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PARIS, FRANCE

Editor Retires

Farewell



Sandra M. Chase,
Chief Editor



Christina Caffi,
Managing Editor

After nineteen years of editing the *Liga Letter*, Editor Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHT, in various Executive Committee capacities, has come to the end of her service to the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis and to the international homeopathic medical community. This *Liga Letter* 2013 Review will be the last one produced by Dr. Chase and Managing Editor Christina Caffi out of the Fairfax, Virginia, office in the USA.

One of seven pledges made to the Liga membership at the General Assembly on the occasion of the 49th Congress, New Delhi, India, March 1995, when she was installed as the first, and so far only, woman President of the LMHI, the *Liga Letter* has been published annually consistently since it was first desk-top published and distributed at the 50th Congress in Oaxaca, Mexico, in October 1995. In addition to the English and Spanish print versions published since 2001, as of 2011, this newsletter is now available on the Liga website in Portuguese and Russian.

In acknowledgement of her 27 years of volunteerism on behalf of the Liga, starting as Assistant National Vice President, National Vice President (USA), Secretary for Propaganda, Prime Vice President, President, Immediate Past President, Secretary for Public Relations, and Secretary for the Newsletter, in addition to editing the *Liga Letter* for 19 years, Dr. Chase was presented with beautiful plaque, Certificate of Special Appreciation, and a silver replica of the President's Medallion at the Opening Reception at the 68th LMHI Congress, Quito, Ecuador, 4 June, 2013, by Liga President Dr. Jose Matuk, for which she is deeply grateful.

Liga Letter Editor Chase and Managing Editor Caffi draw satisfaction from their many years of service producing this valuable tangible link from the Liga Governance to each individual member around the world. They wish newly elected Secretary for the Newsletter, Richard Hiltner, MD, DHT (USA), and his fellow LMHI Executive Officers well as they lead the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis going forward.



ARGENTINA

Dr. Silvia C. Mercado, NVP

Despite its excellent level, homeopathy is not legal in Argentina, but the homeopathic remedy is legal. Our practice is private; we are not allowed to practice in public hospitals. To compensate for this situation, homeopathic schools offer medical services at low costs. Some of them have signed agreements with universities and medical associations to teach postgraduate courses. We have the Federación de Asociaciones Médicas Homeopáticas (FAMHA) that gathers together the institutions involved in research, teaching, and diffusion of our medicine, which organizes congresses every two years (next in 2014) and provides voluntary registration, through the Colegio de Médicos Homeópatas, to those medical doctors who commit to practice Hahnemannian medicine. The Asociación Médica Homeopática Argentina, South America's first school, celebrates its 80th Anniversary with the "Week of Homeopathy" from 7-11 October, 2013.

ARMENIA

Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtzyan, NVP

The 4th International Homeopathic Congress took place in Armenia in May, 2012, with the participation of Dr. Spinedi (Switzerland), Drs. Alok Pareek and S. Pareek (India), Dr. Pfeiffer (Germany), Dr. Johann Loibner Graz (Austria). My colleagues and I participated in Dr. Pareek's seminars in Munich, Germany (November 2012) and Agra, India (February 2013). In March 2013, Sabine Zimmermann held her regular seminar in Yerevan. In September 2013, Dr. Pfeiffer (Germany) held a seminar in Yerevan called "Neurological Disorders in Children." We continue our humanitarian activities in one of Yerevan's orphanages with very good results. Our newly appointed Minister of Healthcare is seeking to make homeopathy a method of medical treatment. Fortunately, homeopathy has remained in the list of state medical professions. The issue of homeopathic medicine licensing is still unresolved.

Your Liga Link

The National Vice President

The official bodies of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica 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 LMHI 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.,
 - the 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*.

"The crucial element in the function of the Liga is the National Vice President."

LMHI Statutes

AUSTRIA

Dr. Claudia Garn, NVP

In Austria, only medical doctors have the legal right to practice homeopathy. About 300 medical doctors, students, pharmacists, and veterinarians attend a homeopathic formation. After the final exam in one of the medical doctor associations, AKH and ÖGHM, and completion of the medical formation including Right to Practice, the Medical Board can confer a "Homeopathy" diploma. The LMHI/ECH standardization process is supported by both Austrian Medical Homoeopathic Associations; our main organizer is Dr. Wolfgang Eichler working together with Dr. Thomas Waibel and Dr. Peter Blaimschein. Austrian societies cooperate together in public discussions with skeptics. A media team with members of each society was established in 2011. The Peithner Award 2012 was awarded to Dr. Christa Gründling for her multicenter allergy study: "Real-life effect of classical homeopathy in the treatment of allergies."

BANGLADESH

Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, NC

We are trying to increase our number of members in LMHI, which will be a tremendous opportunity for them to express their opinions about homeopathy. Our government is very supportive of homeopathy. Most of the people of our country are choosing homeopathy over allopathy. A homeopathic ordinance was passed by the government in 1983. A government Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital, including 100 beds, a homeopathic research center unit, a production unit and museum, officers' quarters, and boys and girls hostel on the campus, were established in 1989. We have two courses of homeopathy: a five-year Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (BHMS) course and a four-year Diploma in Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (DHMS) course through the Bangladesh Homeopathic Board. Graduates of these two programs number 41,300. There are 30 homeopathic manufacturing facilities.

LMHI Governance Meetings 2013

Actions of the Executive Committee (EC) and of the International Council (IC)

Quito, 2 - 3 June 2013

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| • Minutes of the International Council Meeting, 67 th Congress, Nara, Japan, 09.2012. | Approved. |
| • Balance for 2012. | Approved. |
| • Proposal to stop reimbursement of the travel expenses (economy flight and 3 nights in the hotel) of the LMHI Executive Committee to attend the Liga Congresses. | Not approved. |
| • Increase the membership fees from 15 Swiss Francs to 15 Euro.
Exception for the membership fees possible with documented reasons for the requested exception. | Approved. |
| | Approved. |



Participants of the IC Meeting 2013



Executive Committee and Sandra M. Chase



Executive Committee and Secretary Caroline Geiser

BELGIUM

Dr. Léon Scheepers, NVP

In the Belgian Chamber of Homeopathy, six recommendations were adopted about registration, definition of homeopathic practice, education, continued education, authorized acts, and publicity. In January 2013, the minister sent these recommendations to the Parliamentary Commission. In addition to the representatives of the universities, we had the opportunity to explain our point of view before this Commission. During the last meeting of the Chamber of Homeopathy (07/05/2013) a recommendation about the continued education in homeopathy for medical doctors was adopted:

- continued education
 - in conventional medicine (20 CP)
 - in homeopathy (10 CP), consisting of the following five items:
Limitation of homeopathic treatment.
– Semiology. – Case review. – Homeopathy and its application in relation to a specific pathology. – Research.

BRAZIL

Dr. Francisco Vargas de Oliveira, NVP

Homeopathy has been recognized as a medical specialty since 1980. Today the specialties of Homeopathic Pharmacy, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine are also recognized. The Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association is active in 16 Brazilian states. Currently, there are 20 training courses in homeopathy recognized by our National Association training entity that coordinates with the national entity. We have a regular physician National Congress every two years. Dentistry and veterinary congresses are held congruently with medical congresses, but homeopathic pharmacy has a separate congress. Various areas of Brazil hold regional meetings annually. Currently, there is a National Program Implementation Ministry of Health of Homeopathy and other unconventional practices, but with difficulties in its implementation.

- Annual adjustment of membership fee tied to inflation. Approved on condition of annual reviewing.
- Eligible to vote only if the membership fees have been correctly paid in full and the complete membership list has been sent to the Treasurer and to the LMHI Secretariat. Approved.
- Associate Membership fee shall be 350 Euro per annum. Approved.
- Future Liga Congress venues as follows: 2017: Leipzig, Germany; 2018: South Africa; 2019: Italy; 2020: Turkey; 2021: Colombia. Approved.
- International Homeopathy Day, 10 April 2014, Spain. Approved.
- Amended LMHI Constitution. Approved.
- LMHI Accreditation Regulations amended to accommodate small teaching centers. Approved.
- Jacques Imberechts named President of Honor. Approved.
- Results of Elections:
 - President: Dr. Renzo Galassi (Italy)
 - Vice President: Dr. Alok Pareek (India)
 - General Secretary: Dr. Jelka Milić (Croatia)
 - Treasurer: Dr. Yves Faingnaert (Belgium)
 - Past President: Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan (Mexico)
 - Secretary for Archives: Dr. Martin Dinges (Germany)
 - Secretary for Dentist: Dr. Gloria Andre Feighelstein (Brazil)
 - Secretary for Education: Dr. Gustavo Cataldi (Argentina)
 - Secretary for Newsletter: Dr. Richard Hiltner (USA)
 - Secretary for Pharmacy: Dr. Amarilys deToledo Cesar. (Brazil)
 - Secretary for Public Relations: Dr. Sara Eames (UK)
 - Secretary for Research: Dr. Rajkumar Manchanda (India)



Renzo Galassi



Alok Pareek



Jelka Milić



Yves Faingnaert



José Matuk



Martin Dinges



Gloria Feighelstein



Gustavo Cataldi



Richard Hiltner



Amarilys Toledo Cesar



Sara Eames



Rajkumar Manchanda

BULGARIA

Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP

The National Conference of AHPB, lectures for GP's during Homeopathy Week, and courses of Homeopathic School Edicta (ECH licensed), were accredited by the Bulgarian Medical Association. The Conference was attended by 305 homeopaths, general practitioners, dentists, and pharmacists. After this success, the media reacted to the anti-homeopathic wave. The managing board chose homeopathic members to serve as media representatives, preparing written instructions for them with assistance from public relations professionals and journalists. Concentrating our efforts for Homeopathy Week, April 2013, we organized lectures for GPs and the general public, focusing on "Stress, Thyroid Diseases, and Homeopathy." Prof. Dr. Ajit Kulkarni gave lectures to 525 doctors in four towns. Additionally, there have been free consultations in seven towns. The homeopathic media representatives gave many interviews locally and nationally with positive feedback.

