prize ceremony took place on 29 May as part of the DAEGfA Annual Meeting during the 28th Acupuncture Week in Bad Nauheim.

Dr. med. Walburg Marić-Oehler

Honorary President of the German Medical Association of Acupuncture (DAEGfA)

President of DAEGfA from 1991 to 2010

Lecturer in acupuncture in university medicine at the University of Mainz

General Secretary of the International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques (ICMART)

Honorary Professor at Fujian University for TCM, Fuzhou, China

Consultant in general medicine in Bad Homburg
acupuncture, psychotherapy, naturopathy, Tibetan medicine

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The non-profit making German Medical Association of Acupuncture (DAEGfA) has approximately 9,000 medical members and stands for competence and experience in acupuncture and Chinese medicine (CM or TCM).

This oldest German association for acupuncture, founded in 1951, actively promotes high standards in the training of doctors in acupuncture and Chinese medicine. The DAEGfA has its headquarters in Munich and seeks to enhance the practice and teaching of acupuncture and CM, as well as research, through specialist publications and PR work. Patients are informed through consultancy, brochures and an Internet portal. Medical acupuncturists regularly meet throughout Germany at over 130 quality circles in order to guarantee the very special standards of this treatment method. The DAEGfA also cooperates closely with universities and specialist and professional associations. Many DAEGfA lecturers also teach at universities.

For more detailed information as well as addresses of experienced practitioners in acupuncture with DAEGfA diplomas, certified and examined by the German Medical Board, please visit www.daegfa.de.

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