

## Editor's Foreword

This issue of the *Journal* consists of two substantial articles from European authors.

In the first article, German biologist Michael Nahm, Ph.D., brings to the field of near-death studies information known perhaps among Tibetan scholars but possibly less so among near-death scholars. Drawing substantially from the work of Tibetologist Bryan Cuevas, Dr. Nahm details the history of the development of the *Tibetan Book of the Dead* (TBD). He then compares first-hand reports of the death and dying process between accounts in the TBD and accounts by Tibetan délok, near-death experiencers, mediums, and children who remember previous lives. His findings may give pause to future near-death scholars who are considering referencing the TBD as a source that validates near-death experiences.

In the second article, British engineer and psychical researcher David Rousseau takes a perspective from General Systems Theory and uses evidence from research findings on near-death experiences to argue for mind-body dualism and to explore the relationship between mind and body. His formulation contributes to the near-death literature another angle on the possible relationship between body and mind/soul.

It is my hope that, after reading these two extensive works, readers of the *Journal* will find their ideas related to the field of near-death studies to be broadened and stimulated.

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