CANADA

Prof. Bhupinder Sharma, MD (Hom.), NC

The Transitional Council of College of Homeopaths of Ontario is working to regulate the homeopathy in Ontario by developing the competency-based assessment tools through which individual applicants' competencies are demonstrated. New registrants are to familiarize themselves with the Entry to Practice Competency Profile for Homeopaths practicing in Ontario. A Jurisprudence Program addressing ethics and safety is also being developed. The Council is drafting tools to ensure that its curriculum meets the competency profile for practicing homeopaths. The Canadian Homeopathic Conference was held for the third consecutive year by homeopathic associations in Ontario and SPHQ of Quebec in October 2013. The Conference brings the homeopathic community together annually to get the current information on homeopathy around the world. Pre-registration for the new College of Homeopaths of Ontario should start in 2013.

Highlights of the 68th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

4-7 June 2013, Quito, Ecuador

By Todd A. Hoover, MD, DHT



Swissotel Quito



Opening ceremony

CHILE

Dr. Ewald Finsterbusch, NC

Although homeopathy is legally approved by the Health Ministry, the number of homeopathic physicians is still low. They work mostly independently and there are no important associations. Medications, produced by four laboratories, are available in several pharmacies in all major cities. Most prescriptions are made "over the counter" by pharmacists or their assistants. Regulations allow both MDs and non MDs to practice homeopathy. The situation is confusing, as patients are not aware of the difference, which depends on therapeutic success. Some private universities offer courses as a part of the curriculum of the Natural Health Practitioner's degree, but there is no homeopathic teaching at regular medical schools. Despite these facts, Chilean society is increasingly becoming open minded towards alternative therapies.

CHINA

Dr. Steve A. Xue, NVP

With the dedication of a few homeopathic association members, we achieved the following: Publication of the first homeopathic materia medica in Chinese. Dr. Steve A. Xue was the chief editor of the book. Representing Liga-China, he conducted a round-table meeting with administrators of Shanghai Chinese Medicine University (SCMU), showing the necessity of establishing a research institute on comparative studies of homeopathy and classical Chinese medicine. With technical support from LMHI Dr. Fruzsina Gabor, the Chair of Pharmacy Committee, we completed the translation of Kent's Repertory and began the translation of Boenninghausen's Repertory and Materia Medica. An introductory seminar about homeopathic history and principles was conducted at a large health-training center near SCMU. We developed a proposal to build an international natural medicine museum in Mount Wu Yi, to include homeopathy.

The 68th Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis conference for 2013 was held in Quito, Ecuador. This was the first visit of the LMHI Congress to Ecuador. Approximately 400 attendees were present and overall it was a great success. In the following you will find a short synopsis of a sampling of the lectures given during the course of the conference. Many other excellent talks were given, but space does not permit their inclusion here. The central theme of the congress was "Paradigms in Homeopathy."

A series of presentations was given looking at a variety of theoretical constructs for how homeopathic medicine actually interacts with the human experience. Presenters included Dr. Raul G. Pirra (Argentina), Dra. Gloria Alcover Lillo (Italy), and Dr. Marcelo Candegabe (Argentina). The discourses included a historical review of the evolution of systems thinking from ancient history to modern theory. Dynamical systems properties and how the human being organizes physical, emotional, and mental systems into a whole that is far beyond the parts were discussed in depth. An analysis of the human experience as a series of conflicts from the miasmatic issues present at birth through the various environmental experiences was explored. These conflicts can help the evolutionary process of the individual, and these conflicts can help the homeopathic prescriber as they relate to the primary issues within the individual, reaching all the way back to the primary miasmatic issues. Dr. Candegabe presented via video teleconference connection. He described the importance of careful case evaluation through an accurate understanding of symptoms. The collection of symptoms is in essence the pathogenesis of the patient's disorder. Accurate understanding is critical to improvement of our *materia medica* and repertory.

Dr. Isuardo Puente from Ecuador presented a lecture examining the potential use of Schrödinger wave equation as a potential explanation for how homeopathic medicines function within the human organism. He

suggests that microtubules exist throughout the cells in the body. They are 25 nm in diameter and can be found all along axons. This type of tubule structure is seen in the amoeba, despite not having a nervous system. Dimers are very small protein molecules that operate through the microtubules. Dr. Puente suggests that this microtubule system operates beyond the neural/neuron network of the brain to conduct information through the body. He presented information on amoebas' ability to be anesthetized using drugs designed to act on neurons. So despite not having neurons, the drug is capable of having an effect on the organism. Dr. Puente states that, in order for the homeopathic medicine to operate via the neural microtubules, water must be the medium (Hameroff, 1987). He suggests that the administration of the remedy creates complex oscillations that move through this system.

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi from Argentina presented on the historical uses of the term *dynamis* in relation to the anima and the organism. Aristotle and Sophocles divided the active (power) form and the passive (potentiality) forms of *dynamis*. Hahnemann established some concepts of unification within the human and a spiritual aspect to the definition of *dynamis*. He proceeded to discuss Schrödinger as suggesting that in regard to biological organisms, the dynamic property is the major differentiating factor from non-living substances and effects. He further presented on the quantum concepts of coherent fields and inter-relatedness of matter and energy. He eventually moved to the universal notion of the *dynamis* that continues beyond death into another life. The human being is a part of the universal *dynamis* that has a specific nature in its microcosm.

Dra. Rosario Sanchez Caballero spoke on the concept that cure is only possible through miasmatic cure. This concept has not been clear over the years. Hahnemann noted this as diseases tended to re-emerge despite initial curative effect of homeopathic treatment.

COLOMBIA

Dr. Carles Riveros-Gomez, NVP

Homeopathy in Colombia continues to achieve great accomplishments. This year the Fundación Universitaria Escuela Colombiana de Homeopatía-Luis G. Páez (FUNHOM) was recognized by our Ministry of Education. The Fundación Instituto Colombiano de Homeopatía-Luis G. Páez (FICH) will celebrate its centennial in 2014. Our homeopathic medical associations include the Federación Médica Homeopática Colombia, Asociación Colombiana de Homeopatía, Asociación Médica Unicista de Santander, la Fundación Hahnemann de Colombia, and the Instituto Hahnemanniano Dr. Juan de Dios Pinzón. Our 2013 celebration of "World Homeopathy Day" in Bogotá was honored by the presence of LMHI President Dr. José Matuk, LMHI Secretary for Archives Dr. Edgar Godoy, our LMHI National Vice President Dr. Carlos Riveros Gómez, directors of homeopathic medical associations, and a group of Colombian homeopathic physicians. We hope to host a future LMHI Congress.

COSTA RICA

Dr. Alejandro Brenes-Valverde, NVP

In 1890, homeopathy was introduced to Costa Rica and medical diffusion has been slow, partly because of the dominance of medical training in the biomedical model (centered on disease). Since 1987, many academic activities supported by the Colegio de Médicos y Cirujanos and later by foreign universities facilitated a greater diffusion. In 1994 at an international symposium on homeopathy and public health, the groundwork was laid for integration into the social security of our country. In 2003, the Inter-American Conference on Social Security, in San José, included homeopathy in a forum on "Non-Traditional Medicine." All this has stimulated continuing the work for its integration and is key to dialogue and opening with the public system, and to the presentation of homeopathy with the holistic model of patient care (person-centered).

Day 1 – Tuesday, 4 June

Initial presentations were given by Dr. Alberto Granja (President of the Sociedad Medica Homeopatica Ecuatoriana), Dr. Xavier Godoy (LMHI National Vice President for Ecuador), and Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan (Vice-President of the LMHI). The physicians from Ecuador gave a warm welcome to all of the attendees, students, and guests. Dr. Matuk reflected on the 27 nations represented by the attendees at this first Congress for LMHI in Ecuador. This gathering is possible because of the common language we all speak: Homeopathy.

Day 2 – Wednesday, 5 June

Dr. Silvia Cadena Luna from Colombia reported on toxicology of *Lachesis* and the relationship to pathogenesis. Snakes can be classified according to family (Rosenfeld) or according to toxicology of the venom (neurotoxic, hemolytic, cardiovascular, myotoxic, local necrosis). Dr. Cadena gave a detailed description of the pathologic process for *Lachesis* toxicity based upon Phospholipidase 2 actions. Acute interstitial nephritis was seen in about 15% of victims in one study, demonstrating significant kidney damage effects in relation to *Viperidae* bites. A comprehensive review of the common medical symptoms related to snakebite showed the similarity of symptoms related to *materia medica* of *Lachesis*.

Dr. Marlen Linares from Cuba presented on the toxicology of Black Scorpion Venom (local to Cuba). (Speaker from homeopathic pharmaceutical company that produces the remedy described). This scorpion has low toxicity (no deaths reported from stings). Some in vitro studies in cell cultures suggested that the toxin might have anti-tumor activities. A proving of this venom was presented that showed the following: anxiety, euphoria, fear of incurable illness or death, crescendo headaches that begin in the forehead, redness of eyes/throat, pain with swallowing better with cold water, abdomen full of gas, early menstruation, improvement of pain in the extremities,

improved inflammation, fine rash with pruritus, and better sleep. Placebo control was used.

