

BELGIAN TAOIST ASSOCIATION
CHINA ARTS COLLEGE
TAOIST ALCHEMICAL STUDIES CENTER TASC

bridging the gap between Chinese Taoism and the West



China Arts College/Taoist Alchemical Studies Center TASC is a not-for-profit, private and independent institute at university and post-graduate level.

'Not for profit' means that what we earn by teaching and selling books is used for improving our courses, expanding our library, doing research, etc.

China Arts College offers courses in Taoist Alchemy, Taoist Medicine, Chinese Fine Arts and Chinese Culture.

We are an open university type of institute, meaning that students can take courses without having to take exams. In general, anyone can participate in our courses.

We also offer unique Bachelor and Master of Taoist Arts (BTA/MTA) and PhD programs, including various specialized courses on Taoist Alchemy and Medicine, Chinese Traditional Painting and Calligraphy, (Classical) Chinese Language, Taoist inspired Internal Martial Arts (e.g. *Taijiquan*, *Baguazhang*, Hebei style *Xingyiquan* and Henan style, i.e. *Xinyiliuhequan* or *Shidaxing*) and *Qigong*.

Our trademark: no-nonsense programs for the study of Chinese Culture and Taoist Practices, based on scientific research, realistic results and not on myths!

Taoist Alchemical Studies Center TASC is our scientific research center. We research Taoist culture in general and our main areas of investigation are Taoist alchemy, medicine and martial arts. Results of our research are published in books and articles, including our own publications.

A vast private library of Taoist Literature and Chinese Culture is available to our

research students.

TASC also organizes Conferences on Chinese Culture.

We publish books on Chinese subjects and our staff contributes articles to books and magazines by other publishers.

We also harbor the **Belgian Taoist Association (BETA)**, the oldest Taoist Association in the West, which was founded in 1990. This also is an independent organization, meaning that we are not following directives from other organizations, such as the Chinese National Taoist Association. This is important, because it guarantees a free development and spreading of Taoist Culture, without political or other interfering.

Our **in-house artists**, **photographer WU An** and **painter-calligrapher-poet FEI Lingbi** are active in the field of Fine Arts. Each year we select some of their works and exhibit these in our gallery. Some of their works can also be seen online. You can own artworks by WU An and FEI Lingbi (get in touch with us: fei@taoiststudies.org) and by buying our art you contribute to the funding of our scientific research.

