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65th Congress LMHI 2010
Redondo Beach, California, USA
In Memoriam: David Kent Warkentin

August 20, 1951 – September 9, 2010

The following was excerpted from an obituary in the San Francisco Chronicle, September 17, 2010

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of David Kent Warkentin. David was born in Atherton, California, on August 20, 1951. He passed away on September 9, 2010 at his home in Nicasio, California, with his closest friends and partner Vajra at his side. David was loved by the many people he had touched in his life, particularly through his work as a world renowned homeopath. He was the visionary creator of the homeopathic software package MacRepertory and ReferenceWorks through his company Kent Homeopathic Associates (KHA), which has inspired a revolution in modern homeopathic thinking and practice. David taught at nearly every homeopathic school in the United States and numerous schools around the world, as well as serving on the boards of several homeopathic organizations. David was the recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Henry N. Williams Professional Service Award from the National Center of Homeopathy in recognition for his years of service, teaching and dedication to the homeopathic community. He attended the University of California at Berkeley and majored in electrical engineering and computer science. He also had a Physician’s Assistant license from the University of California at Davis Medical School, an honorary doctoral degree from The British Institute of Homeopathy U.K., and CCH Certification from the Council on Homeopathic Certification. He maintained a private homeopathy practice in Marin County, CA, from 1976 to 1995, and was co-founder of the Hahnemann Medical Clinic in Berkeley, CA, where he practiced from 1985 to 1989 and then founded KHA in 1989. He will be missed.

ARGENTINA
Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, NVP

Argentina has a wealthy tradition in the practice and teaching of homeopathy, with many excellent schools, united under the Federacion de Asociaciones Medicas Homeopaticas Argentinas (FAMHA). The FAMHA struggles for homeopathy’s legal recognition. Currently, the law allows the use of homeopathic medicines, though its practice is not considered as a medical act yet. Teachers of the different schools offer courses around the world. Argentina obtained the Liga’s consent to found the Regional Library in Cordoba. The FAMHA organizations follow the LMHI educational standards. Every two years there is a Congress for all of the schools, this year to be hosted by the Centro de Estudios Medicos Homeopaticos Hahnemannianos de Cordoba, 19-23 October, with the motto “Aude Sapere,” a Hahnemannian principle applied by Immanuel Kant, inviting us to a knowledge adventure.

ARMENIA
Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan, NVP

Homeopathic doctors continue to acquire new knowledge and skill in homeopathy, and the number of people seeking homeopathic treatment is gradually increasing. In the beginning of 2010, five Armenian doctors participated in a seminar in India organized by Drs. Pareek in Agra and were subsequently given the opportunity to observe the Drs. Pareek examine their patients. In April, our teacher Ms. Sabine Zimmermann and homeopathic pediatrician H. Pfeiffer conducted a seminar for Armenian specialists in Yerevan. Currently, there are two doctors taking their post-graduate education in homeopathy (one-year course) and they will be graduating in September, increasing our numbers by two. We still face the problem of licensing homeopathic medicines, which is expensive. We are hoping for a resolution in the not too distant future.
The official bodies of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathic Internationalis, frequently termed simply the Liga, include the International Council, the Executive Committee, and the General Secretariat, which meet annually. Although the International Council is composed of the President, the Immediate Past President, the Prime Vice President, the National Vice Presidents/Assistant National Vice Presidents, the Prime General Secretary, and the eight other General Secretaries, the Treasurer, and active members selected from different countries not having National Vice Presidents, the crucial element in the function of the Liga is the National Vice President.

As it states in the Statutes, “The National Vice Presidents are the permanent link between the International Council and, therefore, the Liga, and the national homeopathic organizations. The National Vice Presidents have several important duties, which they must perform, as follows:

• the submission of an account of every International Council Meeting or Congress of the LMHI to the homeopathic journals of their respective countries;
• the presentation of applications for Liga membership from new members from their respective countries;
• the submission of an Annual Report to the LMHI on the activity and the developments regarding homeopathy in their own country, the homeopathic national events, congresses, jubilees, etc.,
• homeopathic publications or communications, a listing of business addresses and telephone numbers of homeopathic institutions, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists;
• the Annual Report mentioned above must be sent to the Prime General Secretary at least one month before the meeting of the International Council. Also, a 130-word summary of that report in English must be submitted for publication in the annual Liga Letter, the LMHI Newsletter. The list of addresses and telephone numbers of homeopathic physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, and institutions, must be submitted annually to the LMHI Treasurer along with the collective membership dues.

Failure to fulfill these duties is grounds for removal of said National Vice President by authority of the International Council or the Executive Committee, as stipulated in the Statutes.

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**AUSTRIA**
Dr. Christina Ari, NVP

Currently, about 500 diploma holding physicians practice homeopathy, 170 doctors are attending training courses, and around 40 are expected to receive the diploma in 2010. Recent modifications to our education system have increased interest in homeopathic studies, allowing participants to study on weekends, in small groups with unchanging teaching teams. A data collection platform on H1N1 influenza was installed online in 2009. No specific remedy showed effects. Favored prescriptions included Belladonna, Eupatorium perfoliatum, and Nux vomica. Alliances between CAM Disciplines and homeopathy could be effective, but individual interests and needs do not coincide and views differ concerning some major issues. Some disciplines are already acknowledged with diplomas, whereas others are not. Both AKH and ÖGHM are negotiating with the national health insurances to ensure that fees for homeopathic treatment are covered.

**BELGIUM**
Dr. Léon Scheepers, NVP

Registration A/H1N1 took place from October 1 to December 15, 2009. Anisum stellatum and Gelsemium sempervirens were the two most important remedies. During the upcoming European Union presidency of Belgium from July until December 2010, an important point for us will be the revision of diplomas on an European level. Therefore, we recently had met with the Federal Agency of Drugs and Health products and the Minister of Health. In another matter, on January 22, 2010, the government was summoned before the court by the national organization of osteopaths because of the fact that the law Colla (1999) had not yet been implemented which was to establish chambers for acupuncture, homeopathy, osteopathy, and chiropraxie. As a result, the government was ordered to install these chambers within three months.
Excerpts from the 65th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis 2010
Redondo Beach, California, USA, May 18-22, 2010
by Richard Hiltner, MD, DHT, and Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHT

The 65th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis was held May 18-22, 2010, at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel. The Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy for the first time joined with the Liga in having its own annual congress conjointly. The Congress Organizing Committee President, Richard Hiltner, MD, DHT, and the American Institute of Homeopathy President and Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Todd A. Hoover, MD, DHT, and Scientific Chair Joyce Frye, DO, MBA, MSCE, planned the event so that there were three concurrent sessions held in the Peninsula Room, the Pacific Room, and the Redondo 1/2 Room. There were also poster presentations ongoing throughout the Congress. The Liga 2010 Congress had approximately 450 attendees with 100 speakers from about 30 countries.

The Liga 2010 Congress began on Tuesday evening May 18th after the International Council concluded its session. The hotel and beach setting was a refreshing and dynamic scene for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Founding Charter of Homoeopathy: The Organon of Medicine. The LMHI President Ulrich Fischer initiated the Opening Ceremony. He emphasized the Cure by the Law of Similars or Analogy. Hahnemann stated in the 31st paragraph of the Organon of Healing Arts: “The large homeopathic law of curing…. is based on the law of human nature drawn on careful trials and pure experience…. that a disease can be eradicated and cured only by a similar disease.”

The President of the American Institute of Homeopathy [AIH], Dr. Todd Hoover, followed with a short review of AIH’s proud history with the LMHI since the latter’s beginning as AIH President Carroll Dunham carried through a resolution to produce the first World Homoeopathic Convention in 1876. And when the International Homoeopathic League

Brazil
Dr. Matheus Marim, NVP

Everything is going smoothly as homeopathy is widely recognized by patients and medical establishments based on its excellent results. We had two remarkable events as follows:

1. The participation of AMHB at the Technical Chamber for National Commission Accreditation (Education Ministry “Federal Council of Medicine” Brazilian Medical Association) where discussions and regulations are established for the improvement of medical consulting practice through Continued Education Improvement Procedures.

2. An invitation to present homeopathic results from Hospital Emergency Rooms at the First International Congress of the Brazilian Medical Association for Urgency and Emergency Treatments, October 2010, in São Paulo.

Most importantly, 56 new doctors were accepted for the Homeopathic Consultant Training Course via special examinations. Homeopathic celebrations will bring Brazilian homeopaths to Recife for the XXX Brazilian Congress of Homoeopathy, November 22 to 27, 2010.