Dr. Fernando Flores Villalva from Ecuador presented a well-conducted proving on *Syzygium* conducted using both 5C and 12C dosing. The experiment included a dream diary for 3 days. Study was blinded to student subjects, and placebo was included. Mental symptoms were recorded. Symptoms recorded included the following: irritability, aversion to the family, desire to be alone, desire to be only at home, pessimism and uncertainty about the future, anxious with sweating/palpitations/lightheaded, deep sadness with feeling of being alone, desire to cry. Symptoms were similar in 5CH and 12CH dosing. General symptoms included sleepiness, nausea, fatigue on waking, increased thirst, and sensation of warmth. These symptoms are very similar to those seen in hypoglycemia (related to diabetes mellitus which has been related to this substance). Other symptoms included the following: vertigo with nausea, frontal headaches, pressure headaches, headache in the afternoon, increase appetite (5CH), decreased appetite (12CH), thirst for cold drinks, desire for sweets, insomnia, night sweats.

Dr. Alok Pareek from India presented a very cohesive talk on Homeopathic Approaches to Modern Oncology. In the Pareek center in Agra, outpatient treatments constitute approximately 66,000 per year with over 20,000 new patients per year. Cancer has been difficult to treat medically with many different approaches of limited value in both allopathic and homeopathic medicine. He described cancer as an unwanted energy moving in an unwanted direction that creates a number of negative effects on the body. We must approach this disorder in the manner described by Hahnemann for chronic diseases. The cancerous state is observable before the development of cancer. Galen noted that melancholic women were more likely to develop cancer. Cancer reaction occurs deeply at the mental level due to the possibility of death resulting in emotional turmoil. Pre-cancerous susceptible types tend to internalize cares, concerns, and problems. Dr. Pareek feels this is a root cause for cancer. They suffer in silence, bear the burden without complaint, and take on

CROATIA

Dr. Helena Jovičić Karre, NC

No further development regarding the legislation of homeopathy and complementary medicine in Croatia has occurred since the Complementary Medicine Working Group (CMWG) of the Croatian Medical Chamber proposed the conclusions of CMWG, which were then adopted by the Executive Committee (EC) of the Croatian Medical Chamber (CMC) and published in the official journal of the Croatian Medical Chamber, *Liječničke Novine*, on February 2011.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Dr. Eliška Novotná, NVP

Homeopathy, as well as other complementary medicine, still has no legislative statute in Czech Republic, leading to the progress of homeopathy in the nonmedical, commercial sphere and to its stagnation in the medical sphere. Although Czech Republic is a small country, there are quite a lot of homeopathic associations and schools, most of them nonmedical, resulting in a lack of unity on the homeopathic field. This situation also is reflected in the low participation in seminars of ČLHS, low income, and lack of opportunities to participate in foreign homeopathic events such as the LMHI Congresses, etc.

other people's burden without taking time for themselves. Miasmatic understanding produces the key to determining which therapy will unlock the potential of the patient to raise the health and prevent cancer. Sycotic factor is the most important factor in the development of cancer. Suppression of sycosis is a common pathway to cancer. All cancer patients must be individualized. Two cases of treated and cured cancer were presented.

Day 3 – Thursday, 6 June

Dr. Yves Maille of France presented cases related to the Sycotic miasm. He described a case of a woman who was a sculptor. The patient felt very alienated from others. She was being treated with multiple drugs including antipsychotics. She responded to *Hydrogenum*. Features common to *Hydrogenium* according to Dr. Maille included the following: alternating sense of presence and dispersion, great compassion, intense fears (especially of being confined), and disabling premenstrual symptoms. Specific symptoms of this case include need to do several things at once, always active, difficulty when rhythm disturbed, sympathetic, love for humanity, and low sex drive. Repertorization included only symptoms of the mind with *Hydrogenium* as the third remedy. The patient felt more contained, more connected to others, less depressed, and was followed for some years with continued improvement.

Dr. Phillippe Servais from France presented a case of a child who is good-natured, hyperactive with remarkable energy, and early development. After a fall and head trauma, the mother found him groggy, vomiting, loss of speech, staggering gait, and not recognizing mother. He became comatose due to subdural hematoma. The hematoma was not surgically correctable, but the coma resolved after three hours. Afterwards, he became permanently bad tempered and violent for the next 12 years. Dizzy spells, fatigue, and loss of energy occur. He began to play non-stop with objects in his fingers. *Camphora* was prescribed successfully on several occasions with excellent result. Dr. Sevais included a few points about *Camphora* that have



Church and convent in Quito

been important clinically including the following: Insensitivity, lack of morals, creation of their own imaginary world, numbness, feeling of aloneness in the world, no friends or god, and is destined to continue this way forever.

Dr. Gian Das Wadhvani of India presented a paper on treatment of Chikungya fever and post infectious arthritis that is a mosquito borne, epidemic disease. Common symptoms after initial viral-type febrile syndrome include seronegative chronic arthritis and fatigue in approximately 50 % of patients. Delhi had a recent epidemic in 2010. A prospective observational, non-controlled study was conducted including 126 patients with acute disease and 51 with chronic arthritis. Individualized treatment with a single remedy, follow up at 1-4 days, and a second prescription, if indicated, were used in all patients. Potency of 30CH daily were used for those with acute disease, and LM1- 4 (ascending) potencies were used in the patients with chronic arthritis state. In the acute disorder, there was complete recovery in 85 % of cases. In the arthritis cases, eleven cases dropped out. Right-sided symptoms predominated. Complete recovery was seen in 90 % of cases.

ECUADOR

Dr. Xavier Godoy Jaramillo, NVP

The Ecuadorian Homeopathic Medical Society (SOMHE) is a nonprofit, private institution, whose members are professional doctors, recognized by the health ministry in 1983, with jurisdiction throughout Ecuador. The Ecuadorian Medical Federation recognized homeopathy as a specialty in 1998. For more than 15 years, SOMHE has maintained a consultation service to provide education and treatment for people lacking resources. The last constituent assembly recognized homeopathy and alternative medicines in general as legal medical practices. The current board took office in April 2012 and its priority was to organize the 68th LMHI Congress in Quito. We participated in meetings with the Ministry of Health concerning the integration of homeopathy in the Integral Health System and to coordinate its inclusion in the national higher education health system, under the new dispositions of the Senescyt.

ESTONIA

Dr. Saima Tišler, NVP

No legislation on practicing homeopathy has been passed by the Estonian government. However, homeopaths can apply for an official professional qualification for proof of the quality of their services. The Homeopath II and III qualifications are awarded by the Estonian Qualification Authority (EQA), which has approved a set of educational requirements. A draft was composed in 2006 and written in accordance with WHO development strategies (WHO Strategy for Traditional Medicine/ Complementary and Alternative Medicine 2002 – 2005), European Forum for Complementary and Alternative Medicine program (2005), European Committee for Homeopathy (Medical Homeopathic Education Standards in Europe 2001) and the Finnish Luonnon Lääketiedon Keskusliito (Luontaisterapia-alan koulutustavoitteet ja kriteerit 2005). The standards were confirmed by the EQA in 2008 and added to its official professions registry. Further information is on the EQA's website: www.kutsekoda.ee/en/index

Day 4 – Wednesday, 7 June

Dr. Hernández Castellanos from Guatemala gave an interesting talk on Irritable Bowel Syndrome. He reviewed the physiology with an emphasis on the psychoneuro-immuno-endocrinological inter-relatedness and the system-wide effects upon the gastrointestinal tract. He looked at etiologic factors, demographics, and diagnostic features with emphasis on the psychoneurologic issues related to the disorder. He discussed suppressive therapies that may continue the cycle of the disorder. He suggested specific homeopathic approaches based upon their experience including *Alum*, *Bry*, *Coloc.*, *Lyc*, and *Sulph*. at low D potencies. These remedies act on the variety of nervous system and bowel interactions common to the disorder including constipation, inactivity, pain, diarrhea, bloating, and unhealthy peristalsis. Dr. Castellanos suggested using remedies in combination for their direct and complementary effects.

Dr. Ewald Finsterbusch from Chile presented a fascinating talk on Homeopathy and the Bible. The premise is that all truths can be found universally in all religions in the East and West. Many principles found in the *Organon* are also present in the Bible written a thousand years or more before. A few examples are presented here. There is a story of Moses in the desert when a series of flaming serpents bit the people of Israel. Moses had a bronze staff with a serpent, that when people touched the staff, they were cured (reflecting the law of similars). The bronze staff reflects the sun as the energy of the flaming snakes, so that the energy of one resembles the energy of the other similar to our dynamism of the homeopathic remedy. In this episode, some died, while others were saved. Similarly Hahnemann spoke of epidemics in which some live and some die. And further he noted that those who were more aware of the symptoms tended to be more likely to survive. Similarly,

in the Bible, those who are aware of their sin and repent may be saved, though often some penance is required. The story of Lot's wife, who was turned to a pillar of salt on her looking back at the destruction of Sodom/Gomorrah, represents two aspects in homeopathy: first, the use of a *Sulphur* type of destructive/healing force from God upon the cities of sin/disease; second, in the turning to salt of the woman who is trapped in the past event, similar to *Natrum muriaticum* in the homeopathic use.

Dr. J. Maritnell from Colombia was the final speaker. She gave a comprehensive review of the current state of integrative medicine. Some comparisons across various systems of medicine were given, as well as a complete picture of the systems approach to the patient. She stressed the importance of continuing to move the healing paradigm to an inclusive and comprehensive systems approach to health and disease. Homeopathy has an important role amongst the other modalities due to the systems-based nature of this therapy.



FRANCE

Dr. Philippe Servais, NVP

Plans are underway for the July 2014 69th Congress of the LMHI in Paris. Several of our associations, schools, and groups have devoted themselves to the event. In choosing our theme, we observed that what we call a cure varies according to the doctor, the patient, and the requirement of each. So I introduced the distinction between simile and simillimum to differentiate different levels of healing. With this as our central theme, this congress is essentially based on clinical practice. As our clinical experiences differ around the world, we all can learn from each other. Paris is a popular international place of scientific meeting and of cultural and tourist reception. We welcome you and hope that these five days of homeopathic exchange are a time of tolerance, pleasure, and user-friendliness!

