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International Homeopathy Day 2011

LMHI Supports Medical Homeopathy in Croatia



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LMHI Past-President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer

The International Homeopathy Day 2011 (IHD 2011) was celebrated in Zagreb, Croatia. The International Homeopathic Medical League Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) provided political support in meetings with government health officials and gave lectures at the International Symposium on Homeopathy that was hosted and organized by the Croatian Homeopathic Medical Society (CHMS) and LMHI National Vice-President for Croatia. Initiated by the LMHI in 2010, the IHD is aimed at promoting the public and the medical community's awareness of homeopathy

Dear LMHI-Members,
dear Readers,

Homeopathy is practiced by hundred of thousands of medical doctors in all continents. It has gained official status and is integrated into the national health care systems in many countries all over the world. And yet, some LMHI member associations are still fighting for the official recognition of homeopathic medicine in their countries. The International Homeopathy Day 2011 in Zagreb/Croatia was a powerful demonstration of how LMHI support can strengthen the position of homeopathic doctors in meetings with health policy officials.

The role of "Homeopathy in Public Health" will also be the central issue of the Liga Congress 2011 in New Delhi/India at the beginning of December. You are cordially invited to share and to discuss your professional experiences with colleagues from all over the world but also to discover India's unique mixture of traditions, cultures and beliefs in guided tours before, during and after the conference.

In its daily work, the LIGA continues to achieve growth, consolidation, and success in the dissemination, research and development of homeopathy in various projects. The impressive developments in the new LMHI member country China, reported in this newsletter issue, represent a good example of these efforts.

We thank you for your participation and support in the successful realization of the LMHI's working projects and the achievement of our goals and objectives.

Kind regards, Caroline Geiser
LMHI Media Team

in countries where homeopathy is not yet officially accepted as a medical system. It is held in cooperation with the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) and will be celebrated each year on the occasion of Samuel Hahnemann's birthday.

The International Symposium on Homeopathy, held in Zagreb/Croatia on 24 March 2011, brought together important international and Croatian stakeholders to exchange information about the homeopathic medical doctrine, the current legal framework of medical doctors practicing homeopathy in all continents, and its contribution to European and worldwide healthcare systems. Specific Croatian aspects focused on the national legislation, the registration of homeopathic remedies, and the homeopathic education of Medical Doctors (MDs).

The LMHI was represented by Past-President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer, General Secretary Dr. Thomas Peinbauer and Treasurer Dr. Yves Faingnaert. In his speech on "Global Homeopathy", LMHI Past-President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer highlighted the fact that today Homeopathy is practiced by hundred of thousands of medical doctors in all continents and has even gained official status and is integrated into national health care systems in many countries all over the world, such as Brazil, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom. Dr. Peinbauer recalled the history of "Homeopathy in Austria", pointing, in particular to the importance of homeopathic education.

ECH President Dr. Ton Nicolai lectured on "Homeopathy – Its Added Value to European Healthcare System." Representatives from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine as well as from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry at Zagreb University presented the Croatian CAM curriculum, including six hours on homeopathy, in the university education process and talked about their experiences in the homeopathic treatment of animal patients and in homeopathic pharmacy. The representative of the Croatian Ministry of Health and Social Care informed



CHMS-
President
Dr. Jelka Milić

the audience about the regulation of homeopathic medicinal products in Croatia that was drafted in accordance with EU directives. CHMS-President Dr. Jelka Milić indicated in her welcome address that the CHMS contributed to the regulation of the Croatian Medical Chamber's Working Group on Complementary Medicine that was established in April 2010 and includes medical homeopathy, for example by providing the working group with the LMHI/ECH Medical Homeopathic Education Standards translated into Croatian. Dr. Milić also informed the audience about the 3-year-basic medical homeopathic training program beginning for

the first time in June 2011 for Croatian medical doctors, veterinarians, dentists and pharmacists. The course is based on the LMHI/ECH standards and will be organized in collaboration with the Austrian Homeopathic Medicine Association ÖGHM.

