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Announcement Regarding Occidental Institute

My Dear Colleagues, Friends and Supporters of OIRF,

Today I write to you with mixed feelings. We here at OIRF have passed through another one of those crossroads in time that change our pathway into the future forever. This transition has been a long time in the making but has been hurried to a conclusion after external but inalterable changes to our commercial distributorship contracts representing the loss of our major financial fund-raising ability.

Within a few short weeks OIRF would have celebrated 46 years of continuous operation – not bad for a small family run non-profit. Our founder **Dr. Walter Sturm**, who was also my husband, passed away in the summer of 2004. During his years of illness and the interim since his passing, I have managed, directed and maintained the Occidental Institute. I have kept the company viable and upheld our directive to bring the latest cutting-edge information about Biological Medicine to as many practitioners as possible.

After much discussion amongst our voting Board of Directors (myself, Elaine Mackenzie and Dr. Roger Jaynes), considerable legal and financial consultation and some personal heart wrenching introspection, we have decided that it is time for me to retire.

And thus, with a mixture of sadness for the ending of an era and of elation to embark on new avenues of personal endeavor, I bring this notice to each of you, that Occidental Institute Research Foundation will officially close its doors for the last time at 12:00 noon (PDT) on June 29, 2018.

It is simply time for me personally to pass the torch to the many inspired researchers, healers and practitioners out there – those who have been with OIRF for decades and those who are newer to our lists – who are willing to take on the tasks and the responsibilities of nurturing and expanding this amazing field of alternative and biological medicine.

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But don't expect me to totally fade into the background history of this field. After nearly 50 years of passionate work, research and writing I won't be able to just leave it alone. I am however, quite happily prepared to pass along all the financial and business responsibilities to those younger and more energetic practitioners/researchers/businessmen hopefully moving forward with this rapidly advancing field.

So what does all this mean? Well, this is your notification of the plans that have been put into place to dissolve the entity known as Occidental Institute. As for the rest, if all runs according to plan "A", we have a timeline and a "To Do" list which will guide us through the final steps to honorably close OIRF. Following this announcement you will find our final full Issue of "The Bridge" newsletter. However, all planned activities for 2018 as sponsored or coordinated by OIRF – including the annual tour program to Germany for Medicine Week – are hereby cancelled.

We will honor all orders for instrumentation, books, printed and digital materials and training received and paid for prior to June 8, 2018. All orders placed and pre-paid prior to that date will be delivered in good faith.

Copyrights on all of our proprietary materials are being re-established, and already "another door" has opened for me personally as a separate company is considering publishing many of our reports, newsletter articles and courses as printed books. This would offer me a project to work on in my own time and the possibility of residual royalties to supplement my very limited retirement funds.

For now, we will leave a smaller version of the website in place and you will still be able to reach us by email for quite some time. Our phone and fax lines will be discontinued as of June 29.

And so, my dear friends I want to thank you for your support and your longstanding friendship. It has been an honor to work with you and I offer my greatest respect for the work that you are doing. I will look forward to hearing from you and I also, of course, send my most sincere best wishes until we meet again . . .

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