GEORGIA

Dr. Nikoloz Gujabidze, NVP

We have 18 members of LMHI in Georgia. Unfortunately, our efforts are too weak without any support. Our financial condition does not allow us to participate in any international meetings. But we have hope for the best changes in the future.

Closing Ceremony

Dr. Edgar Godoy presented a brief introduction for the closing ceremony. He was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the LMHI. Dr. Godoy and his son Dr. Xavier Godoy were instrumental in the creation of the LMHI Congress here in Ecuador.

Dr. Jose Matuk, then current President of the LMHI, presented a retrospective video presentation from 2003 up to the present time of the activities of the LMHI, made by his son José. He listed the numerous accomplishments over the past years and a description of the future work of the organization including the enrollment of other countries around the world, improvement of the website functionality, increasing communication among member countries, and supporting the growth of homeopathy in the many member countries of the Liga. Dr. Matuk then officially closed this Congress with appreciation to the many organizers. The final action was for Dr. Matuk to pass the Hahnemann Medal of the Liga

Presidency and official gavel on to Dr. Renzo Galassi of Italy as the next President of the Liga. Dr. Galassi then presented Dr. Matuk with the Hahnemann pin as a symbol of his dedicated service as Past President of the Liga. Dr. Galassi has been a member of the Liga since age 25 years. He wishes to continue to be the servant of the Liga rather than the leader, saying that Homeopathy occupies one's whole life and makes the doctor part of the world in a unique way. We must have love for our profession, for our patients and for our colleagues, which makes us all family. As the "father" of the family, he wishes to be an enzyme to increase the speed and work that we all do together. In the upcoming years, we must face the attacks of the skeptics, we will work to provide more security to homeopathy for the future, and the Liga will provide the structure for that purpose. This work will be provided through our working groups, so please participate in these activities.

Participation or attendance at the LMHI Congress will expand your knowledge of homeopathy and its practice by other physicians throughout the world.



Closing ceremony

GERMANY

Dr. Cornelia Bajic, NVP

We are delighted that LMHI has chosen its new home in the Hahnemann House in Köthen. The ceremony, which was attended by homeopaths from all over the world, took place on 16 March 2013. The electronic LMHI Newsletter of May 2013 reported on this historic event and the public attention by the media was enormous, making the Hahnemann city of Köthen the "world capital" and "the cradle" of homeopathy. DZVhÄ and its management company initiated a public donation campaign to raise funds for homeopathic research together with the DZVhÄ's Homeopathy Foundation and the German Scientific Society for Homeopathy WissHom. We hope to collect significant amount of money with this fundraising campaign. Yet another important development is the federation of our major CAM associations to form the new "Hufelandgesellschaft," numbering more than 20,000 CAM doctors, demonstrating a strong representation in the German health system. Although we suffer from a constant decrease in members, the DZVhÄ still unites close to 3000 homeopathic physicians, dentists, veterinarians and students.

HUNGARY

Dr. Fruzsina Gabor, NVP

The Hungarian Homeopathic Medical Association (MHOE) organizes ECH-accredited seminars on classical homeopathy for healthcare professionals twice a year. Seminars with international teachers and a teacher-training course are organized twice a year. An official homeopathic medical diploma is awarded after examination through the University of Pécs. We launched a successful new education program with practical lessons, problem-based learning, personal consultation, and trituration proving. In 2012, a group of veterinary doctors obtained the diploma of IAVH. MHOE organized Homeopathy Day with homeopathic companies and CEDH. A multi-media campaign against homeopathy was organized by some pharmaceutical companies during flu season. The Hungarian Academy of Science changed its stance, stating that homeopathy is not an evidence-based therapy. The CEDH and the MHOE organized media training conducted by media experts using the LMHI PR guidelines.



Dentistry Session

by Gloria Feigelstein

The Dentistry Session Seminar of the 68th Congress LMHI in Quito, Ecuador, coordinated by Dr. Gloria André Feigelstein and Dr. Geraldo Brown Ribeiro was attended by about twenty colleagues mostly from South America, such as Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Chile and Argentina. The seminar started with a history of homeopathic philosophy, its guiding principles and its major foundations, and superficially addressed the evolution of disease within the homeopathic view. Dr. Geraldo closed the first module with a discourse on *materia medica* and the repertory, explaining homeopathic semiology.

A summary of homeopathic pharmacy was offered, including its main methods and scales.

A second module was devoted to the homeopathic approach in dental specialties, beginning with a lecture given by Dr. Edvaldo Barbosa on the management of anxiety and fear in anticipating dental procedures. Dr. Gloria

Feigelstein described the importance of oral surgery and the usefulness of homeopathic prescribing for its success, ranging from pre-, trans-, and post-operative stages. Also addressed were the specialties of periodontics, endodontics, implantology, and pediatric dentistry.

In the second stage of the Dentistry Session, we discussed several topics pertaining to homeopathic dentistry. We explained pertinent clinical trials. We described the use of *Hypericum perforatum* for dentinal hypersensitivity after cavity preparations. We touched on the importance of homeopathy in public health, we presented clinical cases, and we reported on the use of homeopathic medicine in periodontal diseases.

The interest of dentists supports our assertion that we should include Dentistry Sessions at each LMHI Congress, offering this knowledge to colleagues internationally, raising interest in homeopathy, in general, and creating inter-disciplinary cooperation and exchange, in particular.

Dra. Gloria André Feigelstein
LMHI Secretary for Dentistry

INDIA

Dr. S.P.S. Bakshi, NVP

The year 2012-13 was very fruitful in terms of widening the horizons of homeopathy within the country. The government initiated various steps at the national and international level, including the strengthening of minimum education standards of homeopathic institutes through the Central Council of Homeopathy. Homeopathic students are better informed about medical knowledge and research. We have 3000 new homeopathic clinics under the government's National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) plan, which facilitates public access to homeopathic services in remote areas. An official document on homeopathy has been published by the government entitled Homoeopathy – Science of Gentle Healing, available on the CCRH website (www.ccrhindia.org). It provides an overview of the successful institutionalization of homeopathy in the country, a potential model for other countries and a template for collaboration in research and education.

ITALY

Dr. Francesco V. Marino, NVP

During the XFIAMO National Conference (Chianciano, March 2013) 28 homeopathic schools and associations signed a Protocol for determining the epistemological definition and primary training standards of professional homeopathy in accordance with the LMHI-ECH Medical Homeopathic Education Standards. Concurrently, the FISM (Italian Federation of Scientific Medical Societies) launched a similar document. As the Associations involved did not reach an agreement on e-learning, FIAMO did not sign it. In 2013, FIAMO organized the annual International Homeopathy Day in many towns and promoted the successful V International Symposium of Italo-Brazilian Homeopathy. In December, Italian Medicines Agency licensed a document (effective 2015) identifying current homeopathic medicines and registering new ones. FIAMO is appealing the regulation as the costs for laboratories is high and many remedies may be lost from the Italian market.

Pharmacy Session

by *Amarilys Toledo Cesar*

During the 68th LMHI Congress in Quito, there was a 3-day seminar on Homeopathic Pharmacy. It was tailored for pharmacists and pharmacy students, but there were also some homeopathic doctors participating who contributed their clinical perspective, which created a quite interesting experience.

Five years earlier, I had been invited to present the First International Seminar of Homeopathic Pharmacy, organized by Fernando Flores Villalba, MD, in Quito. During 4 days, in addition to physicians who shared their clinical practice experience, there were over a hundred pharmacists, doctors and students from Ecuador and neighboring countries.

This time, I had the help of pharmacist Andrea Balcega, who had been in Sao Paulo for a month, learning the prac-

tice of homeopathic pharmacy. Several young students accompanied his mother, a professor of pharmacology at the University of Quito. We had the opportunity to engage in very stimulating discussions. Despite their scanty knowledge, participants were curious to understand the principles of homeopathy and the techniques of the preparation of medicines.

The basic program on the origin of homeopathic medicines, mother tinctures, trituration procedures, dynamization methods and dispensing to patients was presented, with practical demonstrations. This broad view offered in the short time available was enough to whet the curiosity, instigating interest among the participants to seek further training in the future.

It was a beautiful experience in which I hope to have the opportunity to participate again.



Participants of Pharmacy Session

JAPAN

Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

In September 2012, the JPSH was honored to accomplish the successful presentation of the 67th Congress of the LMHI in Nara. This Congress became one step in the history of homeopathy, not only in Japan, but in the world. However the situation of homeopathy in Japan is still very severe, as legal restrictions about homeopathy do not exist. Moreover, the Japanese Ministry of Welfare and Medicine does not recognize homeopathic medicines as medicines, but as health food. There are many problems that must be overcome in time and, unlike in some countries, it begins from the right understanding of homeopathy. As the only organization consisting solely of medically certified members, the JPSH would like to concentrate further efforts on the spread and development of true homeopathy in Japan.

KAZAKHSTAN

Dr. Yelena Zyukina, NC

In 2013, the Kazakh Homeopathic Association (KHA) was active in several medical science/practical international conferences, wherein homeopathy was on par with other medical disciplines. A master class on treating children and pulmonary and gynecological diseases was attended by Federal Medico-Biological Agency of Russia (FMBA). Twelve homeopaths in Kazakhstan were trained in homeopathy in the Almaty-based KHA from 06 May to 15 June 2013 and improved their skills with the FMBA of Russia DPO Training Institute, Russian Homeopathic Association. Six new members joined the Kazakh Association. In October 2013 there will be courses on homeopathy in conjunction with the Institute of Advanced Studies at the FMBA of Russia. In November, we plan to take part in the Conference on the 50 years of the Sanatorium Sary-Agash and conduct a master class on homeopathy.

