ANNOUNCEMENT - MANAGING DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Mind and Life Europe board, I am delighted to inform you that after a thorough search we have appointed Sander Tideman as our new Managing Director. Sander will take over from Interim Managing Director Cornelius Pietzner who has served Mind and Life Europe most ably in this position for the last 18 months.

After encountering Buddhist thought and practice as a young man, Sander’s career has been devoted to the integration of contemplative practice and philosophy with practical initiatives. With a foundation as a lawyer, banker, management consultant and scholar with degrees from the University of Utrecht and the University of London, Sander has organized a series of public and private dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at the intersection of business, economics, society and ethics. He has also co-founded Spirit in Business, the Global Leaders Academy and the Bridge Fund for Tibet. He serves on the faculty of Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University and has authored a number of books and articles, including Sustainable Development in Central Asia, Mind over Matter: Towards a New Paradigm in Leadership of Business and Economics, Sustainable Leadership: Towards a Workable Definition and Compassion or Competition: Business as Instrument for Positive Change, co-authored with the Dalai Lama.

Besides earning degrees in international economic law and Asian affairs, Sander also studied Chinese language and culture at Taiwan National Normal University. He is also trained extensively in Buddhist philosophy and practices.

Sander is very familiar with the Mind and Life community, and recently participated in the ACEL symposium of Mind and Life Institute in Vermont.
“I believe Mind & Life Europe plays a unique role as a catalyst in bringing tested ancient contemplative and mind-training practices to the modern and Western world. These form the missing piece in our understanding of how people can develop their full potential and build sustainable and compassionate organizations and societies. I feel honored and excited to serve Mind & Life Europe in strengthening this catalyzing role, and working with many stakeholders in science, education and society.”

We look forward with enthusiasm to working with Sander Tideman to further the vision and work of the Mind & Life Europe and its community of scientists, scholars, and contemplatives. Sander will begin in his new role in January 2016.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new Managing Director, Sander Tideman.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Cohen Varela
Chair of the Board
Mind & Life Europe