More than 120 participants used the opportunity to discuss the current status of medical homeopathy in Croatia and the possibilities of its further development and integration into the Croatian healthcare system with officials from Croatian Ministry of Health and Social Care and with the national Medical Chamber Working Group for Complementary Medicine Regulation.

The working languages were Croatian and English, simultaneous interpretation was provided. In addition, Drs. Fischer and Nicolai had a chance to give lectures at the annual family physicians congress (KOHOM congress) hoping that the Croatian Homeopathic Medical Society will be able to recruit General Practitioners for the planned homeopathic training course.



Developing and Securing Homeopathy Worldwide

In political meetings with the Croatian health policy officials, the LMHI and ECH representatives provided political support to strengthen the position of the Croatian homeopathic colleagues. The meetings took place in a positive and encouraging atmosphere. "In these projects, the LMHI really fulfills its purpose of developing and securing homeopathy worldwide as is stipulated in its statutes", LMHI Past-President Fischer stated. Once again, the personal presence of the LMHI and ECH for younger homeopathic associations has proven a powerful and important tool.

All presentations as well as a detailed report by Dr. Jelka Milić on the International Symposium and on the current CAM regulation can be downloaded from the LMHI website www.lmhi.net, Section "In Focus".



Slovenia

Homeopathic Medicines Finally Available

Following the approval of the Slovenian Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices at the end of March 2011, homeopathic medicines have finally become available in Slovenia. Milos Zuzek, Secretary of the Slovenian Homeopathic Society (www.shd.si) reported that the agency has issued five-year permits for 17 homeopathic medicines in a simplified procedure, which means that

Homeopathy...cures a larger percentage of cases than any other method of treatment and is beyond doubt a safer, more economical and complete medical science."
Mahatma Gandhi

the producer does not have to prove the effectiveness of a homeopathic medicine or present results of clinical studies. Homeopathic medicines will be issued without prescription and are intended for self-treatment. Under the healing act, passed in October 2007, homeopathy can be practiced in Slovenia by medical doctors who have received training in homeopathy and obtained a license in accordance with this law. However, a physician practicing homeopathy in fact loses his/her physician's licence issued by the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, preventing him/her from practicing conventional medicine, Zuzek complained. The launch of homeopathic medicines in Slovenia coincided with the World Homeopathy Awareness Week from 10-16 April, 2011.

China

Homeopathic Developments in New LMHI Member China

Homeopathic developments in the new LMHI member country China have accelerated in the recent past and have brought forward a number of national activities. More than 20 new members have joined the new LMHI member organization Chinese Homeopathic Medicine Society, most of them are from the "Guangxi Traditional Chinese Medical University" established in 1956. University President Prof. Tang Nong was elected the first president of the association, while Dr. Steve Xue will continue to serve as the LMHI's National Vice-President (NVP) for China. "LMHI China" has established branch offices in Beijing and in Shanghai. About 60 new members from Beijing and 15 from Shanghai are expected to join the Chinese Homeopathic Society in the coming year. Since Guangxi TCM University is striving to combine teaching, scientific research, medical treatment and drug-production and to build a professional training system in China, Dr. Steve Xue gave three public lectures on homeopathy to the faculty and students. He reported that the university's national key laboratory of classical Chinese medicine has been conducting research on the integration of TCM and classical homeopathy, as well as on potentizing Chinese herbs and herbal formulas. The association is planning to organize the first national homeopathy congress in China, and hopes to be able to confirm the date by the fall of this year.

Translation of the Kent Repertory and Boericke Materia Medica into Chinese

Kent's Repertory of the Homeopathic Materia Medica was translated into Chinese and will be made available as both digital program and as hard copy. According to information from NVP Steve Xue, two very prestigious academic publishers in China (Shanghai TCM University Press and Shannxi Normal University Press) have been negotiating with the authors about publishing the hard cover book this summer. Boericke's Materia Medica

was also translated into Chinese and is planned to be published in the fall of 2011 by Shanghai TCM University Press.