Bulgaria
Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP

Bulgaria Health Law has had a chapter for regulation of CAM since 2005 that allows only doctors and dentists to practice homeopathy. In the spring of 2007 a Working Group was formed by the Ministry of Health to work out a better version and clear many questionable issues. There is a lot of opposition, but the group is still working. The chairperson of the Association of Homoeopathic Physicians in Bulgaria is an active member of the Working Group. The final edition was ready in the middle of July 2010. It includes the regulation of education and practice of CAM and if passed by the parliament will provide a better environment to all CAM methods, including homeopathy.

Chile
Dr. Ewald Finsterbusch, Contact Person

Our country was badly damaged by an earthquake on February 27, 2010. Besides that, little has changed since our last report. The
was eventually founded in Rotterdam in 1925, another USA physician, Roy Upham was its first President. He pointed out that our best response to the ongoing attacks on homeopathy across the globe is to conduct and deliver properly controlled studies of homeopathic care.

Dr. Richard Hiltner, the Congress President, said that the Universal Law of Similars or the Law of Analogy inspired Hahnemann. Like all its laws, the Universe supports it with its magnificent strength, which no person or organization can resist in the long run. Homeopathy has reached its “Critical Mass.” It will reach its proper place in medicine. It is all a matter of time.

The Scientific Chair, Dr. Joyce Frye, finished the Opening Ceremony with a delight to report that we are able to offer excellent examples of scientific studies in homeopathy. She encouraged all presenters to polish their manuscripts for publication in peer review journals. It is necessary for them to disseminate their messages to leaders and policy makers worldwide.

A wonderful musical production was interspersed through the Opening Ceremony with the participation of AIH Secretary Dr. Richard Moskowitz; the inspiring singing of Dr. Karl Klinkenberg and the playing of piano virtuoso Claudia Klinkenberg, who brought the Ceremony to a magical conclusion.

The Opening Ceremony was followed by a Reception in which all enjoyed meeting colleagues, both old and new.

COLOMBIA
Dr. Carlos Riveros-Gomez, NVP

Homeopathy continues to grow. The number of practicing physicians and homeopathic schools grows rapidly. One of our greatest advances has been the accreditation of some existing homeopathic programs by the State, bestowing upon graduates the title of “Physician with Specialization in Homeopathy.” Continuing education courses are offered by various homeopathic schools such as the Fundación Instituto Colombiano de Homeopatía “Luis G. Páez,” Fundación Hahnemann de Colombia, Asociación Médica Homeopática de Colombia, Asociación Médica Homeopática Uncista de Santander, featuring recognized homeopaths from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, and Spain. Almost every major city has teaching centers, homeopathic pharmacies, and homeopathic patient care facilities. The standards for the practice and teaching of homeopathy are ensured through two physician associations: the Federación Médica Homeopática de Colombia and the Asociación Médica homeopática de Colombia.

Prof. Josef Schmidt
Dr. Anton Rohrer
Dr. Jay Borneman

Wednesday morning’s sessions included presentations by Dr. John Ives, “Enzyme Stabilization by Glass-Derived Silicates in Homeopathically Prepared Solutions” and Dr. Karin Lenger, “Photons in Homeopathic Remedies Heal the Patients: A Biophysical Model of Homeopathic Function” in the Peninsula Room. Honoring the 200th Anniversary of the Organon, Professor Josef Schmidt delineated much of the history of the original Organon of Medicine by Samuel Hahnemann, comparing the six editions printed from 1810-1842 in his scholarly presentation, “200 Years Organon of Medicine: A Comparative View on Its Six Editions.” Dr. Anton Rohrer followed with “The Method of Hahnemann: Prescribing with Certainty,” both in the Pacific Room. In the
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Wednesday afternoon again had three concurrent sessions with the Liga and a simultaneous session offered by the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy. Early afternoon papers in the Peninsula Room discussed pharmacy and pharmacopoeiae presented by Dr. Amarilys de Toledo Cesar in “Pharmaceutical Standardizing” and Dr. Jay Borneman with “The Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the US.” Drs. Linda Johnston and Frans Vermeulen offered an extensive presentation on “The Malvaceae” in the Pacific Room. The topics in the Redondo 1/2 Room addressed homeopathic practice: Dr. Bhattarum Aruna, “Similimum: A Rare Commodity?” and Dr. Dan Cook, “Different Styles of Repertorization.”


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In the AVH veterinarian sessions that ran morning through the early afternoon, Drs. Sue Armstrong and Peter Gregory continued with their two-day seminar entitled “Remedies that Bite” in Redondo 3 Room.

With the commencement of the later afternoon sessions, Homeopathy in Dentistry was held in the Redondo 3 Room wherein Dr. Geraldo Brown Ribero (“Fluor”), Dr. German Benitez Canderas (“Pain Relief with Arnica in Dentistry in Double Blind Post-Surgical Trial”), and Dr. Gloria Feighelstein (“Pre-Trans-Post Operative in Dental Oral Surgery”) presented papers and led discussions in the field of dental homeopathy.

Proving matters, practice process, and cases management composed the three streams of discussion in the late afternoon. The following speakers discussed proving matters: Dr. David Riley, “Homeopathic Principles and Conventional Research Methods in Contemporary Homeopathic Drug Provings;” Dr. Jonathan Shore, “We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time: Explanations into Proving Methodologies;” Dr. David Naude, “Source of Crude Substance and Its Influence on Proving Symptoms.”

Dr. Kushal Bannerjee, “Advanced Homeopathy Protocol: Its Overview and Specific Disease Efficacy,” and Ilya Tiraspolkskiy, “Algorithms of Hahnemann’s Psora in Clinical Practice,” discussed practice process. Dr. Sanjay Gupta closed out the sessions in that room with the presentation “Snakes are Miraculous.”

Case management topics were offered in the third concurrent session, including the following: Dr. Yogesh Sehgal, “Treating Schizophrenia on the Basis of Feelings;” Dr. Vangelis Zafeiriou, “The Therapeutic Relationship Patterns of ‘Remedies’ and their Impact on Treatment Choice and Outcome;” Dr. Michael Teut, “Homeopathic Treatment of Patients with Dementia;” and Dr. Ronko Itamura, “Combination of Homeopathy and Morita Therapy for Depression Patients.”

**CUBA**

**Dr. Mayra Riveron, Contact Person**

After arduous work, we were able to present the health authorities a proposal of a homeopathic formulation to fight the pandemic of Influenza H1N1 on the island. The product, called Nodegrip, was distributed free to the Cuban population, with the hope of improving immunologic resistance. The year concluded with a graduation election in May 2010 will result in something new. Hopefully, the new parliamentary election in May 2010 will result in something new.

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**Dr. Eliska Krejcova, NVP**

successes: we obtained the ECH accreditation for our homeopathic school, giving prestige to our association. We have started the new year-school of our homeopathic basic course with sixteen new students. We have organized two seminars in the past year and a very successful homeopathic summer school. On the other hand, we experienced a “homeopathic crisis,” meaning we saw low participation on seminars and few articles submitted for publication to our magazine. There is no progress in legislation pertaining to homeopathy presently. Hopefully, the new parliamentary election in May 2010 will result in something new.
May 21, 2010 - Friday

Friday’s early morning subjects were somewhat varied. In the Redondo 1/2 Room, gynecologic matters were discussed by Dr. Girish Gupta, “Clinical Study in Cases of Ovarian Cyst in Response to Homeopathic Treatment;” Dr. Suryakhatun Osman, “Miasmatic Approach in Treatment of Endometriosis;” and Dr. Purnima Shukla, “Evidence Based Study on Homeopathic Management of Uterine Leiomyomata.”

In the Peninsula Room, Dr. A. O. Minotti spoke on “Translating What the Patient Says into the Language of the Repertory;” followed by Dr. Carlos Campora who presented his paper “Evidence- Based Homeopathy with Cases of Severe Auto-Immune Disease.”

Dr. Karl Klinkenberg led off the morning in the Pacific Room with the “Defective Illness and the Method of Boenninghausen.” The next speaker, Dr. Nisanth Nambison, introduced the subject of homeopathy and cancer in “New Insight in Treating Cancer: An Integrated Homeopathic Approach,” which heralded that theme’s continuation through the remainder of the presentations in that room for the balance of the day.

The late morning presentations in the Peninsula Room referred autism and ADHD with the papers of Dr. An Van Veen, “Complete Eradication of Autistic Spectrum Expression;” and Dr. Fabio De Almeida Bolognani, “ADHD and Homeopathy.”

