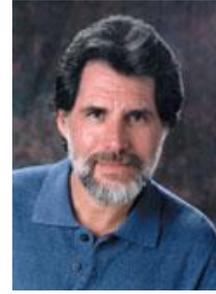




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Biography of Mark Blumenthal



Mark Blumenthal is the Founder and Executive Director of the American Botanical Council (ABC), the leading independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to disseminating accurate, reliable, and responsible information on herbs and medicinal plants. He is the Editor/Publisher of *HerbalGram*, an international, peer-reviewed quarterly journal. For six years he was an Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy, teaching the course "Herbs and Phytomedicines in Today's Pharmacy." Mark is the Senior Editor of the English translation of *The Complete German Commission E Monographs—Therapeutic Guide to Herbal Medicines* (1998), *Herbal Medicine: Expanded Commission E Monographs* (2000), *The ABC Clinical Guide to Herbs* (2003), and co-author of *Rational Phytotherapy*, 5th edition (2004). He has appeared on over 400 radio and television shows and has written over 500 articles, reviews and book chapters for many major publications. In 2010 he was awarded the prestigious Tyler Prize in honor of the late Purdue Professor Varro E. Tyler from the American Society of Pharmacognosy. In 2008 he was awarded the "Natural Legacy" award from *Natural Foods Merchandiser* magazine and he has also been named to *Natural Health Magazine's* Hall of Fame Award for "...opening America's eye to the healing powers of herbs." He has been a leader in the concerns for more rational regulations of herbal and natural product manufacturing, and education on plant-based medicines for over 36 years.