Chinese Homeopathy Definition: Heliaoixue

After extensive discussions with linguists, medical sociologists and medical practitioners, the Chinese Homeopathic Medicine Society decided to use the term: "heliaoixue" as the official translation of homeopathic medicine. Defining homeopathy as an independent medical system, the term replaces the traditional "shunshiliaofa", which just meant a medical modality.

For more information please contact Dr. Steve An Xue, NVP for China, china@lmhint.net.

LMHI Secretary for Pharmacy visits new LIGA Member China

LMHI Secretary for Pharmacy Dr. Fruzsina Gábor visited Hong Kong and Taiwan at the beginning of the year and gave a series of lectures about the manifold activities of the international homeopathic medical society, especially in the field of research and homeopathic education. Dr. Gábor had the opportunity to meet with the leaders of medical chambers and to talk to medical doctors practicing homeopathy. Together with NVP Steve Xue, Dr. Gábor gave an interview to "Daily China", the largest English-speaking national newspaper in China.

Given the lack of historic background with regard to homeopathy in China, the LMHI is looking forward to its further involvement in the future establishment of an homeopathic education system in China that meets the LMHI Medical Educations Standards. "We will have plenty of work: The most important step should be to complete an education plan and to organize basic homeopathy training courses", Dr. Gábor stated.

Emergency Situation in Japan: How Homeopathy Can Help

According to reports from Dr. Ronko Itamura, the LMHI's NVP for Japan and Senior Director of the Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy (JPSH), the whole of Eastern Japan, which includes the Tohoku Region centered on Sendai City, and the Kanto Region, where Tokyo is located and which makes up one-third of Japan's total land area, were ravaged by the triple disasters, first by the massive earthquake, followed by a giant tsunami and a major nuclear crisis. The three hazards have claimed many lives, leaving at least 23,000 people dead or missing and forcing more than 160,000 people to take refuge in makeshift evacuation centers. Most JPSH members in Eastern Japan (463 members as of the present) reside in the Tokyo area, but there are also 32 members providing medical care in Tohoku.

The LMHI has offered help wherever it is needed, such as in the provision of information and advice. The JPSH itself prepared remedies for the treatment of radiation exposure and have issued a prescription manual for the certified JPSH members and for medical specialists. In addition, JPSH supplied homeopathic remedies particularly to member physicians in the vicinity of the nuclear power station in Fukushima Prefecture and responded to requests for supplies from other regions. They have also produced and distributed detailed instructions for homeopathic treatment to alleviate symptoms of anxiety, fear, grief, insomnia, and PTSD observed among the affected people, stemming from their experience of massive loss in the earthquake disaster.

Confirmation

67th LIGA Congress 2012 will take place in Nara, Japan

In view of the nuclear crisis there has been some uncertainty about the venue of the Liga Congress 2012. The LMHI Board of Executives and the Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy (JPSH) confirm that the 2012 Congress will take place – as scheduled – in Nara, Japan, from 14 – 17 September 2012. According to JPSH information, the situation of the nuclear problem is improving. The ancient town of Nara is about 600 kilometres (372,67 miles) away from the crippled nuclear power station Fukushima (see map) and Nara is the safest ground in Japan, so that there is no nuclear risk.

"This is a trying time, but we members of JPSH are working hard to prepare for the 67th Congress of LMHI scheduled to be held next year in the ancient capital of Nara in western Japan. We ask for the continued support and cooperation of all LMHI members," Itamura emphasized.



The JPSH has already launched the website for the Liga Congress 2012. Please have a look at www.jpsh.jp/lmhi2012.