The Pacific Room papers continued the discussions of homeopathy in cancer with the following speakers: Dr. Barbara Sarter, “The Banerji Protocols for Treatment of Cancer Using Homeopathic Medicine;” Dr. Eduardo Inventarza, “A New Approach or a Return to Constitutional Homeopathy in Cancer Treatment;” and Dr. Juhi Gupta, “Understanding Cancer Through Homeopathic Repertories.”

In Redondo 1/2 Room, Dr. Rosario Sanchez Caballero discussed “The Insuperability of Homeopathic Experimentation: Mercurius i. r., Hellebores, Coca, and Sol;” followed by Dr. Antonio Marques Arpa, “A Case of Necrosis of the Hip.”

Simultaneously, in Redondo 3 Room, veterinarian Dr. Richard Pitcairn elucidated “Animal Behavior in Homeopathy” in the early morning session, followed by a seminar offered by Dr. Christina Chambreau, “Freedom From Bias – Ten Steps to Avoid in Veterinary Homeopathy,” that filled the late morning and early afternoon sessions.

Friday’s early afternoon sessions continued with the three concurrent sessions. Actually, the topic for discussion in the Pacific Room remained homeopathy and tumors for much of the balance of the day. Dr. Mitchell Fleisher led off with "A Case of Metastatic Cancer” followed by Dr. Sharad Shangloo, “Clinical Trial of Carcinocin Pap Uterus 30 Nosode as Direct Prescription in Cases of Cancer of Uterus;” Dr. Alok Pareek, “Bladder Tumor;” Dr. Keyur Majumdar, “Cancer: The Mind-Body Nexus;” Dr. Anil Kumar Seth, “Homeopathic Approach to Cancer;” and Dr. Srinivasa Rao Nypati, “Nasal Sinus Polyps.” The concluding paper was Dr. Tarkeshwar Jain “A Video Case of Cerebral Palsy with Follow-Up.”

ECUADOR
Dr. Edgar L. Godoy, NVP

Homeopathy has sustained a profound development. There is a new law regulating homeopathic remedies, perhaps the first of its kind in the world, clearly differentiating classical homeopathic medicine from complex remedies and authorizing homeopathic medicine kits to be administered to the patient by the homeopathic doctor. There is a law restricting the practice of homeopathic prescribing to medical doctors only. Also, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Godoy, Adviser of the Minister of Public Health, an office of a national sub secretary of traditional and alternative medicine was created. The Ecuadorian Homeopathic School continues with 12 new students starting their master level courses. An agreement is in process between SOMHE and the Ministry of Public Health to offer free consultations, the first step in including homeopathy in the National system of Public Health.

ESTONIA
Dr. Saima Tisler, NVP

This year Estonian homeopaths have been slightly more active. Different homeopathic unions have organized several seminars and courses. The development of Estonian Homeopathic Union (EHU) has been stable, meetings and patients’ discussions have been held regularly. Neither the number of homeopaths nor the number of LMHI members has changed significantly. Due to the economic downturn, quite a few homeopaths have started private practices; hence, the popularity of homeopathy has risen. The dominant schools influencing homeopaths in Estonia are the Belgian-Russian, Finnish, Mr. Vihoulkas (Greek), and British schools. Homeopathic doctors continue to attend courses in Bulgaria, Russia, Finland and Greece. Since 2008, Estonian Qualification Authority has yielded 15 Homeopathic Qualifications. Over the past year fewer than ten publications on homeopathy have been published, and this Vice President appeared on Estonian television.
Saturday’s three consecutive sessions ran through the morning. In the Peninsula Room, the early morning started with Dr. Praveen Kumar presenting on “Homeopathy in MDRTB” followed by Drs. Kusum Chand and Raj K. Manchanda explicating “Homeopathy in Multi-Drug Resistant Pulmonary Tuberculosis: A Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial.” The third paper was Dr. Raj K. Manchanda “Public Private Partnership in the Provision of Homoeopathic Service in Delhi, India.”

Two presenters were on the early morning program in the Pacific Room. Dr. Todd Rowe spoke on “Assessing the Health of the United States Homeopathic Community” and Dr. Rinaldo Octvio Vargas discussed “Sociology of Homeopathy: The Social Idea of Growth in Homeopathy & Macro-Structured Influences.”

Dr. Corey Weinstein presented “The Materia Medica of Incarceration in America.” Dr. Lee Kayne explained “The Developing Role of the UK Homeopathic Pharmacist.” Peggy Chipkin, FNP, wound up the early morning session in the Redondo 1/2 Room with “The Effect of a Curative Remedy on the Patient’s World.”

Saturday’s later morning presenters were Dr. Ian Coulter, “CAM and Comparative Effectiveness Research: Is This the Way Forward for Homeopathy?” and Dr. Stephen Messer “Teaching Homeopathy: A Pedagogical Model for Medical Students and Residents. The SCNM Experience.”

Simultaneously in Redondo 3 Room, the veterinarian sessions continued with a three-hour presentation by Dr. Peter Knafl “Applicability of Classical Homeopathic Treatment in House-Soiling in Cats,” followed by his presenting “Demodicosis and Its Homeopathic Treatment in Special Consideration of Thyroidinum.”

On Friday evening, all of the Congress participants attended the semi-formal Gala Dinner Dance. The Organizing Committee having decided to include the Dinner Dance in the registration fee, they allowed everyone the opportunity to enjoy the music, the food, and the dance. A grand time was had by all.

**FRANCE**

Dr. Philippe Servais, NVP

The organization of medicine is being restructured, which will affect homeopathy as medical care will be controlled by referral through a primary physician, and homeopathic physicians will have to comply with the protocols of scientific medicine to be included in authorized referrals. The pluralist and unist groups work together to unify homeopathy in France, creating one voice to deal with medical authorities. Two schools accredited by the ECH ensure high quality education: INHF-Paris and Dauphiné-Savoie. The situation regarding research is encouraging because of the new provings of Dr. Helene Renoux. Clinical research is active also, and would be of greater benefit worldwide if we could translate it into English. We are concerned about the recent tendency in some countries to develop new remedies without employing the inductive classical method.

**GEORGIA**

Dr. Nikoloz Gujabidzeh, NVP

Homeopathic situation is without any marked changes. Due to financial conditions our homeopaths have few opportunities to participate in the LMHI Annual Congresses. This reduced their interest in continuing their membership in Liga. But most of them stay and do their best for developing and popularizing of homeopathy in Georgia. Homeopaths from Holland continue their support of Georgian homeopaths.
National Vice President Reports

GERMANY
Dr. Karin Bandelin, NVP

There are a number of homeopathic schools offering courses following the curriculum of the German Association of Homeopathic Physicians (DZVhÄ). Passing the exams leads to a certificate from the medical authorities designating “Homeopathy” as a special medical qualification. Homeopathy is integrated into the national health system. The “European Library for Homeopathy” in Kothen was inaugurated in 2009. It also hosted the 160th annual meeting of the DZVhÄ celebrating the 200th birthday of the Organon. Another congress that will be held in Kothen is the 10th ICE. Berlin hosts the LMHI website www.lmhi.net and the LIGA Letter. The combined offices of LIGA and DZVhA, inaugurated by both the governing bodies, can be reached at media@lmhint.net. Please help document situations like treatment of H1N1 for defense against attacks such as the recent anti-homeopathy British onslaught.

GREECE
Dr. Aristotle Vathis, NVP

There are about 250 homeopathic doctors, 120 homeopathic doctors in training, and 40 lay practitioners. Classical homeopathy is strong, although complex remedies are available. The Aegean University offers an EU recognized Master in Classical Homeopathy. George Vithoulkas trains Greek and international doctors and other practitioners. The largest homeopathic medical society is the 40-year old Hellenic Homeopathic Medical Society. Two magazines are published quarterly, with approximately 5000 copies per issue. The HHMS translated in Greek and distributed the ECH booklet Homeopathic Care in a Medical Context, printing about 10,000 copies. The public is being informed through the website www.homeopathy.gr. The HHMS sends a newsletter to homeopathic practitioners. There is an outpatient clinic for treatment of migraines in a public hospital. Some homeopathic doctors are elected members on the professional medical boards.

The Closing Ceremony

Congress President Dr. Richard Hiltner presented Plaques of Appreciation to the Organizing Committee members Drs. Todd Hoover and Richard Moskowitz, Scientific Chair Dr. Joyce Frye, Event Planner Babette Haddox and Volunteers George Psaltis and Adele Bonge. Liga Immediate Past President Dr. Ulrich Fischer passed the gavel of office to newly elected Liga President Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan. Dr. Matuk then officially closed the Liga Congress.

