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Annual Report SCTG, Amsterdam, 2018

This is the year that the postponed 25th anniversary of Chagpori Tibetan Medical Institute, Darjeeling will be celebrated! A special and happy event.

We hope that besides the dignitaries, board members, workers and students, most of the graduated amchis will be present, as well as representatives of the Support Groups from all over the world.

There is a lot to be proud of: -the pharmacy- which is mainly sponsored by a Dutch Fund, is functioning. The 1st floor is ready to house the students and College temporarily until the College building is finished.

And- not to forget- 58 amchis have graduated from the College.

We are happy that Yangsi Trogawa Rinpoche is doing well and still enthusiastically continuing his Buddhist studies in Kyabje Dodrubchen's Monastery in Gangtok.

Financial Matters

As usual we send out our annual letter to the sponsors, which motivated some of our sponsors to make their annual- or even an extra, donation.

The windows of the first floor of the pharmacy have been placed this year. In 2017 the Bep Aten (BA) Foundation kindly donated **6,000** euros for these windows.

We learned that at the moment 2 amchis are working on the situation of the poor electrical power. In 2016 the BA Foundation donated **6,000** euros to help eradicate this problem.

We are very touched that our fundraiser left a legacy of **10.000** euros for Chagpori.

We had contributions from several funds via her activities, in total **2,750** euros, this is included in the other mentioned numbers.

As general donations (including the grant from Elisa Kriek) the SCTG received **12,674** euros and towards the pharmacy construction **3,675** euros. For the College building we received **850** Euro.

The Chagpori donation box in Nel's clinic collected **3,585** euros.

The sponsoring of students in 2018 was **9,048** euros.

We have a sponsorship of **750** euros towards the salary of a clinic doctor.

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The Yangchen Drolma Fund donated **12,000** euros up to November, of which **6,000** euros is for additional compensation for the staff salary, the remaining **6,000** euros is to bear part of the expenses of the 25th year anniversary.

From Losar 2019 this support for the salaries will be reduced to 25 %.

This year we received **1,827** euros for the education of our Yangsi Rinpoche.

The bank interest was **6** euros.

So altogether we have raised **44,735** euros and this year in total we have sent **55,000** euro to CTMI (which includes money from 2017).

Activities in and suggestions from Holland

Last year we announced that we found a fundraiser. Unfortunately she fell ill and passed away in the course of this year, which is a big loss for us.

This year we found a few new sponsors who were willing to sponsor a part of the study of some students. We are aware though, that still not everyone has found complete financial support for their studies and we are working on it to find additional sponsors

For the students it's important that they realize that getting their study sponsored means that it's important to work after the graduation for Chagpori for several years and/ or to pay back part of the money to the Institute.

From our side we are also worried about how to find the needed support to continue and complete the big plans which Chagpori has for the institute in the near future.

Unfortunately, this year we couldn't welcome any of the workers from the Chagpori Institute. In the past this was a boost for people to get involved with supporting Chagpori.

Our continuous request is: Please do help the new webmaster with pictures and news, so he can continue with an up to date motivating and attractive website. The same also for the Facebook page of the Chagpori Support group, which is hosted in Holland.

And it would be great if the Facebook page of the students were in both Tibetan and English.

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We are happy that Chagpori has co-organized a seminar on Tibetan medicine in Sarnath from February 25th - March 1st, 2018 which was followed by a month of inter college courses of acupuncture in Takdah

In conclusion, here in Holland we have the strong feeling that although there is the Institute Chagpori, more work will be necessary to maintain the tradition and even the name of Chagpori. Chagpori can only flourish through the graduated amchis who carry and use the name of Chagpori, work as Chagpori amchis and have clinics with the name Chagpori in them. They need to also work with the medicines and products fabricated in the Chagpori pharmacy. Otherwise the continuity of the tradition is at risk of being lost.

We should all make every effort for this and contribute to it by having a strong commitment to support our teacher Ven. Trogawa Rinpoche's life aim: the continuation of Chagpori Tibetan Medical Institute.

Amsterdam, November, 2018

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