Good news from Switzerland

Re-Integration of Homeopathy in Basic Health Care

In Switzerland, classical homeopathy and four other CAM therapies (anthropology, neural therapy, phytotherapy and TCM) will be reintegrated into the basic health supply (compulsory health insurance) as of 2012. According to a Swiss Health Ministry decision, however, the reintegration will be limited to a period of six years. The final decision will depend on new scientific evidence regarding the "efficacy, cost-effectiveness suitability" by 2017 to prove that these CAM methods are worth as an insurable health cost. Back in 2005, the Swiss government rejected the therapies, arguing they failed to meet the

legal requirement of "scientific proof" of the three efficacy criteria. The reversal in policy follows a nationwide vote in 2009 in which two-thirds of the Swiss population backed including the therapies on the constitutional list of paid health services. It also takes into account an opposing recommendation by a federal commission in December to strike them permanently from the list because of a lack of scientific evidence. Complementary and homeopathic medicine proponents welcomed the chance for "fair" assessments. The government's proposal also includes provisions to boost research and training.

Poland

Lawsuit against Former President of Polish Homeopathy Association

As part of a long-standing legal dispute, the Polish Supreme Medical Court examined the case of Jan Baranowski, M.D., former President of the Polish Homeopathic Physicians' and Pharmacists' Association, who had been accused of having used therapeutic methods (i.e. homeopathy) "which are not recognized treatment methods in Poland" and therefore is supposed to violate the Polish Medical Code of Ethics. According to information from Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczyński, the LMHI's NVP for Poland, the legal action is still in progress. Baranowski was found "not guilty" in a decision of the first instance District Medical Court. However, this decision was appealed by the Supreme Medical court that ordered that the case be re-examined.

"The situation of homeopathy in Poland 2011 reflects the ambiguity of today's world and medicine", Kokoszczyński reports. "On the one hand, homeopathy is disapproved by medical authorities who persistently »classify homeopathy as an unscientific method, which promotes the use of worthless products of unproven scientific action." Although not officially recognized in Poland, homeopathy, on the other hand, is not outlawed in any way – only doctors have the right to prescribe higher homeopathic potencies, and the right to treat people. Another fraction of homeopathic opponents in Poland is supported by some church priests, who exaggerate the alleged threats of homeopathy. They assert that "Hahnemann was an occultist, and homeopathy came to him as a revelation". Fact is, however, many patients favor homeopathy in Poland."

The Polish Homeopathic Associations reportedly addressed a letter to the National Board of Health to con-

firm their will to introduce homeopathy as a medical competence. Independently producers of homeopathic remedies called on the Consumer Protection Agency to review the impact of Supreme Medical council actions on the accessibility of homeopathic treatment. Proceedings are in progress.

National Conference on 1 October 2011 in Warsaw, Poland

The Polish Homeopathic Society will organize a national conference about the situation of homeopathy in Europe, which will be supported by the ECH and the LMHI and will be accompanied by press conference to catch the attention of the media. "We want to show the impact of homeopathy in medicine in some European countries and present research done in this field," says Kokoszczyński. "This event will be a good opportunity to explain homeopathy not only as an alternative medicine (CAM) but much more as an alternative way of treating disease (Salutogenesis).

The conference is titled Homeopathy in Europe – Practice, Idea, Research. The Water Logic of Homeopathy and aims at presenting the idea of homeopathy practiced in Europe and supported with significant homeopathic research.

Dr. Kokoszczyński's complete report and information about the conference is available in the Section "Countries > Poland" of the LMHI Website www.lmhi.net.

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Nobel Laureate Luc Montagnier

Support for Homeopathy in *Science* Interview

Dr. Luc Montagnier, the French virologist who won the Nobel Prize in 2008 for discovering the AIDS virus, surprised the scientific community with his strong support for homeopathic medicine in a remarkable interview published in the renowned *Science* magazine. Montagnier expressed support for the often maligned and misunderstood medical specialty of homeopathic medicine. Although homeopathy has persisted for more than 200 years throughout the world and has been the leading alternative treatment method used by physicians in Europe, most conventional physicians and scientists have expressed skepticism about its efficacy due to the extremely small doses of medicines used.

Montagnier made the following strong statement for homeopathy and homeopathic doses: "I can't say that homeopathy is right in everything. What I can say now is that the high dilutions are right. High dilutions of something are not nothing. They are water structures which mimic the original molecules. We find that with DNA, we cannot work at the

extremely high dilutions used in homeopathy; we cannot go further than a 10^{18} dilution, or we lose the signal. But even at 10^{18} , you can calculate that there is not a single molecule of DNA left. And yet we detect a signal."