Executive Committee Reports 2012 – 2013

President

Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan, Mexico



As the LMHI President, I participated with the Executive Committee in the planning of the relocation of the seat of the LMHI from Geneva, Switzerland, to Köthen, Germany. I joined with the members of the Executive Officers in preparing for the 68th Congress in Quito, Ecuador.

I appreciate the efforts of each of the General Secretaries in their work in their respective fields. I am grateful to Vice President Dr. Renzo Galassi for his work on the Working Group Project. I represented the LMHI at World Homeopathy Day in Colombia with the support of Sec-

retary for Archives Dr. Edgar Godoy. Thanks go to Drs. Fabio Gonzalez and Carlos Rivero Gomez for the success of this event.

I updated the LMHI's traditional International Address book. I urge the member countries to submit their accounts of the history of homeopathy within their borders.

In my term as LMHI President, I have participated in the arrangements for several Congresses. I have supported the task of the Working Groups attendant to different LMHI activities. I have engaged in the support of the work for the creation of the International Homeopathic Foundation. I have participated in the creation of the Council of Past Presidents inaugurated in 2011 in New Delhi. I have also assisted in various projects of the General Secretaries, in the continual upgrading of the LMHI Website, and in the composing of a new LMHI Brochure.

LATVIA

Dr. Inese Joksta, NVP

Homeopathy enjoys a special status in Latvia. The Latvian Homeopathic Association has been recognized by the Latvian Medical Association as a member. Currently, we have 140 homeopathic physicians who hold valid certificates and are actively practicing homeopathy. Homeopathic doctors are private practitioners in Latvia. Only physicians are allowed to practice homeopathy. We are in the process of developing a residency program in homeopathy. Its accreditation is scheduled to take place in summer 2013 and the training is to be started in the autumn. The residency program is being developed in cooperation with the Latvian University. Recertification of homeopathic physicians takes place every five years. The Latvian Homeopathic Association also organizes international training programs and is responsible for the ongoing training, certification, and recertification of homeopathic doctors.

LIECHTENSTEIN

Dr. Matthias Puschkarski, NC

Liechtenstein, which is a very small country with a population of 36,000, has nine homeopaths who are practicing classical homeopathy, i.e. single-remedy, fairly extensive anamnesis, etc. Three of these nine practitioners are medical doctors with a University degree in medicine. The costs of the treatment are partially reimbursed by additional health insurance, which most patients have. For training or further education in homeopathy, one has to attend seminars, classes or lectures in one of the neighboring countries, such as Switzerland, Austria or Germany.

MEXICO

Dr. Antonio P. Sánchez Caballero, NVP

There have been seminars and forums, the principal aim of which is to unify the teaching in all the homeopathic schools in the country. Research, study, teaching, and reunions are the main objectives and activities in all schools and associations.

Immediate Past President

Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer, Germany



LMHI Foundation: The purpose of the foundation is the promotion and support of research and education in the field of medical homeopathy worldwide. Established as a dependent or “trustee” foundation connected directly to the LMHI and the new seat of the LMHI, it needed to achieve the

status of a nonprofit organization and the registration as an association in Germany.

Between October 2012 and January 2013, the LMHI Constitution was adapted to the requirements of the German tax authorities. In February 2013, the German version of the *Statutes* was submitted to the tax authorities for a first check, and subsequently recognized. The next step was the re-foundation of the LMHI in Germany. This took place during a special celebration in Köthen on 16 March 2013. A special document (Minutes of the Foundation) was designed by our lawyer and adapted to our needs by myself, then signed by the LMHI officers and the German and Japanese NVP.

In April 2013, the LMHI Foundation Document was submitted with our *Statutes* and *Procedures*, to the tax authorities for official approval. With the document proving the tax exemption for the LMHI, we could take the final step, the registration of LMHI as an official association in Germany.

In collaboration with the LMHI office and administration in Berlin, the celebration for the move of the statutory seat from Geneva, Switzerland, to the original house of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann in Köthen (Anhalt), Germany, was organized. This joyful and moving celebration occurred in the presence of the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Science and Economic Affairs of Saxony-Anhalt Marco Tullner, Koethen’s Lord Mayor Kurt-Juergen Zander, other city representatives from Koethen, the LMHI officers, and more than 50 guests and NVPs from all around the world, including India, Bangladesh, Japan, Turkey, Serbia, Belgium, Austria, and the Netherlands. An LMHI Memorial Plate was mounted in the Hahnemann House.

MOLDOVA

Dr. Tatiana Bolbocean, NC

Homeopathy has been practiced in Moldova since World War II, it was legalized in 1998. The 37-member Association of Homeopathy in Republic of Moldova (AHRM), founded in 1994, became a LMHI member organization in 2008. In Moldova, medical doctors can receive certification in homeopathy. Since 1999, it has been taught at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Nicolae Testemitanu” Chisinau. In 2013, there were a number of courses in homeopathy, as follows:

- 1 month – preserving health (156 hours)
- 1 month – pediatrics (156 hours)
- 1 month – general improving (156 hours)
- 2 months – certification level courses (468 hours)

We organize a monthly seminar of homeopathy, where 30-40 homeopaths meet and share information about cases, remedies, and news of homeopathy, nationally and internationally. Moldavian homeopaths also attended international conferences.

Prime Vice President

Dr. Renzo Galassi, Italy



I participated at the LMHI Officers Meeting in Köthen, March 2013, where I also attended the inauguration ceremony of the new LMHI statutory seat in the House of Hahnemann.

I have collaborated in the new edition of the LMHI Book Project with Dr. Carles Amengual, Secretary of Educa-

tion and the Working Group on Education. This statement was voted upon in Quito in June 2013.

There has been regular contact and work with LMHI Officers with discussion and continuous exchange of emails about the administration of LMHI and the preparations for the LMHI congress in Quito, Ecuador.

I was also involved in regular contact with LMHI NVPs with exchange of emails about problems in their respective countries.

I was engaged in regular contact with LMHI President Josè Matuk Kanan in order to support him and give advice for his very important and difficult job.

We have had continuous exchange of email with several members of the LMHI Working groups with the aim to push forward the activity and the achievement of the goals of these important projects. In Quito, a third meeting of the members of the working groups took place. We are now in the second phase of the project, where all the people who want to work and collaborate in every specific area of the LMHI activity can join us. This year we will have new secretaries and I hope that they will be able to strengthen the activity of their Working Group.

NEPAL

Dr. Ambika Prasad Gyawali, NC

Practiced for over 60 years, homeopathy is a recognized system in the Nepalese National Health Program. There is one government six-bed homeopathic hospital. The Health Ministry of Nepal is considering opening four regional homeopathic hospitals and forming a comprehensive council to regulate alternative health systems. Approximately 100 homeopathic doctors are practicing homeopathy. The Nepal Homeopathic Medical College in the eastern part of the country will close this year. Bhaktapur Homeopathic Medical College, offering a Diploma Level Course in Homeopathy, is in its sixth year, but it struggles without governmental support. This college has planned to offer a 5½-year BHMS degree course. Nepalese Homeopaths had participated in Dr. Rajan Sankaran’s seminar in India in January 2013. Dr. Resie Moonen of Netherlands conducted a seminar at Bhaktapur Homeopathic Medical College in April 2013.

Prime General Secretary

Dr. Thomas Peinbauer, Austria



Dear Colleagues, dear friends,

This my last report as an LMHI officer. I would like to say thank you to all my fellow LMHI Board Members of the last nine years represented by Jose Matuk, Ulrich Fischer, and Corrado Bruno as the responsible presidents, as well as all of you who accompanied me as I served as LMHI Treasurer and LMHI General Secretary.

My election in November 2012 as President of the European Committee for Homeopathy focused my attention and energy on that office, such that I could only perform basic obligations for my Liga office.

Grateful to retiring Liga President Jose Matuk for his understanding and support, I owe special thanks to Immediate Past President Ulrich Fischer who stepped in to assume some of my obligations especially the preparations for the Kothen Celebration in March.

During my tenure in the executive Committee, my two important projects had been HERMES (Homeopathy, Encyclopedia, Reports, Membership administration, and Search functions), and HOPE (Homeopathy for Poor People and Environmental Protection). I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Caroline Geiser in implementing HERMES, most especially the CMS website, the permanent Berlin office, and the electronic newsletter. While the HOPE project that then Past President Corrado Bruno and I instituted has not yet come to fruition, I still carry it with me.

I wish to thank my Ecuadorian Colleague Edgar Godoy, Xavier, and the Organizing Committee for this Congress and your hospitality which gratitude I further express by gift of Edgar Morin's book, *The Path to Hope*, whose writings were first brought to my attention by Edgar.

Treasurer

Dr. Yves Faingnaert, Belgium



For the financial year 2012, we received a total gross income of € 81.176,68, with total expenses of € 134.198,20. We realized this income thanks to the support from 6.657 institutional members of 33 countries, of 13 individual members, and 3 associate members. Eighty percent of the income is generated in Europe. For the past financial year the total result became negative with a loss of € 53.021,52.

What is the present situation of our reserves? Our total capital May 2013 amounts to € 125.068,92. The credibility of our organization depends on a sound financial reserve; therefore, the amount of our capital should be approximately the same as yearly expenses.

When analyzing our total equity and liabilities, one sees a constant decrease, with a decline of 24 % last year. Rising expenses are to be strictly controlled, while the Treasurer should also endeavor to obtain a good income. Adjusting our membership fees has never been considered. It is very clear: we have to adapt our subscription rates on taking drastic measures. I do hope we can start with a new year with amplified resources and the objective to 'make ends meet' and I hope to be back to you next year with positive results.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you again for the confidence shown in me and in my work for our association.

