

## Note from the Editor

This issue of *East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine* is the first produced after Professor Christopher Cullen joined the editorial team as Associate Editor. It includes two articles and a research note, all of which deal with the history of medicine, and two books reviews.

Zhu Jing 朱晶 studies the history of *qiushi* 秋石 (autumn mineral), a term which covers a range of medicines prepared from urine. Exploring the origins of *qiushi* at the interface between external and internal alchemy, she goes on to review the preparation methods in medical literature from the eleventh to the twentieth century, as well as the uses of *qiushi*. Based on a review of this literature, she argues that *qiushi*, which has been analysed in biochemical terms by Lu Gwei-djen and Joseph Needham, is best understood historically in light of the rituals that accompanied its production and administration.

Yi Kiebok's article proposes a new reading of the work of Yi Chema 李濟馬 (1837-1900), a scholar and physician who was a proponent of *sasang* 四象 (fourfold imaging) medicine. A close reading of Yi Chema's writings reveals that what he substituted for the cosmological body as it had been construed in East Asian medical traditions was not a modern vision, but rather a 'psychosocial body', in which individuals were characterised by cognitive as well as behavioural traits, associated with features of some organs. This classification in turn led Yi Chema to recognise both individual agency and social diversity.

In his research note on the medical contents of the *Taishō Tripitaka*, the definitive edition of the Buddhist corpus in classical Chinese, Pierce Salguero reviews recent publications on Buddhist medicine published in the West, showing how this Buddhist corpus has been used – and can be used further – to enrich our knowledge not only of basic medical doctrines, but also of healers and medical practice within a tradition that has been an important element of the Chinese medical tradition.

This issue opens with an obituary of Professor Jeon Sang-woon 全相運 (1932-2018), the founding figure of history of Korean science, and an Honorary Member of the International Society of the History of East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine (ISHEASTM).

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