Further, Montagnier referred to Dr. Jacques Benveniste, a French physician and scientist whose research into homeopathy has been widely criticised in mainstream science, as a "modern Galileo".

Although now 78, Montagnier will open a new research institute at Jiaotong University in Shanghai, China, where he will continue to explore electromagnetic waves produced by DNA in water. Asked for his motivation in the interview, he praised the Chinese for being "quite open-minded" with regard to this kind of medical and scientific research.

You can read the interview in *Science Magazine*, 24 December 2010, Vol. 330/No. 6012.

News about Homeopathy in Canada

Report by Prof. Dr. Bhupinder Sharma M.D. (Hom.), Homeopathic Medical Association of Canada

Ever since the Natural Health Products Directorate was set up in Canada on 1 January 2004 and had thereafter regulated homeopathic medicines, the situation of homeopathy in Canada evolves at a greater pace. The Natural Health Products Regulations require all homeopathic medicines to have a license before being sold in Canada. License holders are issued a product number which must appear on the label of their product. The product number for homeopathic medicines is preceded by DIN-HM. As per the Canadian Law the homeopathic medicines are regulated by the Federal Government and the profession of Homeopathy is regulated by the provinces. Recently, in January 2011, a popular TV channel telecasted a special show questioning the efficacy of Homeopathy in the wake of Ontario homeopaths getting regulated, by quoting that since Ontario will be the first province to regulate homeopathy – Is Homeopathy a Cure or Con- lending credibility to this unproven practice. The entire homeopathic community of Canada joined together under one platform to condemn the TV show noting that the telecast showed complete lack of respect and understanding of a time honored system of medical treatment used around the

world. All the homeopathic associations in Ontario and Canada have opposed such moves by the media through TV interviews by homeopathic experts and creating public awareness write ups in their respective web sites. There are more than 11 provincial and national level homeopathic associations in Canada – as may be seen from their active web sites

In wake of the Japan disaster many homeopathic groups have since started networking and exchanging their views about homeopathic remedies concerning homeopathic trauma remedies and also in dealing with cases related to the exposure of radiation through homeopathy. The Homeopathic Community all over Canada are therefore eagerly waiting for the regulations to come into force sooner or later and have joined their hands for holding International Homeopathic Conference under one banner- the first of which is slated to be convened in the month of October 2011.

The complete report on “Homeopathy in Canada” is available at www.lmhi.net, Section “Countries > Canada”.

In Memoriam: An Obituary by Dr. Raj K. Manchanda

Dr. D. P. Rastogi (1939-2010) – An Ambassador of Indian Homeopathy



No possible words can describe the profound grief and sorrow the homeopathic fraternity felt at the demise of Prof. Dr. Dhan Prakash Rastogi on 15 December 2010. He was the scientific Chairman of the LIGA Congress 2011 and was very regular in attending all the LIGA congress. He must have presented at least a dozen papers on diverse subjects. At Hahnemann's Birthday LIGA Congress in 2005, Prof. Ras-

togi was a special invitee. In 1977, he was the organizing secretary of the LIGA Congress held in New Delhi. He was a legendary homeopathic physician, a versatile teacher, clinician and researcher. He was an ambassador of India Homeopathy.

Born on 8 May 1939 in Bijnor, District of Uttar Pradesh/India, Dr. D. P. Rastogi was a bright and meritorious student and graduated from the Calcutta Homeopathic Medical College in 1958. He did DF (Hom) from Royal London Homeopathic Hospital and post-graduation from the Glasgow Homeopathic Hospital in 1962. Rastogi was among the first few homeopathic physicians appointed by the Government of India and was very popular among

patients. As Assistant Government Advisor on Homeopathy he contributed significantly to the formulation of the Homeopathic Central Council Act of 1973, the introduction of the Homeopathy in Drug and Cosmetic Act, the publication of the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India, and the establishment of the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory and National Institute of Homeopathy at Kolkotta. He served as Homeopathic Physician to the President of India (1988-1992) and was conferred several awards in recognition of his services to Homeopathy. As Principal of Nehru Homeopathic Medical College at New Delhi, he established a fully equipped 100 bedded hospital and upgraded the standards of education from diploma to degree during 1975 to 1984. Realizing his potential in research, Government of India appointed him Director of Central Council for Research in Homeopathy in 1985, where he gave new directions to Homeopathic research in India.

