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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.

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Torkel Falkenberg is the research constellation leader for the Integrative Care research group constellation, Division of Nursing, Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society at Karolinska Institutet. His research collaborations, in low and middle income countries as well as in Sweden have resulted in several PhD theses, contributions to



international guidelines, and efforts to inform the EU of strategic CAM research financing (CAMbrella). Torkel has been engaged as a consultant to health care planners and decision makers nationally and internationally, including the World Bank and the World Health Organization (WHO) which has resulted in several global WHO TM/CAM strategy reports. He has been a board of directors of the International Society for Complementary Medicine Research (ISCMR) and is a member of the editorial board of several scientific journals and the section editor for BMC CAM. He is director for the charitable research foundation I C – The Integrative Care Science Center www.integrativecare.se which is a unique Swedish forum focusing on complementary, alternative (CAM) and integrative care research, training and communication activities. Torkel is also the deputy head for the Karolinska Institutet Center for Social Sustainability. (<http://ki.se/forskning/centrum-for-social-hallbarhet-css>)

Aviad (Adi) Haramati, PhD, is Professor of Integrative Physiology in the Departments of Biochemistry, Molecular & Cellular Biology and Medicine and co-director of the CAM Graduate Program at Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC). A graduate of Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, he received a PhD in Physiology from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and came to Georgetown in 1985 after spending 5 years at Mayo Clinic.

For over 25 years, Dr. Haramati's research focus was on regulation of kidney and electrolyte function during growth and in heart failure. Currently, his activities are more centered on medical education and rethinking how health professionals are trained.

However, his first love is teaching, and he has been recognized with nine Golden Apple awards from medical and graduate students and selected by the faculty and alumni for the Magis Master Teacher Award. He received the *Arthur C. Guyton Teacher of the Year* award by the American Physiological Society, the *Alpha*



Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teaching Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the *Master Scholar Award* from the International Association of Medical Science Educators. This year he was named as *Distinguished Educator* (one of two inaugural inductees) in the GUMC Teaching Academy in the Health Sciences. In 2013, he was named the inaugural director of the Center for Innovation and Leadership in Education (CENTILE) at Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC)

Dr. Haramati seeks to improve medical education across the globe, especially with regard to the intersection of science, mind-body medicine and professionalism and has been a visiting professor at over 80 medical schools around the world.

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Stefan Willich studied medicine in Berlin, Munich and New York. He achieved a Master of Public Health in 1990 at Harvard University, USA, and a Master of Business Administration in 1995 at INSEAD, France. He received Board certification and habilitation in internal medicine. 1993-95 he held a position as Visiting Professor of Epidemiology at Ernst Moritz Arndt University Greifswald, and as Visiting Professor of Medicine at Harvard University, USA. Since 1995 he is Professor and Director of the Institute

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