Evaluation of the International Core Curriculum Forest Therapy

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The following structure reflects the International Core Curriculum proposed to train Forest Therapy Guides. It is supplemented by specific national features not listed and to be validated here.

Please evaluate each individual element of the International Core Curriculum below whether you consider it 'very important', 'important' or 'not important'. Then tick the respective box in each line $(\sqrt{})$. Do not tick more than one box per line. You have the option of providing additional comments below.

Thank you very much for your assistance!

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1	Th 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.4.1 1.4.2 1.4.3 1.4.4 1.4.5 1.5	Introduction to the Public health concept of Forest Therapy Introduction to the Public health concept of Forest Therapy The Japanese approach of Shinrin-yoku (森林療法) The South Korean approach of Sanlimyok (산림욕) International approaches to Forest Therapy Forest Therapy in Australia and New Zealand Forest Bathing in the USA and Canada Forest Therapy in Germany Forest Therapy in other European countries Forest Therapy in other Asian countries Efforts and requirements for an international standard of Forest Therapy Guide training			
2	Th 2.1 2.1.1 2.1.2 2.2 2.3 2.3.1 2.3.2 2.3.3 2.4 2.4.1 2.4.2 2.4.3 2.4.4 2.5	The biotope 'forest' Biophilia and the importance of 'green space' Different types and properties of forests Definition, specifics and purpose of Forest Therapy Overview of research on Forest Therapy Using nature and forests for social and recreational purposes Using nature and forests for physical activities Using nature and forests for health and medical purposes Major health benefits of Forest Therapy The important role and function of phytoncides Physiological and biochemical effects Medical effects Affective, cognitive and psycho-social effects Information, literature and new developments			

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3	Planning, conduct and evaluation of Guided Forest Therapy Walks				
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	3.6.6 3.7 3.7.1 3.7.2 3.7.3 3.7.4 3.7.5 3.7.6 3.8 3.9 3.10	Guided Forest Therapy walks for people with specific diseases, handicaps or special mental needs Planning and designing Forest Therapy sessions Types of exercises and therapeutic invitations Aspects of de-stressing clients Strengthening the sensory perception of clients Individual exercises and tasks Group-related exercises and tasks Closing ceremonies, feedback and evaluation Methods of evaluation and assessment Administrative and legal aspects of Forest Therapy Business and marketing aspects of Forest Therapy			
4	4.1 4.2 4.3 4.3.1 4.3.2 4.3.3	Preparing for a supervised Guided Forest Therapy Walk and Final Written Test Preparing for the Final Written Test Final training aspects Feedback Employment issues National and international memberships and networks for Certified Forest Therapy Guides			

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