The Homeopathic Medical Association of India dedicated its National Congress 2010 to his memory. His contribution to the association is remembered with great reverence.

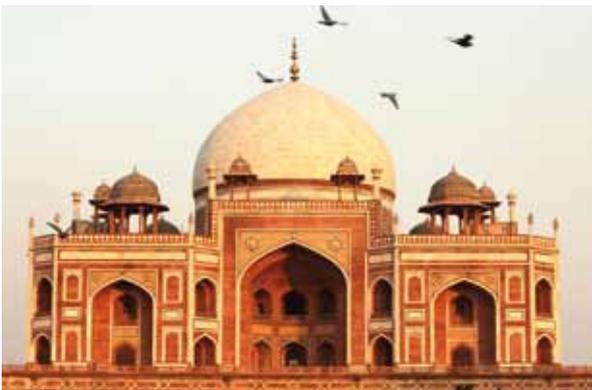
Read the full obituary at www.lmhi.net, Section “Countries > India”.

World Homeopathic Congress 2011

Welcome to the 66th LIGA Congress in India

1 – 4 December 2011, Sirifort Auditorium in New Delhi

The organizing committee of the World Homoeopathic Congress 2011 invites you to the 66th Liga Congress that will take place at the Sirifort Auditorium in New Delhi, India, from 1 – 4 December 2011. India offers a unique mix of traditions, cultures and beliefs. Besides an excellent scientific program, the congress organizers have prepared an array of local and pre/post congress tours with homeopathy orientation along with an interesting accompanying persons programme. "It has always been an endeavor of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) to promote scientific, literary and genuine work for the homeopathic community", says Dr. Ray K. Manchanda, the Organizing Secretary of the LIGA Congress 2011. Given the congress theme "Homoeopathy for Public Health", the convention will provide an opportunity to share the clinical experience and deliberate on latest scientific research in the field of homeopathy. Carrying on with the tradition of LIGA conventions, the Indian congress also promises a lot of learning experiences and awareness about homeopathy and how it can make a difference in the public health scenario. A state-of-the-art trade exhibition is held concurrent to the congress for showcasing the various aspects and trends of Homeopathy, and it offers great exposure and opportunity to network with key professionals in the field from across the globe. The objective of the exhibition is also to create awareness amongst the public about the advantages of homoeopathy in preventive health care management. The Congress wants to attract the greatest and the best names in the specialty from across the globe. It is expected to catch the attention of over 2,500 delegates from India and all over the world.



Details on congress registration, the scientific programme, Tour(s) & Accommodation options with special hotel rates are available on the congress website www.liga2011.in. Additional enquiries can be addressed to rkmanchanda@liga2011.in.



Scheme for Fee Concession

The mission of the LIGA 2011 Congress is to provide an International forum to the homoeopaths, homoeopathic societies and the researchers who are interested in the development of this science. It is an endeavor of the LMHI team to have one such platform where intellectual minds in Homeopathy interact at one place for the development of Homeopathy. To make this event a grand event, Congress is primarily dependent upon the contributions in the form of fee as there is little support from the pharmaceutical industry. Thus it will be appropriate if we contribute in the form of prescribed delegation fee. However, at the same time we understand that delegates from the developing countries may not be able to participate due to financial constraints. The organizers proposes to bring this congress within the reach of everyone and have taken a decision to give delegation fee concession as per the following scheme prepared in consultation with LMHI President Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan, Eminent Homeopaths and Homeopathic associations.