The concluding event was an emphatic vocal and piano ensemble by Drs. Karl Klinkenberg and Dick Moskowitz and piano virtuoso Claudia Klinkenberg.

The Proceedings for the 65th Congress can be purchased via the 65th Liga Congress website, www.liga2010.org.
HUNGARY  
Dr. Zsofia Hidvegi, NVP

Although the Hungarian Homeopathic Medical Association (MHOE) aims to receive the accreditation of the European Diploma, they have made small progress. Graduated medical students organized a homeopathic course at the Semmelweis Medical University with high student interest. MHOE offers basic seminars on homeopathy to medical doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and non-medical persons, a postgraduate course for veterinarians, and publishes the quarterly journal Simile. The Association of the Art of Homeopathic Healing (HGyT) launched a four-year program for non-medical persons with rigorous examination requirements, although only medical doctors may practice homeopathy. The CEDH offers a two-year course on clinical homeopathy for physicians for CME credit, a 40-hour course for other healthcare professionals, and basic courses for non-professionals. The Homeopathic Academy by Homart Bt conducts courses for advanced homeopaths three times per year.

INDIA  
Dr. Rajkumar K. Manchanda, M. D., Contact Person  
(report presented by Dr. Alok Pareek)

The present worldwide medical scenario is attacking homeopathy. We need a strong international organization to increase Liga membership everywhere and to raise a united, irresistible voice. There is a need for greater awareness of Liga in heavily populated countries like India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Malaysia and Singapore, where homeopathy is considered a reliable medical system, governments are supportive, and there are many qualified homeopaths. Good representation of these countries in LIGA is important. I encourage the Executive Committee to investigate the matter and I offer my support. In India we have tremendous homeopathic manpower and many patients. Utilizing this clinical research pool, we can promote homeopathy. In Agra, where we have a research-oriented strategy and well-documented cases, research proceeds with modern diagnostic facilities. Let us adopt a similar strategy worldwide.

Actions of the LMHI Governing Bodies
Actions of the Executive Committee  
May 17, 2010

- Executive Committee Minutes from 2009  Approved
- LMHI Congress of 2011 was cancelled in Latvia, moved to India  Approved
- Liga Accreditation Criteria and Liga Diploma  Approved
- Liga Membership Brochure content presented  Accepted
- Proposal for Foundation to support the mission of the Liga will be circulated for further discussion

**Purpose of the Foundation**

*Purpose of the Foundation: the promotion and support of research and education in the field of medical homeopathy worldwide. The Foundation achieves this purpose by the support of scientific studies, the offering of scholarships, the promotion of homeopathic teaching centers for medical doctors or the promulgation of other projects that have the purpose of the development and the securing of homeopathy worldwide. The Board of Trustees and the management will decide the mechanism by which the purpose of the Foundation will be attained. The international nature of the Foundation shall be maintained by striving for diversity among the members of the Board as well as in the selection of the sponsoring of homeopathic projects.*

- Working Committee: Each secretary urged to develop a working group for the support of his/her work  In process
- Rather than electing a new Liga Secretary for Veterinary, a representative from the International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy will fill that position. The IAVH will assist at our Liga meetings in the future. Approved

Actions of the International Council  
May 18, 2010

- An Election was held at the International Council Meeting. The results were as follows:
  - José Matuk Kanan (Mexico) President
  - Ulrich Fischer (Germany) Past President
  - Renzo Galassi (Italy) Vice President
  - Thomas Peinbauer (Austria) Prime General Secretary
  - Yves Faingnaert (Belgium) Treasurer
  - Edgar Godoy (Ecuador) Secretary for Archives
  - Geraldo Brown (Brazil) Secretary for Dentistry
  - Sandra M. Chase (USA) Secretary for the Newsletter
  - Fruzsina Gabor (Hungary) Secretary for Pharmacy
  - Michel Van Wassenhoven (Belgium) Secretary for Research
  - Carles Amengual y Vicens (Spain) Secretary for Education
  - Sara Eames (United Kingdom) Secretary for Public Relation

Then we have the special committees for Provings with Jacques Imberechts (Belgium) and for Library with Luis Cesar Cremonini (Argentina).

**IRAN**

Dr. Ardavan Shahrdar, NVP

There is growing interest in homeopathy. The increase in the number of homeopathic students and patients in major cities clearly reflects the progress of this science. Branches of the Iranian Homeopathic Association (IHA) are now open in several cities. New branches in other cities will open soon. IHA, formed with the permission of the Ministries of Interior and Health, is charged with providing standards. Recent communications with both the Ministry of Health and the Medical Council have strengthened the tie between IHA and these organizations. Only medical doctors can practice homeopathy, and, to be considered a competent ‘MD, homeopath,’ the registered member must pass an IHA exam to become an RIHA license holder. IHA is trying to strengthen the legal status of RIHA license in the medical governing body.

**ITALY**

Dr. Federico Pietro, NVP (report presented by Dr. Carlo Cenerelli)

The Italian Parliament has not approved laws regulating homeopathic and non-conventional medicine yet.

In November 2007 F.I.A.M.O. (The Italian Federation of Homeopathic Associations and Homeopaths) organized a congress with Brazilian homeopaths during which the Brazilian homeopathic medical doctors informed us about the situation of homeopathy in Brazil and the official recognition by the government and the institutions in that country. The FIAMO and LMHI, with the sponsorship of LUIMO, were supported by the National Civil Defense to give homeopathic assistance to the earthquake victims of L’ Aquila. Consequently, a container serving as a homeopathic clinic functioned in L’ Aquila during 2009. Homeopathic Medical Doctors cured many people and in the future they will report the results of their homeopathic assistance rendered to these patients.
Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

Homeopathic medicines are not recognized as medicines by the Ministry of Welfare and Medicine. No legal controls or certification prevent people from practicing homeopathy. The government permits only doctors and dentists to practice medicine, but homeopathy is not regulated as such. Provision of medical treatment by a person who does not hold a state qualification is illegal. Similarly, the Veterinary License Law allows only qualified veterinarians to treat animals. The Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy (JPSH) began with about 50 members in 2000, with the objectives of advancing research and knowledge, spreading homeopathy as a form of healthcare, and establishing safety in homeopathy. Now it has 458 members. It is honored to be hosting the first Asian LMHI Congress, the 67th LMHI Congress in Nara, 14-17 September 2012.

Dr. Yves Faingnaert

A moment of silence for the loss of Colleagues in the past year: Homeopathic physicians: Tinus Smits (NL), Professor Negro (Italy), Allen Neiswander (USA), and Ralph Twentyman (UK); Homeopathic pharmacists Andy Bormeth (USA) and Michael Quinn (USA); Homeopathic author and historian Harris Coulter (USA)

The new EC members:

Dr. Yves Faingnaert
Dr. Geraldo Brown
Dr. Fruzsina Gabor
Dr. Sara Eames

JAPAN
Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

KAZAKHSTAN
Dr. Yelena Zyukina, NVP

In May 2010, members of Senate, Parliament of Republic of Kazakhstan, and Almaty Council, representatives of ministries and international not for profit organizations including members of National Medical Association, Department of Health, Education, Tourism and Sport, Almaty Institute of Continuous Professional Education for doctors, ITECA exhibition and Kazakhstan Homeopathic Association held their first conference, “Right to Health.” Participants in the conference included: German Colleagues, President of Eurasian Medical Associations, member of International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy will fill that position. The IAVH will assist at our Liga meetings in the future.

The material is to be placed on the website and the National Vice President/Contact Persons are to respond within three months.
### LATVIA

**Dr. Marina Afanasieva, Contact Person**

What was striking, singular, uncommon and peculiar for the past year in Latvia? Homeopathic life was energized by a number of seminars: R. Petrucci (Italy), Z. Dergacheva (Ukraine), V. Rudovskaya (Ukraine). The Educational Center of Family Health of the Latvian University in collaboration with doctors of the Latvian Homeopathic Association prepared a two-year postgraduate program on homeopathy for medical doctors with basic specialty certification, which started in February 2010. The Baltic Homeopathic Union (BHU) was founded and legally registered in Riga. This organization continues the traditions and educational activity of the Baltic Center of Classical Homeopathy, which was created in 2000.

