**Benno Brinkhaus, MD**, Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Economics Charité -Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany

Benno Brinkhaus, MD is Professor of Internal Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology. He is currently Head of the project division for Complementary and Integrative Medicine (CIM) and Head of the Charité outpatient clinic for CIM at the Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Economics, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany. Previously, he served as Coordinator of student education (2005-2012) and Acting Director of the Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Economics (2014). From 1994-2001, Prof. Brinkhaus worked as a physician and a research associate in the Medical Department I, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany and was head of the department of complementary medicine between 1995-2001. He has been at Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany since 2001, where he is the principal investigator of several projects including more than 20 RCTs in the field of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) funded amongst others by the EU-FP7 programme, and the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG), German ministry of Research (BMBF) and German ministry of family (BMFSFJ) and member of different medical and acupuncture societies, reviewer of national and international medical journals.