For more information on the concession scheme and online congress registration see www.liga2011.in.

Stamp

Special postage stamp with the portrait of Dr. Mohinder Lal Sarkar released on the occasion of the Liga Congress 2011 in India.



International Video Project

Homeopathy Works for Me

In reaction to long running anti-homeopathy campaigns in the United Kingdom, such as the "homeopathic overdose campaign 10:23" at the beginning of the year, British homeopaths have initiated an international project. Under the motto „Homeopathy works for me" they have called on patients to share their homeopathy success stories in self-produced videos about their health issues and the homeopathic treatment they used to obtain short-term relief and long-term healing. The project is an attempt to propagate the core message experienced by homeopathic physicians and patients: Homeopathy Heals. In addition to the effect of strengthening the public acceptance of homeopathy this international project might also be of scientific interest with regard to the large number of individual cases documented and recorded by patients.

To see the complete collection of videos please visit www.youtube.com, Keyword "Homeopathy works for me".

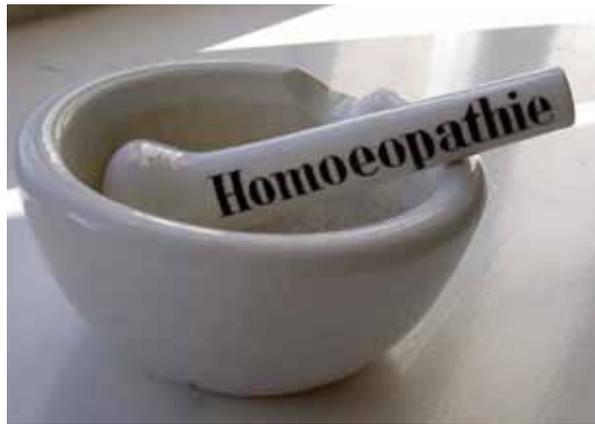
Scientific Framework Homeopathy 2010

Portuguese Version Available

The joint LMHI / ECH publication "Scientific Framework Homeopathy. Evidence Based Homeopathy" is now also available in Portuguese. The booklet is aimed at considering all important aspects of the scientific framework of Homeopathic practice including ethical questions, evaluation of daily practice, looking at the level of scientific evidence of each of these aspects. The conclusions are that homeopathy has to stay in the framework of medical practice and it is even a necessity for public health. Of course more research is always necessary.

The LMHI would like to congratulate and thank Amarillys de Toledo Cesar, the former LMHI Secretary for Pharmacy, for her excellent translation.

You can download the document at www.lmhi.net, Section "Programs and Projects".



Clinical Efficacy of Homeopathy

Report of the LMHI Research Working Group

The LMHI Research Working Group Report has been asked for scientific advice by the Belgian LMHI member organization Unio Homeopathica Belgica (UHB) about the results of an official report on the clinical efficacy of homeopathy published by the Belgian Federal Health Care Knowledge Centre on 24 May 2011 ("Homeopathy : State of affairs in Belgium", www.kce.fgov.be). UHB expressed doubts about the scientific relevancy of certain parts of the KCE report, especially the part evaluating clinical efficacy concluding that "no convincing proof of efficacy exists for any condition for which a systematic review was available". The RWG agreed to scrutinize and comment on this report using the normal scientific perspective for evaluation of efficacy in medicine. About the clinical efficacy of homeopathy the RWG, among other findings, concludes that the „ Efficacy of homeopathy for many diagnoses has never been investigated. More research is needed and must be supported." About the missing parts and wrong statements the RWG concludes that "Many missing parts lower the value of the recommendations of the KCE about homeopathic practice, safety and reimbursement of homeopathic practice and medicines. The KCE statement about efficacy of homeopathy is also questionable considering the absence of an evaluation of homeopathic veterinary practice, agro-homeopathy and fundamental research in homeopathy."

The complete report of the report of the LMHI Research Working Group (RWG) about the Clinical Efficacy of Homeopathy and the references of included RCTs can be downloaded from the LMHI website www.lmhi.net.