1. Monthly oversight of LMHI accounts and current payments to the Executive Officers.
2. Regular contact and work with LMHI officers with discussion and continuous exchange of emails about the administration of LMHI.
3. Meetings: regular participation at the IC, EC and Officers meetings.

THE NETHERLANDS

Dr. Hetty Buitelaar, NVP

We have a new name and address—AVIG! The title homeopathic doctor and the requirements to be registered as such will be safeguarded by a committee of quality. VHAN, the former medical association for homeopathy, has been changed to an organization of funds for the promotion of homeopathic training and research. We now have to pay 21% VAT on CAM healthcare in the Netherlands. This also concerns CAM healthcare offered by medical doctors. We initiated a lawsuit against this situation. We continue to have concerns about the availability of homeopathic remedies here. The re-registration for the Netherlands physicians in the register of the Law on Medical Profession (BIG) means every medical doctor has to reregister by 2017 and homeopathic medical work is not included. We might lose our medical registration.

PAKISTAN

Dr. Khalid Masood Qureshi, NVP

LMHI is being coordinated and introduced in Pakistan through the Society of Homoeopaths (SH), an organization set up by Dr. Muhammad Masood Qureshi in 1935.

Since its formation, the Society has continuously held seminars and workshops to bring homeopaths on one platform.

Various homeopaths from Pakistan and India have been invited to deliver lectures on various topics on homeopathy in these seminars. In addition, the Society has published many articles and presented research in the seminars in the monthly Homoeopathic Magazine. Moreover, it has also published various books on homeopathy that have been highly appreciated by the homoeopathic community all over Pakistan.

At present, the Society has more than 300 members; hence, it can act as a sister concern of LMHI for promoting the objectives of LMHI in Pakistan.

Secretary for Archives

Dr. Edgar Godoy, Ecuador



As Secretary for Archives I have been collecting and archiving the documents generated throughout the year, keeping them in the same format and continuing with the policy of our institution. According to the new procedure proposed in 2013, the full-length EC and IC reports will

be available in the login-protected section "International Council" of the LMHI website www.lmhi.net.

A list of all documents archived are appended below for your acknowledgement. I want to take this opportunity to let you know that because of my various activities, inclined more to the teaching and research area of homeopathy, as well as beginning the process of writing a book that will be published in the near future, it will not be possible for me formally to continue as part of the Executive Committee.

However, I want to express my sincere support and help to the great work that LMHI has done and continues to do for the growth of homeopathy in the world.

Secretary for Dentistry

Dr. Geraldo A. Brown Ribeiro, Brazil



Concerning the activities of the Secretary for Dentistry in the current period, we followed the action plan established in 2010. We can enumerate the following main points:

1. The Secretary for Dentistry attended the XXXI Brazilian Congress of Homeopathy and the XI Brazilian

Congress of Homeopathy in Dentistry, both held in October 2013 in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Our main aims were the following:

a) To give support to the movement for recognition of homeopathy as a dental specialty in Brazil by Federal Brazilian Dental Council;

b) To motivate Brazilian colleagues and associations to become LMHI members;

c) To disclose the 70th Congress of LMHI in Rio de Janeiro, inviting colleagues and associations to participate.

2) The Secretary for Dentistry set up an introductory seminar of homeopathy as applied to dentistry for average Ecuadorian dentists, as a parallel event of the 68th Congress of LMHI, in Quito, Ecuador. Homeopathy in Dentistry is not practiced in Ecuador, and it was an excellent chance to introduce it in that environment, with the support of the Congress' organization.

3) The Secretary is interacting with some dental homeopathic associations in different countries, continuing the process of surveying to evaluate the current status of Homeopathy in Dentistry all over the world. The data are being recorded for further publication.

The Secretary for Dentistry thanks all members of Executive Committee and International Council for the support in past three years, which was fundamental for the accomplishment of our goals.

POLAND

Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczynski, NVP

Although not officially recognized, homeopathy in Poland is practiced legally by medical doctors. The Board of Health officially states that the legal status of homeopathy is regulated by the EU directives, which are fully recognized in Poland. Homeopathic remedies are recognized in accordance with EU pharmaceutical regulation and are available with a medical doctor prescription for higher potencies. In April 2008, the Polish Supreme Medical Council adopted a statement dismissing homeopathy as a medical profession, stating that they are against the education of doctors in homeopathy. Supported by several medical professor experts without credentials in homeopathic therapy, the document had no supporting list of publications. Polish State Consumers Agency responded that the Supreme Medical Chamber is prohibited from pursuing doctors for treating with homeopathic remedies and imposed a financial penalty.

PORTUGAL

Dr. Francisco A.F. Franco Patricio, NVP

We are in process of legally forming a new homeopathic association comprised only of medical doctors to facilitate the inclusion of Homeopathy in the Medicine Faculty Teaching and obtain Medical Portuguese Order support. In March 2012, we organized, with the help of David Moreira in Portuguese Medical Order, the first Meeting of Scientific Investigation in Homeopathy, having invited our Brazilian colleague Marcus Zulian Teixeira, Professor of São Paulo Medicine Faculty University, with around 300 international medical publications and four published books about homeopathy. Recently, I had an appointment with the President of Medical Order, concerning the creation a Working Group in homeopathy therein, for achieving the same status as acupuncture with the creation of a Medical Competence in Homeopathy, to which he agreed. It would be the first step of changing the conventional Medical Portuguese paradigms - the introduction of Homeopathy in the University - Medicine Faculty!

Secretary for Education

Dr. Carles Amengual, Spain



1. Medical Homeopathic Education Standards: LMHI and ECH, representing medical homeopathy worldwide, adopted a common program on education standards in 2008.
2. Accreditation of Homeopathic Schools: Several schools from Turkey and Spain asked for accreditation to the LMHI.

3. The LIGA Book Project: No applications in 2012-2013. Some amendments to the procedure document of 1997 were discussed at the Quito Congress.

4. World Homeopathy 2013: The following representatives sent the information about the legal situation of homeopathy in their country as of June 3, 2013: Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay and USA.

We urgently request all representatives who have not already provided it, to send an email with the following:

- a letter in English from the LMHI National Vice President with the detailed legal situation of homeopathy AND
 - a copy of any legal document regarding homeopathy in your country.

The updated information will be collected in a report and send to all LMHI National Vice Presidents. We rely upon your collaboration to include your country's homeopathic information. We collected 530 pages for "World Homeopathy 1998". The document "World Homeopathy 2013" will be useful as technical information for the political and academic authorities of your country. Please be aware of the importance of your prompt collaboration by sending the required complete information.

Secretary for the Newsletter

Dr. Sandra M. Chase, USA



Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHT, summarized her volunteer work as *Liga Letter* Editor from various LMHI Executive positions. One of seven pledges to the Liga membership as President in 1995, it was first published from her office that year and distributed at the Congress in Mexico. In 1996, its

semi-annual publication was managed by Dr. Ton Nicolai and his group (Netherlands).

A 1997 survey of the LMHI membership supported the *Liga Letter*. The October 1998 issue was also published in Portuguese to support the Liga Congress to be held in Brazil. With the Fall 2001 issue, a Spanish version was initiated, translated by professional translator Ceferino Rodriguez (USA).

Dr. Chase produced a LMHI Membership Brochure in English, French, German, and Spanish, distributed with the *Liga Letter*. Spring 2002.

In 2005, as a cost-saving measure, the *Liga Letter*'s publication was reduced to once a year.

The 2006 issue included a "*Liga Letter* as pdf Document" survey, again supportive of the *Liga Letter*. The layout, publication, and distribution moved to Romania, with the invaluable assistance of Dr. Carmen Sturza and Ars Medica. Dr. Anna Pla performed the Spanish translation.

Generation of the *Liga Letter* continued from the office of Dr. Chase (USA), while the layout, printing, and distribution was moved to the LMHI Secretariat in Berlin in 2010 under the supervision of Caroline Geiser.

In 2011, it was translated into Russian and Portuguese versions found on the website.

With the publication of this issue, Dr. Chase has completed 19 years of producing the *Liga Letter* in service to the LMHI and its individual members worldwide. She is grateful for this opportunity to have served the Liga and its membership.

SERBIA

Dr. Lazar Trufunovic, NVP

The Serbian Section for Homeopathy (SH) and homeopathy in general suffered a major setback with the death of founder and former president of the Section, Milos Popovic, M.D., Ph.D., in December 2012. A new president was elected in May 2013. Education, legislation, popularization of homeopathy, and standardization of homeopathic practice continues. Since 2003, the SH of the Serbian Medical Society educated 240 licensed physicians according to the program of DZVhÄ. The Section enjoys full support of the Ministry of Health (MH) and Council for Continuous Medical Education. The MH has issued 80 licenses for practicing homeopaths. Collaboration in the field of CAM therapies continues. In Serbian Medical Society, members conducted nine lectures. Dr. Farokh Master from India conducted a few, as well. Video lectures by George Vitoukas were held monthly.

SLOVENIA

Dr. Irena Gorišek, NVP

The legal status of homeopathy is unchanged. According to the Act of Healing Practices (2007), only medical doctors are allowed to practice homeopathy. Those who do, lose their license to practice conventional medicine. We work to change this absurd situation. We await the reaction of the Ombudsman for Human Rights to the voluminous materials we sent in 2012 describing our activities to change the status of homeopathy and information about the medical status of homeopathy worldwide.

The Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices issued five-year permits for 63 homeopathic medicines since 2011. The strict regulations limit their sale except from a homeopathically educated pharmacist without a doctor's prescription in pharmacies, in some only on certain days or even hours! But licensed medical doctors are not allowed to prescribe them.

