Propositions of the thesis: Oculomotor disorders in neck pain patients

- 1. It is unclear what the Smooth Pursuit Neck Torsion (SPNT) and the head-eye coordination tests actually test in the diagnosis of patients with WAD. *(chapter 2)*
- 2. The occurrence of oculomotor disorders does not depend on origin nor on severity of cervical spine complaints. *(chapter 3 and 4)*
- 3. The outcome of the SPNT test is largely determined by the predictability of the stimulus (chapter 6 and 7)
- 4. The higher COR gain found in neck pain patients may be the result of upregulation of proprioception due to reduced neck motion. *(chapter 8)*
- 5. In clinical practice the Joint Position Error test can compliment, but not substitute eye stabilization reflexes measurements. *(chapter 9)*
- 6. The diagnosis 'Whiplash Associated Disorders' is a prognostic factor of decreased treatment effect in patients with WAD.
- 7. Oculomotor dysfunctions are hidden causes of invalidity in neck pain patients.
- 8. Sensorimotor training of the upper cervical spine can potentially diminish oculomotor disorders.
- 9. In order to improve physiotherapy both fundamental knowledge and clinical experience are necessary.
- 10. It should be encouraged that the practioner's aim is higher than that of the patient with regard to the results of the treatment plan
- 11. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way. (Dr. Seuss)