### LIECHTENSTEIN

**Dr. Matthias Puschkarski, Contact Person**

Due to its small size, Liechtenstein only has ten homeopaths, four of whom are medical doctors with an allopathic degree from a University (Medical School), and six without. The costs of homeopathic treatment are not covered by basic health insurance but are partly covered by additional “alternative medicine” health insurance, which many patients have. In the last three years I have organized homeopathic case management seminars, held by Dr. Kokelenberg from Belgium, which have gotten a very good reception.
Reports of the Executive Committee
2007–2010

President
Dr. Ulrich Fischer, Germany

I have participated with the Executive Committee in the development of a new Membership Brochure. LMHI regulations for the accreditation of homeopathic medical schools and teaching centers have been created, as well as criteria for a LIGA Diploma. Shortly, the Diploma will be available for those individual doctors, members of a teaching center or homeopathic medical association, who have passed the qualifying examination of the LMHI Medical Homeopathic Education Standards at an LMHI accredited teaching center.

I began preparations for an International LMHI Foundation for Homeopathy. Much effort was expended in support of the preparations for the 65th LMHI Congress in Los Angeles and the 66th LMHI Congress in Riga. Representing LIGA, I visited the national homeopathic medical associations in Ecuador and Slovenia and represented LIGA at the 1st International Homeopathy Day in Ljubljana/Slovenia, April 2010.

Working projects of the Executive Committee
2007 - 2010

• LMHI office, Berlin, Germany, for membership administration, Website management, eNewsletter preparation, and press work
• LMHI Website
• LMHI Curriculum
• Standards for Homeopathic Examination
• Regulations for LMHI accreditation of homeopathic medical schools and teaching centers
• LMHI Diploma
• LMHI Membership Brochure
• First steps towards an International LMHI Foundation for Homeopathy
• 65th LMHI Congress in Los Angeles and 66th LMHI Congress in Riga preparations
• Semiannual LMHI e-Newsletter facilitating the fast, efficient, worldwide spread of important information
• “Guidelines and Rules for the Organization of LMHI Congresses”
• “LMHI Position Paper on the H1N1 flu”
• “A proposal for a definition of the Homeopathic Remedy”
• Defense of homeopathy through written statements and press releases
• Under the supervision of Michel van Wassenhoven and growing out of Oostende LMHI Congress – publication of LMHI/ECH documents on “Research in Homeopathy” and “Evidence based Homeopathy.”
• The 1st International Homeopathy Day in Ljubljana/Slovenia, April 2010 (with ECH)
• Collaboration with ECH in important international homeopathic projects

MEXICO
Dr. Antonio P. Sánchez Caballero, NVP

The rebuilt National Homeopathic Hospital reopened at the celebration of the Mexican Bicentenary in September. The National Consultative Homeopathic Council works with the Health Ministry for recognition of homeopathy as real medicine. Schools and Colleges continue teaching young interested physicians, promoting homeopathy in public media, and performing social services. This year is the 50th Anniversary of Homeopatia de Mexico A.C., the first postgraduate institute studying the Miasmatic Theory. Despite the passing of its founder, Dr. Proceso Sanchez Ortega, the school continues, with more homeopaths taking the master degree every semester. In congresses and meetings every year, many subjects are reviewed. A magazine is printed semiannually. In late September, the XXXI National Homeopathic Congress took place, and we had the IX National Forum about Homeopathy at the Bicentennial of Mexico’s Independence.

MOLDOVA
Dr. Tatiana Bolbocean, NVP

In the school year 2009-2010, the Department of Alternative and Complementary Medicine of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Nicolei Testemitanu” Chisinau organized a number of courses of specialization and improvement in homeopathy, as follows:
• 11 Oct – 11 Nov 2009 – general improving (156 hours)
• 11 Jan – 23 April introduction in homeopathy and phytotherapy (468 hours)
• 19 April – 20 May – Traditional Medicine methods for vertebral and neurological syndromes (156 hours)

The Alternative Medicine Association from Republic of Moldova organized monthly seminars of homeopathy, attended by homeopaths from the entire republic.

In February 2010 the last number of the publication “Alternative Medicine – clinical physiology and treatment methods,” with many homeopathic articles was published.
Nowadays, activities that promote the social welfare are more and more necessary. LMHI cannot stay outside of this stream.

We continued contacts with Promise of Health, a North American NGO that already develops its activities in Mexico. A possible future model of collaboration was planned.

I consider that LMHI above all should have more experience in this field and suggest that LMHI starts its “own” social activity to achieve more knowledge.

In order to do so it was necessary to gather information of the institutions in Sao Paulo with which we would like to join forces involving doctors from the continuous education program of San Paulo’s homeopathic school. It is a way to enhance medical education with practical experience, give a first job opportunity to many doctors, and help the health of poor communities with homeopathic treatment.

The Brazilian social organization Alquimia is an NGO situated in the southern area of San Paulo near a slum. Many immigrants live in this community. The organization’s activities are aimed at the community’s children. Most of the 80 children attending per month were boys who do not have access to medical care. Alquimia has a dentist who comes once a week. It has a proper room for medical assistance available for those without adequate budget to pay for the doctors. The funds come from the donations from philanthropic projects. The work is focused on education but they recognize the importance of taking care of the children’s health and that it is difficult educate when the children lack health and physical well-being.

São Joaquim Association is dedicated to the elderly. It is a place where people over the age of 55 – most of them retired and earning a pension of approximately US $240 – can get together to exchange their abilities and learn new activities together and by doing that they recover their roots, their self-esteem, identity and, therefore, life quality.

The association has the support of other social organizations and volunteer work. However this help is not enough to attend all the demands, especially due to the fact that they are located in a periphery area in SP. They manage to attend 150 people per month but cannot supply their health care needs.

LMHI Purpose “…development and securing of homeopathy worldwide … creation of a link between homoeopaths with medical diplomas and between societies and persons who are interested in homeopathy.”

- The purpose will be (in medium terms): to bring effective, low cost, sustainable homeopathic healthcare to medically underserved population; and, to bring the evidence, clinical data and success of these social projects to the forefront of the world’s health organizations, foundations and the international media.
- Doctors participating in the social projects will be members of LMHI. In this way, LMHI will be able (through the participation of the local schools) to accomplish the gathering, recording, maintenance, and publishing of important clinical data from the diagnosis and treatment of not only influenza but all categories of illness from patients being served.
- Data collected from these projects will probably positively impact relations and new thinking with National and International medical and health care organizations.
- Data collected from the success of homeopathic social projects will help to combat, in a positive way, the ignorance and bias of groups like “Sense about Science”, “The Voice of Young Science” and others like them.
- All those activities will be sponsored by donations.
- There will be strict accountability of all funds. All costs to cover expenses of these designated social projects must be detailed. All new funds raised as a result of the joint working group will initially be deposited into a special account.
In the last year, the Peruvian School of Homeopathy, following the guidelines of LMHI homeopathic education, began a Course of 3 years (six cycles of four months each). The first promotion has only 15 students, all of them M.D.s. I will send all of the information to obtain the recognition of the LMHI.

In the last five years a team of five teachers directed by Dr. Carlos Corbacho taught a Module unit of homeopathy within a postgraduate course for M.D.s of Complementary Medicine in the San Marcos University, the oldest University in America. They were the following colleagues: Dr. Martín Corbacho, Dr. Héctor Hernández, Dr. Luis Pun, and Dr.Giovanni Espósito. In Lima there are ten homeopathic pharmacies, and there is one in each of the following cities: Cuzco, Arequipa, and Trujillo.

PERU
Dr. Carlos Corbacho Orosco, Contact Person

Prime Vice President
Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan, Mexico

Activities since 2008 to the present:
Since 1994 I have updated annually the Directory of the Executive and International Committee with assistance from the Executive Officers. I plan to continue this useful publication. Our General Secretary’s efforts were invaluable in obtaining the current data. The result is sometimes imperfect as we do not always receive the changes of address in time. Please give the information to the General Secretary or to any member of the Executive Committee.

I thought about resolving the problem of spam sent to our e-mail. We may change the email addresses for the International and Executive Council to lmhi.org, on which we can increase the filters, without guarantee of result. We moved the page to the Liga under the oversight of Dr. Thomas Peinbauer. It is more useful than the old one, with more information, through the enormous help of his office. I give special gratitude to Carol Geiser and Christoph Trapp for the daily updating of the page.

We helped to publicize the congresses.
I participated in the Scientific Committee at the 2009 Congress in Poland.

We developed two drafts: The “Guidelines for Congress Organization,” with the Executive Committee; and the “Flu AH1n1,” which we put on the internet, with the help of Dr. Corrado Bruno, Dr. Sandra M. Chase, the Executive Committee, and Mexican colleagues.

I carefully follow the activities of our President and his efforts to develop the activities of our LMHI.

The Executive Officers met in Austria, to make arrangements for 65th Congress. I offer special thanks to Dr. Peinbauer and his family.

Thank you all for supporting me and giving me the confidence to continue working for the Liga.

POLAND
Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczynski, NVP

Homeopathy still is neither officially recognized nor outlawed. Doctors may legally prescribe homeopathic remedies. The Supreme Medical Council adopted an unenforceable resolution describing homeopathy as unethical in 2008. We participated in a meeting about medical skills organized by the Board of Health with homeopathy as one of the points, but there is still strong resistance from some medical professors and doctors. Many press articles were published after the 64th LMHI Congress and there were some positive radio and TV programs. Most notably there was a favorable presentation on TV and radio about a court case of Dr. Jan Baranowski, who was accused of practicing homeopathy. He was found not guilty, it was appealed, but final judgment is not affirmed yet. All this slowly but permanently changes public opinion about homeopathy.
Prime General Secretary

Dr. Renzo Galassi, Italy

During the last year I had to work, as usual, to maintain contact with all of the NVPs and Contact Persons. It was not easy, due to problems with email addresses, which sometimes had been changed. I had to forward a lot of messages and to create communication among the officers group and the members of the Executive Committee and of the International Council, due to the large amount of ideas, projects and proposals of last year.

We had the emergency of the H1N1 pandemic. It was not easy to coordinate all our efforts to reach a synthesis that would be our official statement.

As in the past, I had to work continually in order to update our Directory.

In February I participated in the officers’ meeting in Linz (Austria) to study the current situation of LMHI and to make decisions about the meetings of the next world congress.

Over the last months I have had to organize our meetings and send several invitations to those people who need a Visa for travel to the USA.

Lately, I have had to prepare the elections for the new Executive Committee for the period 2010-2013.

Last, but not least, I wrote the Minutes of the Executive Committee and of the International Council held in Warsaw last year.

This is my last period as General Secretary. It was a wonderful experience to work together with our President, Ulrich Fischer, and other members of the committees.

Treasurer

Dr. Thomas Peinbauer, Austria

LMHI has about 7000 individual members in 75 countries. Seventy percent of these members pay their dues. With more than 2200 individual members, Germany contributes 46% to the income. Another 46% comes from 11 countries with membership between 100 and 1000 members (Argentina, Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, UK, USA).

We have total assets of 242,938 CHF consisting of 107,290 CHF total fixed assets and total current assets of 135,648 CHF. Concerning the earnings by membership dues plus financial income, operating expenses, and expenses for the LMHI Journal we operate on a loss of 2,212 CHF. Looking at the total equity and liabilities between 2003 and 2009, one sees a steep increase from 2003 (199,496 CHF) to 2005 (291,236 CHF) and then a constant decrease until 2009 (242,938 CHF). In 2009 there were two new cost factors: the new permanent LMHI office in Berlin with costs of 10,000 CHF, and the electronic newsletter (Liga News) with 2080 CHF starting costs for 2 issues.

In 2009 a serious crisis took place in the cooperation between IPAH (Germany, Switzerland, ECH and LMHI) and our partners WUB and Papoo Software. Consequently, ECH created its own CMS-website. With the help of Dr. Karl-Wilhelm Steuernagel, former DZVhÄ-president, together with Dr. Peter Hofmann (Switzerland), and with a new contract and a new investment, we restarted the project. As a result, the CMS with its member search function, event calendar, and discussion groups is working. In July 2009 our website went online and continues to progress. Subsequently, Caroline Geiser moved with a part of our office from Bonn to Berlin at Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis, Reinhardstr. 37, 10117 Berlin, Germany.

SERBIA

Prof. Dr. Sci. med. Milo Popovic, NVP

Both Homeopathic organizations continue the work in educating members and promoting legislation and popularization of homeopathy. In Belgrade, 63 new physicians, participants of a one-year homeopathic course for Proficiency in Homeopathy, passed the final examination. The Ministry of Health issued 36 licenses for practicing homeopathy in private and state health institutions. The inter-state collaboration in the field of CAM therapies has been instituted with Toscana region (Italy). In the Serbian Medical Society, three lectures about homeopathic methodology and treatment have been accepted. The well designed website at www.sid.org.rs is successfully running. The problem with obtaining reliable homeopathic remedies remains unresolved, because there is only one pharmacy licensed to produce them, and there is lack of economical interest for engagement of some foreign manufacturer of homeopathic remedies.

SLOVENIA

Dr. Irena Gorišek, NVP

Medical doctors still are not allowed to practice homeopathy without losing their license. The most important event for homeopathy happened in April. The International Symposium on Homeopathy was organized by the LMHI, ECH, and SHD to celebrate International Homeopathy Day and promote awareness of homeopathy. The event gained a lot of publicity. We thank our speakers for their presentations about homeopathy and its status in the world. All presentations are available on our website www.shd.si. Afterward, Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer, Dr. Ton Nicolai, Dr. Barbara Bichsel, and Dr. Jean Pierre Jansen visited some of our health care decision makers. They presented important information about homeopathy and the talks were quite open mutually respectful. We hope that these talks will help us to improve the position of homeopathy in our country.
In 2009 The Health and Consumer Commission of the Parliament approved Homeopathy as a Medical Act and requested more regulation from the Government. In October 2009 the “II Journey of Homeopathy, Investigation and Science” occurred, featuring prestigious speakers, and supported by medical, political and academic authorities. In December 2009 the assembly of Presidents from Medical Spanish Colleges ratified Homeopathy as a Medical Act. In 2010 the Medical Spanish Association (OMC) met with representatives from the MCA to present a professional statute to the Ministry of Health and the IV National Congress of Homeopathy took place. New legal registration of homeopathic remedies is pending. The fourth issue of the National Magazine of Homeopathy has been published. It is evident to the associations that systematic collaboration with the media is necessary.
Secretary for Dentistry
Dr. Gloria Feighelstein, Brazil

After the recognition of homeopathy and dentistry, education entities and associations in Brazil will have the credentials of the Dentistry Federal Council (DFC) to grant diplomas for Doctors of Dentistry in Homeopathy. They must have a probationary evaluation to offer their post-graduate courses. The standards were constructed based on the LMHI Medical Education Standards. The post-graduate courses must include the stated contents of the DFC.

Until now, homeopathic dentists were educated in homeopathy under the philosophy and fundamental principles, chronic diseases, at the same post-graduate school as General Physicians, with a homeopathic doctor of dentistry supervising their specialty practices. It is necessary to create well-constructed, quality, post-graduate courses specifically for this branch of homeopathy.

Throughout my term, I have asked the NVPs about their experiences and the development of homeopathic dentistry. Fortunately, they attended to my requests, as in Mexico, Belgium, Warsaw, and, most recently, in Los Angeles, where their prolific response could be observed in our Congress, despite the novelty of this important homeopathic branch.

Latvia and its bordering countries have shown their great interest in this area, and I had put all my efforts in supplying their needs, as well as India; these were well-represented in Warsaw, and demonstrated great interest in this specific branch of homeopathy.

My purpose is to continue the work that has begun, attending to the necessities of the EC and all countries’ LMHI Members, offering support and collaboration, observing their countries’ laws, regions, ways of life, and their own difficulties. This secretariat could also give support to the homeopathic veterinarians and pharmacists, elucidating some possible doubts they might have, improving the availability of homeopathic dentistry prescriptions requirements.

Secretary for Education
Dr. Carles Amengual, Spain

Medical homeopathic education standards: LMHI and ECH, representing medical homeopathy worldwide, adopted last year (2009) a common program on education standards. Education meetings with LMHI-ECH have been held several times during last year, with the LMHI Secretary for Education (Budapest, November 2009) and/or other LMHI representatives (Slovenia, April 2010).

LMHI diploma: Contribution for the implementation of the LMHI Diploma has been achieved. This will be a next step for the accreditation of National Homeopathic Medical Schools by the LMHI.

The Liga book project: Two countries made application for the Liga Book Project: Nepal and Bolivia. Several sets of homeopathic books were sent, including reference works and practical texts. Some amendments have been proposed to the procedure document of 1997.

World Homeopathy 2010: The representatives of 35 countries have already sent the information about the legal situation of homeopathy in their country. We need urgently (by e-mail or post-mail):

• a letter in English from the LMHI National Vice President/Contact Person with the detailed legal situation of homeopathy and
• a copy of any legal document regarding homeopathy in his/her country.

All the updated information will be collected in a document-report and sent to all LMHI National Vice Presidents. Please, note that we rely only on your kind collaboration to include your country’s homeopathic information. We collected 530 pages in the last WORLD HOMEOPATHY 1998.

The document World Homeopathy 2010 will be very useful as technical information for the political and academic authorities of your country. Please, again, be aware of the importance of your prompt and effective collaboration by sending the required complete information.

SWEDEN
Dr. Karin Dutina, Contact Person

In the past year, the Swedish Medical Products Agency invited one lecturer to speak about the history of homeopathy and one of our own LMHI members to describe how a homeopathic consultation is conducted. According to the laws of registration, homeopathic remedies must have their registration renewed every 5 years. If this is not done, the remedy is not allowed on the market. One of the major European distributors has decided to withdraw from the Swedish market. And earlier, in 2009, another distributor had to close down its business. For homeopaths in Sweden this means that the supply of homeopathic remedies is diminishing to a level where it is hard to maintain a professional business.

SWITZERLAND
Dr. med. Barbara Bichsel, NVP

The request for the readmission of medical homeopathy to compulsory basic health insurance was submitted to the FOPH (Federal Office of Public Health) in April 2010. The recently elected minister of health will have to decide about the readmission; he is much more open-minded towards CAM than his predecessor. After the admission of the new constitutional article about CAM last year, a new organization was founded to unite politicians, patients, doctors, hospitals, non-medical therapists and manufacturers of CAM remedies. The aim of this new organization is the consolidation of CAM within the health system. The number of students of homeopathy is constantly increasing. The need for well-trained homeopathic doctors is growing, as about one third of the members of our association will retire during the next ten years!
The Liga Letter’s content has been increased 17% and it has become a channel for the “Give me five” inquiry. The newsletter has received significant and successful support from LMHI member organization ArsMedica. Receiving the Liga Letter is a basic right of the Liga member; therefore, it is up to each and every LMHI member to personally express his/her choice on the matter. Evolution of the Liga Letter: from a member privilege to a thriving promotional instrument. Editing the Liga Letter – an excellent occasion for building together a meaningful LMHI record: the editor, the LMHI board (EC and IC), the organizers of the past and next Liga Congresses. Opening each issue of the Liga Letter with an editorial by the President on duty.

As a result of the “Give me five” reputation inquiry, the LMHI is perceived as the most significant worldwide platform for homeopathy, there is a commitment of the members for quality of homeopathy, there is the offering of expertise, and we have had a valuable suggestions, as from Dr. Jelka Milic. I propose for the upcoming LMHI 85th Anniversary, the composition and orchestration of the LMHI Hymn on master CD and posting it on the LMHI website. Also, I propose that we annually honor a contemporary personality for his/her professional and social contribution to homeopathy: for this year, I propose Dr. Jutta Gnaiger Rathmanner (Austria).

Dr. Amarilys de Toledo Cesar, Brazil
Secretary for Pharmacy

The Definition of the Homeopathic Remedy was discussed at the 65th Congress in California, USA. We started two Facebook groups (Friends of Homeopathy and Friends of Homeopathic Remedy) to unite homeopathic pharmacists. Many pharmacists participated in the 64th LMHI Congress in Warsaw, which included presentations on LM-Q potencies and on high potencies made by mechanical equipment. During the last year, I facilitated a homeopathy specialization course in the Medical School of Jundiai for pharmacists, served as a director of the Brazilian Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Association and as a member of its Scientific Commission, and served as a member of the Homeopathy Commission of the Sao Paulo Pharmaceutical Council. I also served as a member of the Technical Directory of Homeopathy of the Magistral Pharmaceutical Association, offered a course with Ana Elisa Padula in homeopathy at the Pharmaceutical Sciences College, and served as a member of the Board of MSc and PhD thesis presentations of the Medical Sciences Colleges. A Forum was held in January 2010 to present and discuss a project of legislation, written by Virginia Cegalla and myself, for industrial laboratories of raw materials (MT and dynamizations) for pharmacies that produce homeopathic remedies. In the future I would like to see the LMHI stimulate measures to improve the quality of the homeopathic remedy, stimulate the participation of pharmacists in LMHI congresses, and support actions for suppliers of MT and dynamizations, as raw materials for pharmacies to prepare homeopathic remedies, as a strategy to keep the small remedies. A paper from our group, written by Adler, et al., about the use of homeopathy in depression, received the first prize in the VII Brazilian Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Congress.

Dr. Oleksandr Petrovich Ivaniv, NVP
Secretary for Pharmacy

There were no significant changes in homeopathy, as there were elections and positive change of power. All planned events took place in Vinnitsa, Donetsk, Zaporizhje, Lviv, Kyev, the Crimea, Odessa, and Karkiv (Congress of homeopaths, seven conferences, two Readings, 16 seminars, 67 sittings of regional homeopathic societies). Leaflets, books, and conference proceedings were published. The 13th volume of Ukrainian Homeopathic Annual is being prepared for publication. New WHO recommendations were translated and introduced into the work of the leading pharmacies. The homeopathic pharmacy in Vinnitsa was closed. Our homeopaths participated in congresses, seminars and conferences in 14 countries. Colleagues from Vinnitsa and Odessa took part in work of the ECH. Hahnemann’s Association of Homeopaths in Ukraine is undergoing reorganization. The number of members in the country is 52 doctors.
Secretary for Public Relations

Dr. Sandra M. Chase, USA

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Editor of the Liga Letter since I initiated the newsletter in October 1995 as one of 7 pledges of my Presidency. I thank you for the opportunity to continue in that. My heartfelt gratitude extends to Secretary for Newsletter Carmen Sturza and her Ars Medica Group for their invaluable aid in publishing the Liga Letter in recent years.

Duties defined:
- My service in the office of Secretary for Public Relations has been focused on the uninterrupted continued preparation of the Liga Letter.

Philosophical underpinnings:
- The Liga Letter serves the vital function of being the one tangible benefit of Liga Membership and the one direct link of the Executive to each individual Liga member.

Organizational imperative:
- My commitment remains to the direct providing of each issue of the Liga Letter to the individual Liga Member ...
- For the dissemination of organizational information,
- For the facilitation of international communication,
- For the engagement of each member,
- For mutual support and to insure our medical discipline’s rightful place in the world.

Goals for 2010-2011
Continue regular publication of the Liga Letter
- 130 word summary paragraph to be provided by NVP/Contact
- 250 word summary paragraph from Executive Officers
- Email of summary facilitates incorporation into the Liga Letter

Achieve two-month turn around time
Schedule regular communication in publication process
Improve communication among principals involved and the Executive Officers

Secretary for Research

Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, Belgium

After the 64th LMHI Congress, we published an update of the LMHI – ECH document: “Scientific Framework of Homeopathy after 64th LMHI congress.” This booklet aiming at better access to scientific publications including provings and clinical cases has to be updated each year with new results of homeopathic research. The booklet is a very important tool for all of us and will be updated again after the 65th LMHI congress. If you are aware of a new valuable scientific publication on homeopathy, do not hesitate to mail it to me for inclusion in an update of the booklet.

The WHO document “Safety issues in the preparation of Homeopathic Medicines” has been published very recently (ISBN 978 92 4 159884 2). This document contains a definition of homeopathy (standards and trends) and we are glad that our input has been considered and included.

Dr. A. Alma Rodriguez, President of LUIMO, asked for a discussion within the LMHI about the definition of the homeopathic remedy. A final draft of the document is available on the LMHI website.

We participated to an INFLUENZA PANDEMIC SITUATION 2009 observational survey including BeNeLux, UK, France, Brazil and India. The results of this survey will be published in the journal Homeopathy.

Our own databank of provings online through the LMHI website is not a dream anymore. More than 700 provings are already available. Still we do not have access to a huge part of published provings, the language of the publications is not a problem and we hope to include many more provings in the near future. For access online to these provings we have only to define keys. Any proposition is welcome.

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Raymond Sevar, NVP

Faculty of Homeopathy encourages all members to present accurate information about homeopathy to other health professionals. Revalidation for doctors by the General Medical Council (GMC) is especially concerning to those who work in private practice. The Society of Homeopaths, our largest organization of lay homeopaths, will seek statutory regulation of homeopathy with Health Professions Council. The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee hearings held in 2009 featured presentations by Dr. Peter Fisher and Robert Mathie, PhD. The Faculty coordinated written submissions to the Committee, including submissions from ECH and Liga. The biased report was released in February and received much media attention and a quick response from the Faculty and British Homeopathic Association. In the coming year public funding may be slashed resulting in more scrutiny of homeopathic services.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dr. Richard Hiltner, NVP

Monumental change occurred with the passing of a National Health Reform Law. The National Center for Homeopathy had its annual Conference in Washington, DC, in April 2010. Amy Lanksky, PhD, presented a well-referenced explanation of why skeptics are attacking homeopathy. Seventy-five percent of medical students felt conventional medicine would benefit by integrating CAM therapies. Three significant contributors to homeopathy have died: physician Allen Neiswander, author Harris Coulter, and pharmacist Michael Quinn. Research demonstrated that the homeopathic remedies Carcinosin, Phytolacca, Thuja, and Conium, have elevated cytotoxic effects on breast adenocarcinoma, that Calendula ointment helps effects on breast adenocarcinoma, that Calendula ointment helps...
Secretary for Veterinary
Dr. John Saxton, United Kingdom

In Argentina the ‘Thomas Pablo Paschero Homeopathic Medical School’ provides a two-year training for veterinary surgeons in conjunction with their human medicine colleagues. Political tricks are being used against homeopathy and this is affecting student numbers adversely with only two students at present. A group of 32 vets are members of a regular internet forum. In Australia small numbers of vets continue to train and some are coming forward to take the Faculty of Homeopathy (UK) examinations. The course in Canada continues and there are hopes of starting a second course soon. Holland is in the process of introducing a new educational framework for holistic vets, within which there will be a branch for homeopathy. The homeopathic section will be based on the IAVH standards. Italy is starting to draw up new legislation for the regulation of drugs. This is not aimed specifically at homeopathy, but there may be implications for both human and veterinary medicine. The situation is being monitored closely. Japan continues to have an active and committed veterinary homeopathic group. The training course in Latvia has started as planned with 20 students. Student numbers in the United Kingdom are still disappointingly low, and the recent developments in Parliament will do nothing to help the situation. Although that action gives the impression of being political and aimed at removing homeopathy from the NHS, it will add further to the negative image of the discipline among all Britain’s health professionals. On a more positive note, articles involving homeopathy are appearing in the veterinary press, including research papers in mainstream peer-reviewed publications. The United States continues to have an active veterinary homeopathic community. No other major developments have been reported from other countries.

URUGUAY
Dra. Liliana Brea, NVP

Report presented by Dra. Susana Falero, Presidenta de la AMHU From our country, we have the following two major news items to communicate: 1) In September 2009 the Ministry of Public Health, the top health official in Uruguay, decreed Homeopathic practice of medicine as a medical act. This means that homeopathic doctors and dentists are practicing medicine. We believe it is a breakthrough in the recognition and endorsement of the discipline, for which we have been struggling for long time; and, 2) The second Homeopathic Introductory Course started at the Veterinary Medicine Faculty from the National University, by the team of the Homeopathic Medical Association of Uruguay. We extend our fraternal greetings to the Homeopathic community, with whom we share this good news gladly.

VENEZUELA
Dr. Paola Galasso, NVP

The proposal published in 2007 by the National Commission of Complementary Therapies (CONATEC) is still valid, even though there have been no advances in the application of its basic objective, the inclusion of Homeopathy in the National Health System. Probably, as a consequence of socio-political upheaval and the recent appearance of a parallel National Health System, we have seen the migration of doctors who are mainly of Italian, Spanish or Portuguese descent, moving to Europe or the United States. This has resulted in a significant decrease in graduate courses including that of Homeopathic Medicine, supported by both the Venezuelan Society of Homeopathic Medicine and the Venezuelan Foundation for Homeopathy. Nevertheless, we continue to work for the legalization of practice and the inclusion of homeopathy in the National Health System.
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Organizing Committee exultantly announces the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathic Internationalis (LMHI) Congress in New Delhi, India from 1st – 4th December 2011.

The Indian health care system has the unique feature of medical pluralism wherein time honored traditional systems are collectively recognized as AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Sidha and Homoeopathy). These therapeutic modalities are well established and widely acknowledged due to their historical and cultural significance. Homoeopathy is the second most popular medical system after Allopathy in a majority of the states of India.

India has achieved successful institutionalization of homoeopathy in public health with ample statutory control on education, clinicians, drug safety and control. Currently, homoeopathy has more than 6000 public primary health centers, 300 thousand registered practitioners, and 186 university affiliated colleges/hospitals (35 Govt.), wherein several millions of patients seek homoeopathic treatment. This rich clinical experience can provide the basis of Evidence Based Homoeopathy. It is estimated that in 2010, the size of the homoeopathic market in India is Rs. 26 billion and its demand is growing at 25-30% every year (ASSOCHAM 2007).

The theme of the Congress is “Homoeopathy for Public Health.” The Congress will provide an opportunity to share clinical experiences and to deliberate on the latest scientific research in the field of homoeopathic medicine.

The proposed topics of this congress are:

- Clinical studies of homoeopathy – meta-analysis etc.
- Success stories highlighting various prescribing techniques
- Drug proving – planning & protocol
- Applied Materia Medica – clinical verification
- Miasmatic diagnosis and its relevance in clinical practice
- Public health initiatives in homoeopathy
- Campaign on Homoeopathy for Healthy Mother & Happy Child- experience sharing
- Quality control of homoeopathic drugs – GMP and homoeopathic pharmacopoeia
- Basic research in homoeopathy – scope and limitations
- Government policies of homoeopathy around the world
- Homoeopathic education – opportunities & challenges
- Homoeopathy in veterinary and dental practice
- Open sessions

All of the doctors, researchers, scientists, policy makers and public health representatives associated with homoeopathy are welcome to share their experiences. It is estimated that more than 1500 delegates will attend the Congress from India and the seventy member countries of LMHI.

For further information, please access the website www.liga2011.in (Because of the short notice of the relocation of the 66th Congress to New Delhi, India, the website was still under construction at the time of the preparation of the Liga Letter.)

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It is an enormous pleasure for us all that the 67th Congress of the LMHI is to be held in September 2012 in Japan’s ancient capital, Nara, where even after 1,300 years the home of Japanese people’s hearts, the spirit of Manyo (“A Myriad Leaves,” Japan’s oldest poetry anthology) still breathes.

We believe that in order to achieve holistic medicine, the ideal medicine, homeopathic medicine cannot be avoided, and that spreading homeopathic medicine within healthcare in Japan is a shortcut to obtaining warmhearted healthcare, and so in January 2000 we founded the Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy.

For we who have proudly moved forward with firm steps over the 10 or so years since then, the 67th Congress of the LMHI is the first bridgehead along the path to reaching our goal. We must make this Congress a success at any cost, and so we humbly request your guidance and cooperation.

The theme of the Congress is “Harmony,” selected in the hope that we can restore the Earth to its original beauty by each person in the world seeking harmony between their own “body,” “mind,” and “spirit (inochi)” and respecting the harmony of others.

We therefore ask that you understand the significance of this and act with us to achieve a shining future!

Thank you for your support.

Ryoichi Obitsu, MD, PhD
Chairperson, Organizing Committee for the 67th Congress of the LMHI President, Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy

**Congress Topics**
- Clinical Cases
- Approaches to the Patients with Cancer
- Approaches to the Patients with Psychiatric Disorder
- Homeopathy in Integrative Medicine
- Approaches to Veterinary Cases
- Approaches to the Patients with Dental Issues
- Homeopathic Practice by Pharmacists

**Invited Speakers**
- We have a list of very distinguished speakers who are richly experienced in Homeopathic Medicine. These speakers are to deliver lectures, and the titles will be posted when fixed.

**Invited Overseas Speakers (in alphabetical order):**
- Dr. Peter Fisher Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital (RLHH), UK
- Mr. Peter Gregory College of Animal Homeopathic Medicine, UK
- Dr. Steven Kayne University of Strathclyde, UK
- Dr. Bob Leckridge Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital, UK
- Dr. Ashley H. A. Ross Durban University of technology, South Africa
- Dr. Frederik Schroyens Editor, Synthesis, Belgium
- Dr. Wolfgang Springer Homoeopathische Praxisgemeinschaft, Germany

**Venue**
Nara Prefectural New Public Hall, Nara, Japan
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The Nara Prefectural New Public Hall was constructed in 1987 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Nara Prefecture. It is located in the center of Nara National Park, which is famous for its beauty and for its 1200 tame deer. Famous tourist spots such as Kofukuji Temple, Todaiji Temple, and Kasuga Shrine are within walking distance of the hall.

For further information as it becomes available, please check the website www.jpsh.jp/lmhi2012.
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