Secretary for Pharmacy

Dr. Fruzsina Gábor, PhD, Hungary



Full membership status for pharmacists in LMHI was passed in the International Council of the LMH in Nara in September 2012. Sessions for pharmacists, dentists, and veterinary doctors are required to be offered at the LMHI Congresses. This change was prepared by Secretary of Dentistry Dr. Geraldo A. Brown Ribeiro, Board Members, and myself last year.

We received survey responses from many different countries, homeopathic medical doctors, pharmacists, dentists, and scientists. The survey is still open and the result will be published on the homepage of the LMHI. Thus the indication is that there are problems with the availability of homeopathic remedies.

Communication among experts and assistance for new homeopaths will improve if we collect and share dissertation subjects from experts, institutes, schools, universities and associations. We need dissertation subjects and await the connections of the experts or schools as well as suggestions and plan to make this information available online this year.

The survey results indicate a clear connection between the education level of pharmacists and the awareness of homeopathy in the country. The goal is to complete minimum educational standards for pharmacists as supplement to the Educational Standards of the LMHI. I am working on the first draft of the standard.

The Secretary of Pharmacy Working Group has had discussion about the LMHI documents Scientific Framework, Provings Guidelines, and Clinical Research Guidelines with comments and suggestions regarding the education standard for homeopathic pharmacists. Discussion has begun on the definitions in the WHO documentation on preparation of homeopathic remedies.

Secretary for Public Relations

Dr. Sara Eames, UK



The challenge to homeopathy world-wide continues, as does patient interest and support. The media group needs to offer advice and information in both situations. I am pleased to be able to report quite a lot of progress and activity in the past year.

We had a very productive group meeting at the 2012 LMHI conference in Nara, where we agreed on the importance of easy access to information about frequently asked questions, how to respond to criticisms, and how to run a successful media campaign. I was able to upload to the LMHI website information developed in the UK, and we have received some additional information for discussion, editing, and incorporation. Antonio Marques Arpa (Spain) prepared a list of topics on which we could work.

I have responded to many individual requests for advice, and this information is also available on the LMHI website.

The LMHI and the ECH can benefit from working closely together on this where appropriate.

I agree with Dr. Marques Arpa that we should have a small working group which reviews the statements about homeopathy to be available on the website, and that these are then passed to the Executive Committee for final decision. We should make a distinction between information on the public and the members-only section.

There is interest in expanding the media group. It is my vision that an LMHI group would have representatives from all the continents who would liaise with members within their regions. That way we would have a number of small, effective groups working relevantly in their own area.

SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Danny Pillay, NVP

The profession continues to await the finalization of the internship program for its graduates, planned amendments to the scope of practice of homeopathy, and also the implementation of a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program from AHPCSA which is due on 01 July 2013. The proposed guidelines on the registration and scheduling of complementary medicines are understood to be at an advanced stage. The next HSA National Congress will be held in KwaZulu-Natal province in 2014.

SPAIN

Dr. Antonio F. Marqués Arpa, NVP

The V National Homeopathic Congress took place in Oviedo (Asturias) in October 2012 with the participation of the Spanish homeopathic associations (medical, pharmaceutical, veterinary). During this biannual meeting, Spanish homeopaths demonstrated their unity as a National Assembly of Homeopathy. Moreover, the Research Committee of the MH Academy of Barcelona edited an important scientific work proving that the previous criticisms of the Health Ministry (November 2011) were without evidence. Recently, in Madrid, the process for registering some medicines has begun, an issue pending since 1993. The Scientific Days of Homeopathy took place in Barcelona in early June 2013. Skeptics pursue their attacks in Castilla, Cordoba, and Tenerife. Soon there will be a discussion in the Regional Parliament of Canary Islands, as to the incorporation of CAM in the Public Health System.

Secretary for Research

Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, Belgium



After each LMHI congress, we published an update of the LMHI-ECH document: "Scientific Framework of Homeopathy." Updated each year with new results of homeopathic research, it contains recent LMHI Congress publications and relevant scientific publications on homeopathy published in several journals. The 2013 version is on the LMHI website. If you are aware of a new valuable scientific publication on homeopathy, send it to the Research Secretary to be incorporated in a future update.

LMHI Guidelines for Clinical Verification of Homeopathic Symptoms were discussed again within the ECH and LMHI Research Working Group, and we may reach a consensus on a third edition draft document. LMHI Proving Guidelines were discussed extensively.

Our list of about 3000 homeopathic remedies, documented only by English references (provings and *materia medica*, new and traditional), which is designed to facilitate remedy registration and to establish research priorities, still needs more references from other languages.

An international survey on change of Quality of Life in new patients has been finalized in six European countries and Brazil. The results indicate great patient satisfaction when using homeopathy. In some countries Euroconsumers published very negative conclusions. We complained about this, asking for complementary statistics.

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Projects for the future:

- New booklet "Scientific Framework of Homeopathy after 68th LMHI congress."
- Provings databank and access through LMHI website.
- Publication of further editions of LMHI Guidelines for Provings and Clinical Verification of Homeopathic Symptoms.
- A new "official" document about Homeopathic scientific publications could be considered.

SRI LANKA

Dr. T. C. Peiris, NC

The progress of homeopathy has slowed since 2009 due to the sudden dissolving of the homeopathic council by the ministry because of the ministers' understanding about several inappropriate practices of the then existing council. A new registrar was appointed and a new Board was nominated by the minister several times due to infighting among homeopaths. As a result, drug imports were hindered; however, the ministry continued to maintain the supply to the government Homeopathic Hospital and its peripheral clinics situated in different districts, including the eastern province. Thanks to the minister for instructing the officials of the ministry to continue the scholarship programs offered by the government of India to the National Institute of Homeopathy in Calcutta. I hope Sri Lankan homeopaths will stop the infighting for a better future for homeopathy.

Library Committee

International LMHI International Homeopathic Library Foundation of Samuel Hahnemann in Cordoba, Argentina

Dr. Cesar Cremonini, Chairman



- Received, by way of donation, various publications.
- Cataloging and classification of thematic resources.
- Development Inventory, Bibliography Report and Balance sheet
- Institutional promotion through the provision of headquarters Stand in

National and International Congress.

- Brochures Diffusion Areas and activities related to the Library.
- Annual Informational Bulletin Printing sources homeopathic *AUDE SAPERE*
- Plate Donation in honor of the work of the Organizing Committee of the International Congress.
- VENUE: Open headquarters for six years. Disposition of property and suitable furniture. Storage and retention of thematic resources.

Puplications

- Print-English and Spanish-the book: *Characteristic Symptoms of the Materia Medica for the Pocket* by Dr. TF Allen (Published in 1894)
- Four Editions in Spanish and three in English editions of the *Organon. Organon of the rational art of healing according to the laws of homeopathy* (Samuel Hahnemann -1913)

Proposal

Offers to Homeopathic Bibliography Printing to set up Eastern European countries in their mother language, on delivery of the original by the country that requires it. The costs thereof shall be borne by the Foundation

- Failure to respect the interest receive above, we propose the translation, editing and publication of "Theory and Practice of Homeopathy" by Dr. Robert Ellis Dudgeon.
- Preparatory actions for the purpose of developing the project to digitize library materials.

SWITZERLAND

Dr. Franziska Bläuer, NVP

The peculiar political system in Switzerland made it possible for the Compulsory Basic Health Insurance to reimburse for homeopathic treatments by certified physicians until 2016. The admission then will be re-evaluated. Furthermore, the universities are obliged to introduce some lectures about CAM in all academic health professions. At four universities, a few lectures are held already. In Basel, a people's initiative is being prepared to establish a chair as well. A great promoter in these political issues is DACOMED, a platform of Swiss CAM organizations, which unites politicians, patients, physicians, hospitals, non-medical therapists, and manufacturers of CAM remedies. To support and encourage the young generation to work as family doctors practicing homeopathy, we have established an annual Homeopathy Day. And a first Swiss Homeopathic Case Conference will connect different schools.

National Vice President/ National Contact Report Form

Name of the Country:

Summary of Report: One paragraph in length, in English (for use in the Minutes)
Duplicate 130-word paragraph to be submitted to *Liga Letter* Editor.

Members: Number of members in his/her country.

Organization: Numbers, titles and addresses of the different associations.

Schools: Names of homeopathic schools or courses.

Program of Activities: The programs of the national congresses in the immediate past and the next year.

Publications: The names of the works given in the congress or meetings.

Magazines: The names and addresses of the publications and magazines.

THAILAND

Dr. Monthaka Teerachaisakul, NC

From 2011-2013, we organized and co-organized standard education and continuing education for homeopaths and consumers. However, we faced the difficulty in arranging the third 2-year post-graduate course in homeopathy at the beginning of 2013. Therefore, the association took this opportunity to emphasize the strengthening of the development of homeopathy in Thailand and organize better training for our people. In year 2013, the legal status of homeopathy is progressing. The National Drug Committee has established the agenda of a meeting on homeopathic products. The Bureau of Health and Art of Healing, responsible for new licensing in Thailand, has instructed the committee to discuss homeopathy and the licensing of homeopaths. Henceforth, we will need to work very hard to support the best information as well as the best opportunities for homeopathy.

TURKEY

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, NVP

The Turkish Health Ministry is going to release regulations on complementary medicines (including homeopathy) at the end of 2013. According to this regulation, only medical doctors can practice CAM. The Turkish Classic Homeopathy Association courses are accredited by LMHI. As per request for the 2013-2014 calendar year, they are offering modules/courses to the pharmacists. The veterinarian practice of homeopathy is very well defined and regulated in Turkey. The selling, producing, and importing of homeopathic remedies are legal now, but the regulation will be released at the end of 2013.

69th LMHI Congress

Paris, France – 16-19 July 2013

„Homoeopathy on the move. Strategies, Healing, Simillimum, Simile“



Dear Colleagues,

So often and for so many years have we been wonderfully well received on all continents for the yearly congresses of the League!

The French Homoeopathic Medical Doctors are both honored and pleased to welcome you all to Paris, the City of Light and of the Enlightenment, last residence of our common Master, Samuel Hahnemann.

I do wish that as many of us as possible may share a warm and friendly high level meeting of the Homeopathic Art.

Sincerely,

Dr. Philippe Servais
National Vice-President of the LMHI for France
and LMHI Congress 2014 Vice-President

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UKRAINE

Dr. Zoya Dergachova, NVP

In 2013, 143 Ukrainian doctors and pharmacists paid the LMHI membership fee. The VI Congress of the homeopaths of Ukraine was held on 9-11 November 2012. The Congress brought together more than 150 physicians and pharmacists from Ukraine, Russia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Scientific reports of the Congress were dedicated to the discussion of methodology and philosophy. Original research was presented. As part of the National Congress, Dergacheva Zoya, MD, PhD, was elected LMHI National Vice President, Ukraine.

The Homeopathic Association of Ukraine plans for 2013 include the following:

- To create modern history of homeopathy in Ukraine.
- The questionnaire for homeopaths and their patients "Medical and social basis for homeopathy into public health system."
- To create a database of successful cases of homeopathic treatment (monotherapy and laboratory diagnostic confirmation).

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Sara Eames, NVP

The Faculty of Homeopathy continues to work closely with a group of other homeopathic organizations, particularly for media work. We have another celebrity promotion planned for this summer after some very successful press coverage last year and we have developed a new website 'find a homeopath' to raise the profile of homeopathic practitioners. We will also be filming more interviews for 'YouTube' and website use. The achievement of which we are most proud is the recent inclusion of the Faculty of Homeopathy in a parliamentary statute conferring the status of 'designated body' on the Faculty. Thereby the Faculty is empowered to set up a revalidation system of members, required every 5 years by law. This will go a long way in ensuring the future of medical homeopathy as a medical speciality.

Main Theme of the Congress

For two centuries, thousands of Homoeopathic Medical Doctors have treated thousands of patients, all around the world, for most diverse pathologies.

Thanks to the publications and the meetings among colleagues, at regional, national and international levels, a huge clinical experience has been and is still being gathered. Today, more than ever, this knowledge is circulated thanks to permanent exchanges among practitioners.

However, this clinical material available seems often very heterogeneous, both in regard to the management and analysis of the cases described by colleagues and in the criteria taken into account for healing.

We would like the French LMHI Congress to be an opportunity to reflect on the question and to share experiences:

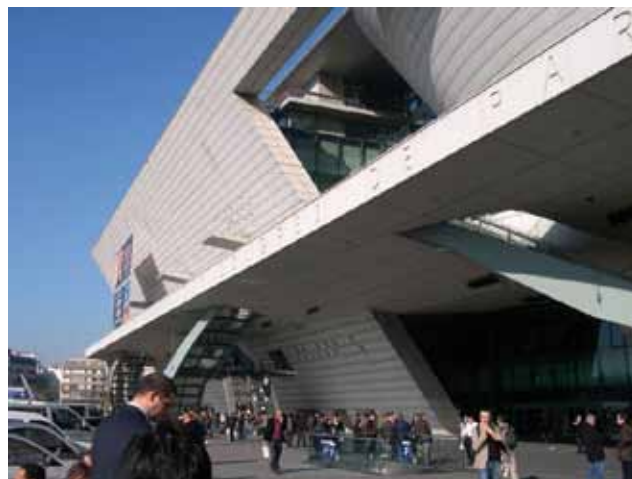
- **Are there for you, Homoeopaths, various levels of healing? If so, which ones?**
- **Do they differ from the ones identified by allopaths?**
- **A last but fundamental question is the following: which strategies are applied in your practice?**

They are manifold depending on the teaching you received, on the experience and on the knowledge you acquired, on the opportunities offered by your consultations, even on the ideology of some.

We rely on all of you for carrying on this debate and continuing to open the horizon of the future.



Palais des Congrès, Paris



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dr. Richard Hiltner, NVP

Senator Tom Harkin, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairperson, is a supporter of patient access to homeopathic medicines. Senator Barbara Mikulski, Chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has supported Integrative Health policies. In March, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine hosted a debate between Dr. Andre Saine and Dr. Steven Novella on homeopathy. Mainstream dermatology journal *Dermatology Times* extols the virtues of homeopathy. Iris Bell, MD, PhD, wrote an important paper, Homeopathy as Systemic Adaptational Nanomedicine. Electromagnetic cell communication in Hepatitis A is comparable to Luc Montagnier's research and ideas on homeopathy. In January, the Dr. Oz Show, with 3 million viewers, dedicated about 1/3 of the show to homeopathy. Sales of homeopathic medicines totaled \$1.3 billion in 2012. Dana Ullman wrote about President Lincoln's involvement with homeopathy.

URUGUAY

Dra. Liliana Brea, NVP

There are two homeopathic Associations in Uruguay: The Association of Homeopathic Medicine of Uruguay (AMHU) and the Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical School of Uruguay (EMHHU). They carry out regular courses of homeopathic formation for doctors and veterinarians of three years duration. The AMHU holds a monthly symposium and provides polyclinic assistance for low-income people. Homeopathy in Uruguay is developed mainly in the private environment. Homeopathic medicines are legally recognized by the health authorities of the country since 2009. One of the objectives of our Associations is the integration of homeopathy in the teaching in the university. Coming closer to this objective, we have held conversations with the Ministry of Public Health with the aim that homeopathy will be recognized as a speciality.

Group Registrations

1 free registration will be offered per group of 20 registered participants.

20 registrations + 1 free registration

40 registrations + 2 free registrations

60 registrations + 3 free registrations

80 registrations + 4 free registrations

100 registrations + 5 free registrations

If you have registered 20 persons, the field „your reduction:“ will appear:

Fill in the code: LMHI2014_Free

You can only fill in the code if you have registered a group of 20 persons.

When making a group registration, follow the steps of an individual booking until step „Will you be registering any other participants“. Click yes and register the next person of your group and so on.

Venue

Palais des Congrès
2 Place de la Porte Maillot
75017 Paris, France

Le Palais des Congrès de Paris is one of the capital's legendary venues. Its original architectural design and numerous exhibitions and shows offer an invitation to travel the world. Le Palais des Congrès boasts a privileged location with access to most major tourist attractions (automated and secured metro line). Access information for pedestrians and cars is available on the Congress website.

Official Languages

French and English are the official congress languages. Simultaneous translation will be provided for the plenary sessions into English, French, Spanish and German (if sufficient participants speaking these languages will have registered in order to justify the additional costs).

Social activities

Information on the Social Activities will be available in September 2013. Visit the Congress website for more information.

Call for Abstracts

The LMHI 2014 Scientific Committee invites you to submit one or more abstracts dealing with the general theme of the Congress. The final deadline for the receipt of abstracts is 15 December 2013. Abstracts must be submitted online. Abstracts submitted by fax or mail will not be accepted. Only LMHI members are allowed to submit an abstract. Please read the Submission Guidelines on the website carefully before submitting your abstract(s).

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Key Dates

1 June 2013	Call for Abstracts open (only LMHI members may submit)
15 December 2013	Deadline for Abstracts
15 March 2014	Notifications to authors
31 March 2014	Early Bird Registration Deadline
30 June 2014	Late Registration Deadline
1 July 2014	On-site fees are charged

Registration fees

	Early Until 31/03/14	Late Until 30/06/14	On site As of 01/07/14
Full Period			
Member LMHI	€ 580,00	€ 680,00	€ 750,00
Non Member LMHI	€ 680,00	€ 780,00	€ 850,00
Students and retired	€ 390,00	€ 470,00	€ 520,00

One Day Registration

Member LMHI	€ 280,00	€ 340,00	€ 370,00
Non Member LMHI	€ 280,00	€ 340,00	€ 370,00

Social Program

Welcome Reception			
Wednesday, 16 July	included	included	included
Welcome Reception			
Partner	€ 20,00	€ 25,00	€ 30,00
Boat Cruise & Dinner			
Thursday, 17 July	€ 90,00	€ 100,00	€ 110,00

The registration includes:

- Access to all scientific sessions
- Access to the exhibition
- Meeting bag with program and abstracts
- Coffee breaks as announced in the program
- Welcome Reception on Wednesday, July 16

Payment:

Only Credit Card payments are accepted: VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Diners. Credit card payment will be automatically processed.

70th LMHI Congress

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 2-5 September 2015
“Homeopathy – Experience, Science and Art”

Venue

Windsor Atlântica Hotel
Atlantica Avenue nº 1020 – Copacabana 22010-000
Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

The Homeopathic Medical Association State of Rio de Janeiro (AMHERJ), with support from the Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association (AMHB) and homeopathic institutions, and on behalf of the Organizing Committee, hosts with joy the 70th Congress of LMHI in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

We have already begun all the preparations for the holding of this event, intending it to be a milestone in the world of homeopathy. We want to provide the opportunity to gather new ideas, and especially, to exchange our experiences and to share our clinical provings. We seek to discuss development of scientific works that strengthen the art of healing established by Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.

Come and join our enthusiasm in achieving this Congress, contributing to worldwide homeopathy in all disciplines (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, and Pharmacy). The Congress will present a new area of expertise in Homeopathy – Agronomy!

Enjoy meeting in one of the most beautiful cities in the world!

We look forward to your presence from 2-5 September 2015!!!

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