

This will be just a short "hello" containing some news about the situation in Denmark

In May 2004 a law was passed giving us who are working in the CAM-field the possibility to be registered as what could be translated as "Consultants in Alternative Health Care". For us it was and is a "win", and for our clients as well. They can feel more "safe" when they are looking for a Specialized Kinesiologist, a Foot Reflexologist, an Acupuncturist etc. If they look for the letters RAB attached to the name of the person, they will be secured a person with a good standard of training, a person who is a member of an association with a Code of Ethics etc etc.

I am the chairperson of the "Health Council" in Denmark, an "umbrella organisation" which covers 13 different associations, 11 schools teaching CAM disciplines and some more organisation. We still have a lot of work re. the implementation of the law, so it is a question about good communication and co-operation.

In one of the towns in Denmark (population about 65.000 people) an MD and some wonderful massage therapists have fostered the idea about making this town a "Town of Health". The name of the town is SILKEBORG, very well known from it's "River Boat Jazz Festivals" every year in June. I have been invited to participate in a group who will be working with a project about the "building" of a University for CAM disciplines. A University without walls!

I feel very honoured about being asked, and I will do my best to contribute to a good result re. this "construction". Once more it a question of good communication and co-operation.

Also I have been asked to participate in a Network-group consisting of Scientists and Researchers from the Universities, who will apply for money for doing research in the CAM-field TOGETHER with CAM people. It is very exciting just to THINK about what will be the result, if we get sufficient funds etc etc. We will know in about 6 months, I think.

I am there as a representative of the CAM-people AND with the "title" of Specialized Kinesiologist, which I am very proud to be.

Last but not least we have started a small group who want to collect data about CAM organisations in the Nordic countries (first thing), the European countries (second thing) and thereafter in all countries in the world. We will create a database, and if YOU already HAVE one, please let me know.

You will be kept updated about all these "adventures".

I wish you a happy time with whatever you do, and I invite all of you to come to Denmark for the 2005 IASK-conference, April 14th – 17th, in combination with pre- and post-conference workshops.

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