



## **Meeting of the European Parliament Interest Group MEPs for CAM (Complementary and Alternative Medicine)**

### ***Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM): its benefits for EU citizens with musculoskeletal disorders***

**Date:** Wednesday 21 February 2018, 12:30-14:30

**Venue:** European Parliament, Room ASP 5 E 3

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

**12:30 Welcome and Introduction**

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (Finland)

**12:35 Musculoskeletal disorders as a major cause of disability and the role of lifestyle and CAM in their management**

Dr Dominik Irnich, assistant professor of anaesthesiology and head of pain medicine at the Ludwig Maximilians University (LMU) Munich, Germany

**12:50 Effectiveness research**

**a. Tai Chi / Qigong**

Dr Dominik Irnich, see above

**b. Yoga**

Dr Holger Cramer, associate professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany; Research Director at Department of Internal and Integrative Medicine, Kliniken Essen-Mitte, Germany

**c. Acupuncture**

Dr Hugh MacPherson, professor of acupuncture research at the University of York, Department of Health Sciences, UK

**d. Osteopathy**

Patrick van Dun, MSc, DO, Centre for Osteopathic Medicine Collaboration (COME), Belgium

**13:50 Conclusion: Contribution of CAM to preventing and minimising disability, sick leave and premature retirement**

Dr Dominik Irnich, see above

**14:00 Open discussion**

**14:25 Closing**

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen