71th Congress LMHI 2016
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
**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 homoeopathic 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 homoeopathic 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 homoeopathy in their own country,
  - the homoeopathic national events, congresses, jubilees, etc.,
  - the homoeopathic publications or communications,
  - a listing of business addresses and telephone numbers
  - of homoeopathic 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 homoeopathic physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, and institutions, must be submitted annually to the LMHI Treasurer along with the collective membership dues.

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

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LMHI Statutes

**BELGIUM**

**Dr Philippe Devos, NVP**

Regularisation of homoeopathic medicine in Belgium:
The Royal Decree about the practice of Homoeopathy in Belgium became effective on 22-05-2014.

The application of this Royal Decree is still in stand-by as some group of doctors have asked to the Council of State to cancel this Royal Decree. The UHB has been jumping in to bring arguments in favor of this Royal Decree, helping in such the Belgian State. We think we will have a clear situation by the end of this year.

**DynHom**
The project of Basic scientific research ‘DynHom » is still ongoing. A Colloquium is organized by the Unio Homoeopathica Belgica (UHB) the Saturday 13th of May 2017, Brussels : From Basic Research to Homoeopathic Practice.

**CEN (European Committee of Standardization)**
Belgium voted YES for the CEN/TC 427, Services of Medical Doctors with additional qualification in Homoeopathy (MDQH) - Requirements for health care provision by Medical Doctors with additional qualification in Homoeopathy.

**BRAZIL**

**Dr. Francisco Vargas de Oliveira, NVP**

Since 1980, the Homoeopathy is recognized in Medicine legally in Brazil by their respective government representatives. Since 1988, The Homoeopath is recognized as a medical specialty by CFM (Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine)

Since 1988, also, we have a Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association, Institution that represents all Homeopathic Doctors in Brazil. During the subsequent years, in the same way, the Pharmacy, Veterinary, and more recently had been obtaining the recognition for Dentistry, which in a very near future will also conquer the specialty in its area.Brazil is a country of great continental dimension, which makes it easy the economic part, but makes it difficult at the transport and communication. In spite of Homoeopathy is a medical specialty since 1988, there are still few courses that offer homoeopathy at the medical graduation. On the other hand, there are currently two hospitals offering Medical Residence in Homoeopathy. What is part of our conquests! All this recognized by AMHA (Brazilian Homoeopathic Medical Association), holding a council of training entities, which discusses and determines a minimum curriculum for all schools, and require annual proof to approve and give titling for new homoeopaths.
National Vice President Reports

ARGENTINA
Dr. Silvia C. Mercado, NVP

The 71st. L.M.H.I. Congress (organized by EMHA), was declared of interest from the Argentine Parliament, while they are treating the recognition of Homeopathy as a medical act. The Argentine lower chamber formed a Commission of Addiction Prevention, and A.M.H.A. was convened to officiate as adviser and collaborator. The C.E.M.H.H. (Córdoba) celebrated its 40 years teaching Homeopathy. One of its professor spoke about Homeopathy in a conventional Congress of Family Medicine. After 5 years of uninterrupted dictate, the Catholic University of Córdoba suspended a Course of information on Homeopathy. We have the College of Homeopaths that belongs to the Federation of Argentinian Homeopathic Medical Associations. Their individual members can get registered. There are two scientific magazines: “Homeopathy” (by A.M.H.A.) and “Acta Homoeopathica Argentinensia” (by E.M.H.A.), and one publicly available magazine: “Homeopathy for everyone” (by A.M.H.A.).

ARMENIA
Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtzyan, NVP

As you know, Sabine Zimmermann visited Armenia regularly. In autumn 2015 and in spring 2016 she held her seminars in Yerevan. It was very interesting and productive as always. We continue our humanitarian work in one of Yerevan’s orphanages and are very happy with good results there. We received many invitations from different TV channels, to take part in medical programs. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan featured some of this programs and it had a very good resonance. This academic year also, we have a new residents. Armenian homeopaths keep on participating in the seminars organised in different countries. This autumn we look forward to the traditional visit of Dr. Pfeiffer with his seminar in Yerevan.

AUSTRIA
Dr. Claudia Garn, NVP

The Higher Administrative Court confirms homeopathy to be legal for medical practitioners only. In 2015 76 (ÖGHM) and 74 (ÄKH) Austrian Medical Doctors hold an additional diploma in Homoeopathy, are members of a homeopathic association and member of the LMHI. About 60 (ÖGHM) and 40 (ÄKH) MDs, medical students, pharmacists and veterinarians are regularly following the basic educational program. Austrian patients consider homeopathy a very popular method of cure. Attacks against homeopathy in public media, still being often organized by Sceptics seem to catch less interest of the public. The common PR – campaign for Homeopathy “Homöopathie als Kassenleistung” is in process, votes for homeopathy are collected, information pro homeopathy is spread. The initiative “Homeopathy helps” for a better cooperation between conventional medicine and homeopathy spreads information via the patient association VHG, hompages and presentations. The Peithner Award in 2015 went to Magdalena Rumpl for “Metaanalyse homöopathischer Studien im Zeitraum 2008 bis 2012”. By this meta-analysis including 29 studies, 26 studies of high quality, a significant trend for benefit out of homöopathic treatment was illustrated.

BANGLADESH
Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, NC

The year 2016 started with a great achievement in the field of Homoeopathy in our country. On the 15th of January, 2016 LMHI certificates give away & discussion seminar was organized by Dr. Rezaur Rahman Homoeopathic Foundation (DRRHF). Chief guest of that program was K.M. Mozammel Haque (Secretary, Peoples Republic Of Bangladesh). Special guests were: Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy (Chairman, Bangladesh Homoeopathic Board) Fazlul Bari (Eminent Journalist & writer) Principal Dr. M. A. Quader (Secretary general, Bangladesh homoeopathy Medical Association).

Dr. Md. Jahanir Alam (Registrar, Bangladesh Homoeopathic Board) & Prof. Dr. Md. Kamaruzzaman Bhuiyan (General Secretary, Homoeopathy Medical College teachers Samit). Near about 300 leading homeopaths and students attended the function. On the month of April, 2016 Hahnemann day was celebrated in New Delhi, India. This is the first time in the history of Bangladesh that our health minister attended a Homeopathic function outside our country. 62 homoeopathic physicians represented Bangladesh on Hahnemann day. Health Minister of our country was so pleased that, he told us to organize a press conference in our country to elaborate the success of Hahnemann day program and also to make LMHI & Homoeopathy further more known to the people of our country. Our vision is 2022, because Bangladesh is hosting the LIGA Congress on that year. To spread LIGA in our country, a committee has been formed on the 5th of August, 2016.
BULGARIA
Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP

Association of Homeopathic Physicians in Bulgaria celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2015. The accent on the Conference were the best achievements of Bulgarian homeopaths in science, proving and clinical practice. We organized also 1 day seminar “Neonatology and Homeopathy” for neonatologists, pediatricians and GPs with Dr. Bettina Baltacis. Among our guests we had GPs, specialists, dentists, veterinarian and pharmacists, from renowned hospitals and university clinics. An article about this was published in ECH Newsletter.


Homeopathy Awareness Week 2016
Main theme – Homeopathy as preventive medicine. For first time we had a seminar for 20 journalists from leading Bulgarian media instead of a press conference. Our lectures in 7 towns have been attended by 1100 people. A total amount of 50 articles in printed and internet media and 15 interviews on TV and Radio about homeopathy have been given by our members.

CANADA
Prof. Bhupinder Sharma, MD (Hom.), NCP

I have some good news to report from Canada. On April 1, 2015, the College of Homeopaths of Ontario was proclaimed under the Regulated Health Professions Act and the Homeopathy Act. Homeopathy together with Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists has been recognized by the Government of Ontario as one of the 28 Regulated Health professions in the province of Ontario. We have already registered over 400 homeopaths and are optimistic that our numbers will continue to grow as our colleagues in the mainstream of healthcare, and the Ontario public becomes more aware of the benefits of this wonderful profession.

Perhaps our biggest challenge was to reassure the public, the government, and all health professionals that homeopaths registered with the College have the knowledge, skills and judgment to practise safely and effectively. We needed to find the fairest approach possible to assessing each applicant and one that would be acceptable to the Ontario Fairness Commissioner. The model chosen for assessment in Ontario was based on competencies. It is called a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition approach. Earlier this year, the Fifth Annual Canadian Homeopathic Conference, was held in Toronto from February 5-7, 2016. The theme of the Congress was “HOMEOPATHY, HEALTH & INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE-Working Together in Patient Care.” We had many interesting speakers, including Dr. Peter Fisher. The Conference was organised by three Homeopathic Associations of Canada and Quebec, Homeopathic Medical Association of Canada, Ontario Homeopathic Association and Syndicat Professionnel des Homéopathes du Québec (SPHQ).

CHILE
Dr. Sergio Castillo, NC

Homeopathy is officially recognized as complementary medicine by Health Ministry. Is practiced by health professionals and laymen. A minister commission whith classic homeopaths take a practical and theoretical test for certification. Only one institute, Cetel, approved accreditation for learning. The number of recognized homeopaths is little for community needs. The homeopathic medication is available in the most cities.

Dr Ewald Finsterbusch is leading a South American team of researchers for the cure of chronic diseases and miasmas with very high potencies with success.

Dr Flavio Briones, which web page, www.homeovet.cl, teaching about veterinary medicine in America and Europe, edit a third book. They explain the homeopathy in social media, conferences and meetings in the country leading a best comprehension, because the skeptics are appearing in digital media newspapers comments.

The Chilean population knows homeopathy and uses, but empirically. We still have a long way to go.

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 on 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.
LMHI Governance Meetings 2016
Actions of the Executive Committee (EC) and of the International Council (IC)
Buenos Aires, 24-27 Aug 2016

“IC Meeting”

“EC Meeting”

From left to right;
Richard Hiltner, Amarilys Toledo Cesar, Gustavo Cataldi, Raj Kumar Manchanda, Ashley Ross, Altunay Agaoglu, Jose Matuk Kanan, Cesar Cremonini, Renzo Galassi, Evin Türkay (secretary), Jelka Milic, Gloria Feighelstein, Alok Pareek
70th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

Minutes of the International Council (IC) Meeting 2015

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Place: Othon Palace Hotel – Copacabana, Avenida Atlântica, 3264 – Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro – RJ

Time: Monday, 24 August 2015, 09.00 a.m. - 06.00 p.m.

Participants:

Executive Committee:

President: Dr Renzo Galassi, Italy
Immediate Past President: Dr José Matuk Kanan, México
Prime Vice-President: Dr Alok Pareek, India
Treasurer: Dr Altunay Agaoglu, Turkey
General Secretary: Dr Jelka Milić, Croatia
Secretary for Archives: Prof. Dr Martin Dinges, Germany
Secretary for Dentistry: Dr Gloria Feighelstein, Brazil
Secretary for Education: Dr Gustavo Cataldi, Argentina
Secretary for Pharmacy: Dr Amarilys deToledo César, Brazil
Secretary for Research: Dr Raj Kumar Manchanda, India
Secretary for Public Relation: Dr Antonio Marques Arpa

Special Committees:

Samuel Hahnemann Library Foundation: Dr Cesar L. Cremonini, Argentina
Committee for Provings: Prof. Dr Ashley Ross, South Africa

LMHI Secretary:

Ms. Evin Turkay, Turkey
National Vice-Presidents (NVP), National Contact Persons (NC), LMHI Working Groups Members & Guests:

Argentina: Dr Silvia Cristina Mercado (NVP), Dr Rafael Munoz (Samuel Hahnemann Library Foundation), Dr Munoz Rafael Enrique,
Austria: Dr Claudia Garn (NVP)
Belgium: Dr Philippe Devos (NVP), Dr Smouth Jean Louis
Brazil: Dr Francisco Vargas de Oliveira Villela (NVP)
Columbia: Dr John Eduardo Bastidas (NVP)
Croatia: Dr Jelka Milić (NC by proxy)
Cuba: Dr Mayra Riveron Garrotte (NVP), Dr Ramon Jesus Lopez Lopez

European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH):

Dr Thomas Peinbauer (ECH President), Dr Leopold Drexler (Education Subcommittee of ECH)

Estonia: Dr Saima Tsler (NVP)
Ecuador: Dr Xavier Godoy (NVP)
France: Dr Philippe Servais (NVP), Dr Yves Maille (Member of the Education Working Group)
Germany: Dr Cornelia Bajić (NVP)
India: Dr N. Srinivasa Rao (Member of the PR Working Group)
Italy: Dr Francesco Marino (NVP)
Iran: Dr Marziyeh Shenavar (NVP)
Japan: Dr Ronko Itamura (NVP)
Mexico: Dr Antonio Sánchez Caballero (NVP), Dr Antonio Sanchez Carballo (President de Homeopatia de Mexico A.C.), Dr Omar Matuk Villazon
Netherlands: Dr Hetty Buïtelaar (NVP)
Russia: Dr Nikolay Zamarenov, Dr Buryakova Irina (NVP)
South Africa: Dr Danny Pillay (NVP)
Spain: Dr Ute Fischbach Sabel (NVP)
Switzerland: Dr Franziska Bläuer (NVP)
Turkey: Dr Altunay Agaoglu (NVP)
USA: Dr Todd Hoover (NVP), Dr Daniel Cook (Press Release team)

Agenda:

1- LMHI President’s Opening: Dr Renzo Galassi thanks to all for coming and welcomes all saying it was hard year but all were doing their best and apologizes for the mistakes. For the first time at the ICM he is greeting 2 colleagues and friends from Cuba, it is the first time they participate at the ICM.

2- Minute of Silence for the Colleagues who Passed Away since the last Congress: Stan Yesmiatka (the Netherlands), Fruzsina Gabor (Hungary).

3- Welcome of the Congress Organizers: Dr Gloria Feighelstein gives warm welcome to all expressing her hopes everyone will enjoy their time in Rio and benefit from the congress.


5- Short Meetings of Countries of the same Continent:

Latin America (LA): to develop the union of LA homeopathy in order to join members, to organize yearly or 2 yearly MM Congress, homeopathy is not legal in most of LA countries, to organize young homeopaths from LA.

South Africa and Asia: the discussion revolved primarily around registration and regulation within the respective countries (Japan, India, Russia, South Africa): In Japan, there is no regulation for homeopathy and practice and education therefore is mainly with lay homeopaths. There are approximately 10 homeopaths who are also medical doctors and about 1000 lay homeopaths. In Russia similarly, there is no regulation or registration of homeopathy. In India, for over 50 years there has been two streams of homeopathy, trained medical graduates who register as homeopaths and number approx. 200 000. There is also a lay group of approx. 500 000 persons using homeopathy at various levels. In South Africa homeopathy may only be practiced after registration within the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA). The AHPCSA regulates all the complimentary medicines profession with four professional board. Europe and USA: Europe - to define criteria for certificate of teachers accreditation, to bring the definition of homeopathic remedy since homeopathic medicinal products are regulated in Europe since 1992, USA – FDA has brought new regulations for homeopathic products, FTC regulates advertising for commercial products 80% pro homeopathy

6- Reports of the LMHI Executive Officers: Reports have been sent by electronic post to all International Council Members beforehand. Besides that, Executive officers are reading their reports to the participants. After short discussion and voting, all reports are approved unanimously. Three (3) IC Meeting Participants Philippe Devos, Franziska Blauer, Hetty Buitellaar signed the financial report for validation.

Report of LMHI Ebola mission has been presented by Drs Altunay Agaoglu, Connie Bajić and, Richard Hiltner). All reports could be found at the forum section of the LMHI website. The related article titled “November 11 Update on LMHI Ebola Mission to South Africa” could be found on LMHI Website under the section News archive.

7- Reports of the LMHI Secretaries for Archives, Dentistry, Education, Newsletter, Pharmacy, Public Relations, Research and Special Committees for Proving and Library Foundation: The Reports have been sent by electronic post to all the IC Members beforehand. Besides that, Secretaries and Chairpersons of the Special Committees are reading their reports to the participants. After short discussion and voting, all presented reports are approved unanimously. All reports could be found at the forum section of the LMHI website.

8- LMHI Schools Accreditation: State of Affairs

9- Homeopathic Medical Standards: Modifications. E-learning (Curriculum Requirements, p. 22). Dr Gustavo Cataldi is presenting the Secretary of Education Report 2015. New version - subject of voting was the next paragraph of the Medical Homeopathic Education Standards, p. 22: “This training should comprise at least 600 hours including a minimum of 350 hours direct contact face to face class teaching. The training has to include sufficient clinical training and clinical experience recommended to be completed in a period of 3 years. Due to medical education training in Europe, the ECH standards for accreditation will apply.” After short discussion and voting, the new version is accepted with 27 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions. The new version is adopted. The whole presentation with the new adopted version is enclosed to this Minutes.

10- LMHI Teachers Accreditation: Dr Gustavo Cataldi is presenting the Secretary of Education Report 2015. LMHI Teachers Accreditation Requirements for the purpose of LMHI solidarity projects was the subject of voting: “The application is individual and the applicant has to prove his/her competence as a teacher in a high level teaching center or in an accredited teaching center. Specific requirements: Full member of the LMHI, Five years of teaching experience (minimum), Ten years of clinical practice (minimum). In the case of Pharmaceutical Teachers, ten years of experience preparing homeopathic remedies. LMHI Executive Committee can propose Honorary Teachers. After six years, the teacher will have to confirm that he/she is still a teacher. After short discussion and voting, the new version is accepted with 27 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions. The new version is adopted. The whole presentation with the new adopted version is enclosed to this Minutes.

11- LMHI Working Groups: Reports and State of Affairs: Dr Alok Pareek reports about the work of Working Groups (WGs) inviting for participations of all NVPs, asking them to motivate the best talents from their countries. WGs are the opportunity to interact, this is through WGs that LMHI connects with NVPs. Dr Alok Pareek continues his report asking also for the special WGs presentation to the common audience so they feel part of it, random selection of members should end. He proposes that WGs members should be monitored, also, from this year onwards the decision is brought that every LMHI congress will include half of the day devoted to the WGs outcomes presentation to the LMHI congress participants. The Education WG - all the points of the Agenda were discussed extensively, PR WG - thanks to Secretary Dr Antonio Marques Arpa, he was fighting with the opposition. Research WG - well done work. Pharmacy WG - they are working on the definition of the homeopathic remedy WG. Dr Alok Pareek is concluding his report thanking to all the Secretaries.

12- Establishment of the New Working Group for Fund Raising: Proposal and Voting: Dr Renzo Galassi explains that this Working Group will be a subcommittee of the PR WG. They will focus on writing and sending a letter asking for donations for projects of solidarity or for different LMHI projects. After short discussion and voting, the proposal is accepted with all votes in favour, zero votes against and zero abstentions. The proposal is adopted.

13- Establishment of the New Secretary for Provings: Proposal and Voting: Dr Renzo Galassi explains why this Secretary is very important, it will focus to arrange multicentre proving in the future. There is too much work in this Secretary that it can’t be managed by one person, at least 2 persons. He suggests to continue the provings in the countries where there are no ethical restrictions for it. Dr Ashley Ross comments that provings in the 21st century can’t be completely Hahnemannian, they will be in the spirit of Hahnemann but we can’t follow all what is written in the Organon. After short discussion and voting, the proposal is accepted with zero votes against, 1 abstention and all others in favour. The proposal is adopted.

14- LMHI Congresses: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027: State of Affairs and New Applications: 2023: Mexico NVP submits the application. Voting results: in favour: all, against: zero, abstentions: zero. The application is adopted. 2024: there will be centenary of the idea to establish LMHI in Spain. So Spain NVP submits the application: Voting results: In favour: all, against: zero, abstentions: zero. The proposal is adopted. To voting for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027 will be postponed for the next IC Meeting.

15- International Homeopathy Day 2015 in Cuba and IHD Application for 2016: Dr Renzo Galassi described this morning about the experiences from Cuba. The purpose of the IHD celebration is to help countries with the difficulties. Proposals: India, Brazil (Sao Paolo). After short discussion, the voting process for the IHD 2016 celebration in India started. The voting results: in favour: all, against: zero, abstentions: zero. The proposal is adopted.

16- LMHI Procedures: Voting on the Amendments to the LMHI Procedures 2015 with the new changes: Dr Jelka Milic presents the new amendments to the LMHI Procedures. After short discussion and voting, the document is adopted with 2 abstentions, zero votes against and all other in favour. Many thanks to all NVPs/NCPs/institutional members who contributed in the process of bringing the new amendments. Special thanks to Dr Tod Hoover and Dr Daniel Cook for their great help in the preparation of the final document and thorough proof reading. The document is available through LMHI website.

17- LMHI Constitution: Voting on the Change to Parts of the § 12 Executive Committee

The second sentence in the second chapter of the §12 Executive Committee - of the current Constitution reads: “Two members of the Executive Committee are authorized to represent the association.” The new sentence is: “The president, the vice president, the general secretary and the treasurer are authorized to represent the association in their individual capacities. Beside this, in the same §12 Executive Committee of the current LMHI Constitution – the last sentence in the sixth chapter of the §12 Executive Committee reads: “In the event of a prolonged disability or absence of any other officer, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by appointment.” The new sentence is: “In the event of a prolonged disability or absence, lack of interest and/or capacities in performing duties, resignation or any inexcusable reason, an officer may be replaced. In this case, International Council shall elect a new Executive Committee officer. However, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by appointment of an Interim till the next IC meeting where an election shall take place.” After short discussion and voting, suggested changes in the Constitution are adopted with all votes in favour, zero votes against and zero abstentions. The English and German version of the Constitution are available through LMHI website.

18- LMHI Office in Izmir: State of Affairs

Ms. Evin Turkay gives short report of her work at the LMHI Secretariat office in Izmir.

19- LMHI Website: State of Affairs, Suggestions

Dr Altunay Ağaoglu reports about her work on Liga website. In order to further decrease the costs of running the LMHI website, the management of the Liga website is planning to be transferred to Turkey. Namely several offers from Turkey and one from Croatia were received and discussed until now among the members of LMHI EC, and the offers from Turkey were discussed further as better long term solutions, so the final decision among the LMHI EC members is to transfer the LMHI management to Turkey during the following year.

20- Presentation and Voting on the Definition of the Homeopathic Remedy The presentation and voting process on this topic is cancelled, it is not yet completed.

21- LMHI Guidelines for a Homeopathic Drug Proving (HDP): State of Affairs This will be discussed in the WG sessions tomorrow and presented to the Congress participants at the end of the congress.

22- LMHI Guidelines for Clinical Verification of Homeopathic Symptoms: State of Affairs

This will be discussed in the WG sessions tomorrow and presented to the Congress participants at the end of the congress.
23- Reports of the National Vice Presidents
Received reports are available at the forum section of the LMHI website

24- Next Annual Meeting: Place and Time
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 22nd August 2016 at Sheraton Libertador Hotel

25- Miscellaneous:
   Dr Gustavo Cataldi presented LMHI Buenos Aires Congress
   Leipzig 2017 Congress presentation
   New LMHI members ratifications:

Institutional members:
1. Greece – Homeopathic Academy, President Othonos Athos
   Individual members:
   Italy - Hossain Amir
   UK - Daniel Escorcia
   All are accepted unanimously.

26. Closure of the Meeting at 6 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Renzo Galassi
President LMHI

Dr. Jelka Milic
General Secretary LMHI
2015 LMHI Meeting, Rio De Janerio, Brasil

Francisco Villela, Brasil NVP LMHI, 70th LMHI Congress President

Gloria Feighelstein, 70th LMHI Congress General Secretary

Renzo Galassi, LMHI President, opening the 70th LMHI Congress Brasil
This painting was given to the 70th LMHI Congress Committee as the gift from Russia by Leonid V. Kosmodemayanskiy, MD during the 70th Congress of LMHI at Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. We thank Russia for this beautiful and meaningful gift to 70th LMHI Congress Committee on behalf of the LMHI board and members. The painting is now at the house of the LMHI Brasil NVP, Francisco Villela.
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By Todd A. Hoover, MD, DHt

COLOMBIA
Dr. Carles Riveros-Gomez, NVP

COSTARICA
Dr. Alejandro Brenes-Valverde, NVP
The Opening Ceremony

The Congress is sponsored by the office of tourism and multiple embassies in Argentina. The ambassador from India to Argentina is in attendance tonight.

Silvia Mercado, president of the FAMHA (homeopathic medical association of Argentina) was the first to address the audience this evening. She received all of the experts from around the world to this fair city and hopes that everyone in attendance receives great value over this week.

Dr. Eduardo Bitis, organizer of the Congress, welcomed everyone to the meeting. We all learn by doing things with others. I invite you all to do so through the exchange of information to help improve all of our medical practices. Let us all be knowledge multipliers for one another.

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, President of the Congress extended his warm welcome to all attendees, speakers, and authorities present tonight. He discussed the title of the congress, “Medicine of Microcosm”. This idea is present throughout theological texts of both eastern and western worlds. The human being is a reflection of the entire macrocosm or universal intelligence. This nature brings us closer to the whole macrocosm of nature as a whole. Hahnemann said in the “Medicine of Experience”, all things that exercise any action of an incalculable number are in contact with the individual and with all aspects of the universe. The human being is not isolated, but is part of the greater nature. When the human is in disharmony with the cosmos, disease exists. The homeopathic cure offers the possibility of a return to harmony. Hahnemann was able to establish this kind of relationship through his provings. The message of each substance could therefore be understood and can be employed in the imbalance of the individual in his microcosm. JT Kent expressed that human disease is a reflection of the elements of the universe. With a disease there is a degradation of human nature, just as if it were a non-human substance crystallized into the individual. The cure is obtained through the substance that is able to break this situation.

Dr. Alok Parek introduced the Ambassador from India to Argentina. Homeopathy in India is recognized and regulated as a system of healthcare. In all of the forms of integrative care of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy), homeopathy holds the premiere position. 195 Homeopathic colleges, 25 research institutions, and 250,000 homeopathic doctors currently exist in India. All of the aspects of homeopathic medicine are well-entrenched in our healthcare system. Four congresses of the LMHI have been held in India with the full support of the Indian Government. The experience of India with regard to homeopathy should be considered by other countries interested in improving the resource efficiency of our approach to healthcare.

Dr. Renzo Galassi, President of the LMHI, began by appreciating the work of Dr. Cataldi in organizing this congress. Dr. Galassi paid particular homage to Dr. Paschero who has had great influence on his own education as well as homeopathic practice in Argentina. My efforts have always been directed to creating greater unity of the homeopathic doctors around the world, to provide some resources to those in countries of need, and to help protect the Hahnemanian approach to homeopathic medicine. This year I visited India in April and in February to see some of the many homeopathic institutions personally. Dr. Galassi presented a lengthy quote from Kent’s Lesser Writings regarding the dangers of relying on the latest fads or opinions that arise in every era but are not steeped in the wisdom of our homeopathic doctrine as laid down by the master Samuel Hahnemann. He wishes homeopathy a long and prosperous future. Dr. Candagabe presented homage to Dr. Paschero including some of the profound writings of his career. Paschero remains for many of us the great master and role model of homeopathy. Paschero felt healing through homeopathy was always a transcendent experience. The healing experience through homeopathic treatment should shake the individual to their core such that they awaken the dynamis of the system to return to harmony with the macrocosm and lead to self-actualization for the human being as they become identified with the whole macrocosm or universal intelligence.
A musical interlude was presented featuring an Argentinian singer. At the close of this ceremony, Dr. Renzo Galassi officially opened the Congress.

The Working Groups
The new President Alok Pareek has emphasized the need to advance the functionality and output of the working groups to help take LMHI to the next level of professionalism. To this end, he endorses the group Secretaries to build a functional core membership that will meet at least quarterly to help drive the current initiatives. Additionally, these Secretaries will be responsible for quarterly progress reports to the Executive Committee of the LMHI. The goal here is to improve communication and ensure that the committees are focused upon the most vital concerns of the LMHI for the membership.

The Educational Committee is currently working on standards for certifying teachers by the LMHI. The purpose of this certification would be to qualify teachers to send to countries in need of homeopathic teaching in an effort to expand the medical capabilities in that location. The education committee has also completed standards for certifying homeopathic schools and has already certified schools in at least 5 countries.

The Research Committee has just completed a full update of the LMHI Homeopathic Research Reference database. This database is available in a formatted version online at the LMHI website. In the current meeting, plans were made to begin a top-level, executive summary of the research that could be used when interfacing with various organizations or other parties interested in homeopathic medicine. The Research Committee will work with the Public Relations committee to ensure the executive summary meets any PR needs for the LMHI. The Public Relations committee has a new Secretary – Dr. Bernardo Merizalde from the United States. During the working group meeting, Dr. Merizalde took inputs from all of the group members in order to develop the working agenda for the next several years. Priorities will include plans for response to attacks, evaluation of the newly revamped website, and interface with the Research Committee.

Dr. Pareek has also set a goal for the PR committee to establish an interface with the World Health Organization to improve the visibility of homeopathy within that organization.

The situation in Ecuador, in the past two years, continues to be the same. Every National law is being transformed so far as regulation and practice in all medical specialties, including complementary medicine. We participate actively in The long processes that are accomplished at the National Assembly, assisting to regular meetings with the authorities.

However and meanwhile these laws are not yet approved, we still maintain the impossibility to train new professionals with degrees issued by our school, which is why we are searching for different approaches with fraternal schools from other countries in order to legalize our degrees. There has also been an approved law, which guarantees that private medical insurance will provide coverage for our medicine. We continue with our social service office and with private practice with our associates aswell. In September, we will perform an International workshop with the presence of all the members of our society, it has been a very hard year for our group due to the unfortunate loss of Dr. Fernando Redin Gonzales, former president of our society and of Dr. Joaquin Romero, associate professor.

We hope for the support and contribution of other schools in different countries in order to achieve the standardization of our degrees which is a fundamental aspect for the future of homeopathy in Ecuador.

Dr. Nandini from India presented a case study of myelodyplastic syndrome treated homeopathically. Typically these cases are associated with pancytopenia of the blood cells (platelets, wbc, and rbc). Generally, these patients do not have any symptoms. Bone marrow biopsy is used for diagnosis. In this case there was joint pain, fatigue, recurring urinary tract infections, and panic attacks. She had weight loss with loss of appetite. Hemoglobin was 6.5 gm/dl. WBC dropped to 1900. Bone marrow biopsy showed lack of myeloid cells consistent with myelodysplastic syndrome.

With diagnosis of MDS she became somewhat depressed. Shifting pains in joints, left side worse, pain better stretching, flatulence, worse in evening and closed room, bleeding gums, intense hunger, decreased thirst, involuntary micturition during cough, sleeplessness due to thoughts, frightful dreams. Pulsatilla used in high potency. The blood counts improved to the normal range.

Dr. Master from India presented a seminar on study of cancer related pain. For this study QLC –C30 and the SF-36 survey tools were used in the protocol. Before using homeopathic medicine, dosage of Tramadol hydrochloride was measured and recorded. During the first 2 weeks of homeopathic care, pain med was continued, and then gradually decreased as able. Patients were evaluated monthly using the various instruments. A variety of cancers were seen in this study. In India, the vast majority of cancers are oral cancers due to tobacco use. Pain areas varied according to primary lesion and metastatic site. Pelvis, abdomen and back pain predominated. No patients had neuropathic pain.

Most were somatic and visceral in nature. Total population was 20 patients. Common remedies included Carb-an, Kali Cyn, Kreos, Merc IF, Nit Ac, and Phyto. These remedies were used in the symptoms arising during withdrawal of the pain medicine. Medicines tended to be repeated every 8 hours.

Results of treatment: Visual Analogue Score moved from 9 to 6 on average. Grade of pain showed a progressive movement from all severe pain to more mild and moderate reports. QOL scores increased from average of 2.2 to around 4.5 by day 150. SF-36 life quality estimate moved from 1.25 to 76 at the 80 day point. Medication decreased from average of 250 mg down to approximately 50 mg over the 6 month period. More than 70% improved in type and severity of pain. Energy improved in 80% of patients.
**Dr. Maille** from France presented some information on cases treated with the bowel nosode Morgan Gaertner. The importance of bacterial nosodes is due to the primary relationship that these intestinal bacteria form with the human organism over the lifetime. Dr. Senn did certain experiments using intestinal auto vaccines using small quantities of intestinal contents. An autovaccine from an anorexic woman was injected into a goat which subsequently became anorexic. To understand the Bach and Patterson Nosodes, you must understand the source material toxicity of the bacteria involved. He presented a case of recurrent sore throat treated with antibiotics every six weeks for a number of years. Additionally, there were many vaccines given over the lifetime with the most recent vaccine being associated with the onset of the new problem. Initial treatment with Thuja showed improvement, but then sleep became disturbed with dreams of murder, and being possessed by the devil. Repertorization did not reveal a clear medicine choice. He decided to treat the potential causative factor of the recurrent antibiotics using Morgan Gaertner. After six weeks, the symptoms resolved. He developed strong desire for meats. Subsequently, the patient was treated with Calcarea Carbonica. The case showed that exhaustion with these severe disturbing dreams was subsequent to the suppression of the case with antibiotics and vaccines, which was resolved with Morgan Gaertner. In the second case of fatigue, migraines she has a kind of delirium in the evening where she sees her husband in the form of a corpse and hearing music in her head. The symptoms of delirium resolved with Morgan Gaertner gradually over about 12 days. The symptoms have not recurred. In the third case, a woman with migraines secondary to odors, and has severe symptoms due to motion or noise and vomiting with the headache. She was treated with Morgan Gaertner for one week. An abscess of the tooth occurred on the third day which was treated with drainage. The bowel nosode should be considered when the case seems obstructed or blocked. Morgan Gaertner has similarity to medicines such as Calcarea carb, Sulphur, and Lycopodium. You should consider the nosode when these remedy choices arise.

**Dr. Molteni** from Argentina presented a case where Silicea was used to treat Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) in premature newborn. Some of the leading symptoms on examination include lachrymal duct stenosis, cracks in the facial folds, abscess, fistula, bloating of the abdomen, diarrhea or constipation, cough, and bone caries. This newborn developed abdominal distension and was diagnosed with NEC. The case was taken telephonically. The C-section occurred at 35 weeks gestational age for eclampsia. Weight was normal for full term. Had operation 7 days after birth for an intestinal and colon resection for the NEC. Secondary colostomy was necessary.

**Symptoms included interrupted sleep, sweating, chilliness, sweating of the feet, cracks in the skin, sensitive to noise, startled with noise with crying, easily irritable, covering the face when lights are turned on, sleep was poor and liked water on the lips for many months. Feces were liquid or soft. On repertorization, Silicea was the 5th remedy behind Caust, Kali c, Phos, and Puls. Silicea 30 was given in water dilution. Child gradually improved despite 9 surgeries over the next five months. At 11 months of age, he was due for re-anastomosis surgery. Symptoms were minimal at that time but similar to the prior symptoms picture. There was more noticeable fastidiousness in his play. He was very curious and attentive. Child was still sensitive to noise and strangers. Silicea 60 was prescribed before surgery and Arnica was also given in a single dose. The baby continued on parenteral therapy for many months.**

**Dr. Aditya Pareek** from India presented a lecture on Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). They separate patients into 3 categories: (1) Early disease with reduction in function, (2) Ready for or receiving hemodialysis, and (3) Ready for transplant. For the first category, one should undertake a constitutional approach to treating the patient. In category two and three, one should look to specific lesional remedies or organ-specific remedies for these patients. The specific choices of remedies have become gradually defined in many years of practice with these patients. In today’s case, the patient had been on hemodialysis for a long period. The goal here is to stabilize the patient and reduce the need / frequency of dialysis. For all of these patients, Sycosis is a strong element in the development of the pathology. You see proliferation of glomerular epithelial and mesothelial cells. This is likely due to auto-immune mechanisms in most cases. Therefore, early on (especially in Stage 1) one should consider the Sycotic therapeutics. Case is 33 year old male with CKD on hemodialysis. 4 months prior to first visit, noted weakness, dysnnea, and facial edema – diagnosis was CKD. Dialysis was every third day. At this time, patient is pale, anemic, dull, weak, puffy in the face, scanty urine, and edema of the ankles – all very common in CKD. The past history is significant for TB 8 years previously and hypertension / diabetes that were untreated. Also there was a significant use of NSAIDs and chemical exposure at work. His creatinine before dialysis is 9.6 and was 7.3 after dialysis. He was treated with Helleborus 1M. Continue dialysis with Nephrologist.

**FRANCE**

**Dr. Yves Maille, NVP**

Homeopathy is the most popular form of alternative medicine in France. In 2004, 39% of the population was using homeopathic drugs, versus 53% of those surveyed in 2010. (Study Patients, IPSOS, 2010)

Only M.D. practitioners are officially allowed to practise homeopathy. But there is no CAM legislation. The French Ordinal Medical Council consider homeopathy as an additional medical qualification but not as a specialty. Homeopathic remedies are reimbursed by the French national health insurance. If more than half of the French M.D. prescribes occasionally homeopathy, there is only 3500 qualified homeopathic doctors and among them only less than 500 “classical” homeopaths.

(There is 250.000 G.P. and specialist in France)

To study medicine in France it is necessary to take a competition for which there is a low rate of success because of an extremely severe numerous clauses. Follow at least 9 years of study and we shall understand that to add 3 years of homeopathic training, students must be very motivated. Like many countries in Europe, we are waiting for the official publication of the Status of Homeopathic Doctor in Europe by the European committee for normalization (CEN). With the French LMHI branch, we hope to convince our colleagues that the best guarantee for the future is the pooling of all our strengths and all our experience throughout the world.

**KAZAKHSTAN**

**Dr. Yelena Zyukina, NC**

Kazakh Homeopathic Association has been the guardian of the health of the people of Kazakhstan for 24 years. Kazakh Homeopathic Association was registered by the Ministry of Justice on 29 September 1992 as a Public Association. Homeopathy in Kazakhstan is officially recognized; doctors can legally prescribe homeopathic remedies. Only qualified doctors can work as Homeopaths in Kazakhstan. Homeopaths can only practice after studying and passing the exams in the Medical Institute for Postgraduate Education, department of non-traditional medicine which includes homeopathy. Homeopathic doctor must obtain a certificate with or without a “category” to be able to work as a homeopath. In order to certify he or she has to prepare “Report on the work”, publish articles in medical journals, and participate in conferences on homeopathy and other areas of medicine. In 2016 homeopaths took part in VII General Assembly of National Medical Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan, titled: “1-th Congress of medical experts of the Republic of Kazakhstan” held in Almaty on 22 -24 April. “Classical homeopathy” master - class was held as part this event. Homeopathic from deferent areas of Kazakhstan and homeopaths from Russia participated in the master class.

Nuclear test site near Semy in Kazakhstan was closed 25 years ago. In 2016 Kazakhstan Homeopaths together with the anti-nuclear movement Nevada-Semy celebrated this closure in 2016 in Almaty. Our homeopaths participated in this celebration.
Then patient treated with Serum anguillae 30 c twice daily. After treatment, had 8 dialysis treatments in past month, but now pre-dialysis creatinine improved to 7. Remedy was continued twice daily. After one month, dialysis decreased to every 8 days. Now pre-dialysis creatinine is 3.6. New symptoms included dry cough with pain in the ribs creating a lot of discomfort. Bp reduced again at 200/100. Serum anguillae was stopped for 5 days and then restarted at 30c. After another month dialysis reduced to every 20 days, but now he had pains in the small joints, and uric acid level increased to 9.6. Colchicum 30c twice daily was ordered. Now even without Serum Anguillae is off dialysis. Uric acid returned to normal. Ultrasound still shows CKD features. However, patient feels well and is being monitored on placebo. Creatinine remains at 3.2 without dialysis. Approximately 1 year later, creatinine increased over 1 month to 4.6. Serum anguillae restarted at 30 c daily. Again improved and creatine returned to 3.4-3.6 without dialysis. He is doing well now at 2 years since first visit. No treatment has been required for the past 5 months. Serum anguillae is often used for CKD in more severe cases. This remedy is not well proved. The clinical understanding of this medicine is primarily drawn from use in practice. This medicine can be used in CKD and acute renal failure. 30C is a common dose repeated daily for long periods. Up to 70% of patients in category 2 or 3 may receive Serum anguillae in their course of care. Serum anguillae in 30 C or Apocyanum in mother tincture are the medicines selected for Category 2 or 3 cases.

Jeremy Scherr from Tanzania presented on treating AIDS in Africa. They are located in a small town called Moshi near Kilimanjaro. Homeopathy is legal to practice in Tanzania. At this time, a homeopathic treatment center open 7 days a week is provided free to the public. All medicines are donated and all services are donated. In addition, there are 19 informal outreach clinics in the area. Home visits are conducted for those that are very ill. All of our patients are taking anti-retroviral therapy. We provide food parcels to patients. Most of the patients are widows with AIDS whose husbands have died. Because of the stigma, many men will not go for treatment. When the men die, then the community and family know the women also have AIDS and often these women are blamed for the disease in the husband. As a result the family takes everything from them. We have treated over 7000 people with AIDS to date. Diagnosis is made clinically because testing for CD4 counts is not available. Diagnostic capability in Tanzania is very poor – often people are diagnosed with malaria. We feel the genus epidemics is primarily Psora, with Tubercular being of second importance, and then much less Fungi, Cancer and Radiation. Most cases are simply prescribed according to physical symptoms primarily. Dreams are very important to African people and they like to tell the doctor about their dreams. It was very difficult to obtain the legal permissions to open the clinics.

DMVhÄ is connected to several medical stakeholder organisations, as well as conventional medicine as also CAM organisations. In Berlin we joined the “Hauptstadbüro für Integrative Medizin und Gesundheit” in order to realize networking within the different organisations (Acupuncture, Anthroposophic Medicine, Naturopathy...). Currently the medical fee schedule is amended. DMVhÄ represents homeopathic research and makes sure that concerning positions will be included. A Support Program, implying supervision by mentors, for students has been initialized to attract them for homeopathy, to this effect we cooperate with the Carstens Stiftung in Essen. The attacks from the sceptics came to a new height, when we held our yearly congress in Bremen and the science senator, who took over the patronage, was heavily attacked by the well known persons. WirHorn introduces a summary of completed homeopathic research and they were bestowed likewise. Also during the last year Cornelia Bajic as President of DMVhÄ was invited several times to participate in talk and radio shows. Through this broadcasting, homeopathy could be presented to the public as an important and scientifically serious medical method and the popularity of homeopathy in Germany is still increasing. Nevertheless we will intensify our Public Relation Work, especially Social Media. 2017 LMHI Congress will be held between 14-17 June 2017 at Leipzig.

Most of the cases we see are failures to retroviral treatment which are sent by the conventional doctors. We needed to open a day care center for the children of mothers with AIDS. We operate on donations only. Dr. Signori from Italy presented on the homeopathic actions of allopatic drugs using cell receptors to understand the paradox. All symptoms in the repertory are linked to physiologic receptors in the body. External signals from drugs, hormones, temperatures, etc. act as input to the cell through receptors. The cell then creates an output response --- secretion, contraction, or excitation are the primary response patterns from the cell. While homeopaths feel their point of action is the vital force, I propose that these cell receptors mediate the homeopathic response. We have seen this in histamine and adrenaline experiments in the cellular model. Even in dilutions beyond Avogadro’s number we see physiologic effects on the cell receptors in order to cause response by the cells. Both animal and human cells show inversion effects on cell receptors when using ultra-dilutions of various compounds. Disease results when cell receptors fail – due to lack of receptors. Diabetes for example is typically due to lack of receptors not lack of insulin. Plant substances act on various receptors. What causes the inversion of effects at the cell level is not fully understood. In 2000, it was found that receptors are actually very active (not passive) they are able to self-regulate by increasing or decreasing the amount of activity transmitted to the cell through more or less receptors from regulation by the cell nucleus and upregulation of certain genes. One could see that Hahnemann suggested this in his discussion on primary and secondary actions of the drug. First reaction is inhibition of the receptors, while the secondary action results from upregulation of the receptors. Seen in caffiene, we find initially inhibition and then upregulation of the receptors. All types of receptors act this way based upon studies which have demonstrated this action. It varies how long the various types of receptors might take to make this shift. This model is perfectly aligned to the homeopathic model. If doctors understood that their primary improvement was followed by a secondary reaction to medicines, they would have looked to the model of simillitude instead of allopathy. Now we are witnessing the emergence of allopactic therapies that incorporate this principle. In congestive heart failure we see the use of Ineral, a beta blocker. The primary action of this medicine should worsen the heart failure, but the secondary effect will increase the receptor activity and subsequently an improvement in the symptoms. Similar models can be found in diabetes type 2(seen when using an anti-leukemic drug cure of diabetes was seen) and also neuropathic pain (using capsacin). When drugs are used as palliatives we see tolerance and rebound symptoms, when instead the similar is used we see a more durable curative effect.
Dr. Todd Hoover from the United States presented a short talk on the recent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) inquiries held in the U.S. The focus of the talk was on the needs of the FDA to understand the safety and effectiveness of homeopathic medicines in general. The FDA is directed to ensure safety and effectiveness of all drugs for U.S. public. They tend to look at homeopathy through the lens of conventional medicine, and many homeopathic doctors feel that this is a mistake. Unfortunately, there is not enough data currently to make a very strong argument why the FDA should depart from their traditional understanding of how to regulate medicines. At present, there appears to be a learning relationship developing between the FDA and the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia of the United States. Dr. Hoover believes that the situation is stable at present, but there is still considerable work to do to safeguard the rightful place of homeopathic medicine in the healthcare marketplace.

Dr. Lex Rutten of Holland presented a 3 hour seminar on statistical analysis that may have direct importance to improving our repertory. He slowly built an understanding of the likelihood ratio calculation and how it might apply to symptoms within the repertory and materia medica. After the basics of how to calculate the value, he went into a number of potential variables that may affect calculations. The main issues here were perceived cutoff values, which can be difficult to perceive. For example, when a homeopath uses the term “chilly”, to which patients does this actually apply? Further complicating cutoffs is geographical variability. In India for example, the majority of patients rate themselves as very chilly, which skews the distribution of this symptom significantly within that population. And another factor that could cause problems is variability in how different homeopaths will rate a symptom, or inter-rater reliability. The bottom line for this seminar was that the likelihood ratio appears to be an extremely relevant and potentially very useful tool for homeopathy, but it must be applied to research with caution and great care to avoid confounded data.

ITALY

Dott. Francesco V. Marino, NVP

In the last 2 years in Italy a persecutory campaign has been periodically organized by many media in order to discredit Homeopathy. For example, as homeopaths, we are at risk of being expelled by the Medical Council because we are accused of advising against vaccinations. Although our attempts to reply are quite often ignored by the media, our community is strongly reacting at all level: in front of these attacks the Italian homeopathic community is successfully finding a new unity amongst the different associations and going beyond the old divisions. Patients’ associations are also strongly supporting our fight.

The last FIAMO National Congress (Milan, March 2015) was very successful, with more than 200 participants.

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JAPAN
Ronko Itamura, M.D., Ph.D., MFHom, NVP

The situation of the homeopathy in Japan is still severe, the legal restrictions about homeopathy do not exist in Japan. Moreover, the homeopathic medicines are not recognized as medicines by the Japanese Ministry of Welfare and Medicine. After several medical accidents that was caused by the homeopaths who were not medical doctors, the Science Council of Japan made a statement that there was no scientific ground for effects of homeopathy. Homeopathy has been misunderstood in Japan. The population of people who know homeopathy is only about 0.5%. As the only organization consisting of only medically certified members, the JPSH would like to concentrate further efforts on the spread and development of homeopathy in Japan correctly. Organization: JPSH and LAVH; The Japanese Association of Veterinary Homeopathy (JAVH) started from October 2014. The JAVH and JPSH will make an effort toward the spread of a homeopathy in Japan together by a sister Some Veterinarian are the member of the both of JAVH and JPSH.

LATVIA
Inese Joksta, NVP

GREECE
Othonos Athos, M.D., NVP

Greece has a long history of Homeopathic clinical practice. The last decades, it has become quite popular to the general public, up to the point to attract the attention of the Greek Ministry of Health. The latter, in May 18th of 2016, according to the 35304/2016 decision, created a Working Team for defining the institutional framework for the official recognition of Homeopathy in the area of medical clinical practice. Members of this Working Team were homeopathic medical doctors, dentists and pharmacists and civil employees of the Ministry of Health. By the end of summer, the Working Group handed to the Ministry of Health its report that had to do with legislation, education, insurance coverage, pharmaceutical preparation, etc. There is a long course until the proposals of this report become laws and regulations of the Greek State, yet, it’s a very positive action that will boost Homeopathy in Greece. There are two medical homeopathic associations that are members of the LMHI, i.e. the Hellenic Homeopathic Medical Society and the Homeopathic Academy. The above two associations, as well as, the Hellenic Association of Homeopathic Medical Cooperation have Teaching Schools accredited by the European Committee for Homeopathy. They offer to medical doctors, dentists and vets, their 3-year homeopathic course that enables medical practitioners to practice Homeopathy at high standards, bearing the European Diploma for Homeopathy. During the last decade, we have the creation and function of the first Greek Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Industry, named “Korres”, approved by the National Drug Institute of Greece.

MEXICO
Dr. Antonio P. Sánchez Caballero, NVP

Homeopathy is an official medicine in México. Homeopatía de México A.C. had its XXX Congress in the city of Guadalajara, Jalisco in August, it also will be the venue of the 78 LMHI Congress in 2023 (already approved in the LMHI council).

We will have our XXXVII National Homeopathic Congress in Tijuana, Baja California from October 13 to 15 with the main topic “For the unification of the homeopaths in the science”.

We are working to keep all the homeopathic remedies in the Mexican farmacopea to be accepted by the Health secretary.

All the schools and associations are working normally.
After the Congress in the wonderful scenario of Rio, I have tried to go on with the intensive work of contacts with our countries members and with some requests of political support.

I had the pleasure to go on helping Richard Hiltner in the preparation of the new issues of the LMHI news.

In November I flew to Turkey, Izmir, for the first Homeopathic National Congress. It was a very good event, well organized in a special place, the University of Izmir.

On February I wanted to go to India. I was invited as Chief Guest in the National congress of IIHP, one of the largest associations in India, it was held in Nagpur center of India.

As I had to go, I took advantage from this trip to visit other cities and associations, Colleges and Hospitals.

It was a very fruitful tour and Dr. Altunay, our treasurer, accompanied me and she was a perfect assistant, taking notes of every detail, proposal, project and so on.

We visited Delhi, Jaipur, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Kottayam (Kerala), Nagpur and again Delhi.

We had I think dozens of meetings, a lot of contacts and requests for the LMHI membership, as well as accreditation of schools.

What I remember more and can be of interest for you all, is the signing of a MoU with the IIHP, in Nagpur, for a free exchange of students. Our young colleagues can now go to a Homeopathic Hospital for an internship without any cost.

Another agreement was taken with the CCRH for the same exchange of students, Dr. Manchanda said that they will be happy to receive European students in their 29 centers of research with annexed Hospitals.

In Hyderabad with the help of Dr. Srinivasa Rao we made an agreement about the support of the LMHI to a local Orphanage, founded by a group of Sai Baba followers. They have a doctor there curing the children with Homeopathy. They are going to open a free clinic for the poor people of Hyderabad and the LMHI can send doctors for a short stay working for the poor people. The LMHI will support the projects with 500 euro a year.

In April I was again in India for the International Hahnemann Day. It was a very successful event, with a huge and perfect organization, more than 2000 doctors were present and many political authorities, among them several ministries of Health.

Over the last three months I have supported the members of the board in the preparation of the Congress of Buenos Aires and of the election of the new Board, that I am sure will be a special one. Thanks to all the colleagues who helped me during the last 3 years. I have tried to give my best to the Liga, but I have to say that I have received much more then I have given........ renzo galassi

MOLODOVA
Dr. Tatiana Bolbocean, NC

NETHERLANDS
Hetty Buitelaar, NVP

AVIG together with the CAM stakeholder group the fight against the VAT was won. The possibility for reregistration as a medical doctor working with homeopathy within the register of the Law on Medical Profession (BIG) is still a discussing with the National Medical organisation KNMG. Proving Presented and conducted by Jean Pierre Jansen on Aspergillus Ruber. The yearly Homeopathy congress was on ‘Transition’. Limmen, The Netherlands, July 2016
Immediate Past President
José Matuk Kanan

Another cycle has finished for me in the LMHI. Although my activity in these years has been more passive in action, I was glad giving advice when needed and continue supporting the dream of a worldwide organization. In my experience, the most important thing about LMHI is the continuous movement, in other words, to keep working and improving every year no matter the circumstances.

This period To make it simple, in my last year as immediate past president, I did two major things:

1. When needed, I attend different and regular activities of the Executive Committee.
2. I continue my work updating the address book of the LMHI. What the LMHI have done? Over 21 years I have had the opportunity to participate in congresses and to serve in different activities and projects from several Secretaries. Let me talk about my enjoyable and long path at the LMHI: First I begin my journey as a researcher of the contemporary history of homeopathy of each country affiliated at LMHI in 1995. When I was Secretary of Propaganda and Secretary of Public Relations, I was excited at creating the web page of the LMHI and the address book, two great projects. In 2001, I had the hardest period that occupied almost all of my time, but also the most satisfying as Secretary of Archives, whit the digitalization of all the works since the first congress. My work as General Secretary in 2004 was primarily connecting all the members of the LMHI, by updating and unifying their information contacts. When I was Prime Vice-President and President, my services changed to the diffusion and expansion of the LMHI. Here I want to say thanks for the honor of working at LMHI. Now, I will like to mention the most representative projects and activities that the Executive Committee and International Council had done chronologically since 1995. It is important to have a general scope of the evolution of the LMHI through time to decide better the future of our organization.
   1st Period: Spirit, Structure and Organization (1995-2005) This first period is from 1995 to 2005, and these are the major accomplishments achieved by the LMHI: It was established the resolution of the homeopathic principles of the LMHI. Let me remind you some of them: i. Homeopathy is a medical system that has the principle of similar being the leading one. It will follow the principles described by its founder Samuel Hahnemann in his Organon of the Medical Art. ii. Homeopathy seeks to be the global platform where a fruitful community where discussion take place to ensure the further development of homeopathy. iii. The LMHI unites all physicians, veterinarians, dentists and pharmacists with a full medical, veterinary, dental or pharmaceutical qualification of a State University and who have had special education in homeopathy. iv. Homeopathy is unique and is clearly distinguished from other branches of medicine such as homotoxicology, anthroposophy medicine, herbal medicine, etc.

In that time, a survey was mailed to each member soliciting his or her input on the meaning and the direction of the LMHI. The Treasurer and General Secretary at that moment, with the cooperation of the Executive Committee, initiated this survey form. The results about the meaning and direction subjects of the LMHI were: 1. International Organizations (WHO, UNICEF, Red Cross, etc.). 2. Political Support and Mutual Help. 3. Educational Help – Advanced. 4. Coordination of International Homoeopathic Organizations. 5. Media Channeling Information. 6. Congress Standards. 7. Funding Research Coordination. 8. Bibliography. 9. Recognition of Homoeopathy. 10. Nomenclature. 11. Sponsoring Registrations at Congress for Members of Deprieved Countries. 12. Professional insurance. • The LMHI adopted the new Statutes & Procedures. The most important change was the possibility of institutional memberships. Since that changes, the International Council became the highest LMHI authority. • The LMHI translated the Statutes into Spanish and Portuguese. • The International Council accepted Kazakhstan, Serbia, Lithuania, Nepal, Japan, Bulgaria and Colombia as new country members of the LMHI. • Again, it was a great achievement the creation and the development of the LMHI´s website, that is our main source of diffusion around the world. • Also, it was created the LMHI´s e-mails (@lmhint.net) corresponding to each member and represented country, and achieved the convincing part to members use them. • It was developed the Executive and International Committee Address Book. It was decided to publish the Journal of LMHI, • It was decided to establish a work committee to address the matter of an LMHI Scientific Review Committee. • Working teams were established in the areas of Education and Research. • It was established a 4 day congresses devoted to the topics like Materia Medica, Doctrine, Clinical Practice, and Research, respectively. Also, it was created an International Scientific Review Committee that has the task of reviewing the papers of each congress and shall maintain close contact with LMHI Officers. • The Executive Committee and International Council agreed that only medical announcements submitted by societies or associations of medical doctors, veterinaries, dentists or pharmacists that work in the homeopathic area would be allowed for publication in the LMHI Newsletter. • The Executive Committee decided not to send the LMHI Newsletter to those colleagues who are not in the official directories of their country and who did not pay their membership fee. • After successful negotiations, the archives of the LMHI were moved from London to the Institut für Geschichte der Medizin in Stuttgart, Germany. • The LMHI solicited the official acceptance in the World Health Organization in the elaboration of a draft on the “Guidelines for Basic Training and Security in Homeopathy”, being the fundament of the guidelines to be published by this organization. • The LMHI helped the German Homeopathic Association in the purchase, restoration and management of the historical house of Köthen where Hahnemann lived. • It was agreed by the LMHI Officers that only Presidents, that had distinguished themselves particularly in their duties, could be nominated “Presidents of Honor".

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2nd Period: Adaptation and Challenges (2005-2016)

The second period is from 2005 to 2015, and these are the major accomplishments achieved by the LMHI: • The LMHI has had the idea of collecting continuously all the works submitted to the Congresses and to make them available for everyone on the LMHI’ website. • It changed the structure of the report of each Country’s National Vice-President, the members of each country, homeopathic associations from each nation, homeopathic magazines, during the first reporting year, news about homeopathy, teaching, homeopathic publications, and legal status in each Country. • The LMHI had the task of update the stories from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, France, Greece, India, Japan, Mexico, Romania, Armenia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Moldova, United States, Venezuela, Switzerland, South Africa, and Serbia. • The LMHI agreed to translate into each represented language if 30 members were achieved from each Country attending a half-homeopathic Congress. The LMHI’s integrated and delivered the documents, acts, congresses, and reports which were kept in this Institute, to the Robert Bosch Institute in Stuttgart, Germany. • The LMHI had emphasized about cooperation for developing statutes, proceedings, congresses organization, as well as the basic teaching program. • It was created the Council of Former Presidents. • The LMHI made the one vote representation for each country in order to reach democracy (which has been present to date within our organization). • It was established that the Executive Committee is in charge of the continuity of our principles, and our objectives.

To be continued...

Now that we where through history, I want to talk about the programs and new ideas that, in my opinion, will ensure the future of our organization and that must be continued.

1. Continuing the recompilation of the contemporary stories of each country that changes every year. The continuing digitalization of the works of the congresses and their respective publication in to the web page.
2. In this difficult financial times, we need to allowing alternative payment methods in to the LMHI memberships such as credit cards, PayPal, etc. It has an advantage, it is a open door for donators that sympathies with our mission and vision as organization.
3. Keep the integration of work groups in assorted LMHI’s activities.
4. Continue and growth our connections with other homeopathic societies around the World.
5. Continue the working projects within the Congresses on the LMHI’s website.
6. Continue the work in the edition of the LMHI diary in English and other languages.
7. Continue the translation in other languages of the website News Letter. 8. Continue with the research and program development.
9. Continue with the Odontology and Archive Secretariats. 11. Expanding the working groups in the Education, Public Relations, Research and Proving’s Secretariats.

Where are we going?

Like other international organizations, the LMHI is evolving with new projects, new minds, and different points of view. I am sure that all of us have the same opinion that the LMHI has grown and is more representative worldwide.

We must have the main goal the union and team work not withstanding new ideologies, beliefs, or other medical homeopathic societies. We must always allow the LMHI to be the leader of other groups, which can be of support to enhance our Institution. We have to continue the mission of being the biggest global institution that defends and represents the good practice of homeopathy in the world. Despite our hard work, the LMHI will face many intern and global challenges such as: 1. The full recognition of homoeopathy by de World Health Organization. 2. The expansion of the LMHI with diversity, representation and quality. 3. The pure practice of the homeopathy as the Organon’s of Hahnemann establish. Remember that our choices show our true nature, far more that our abilities as medical homeopaths. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their ideas, and I have the idea of seeing the LMHI as a united, human, and responsible institution that really represents and defends the pure nature and practice of homeopathy.

I want to thank every single one of the LMHI’s members, all my fellows, friends, teachers, and mainly my wife who has been always faithful to our principles.

Everything has an end, this is my last official report to the Executive Committee and International Council, but I hope, to be useful in the near future as an advisor in different subjects. Furthermore, as a friend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan Immediate Past President LMHI

Thank you Jose ! You are a wonderful person!
Peru
Dr. Carlos Corbacho, NC

In September 2016 the Peruvian School of Homeopathy following the guidelines of LMHI homeopathic education began the Third Course of 3 years (six cycles of four months each). In the last five years a team of four teachers directed by Dr. Carlos Corbacho, Dr. Martín Corbacho, Dr. Héctor Hernández, and Dr. Luis Pun, teach in Ten Modules a chapter of homeopathy inside a postgraduate course for M.D.s of Complimentary Medicine in the San Marcos University, the oldest University in Latin America. They are the following colleagues: Dr. Martín Corbacho, Dr. Héctor Hernández, and Dr. Luis Pun.

In the city of Lima exists ten Homeopathic Pharmacies, in the city of Cuzco one, in Arequipa one, in Trujillo one. The Good News are the incorporation of New Members of the Peruvian Society of Homeopathic Medicine (the new name of Oldest Medical Society of Homeopathy of Peru) to L.M.H.I. In the attached document, I give the relation.

The change of my email and the change of the name of Society they were informed verbally in Los Angeles and Ecuador, however the old information persists.

Romania
Genoveva Nagy, NVP

The Romanian Society of Homeopathy has continued its activity of promoting homeopathy in our country, by organising courses and seminars with renowned lecturers from Romania and abroad.

The last courses of competence in homeopathy have ended in July 2015 with the final examinations, organised under the authority of the Romanian Ministry of Health. In present, a new 2-years course has started, in February 2016.

In 2014, we obtained the recognition of the Romanian courses of homeopathy from the ECH, SRH received accreditation for our school and our medical doctors with qualification in homeopathy having now the possibility to get an European diploma.

In the last years, we have also taken part in the Project of standardisation CEN TC 427 for medical doctors with additional qualification in homeopathy, our country has contributed to the elaboration of the European standard and we voted in favour of this measure, considering that a standardisation of homeopathy will contribute to a better recognition of our profession in Europe and in the whole world. In 2016, we have organised in Brașov the XX-XI-th Congress of the Society, together with our colleagues from Timișoara (AMH), and we had as guest of honour dr. Iorgos Kavouras, from Germany who gave a seminar before the Congress, with live cases. The Congress was dedicated to the personality of Johann Martin Honigberger, from Brașov, the legendary man who brought homeopathy to India.

Prime Vice President
Dr. Alok Pareek

General Secretary
Dr. Jelka Milic

daily e-mail communication with the Executive Committee and Secretary Officers and LMHI office,

daily e-mail and from time to time also phone communication with the NVPs and NCs

preparation and distribution of the Paris 2014 Executive Committee and the International Council Meetings Minutes with all the accompanying documents

preparation and distribution of the Rio de Janeiro 2015 Executive Committee and the International Council Meetings Invitation and Agenda with all the accompanying documents

co-ordination of the Procedures updates in collaboration with the EC and IC members

Thank you Jelka! You are a great person!
Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, Turkey

The financial state of the LMHI comes from the annual membership fees of the institutional members, the individual members and the associate members. The balance since 2014 financial year is a surplus. Relocation of the secretariat to Turkey reduced our expenses significantly. In the year 2015, 48 institutional members have paid. We have 5800 active (fully paying) members (institutional + individual + associated) as of 2015.

The secretarial work is efficient and can always improve on sufficiency. I do work hand in hand with the secretary in solving problems for the betterment of LMHI.

We are coming to realize our current surplus stance due to the timely support from our institutional members, individual members, associate members and better managing finances.

February of 2016 I had an opportunity to visit India in representation of LMHI. Along with Dr. Renzo Galassi we visited numerous homeopathic associations and organizations. We had very productive meetings and contacts.

I was also honored with the invitation by the World Homeopathy Day Organizing Committee to be present at the Hahnemann Day celebration in New Delhi along with board members and NVP’s of LMHI.

Russia
Nikolai Zamarenov, NVP

Homeopathy entered Russia in the last years of Emperor Alexander I’s rule. In 1824, Dr. Adam introduced homeopathy to Dr. Scherring, who later became the Chief physician of the Special Guardian Board. Official status in Russia Homeopathy is received in 1833 year after the Decree Emperor Nikolay I. 1995 the Ministry of Health issued an order authorizing the practice of homeopathy in the Russian Federation. It permits the use of homeopathy in every clinic and hospital, giving it official recognition in the field of specialty of medical doctors. After that, in 1999 The State Scientific and Practical Centre of Traditional Medicine and Homeopathy of the Ministry of Healthcare was open, and was created Coordination Committee for Homeopathy. But it was all abolished by the decision of Ministry in 2012. Now is allowed to treat of Homoeopathy that medical doctors who have professional certificate and course of education in Homoeopathy. To date in 2016 the number of doctors who practice homeopathy or uses homeopathic remedies in their practice means nearer to 5% of all medical doctors. But in recent 20 years were done more than 200 scientific theses to obtains scientific titles of Ph.D & D.M.Sc. of medical science.

Slovenia
Mrs Irena Goršek, M.D., NVP

The legal status of homeopathy in Slovenia did not change since our last report. Only medical doctors with additional qualification in homeopathy are allowed to practice homeopathy, but they are not allowed to practice conventional medicine and their medical licence is revoked. Since the historic decision to change the Medical Doctors Service Act, which threatens doctors practising homeopathy with a revocation of medical licence as a punitive measure, which was passed with a 40:18 vote by the Assembly of the Slovenian Medical Chamber on 17th December 2014, nothing really changed.

After 23 years of Slovenia’s independence the Ministry of Health has finally got permission from the Slovenian Medical Chamber to change the restrictive and discriminatory regulations. Now the Ministry has to prepare new regulations, which need to be adopted by the National Assembly. A representative of Homeopathic Society is attending all the meetings of the ministry of health working group for the preparation of new regulation. As usual few influential doctors still strongly oppose to the change of the regulation. So we are still waiting in front of a half closed (or maybe half opened) door.
This board of dentistry, at this Congress has taken a great responsibility, as General Secretary of the Congress in Brazil to give, with passion, a congress for everyone together with all the congress organization team.

Our purpose is to offer a congress where a larger amount of homeopaths and students of our four areas, including all homeopathic societies. This is our challenge, despite all the difficulties, we wonder to do in Río de Janeiro, a congress that will show the transformation of a new LMHI.

We had included the WGs in our first day congress, in our scientific program, in a warmly place, all together, where everyone can participate moving from one to another working group, to absorbed to their necessities the most of knowledge, discussing, giving their opinions, showing their ideas, so well coordinated by Dr. Alok Pareek and the WGs specific coordinators.

We are giving to all rooms (including the correlates areas sections), the simultaneous translation in Portuguese (our national language) and in English. We are offering promotional prices to some countries, attending for their financial needs, as well as India, as Bangladesh, as Russia, as Cuba and all the Latin-american colleagues. We are doing our best to cater for all.

We must understand that to construct a congress, during this economic crisis around the world, it is very difficult. Río de Janeiro, is really a splendorous city, but as well as the others splendorous city, it is expensive. So well, we are giving the most we could following the LMHI purposes point by point. Everything depends on the interest of all and therefore the number of entries, as registrations fees and commercial promoters, so we can offer added benefits.

Together with the NVP for Brazil on behalf of all Brazilian homeopathic entities in front of the new philosophy of the LMHI, we are working on: A Homeopathy for all, a congregation of matters of interest to all the homeopathic world. So hoping, we are ready to do it loving homeopathy without charges, but in giving with the lust of the humility and devotion to Hahnemann.

We had received more than one hundred and thirty submitted papers and we had invited around fifty homeopathic colleagues for conferences, round-tables and panels. Our congress will begin on August 25th with the WGs and will finish on August 29th, afternoon. All the scientific activities begin at 09:00 am and finish at 07:00 pm.

The dentistry scientific program of our congress, including a conference, round-tables, panels, oral presentations and poster presentations.

The dentistry program is comprehensive involving the various oral pathologies that lead the man to become ill. The oral and general health concepts cannot be separated. Seeing the mouth as part of a whole, and when emotional and psychological plans are linked, such as fear and anxiety, the homeopath dentist looks for a better integration between the relation ship professional-patient in a holistic approach of the patient during dental treatment.

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) implemented a mandatory Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program for all professions including homeopathy, which runs over a two-year cycle. The first cycle ended on the 30 June 2015 and was completed successfully. The HSA provided CPD events and assisted practitioners with online CPD record keeping for its members. Since proposed guidelines on the registration of complementary medicines were published in November 2013, further amendments were proposed in October 2014. All complementary medicines are to be registered and categorized into schedules with the medicines regulatory authority. The HSA was requested by the AHPCSA to provide a new schedule to access substances which schedule determines what substances homeopathic practitioners can gain access to, in accordance with the existing scope of practice of a homeopath in SA. The document was completed and submitted by the HSA in January 2016 to the Allied Health Professions Council. We continue to await the finalisation of a homeopathic internship program for graduates of homeopathy. The HSA recognised the need for an internship for graduates and made a lengthy proposal to the AHPCSA to initiate an internship. The intention is to collaborate with the two universities that offer the homeopathy program and utilize their clinic infrastructure as the base for the internship. This will require private practitioners to participate as supervisors, clinicians and teachers.

Good news coming from Barcelona. The AMHB has celebrated its 125th anniversary in April, at the same time as it was admitted in the ACMCB (Medical Scientific Academy), a medical institution that seeks to promote the study and research in all fields of health, including now homeopathy. It was a hard work led by the President of the AMHB, Dr. Maite Bravo, with the AMHB’s group of experts. The academies all around Spain have been actively working to give seminars inviting important homeopathic personalities in Sevilla, Barcelona, Oviedo, Madrid. The National Assembly Homeopathy has arranged to get a promise to celebrate a public discussion in the OMC (Headquarters of the general medical organisation in Spain) in October 2015. The opposition against the homeopathy sceptics is going on. In sight of certain attacks, we have complained to the public television, and there was a rectification. We have contacted the Office of the Ombudsman in Madrid and Canary Islands, and got a certain support. We have participated in media, public discussions, etc.
The report of the current year 2016 has left a positive balance:
The Spanish edition of Volume 1 of the book "Lectures on the Theory and Practice of Homoeopathy" by Dr. Robert Dudgeon
The re-release of the book "Symptoms Characteristics of the Materia Medica" by Allen, Dr. Robert Dudgeon.
We have carried out the presentation of the balance sheet and other obligations to the official body of legal personality.
Radar has been accepted by the publication of Materia Medica Dr. Raul Romano.
We have reached the end of our website that will allow us to expand our task as an independent agency on behalf Medicorum Homeopathica the International League.
Continued with the purpose of obtaining a scanner.

And as always collecting new books for our library.

The downside is having to give up the dream of getting to have a home where the League were represented, as the Executive Committee refused permission to collect funds for this purpose.
Therefore it will go so far raised the growth Samuel Hahnemann Library.

Secretary for Provings
Prof. Ashley Ross

Although this year has not been as eventful as the previous two years, in which we finalised the LMHI-ECH Harmonised Guidelines (available in English, French and Spanish) and began our talks with members of the ECCH around the alignment of their Guidelines. But this year has its own achievements: The ECCH Sub-committee for Provings initiated a meeting with the ECCH in Brussels, to follow up on our initial discussions in Rome in June 2015. The meeting was held on 12 November 2015 and Alastair Gray and I participated via Skype. The meeting was very successful and we were able to find very few points of dispute. While we have decided collectively that, for now, the ECCH will draft their own set of Guidelines, the Guidelines themselves are really very consistent with the existing LMHI-ECH Guidelines. Early this year, we were very grateful to receive an offer from our colleague, Amarylis de Toledo Cesar, to translate the Harmonised Guidelines into Portuguese. She completed this task in an amazingly short time, and the finalised version will be available from both the LMHI and ECH websites shortly. It is Dr. Jean-Pierre Jansen’s and my intention to invite comment on the existing Harmonised Guidelines over the next year so that we can work towards releasing a refined ‘2nd edition’ in 2017.

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Dr. Cesar Cremonini
Dr. Jorge Buffa
Dr. Rafael Munoz

Switzerland
Franziska Bläuer, NVP

It was for the first time 20 years ago that the Swiss Compulsory Basic Health Insurance reimbursed Homeopathy, Anthroposophic Medicine, Traditional Chinese Medicine and Phytotherapy for licensed doctors with additional certification. The long political process since then was sustained by a clear plebiscite and will end next year. Those four complementary methods shall be equated with conventional medicine on a principle of trust. The justification is their long lasting tradition in practice, research and education. The initial request to prove efficacy, appropriateness and cost-effectiveness has now been agreed not to be suitable for a complete method. Another success of the plebiscite is that basic knowledge about complementary medicine got into the new catalogue of learning objectives for medical students. What is necessary now is to implement it at all universities.

Thailand
Dr. Wanlop Tanakieti, NVP

Although Homeopathy hasn’t been legally recognized yet, a little progress is made this year by the Department of Alternative Medicine in getting the permission from the Ministry of Public Health to do an official research in using Eupatorium perfoliatum 200C for prophylaxis of Dengue hemorrhagic fever, which will begin in July, 2016. On education, the Homoeopathic Association of Thailand, in co-operation with The Faculty of Homeopathy of Belgium, has organized 2 two-year postgraduate Homeopathy courses, the first one with the Golden Jubilee Medical Center, Mahidol University in 2011 through 2013. The current course is organized in co-operation with Rangsit University, starting in March, 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in January, 2017. There are currently 69 graduated homeopaths in Thailand. Graduated homeopaths can only practice complementarily under their own existing professional licenses.
Secretary for Research

Dr. Raj Kumar Manchanda, India

National Vice President Reports

The Turkish Health Ministry has released the complementary and alternative Medicine regulation about 14 different approaches including homeopathy in 2014. Regarding this regulation only MD’s and dentists can do homeopathy treatment. MD’s must complete 350 hours. After completing 210 hours of courses on education, pharmacist can have a certificate as homeopathic consultant pharmacist. The participants can choose between clinical homeopathy and classical homeopathy education. The homeopathy courses can be organized only in universities which have CAM practice centers as part of the continued medical education program. The Ministry will not approve the certificates of private homeopathy courses. At the moment there is no official recognized homeopathic education in a University at the moment. The selling, producing and importing of Homeopathic remedies are legal but the Turkish Medicines and Devices Agency didn’t give any permission for a homeopathic remedy yet. The veterinarians are allowed to treat with homeopathy. At the moment Klasik Homeopathy Derneği, UHODER and Homeopatik Tip Derneği are the 3 members of LMHI. There are also 2 active lay person associations in Istanbul and Izmir who give courses and seminars to lay persons. In 2015 Klasik Homeopati Derneği organized the 1st Homeopathy Congress in Izmir and the Homeopatik Tip Derneği organized with one of the lay person homeopathy organization the 3rd Homeopathy Conference in Istanbul.

Secretary for Newsletter

Dr. Richard Hiltner, U.S.A.

I wish again to thank all of those who have made the LIGA NEWS [LN] and LIGA LETTER [LL] excellent tools to communicate the international activities and professional quality of Homeopathy in the LMHI. Emphasis must again be given to our inspiring and dedicated President: Renzo Galassi. He deserves much credit for his visits to Cuba, Bangladesh and, particularly, India for Hahnemann Day. The dialogues, papers, articles, schools, hospitals were very impressive and added much to the LN. I wish likewise to congratulate the person who does the outstanding arrangement, art, color, editing etc. of our exciting publications: Evin Turkay. Similarly much appreciation should flow to Altunay Agaoğlu, our Secretary of the Treasury, who also gives much of her time to the LN/LL along with accompanying Renzo to Bangladesh and India. Jelka Milic, Secretary of the LMHI, has done her usual outstanding job with among other things interchanges between different authors in both Newsletters. The LIGA NEWS QUIZ CORNER featured by Pietro Gulia has continued to certainly help me see more clearly some remedies and aspects of homeopathy. A number of colleagues have expressed their enthusiasm.

I could, of course, go on and on congratulating so many colleagues for their articles, contributions on ideas, corrections, revisions, language clarification, and many other wonderful aids to make our LN/LL outstanding publications.

Updated Financial Aspects of the LN/LL

Altunay Agaoğlu, our Secretary of the Treasury, has offered much information on the last 5 years on Expenditures. I am happy with the decreasing finances needed to continue the LN/LL.

In Summary:

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Last year I suggested that we could educate, publicize and obtain donations for the LMHI by having LIGA NEWS/LETTERS be sent not only to LMHI members, but also, to non-members of the medical profession in all the countries with the request that a donation be imparted. This would not only distribute more to the world a better understanding of the LMHI and homeopathy, but also will lessen the LIGA’s financial burden.

However, the Executive Committee felt that we would be giving too much information to those outside the LMHI.

I again wish to ask Executive and International Committee to please consider the following letter to be sent to not only those in the medical field, but also those influential and prominent people in various countries to help support homeopathy. This, along with the accompaniment of the LIGA NEWS/LETTERS, could also be another incentive for both financial and educational exposure to homeopathy and the LIGA.

UKRAINE

MD PhD Zoya Dergachova, NVP

In September, 2015 the 7-th Congress of Homoeopaths of Ukraine took place in Kyiv. The new nomenclature of the homeopathic remedies on more than 2500 units was approved. Homoeopaths of Ukraine are still helping the wounded soldiers of Ukrainian army. The new issues of the “Bulletin of the homeopathic medicine” were published. In October, 2016 Georgh Jurj will conduct his new seminar in Kyiv.
In the wake of both Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Federal Trade Commission inquiries into homeopathic medicine in 2015, there have been no new changes to legislation or regulation of homeopathic medicine in the United States. The FDA has sent 2 representatives to attend the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia Convention of the United States in both 2015 and 2016. They have contributed some technical expertise in how we might improve consistency of production of homeopathic drugs. The American Institute of Homeopathy has recently responded to an attack on the Philosophical, Religious, and even Medical exemptions to Vaccination. These recent law enforcement changes have been gradually becoming more prominent throughout the country to mandate all children to be vaccinated and remove any exemptions for personal reasons. California has recently adopted new legislation and regulatory efforts to stop physicians from helping patients make informed choices about vaccination. The AIH has informally responded with support to the local organization of physicians in California who are supporting informed choice for parents and patients. This legislation (SB 277) is being opposed through a lawsuit filed on July 1, 2016. Additionally, the film “Vaxxed” was shown in a small number of theaters in the U.S. Due to outcry by the establishment physicians, the film was not run in the initially planned widespread distribution. One mayor even tried to ban showing of the film in their city. The film features Dr. Wakefield who was attacked vigorously after associating the MMR vaccine to autism development. Well-known actor, Robert de Niro appeared on national news and television programs to defend the important message prevalent in the film and to urge additional research into this area.
We take great pleasure in inviting you to the 72nd Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) which will be held in Leipzig, Germany, from 14-17 June 2017. The preparations are already in full swing and our congress team is working with high enthusiasm.

The LMHI Congress 2017 is organised by the German Association of Homeopathic Physicians (DZVhÄ, www.dzvhae.de) in collaboration with the Scientific Society for Homeopathy (WissHom, www.wisshom.de). Established on the occasion of Samuel Hahnemann’s doctor anniversary in the year 1829, the DZVhÄ is the oldest medical association in Germany and has been a member of the LMHI ever since its foundation in 1925.

Under the title “Networking in Medical Care – Collaboration for the Benefit of the Patient” we cordially invite you to exchange your experiences, to learn from each other and to share new insights. At the same time, this congress shall serve to foster the networking and open dialogue of homeopathy with other medical disciplines and professional associations.

Together, let us send a signal that our common aim is the well-being of patients suffering from serious diseases. To reach this goal, it is our responsibility and obligation to collaborate and provide individual therapies. We are looking forward to welcoming you at the LMHI Congress 2017 in Leipzig!

You will find program details and further information about the congress via the congress website: http://www.lmhi-congress-2017.de

Angelika Gutge-Wickert (Berlin), Congress President
Preparations for the Homeopathic World Medical Congress 2017 in Leipzig are in full swing and the Scientific Committee is in its final throe of reviewing the submitted abstracts – we are proud and happy to announce that lecturers from all over the world have introduced themselves and their topics. We will inform you on our congress website about the invited lecturers as soon as the review procedure is completed.

We highly recommend an early hotel reservation given the fact that the Leipzig Bach Festival will take place at the time of the congress. We have reserved a hotel contingent for you in the centre of Leipzig, a list of available rooms is available on our congress website at [www.lmhi-congress-2017.de/hotels-and-accommodations](http://www.lmhi-congress-2017.de/hotels-and-accommodations). Please book your accommodation directly on the congress participation form. By the way – you can still register for the 72nd LMHI Congress at the reduced early registration fee.

We look forward to welcoming you in Leipzig in June 2017!

Kind regards,
Christoph Trapp, Head of DZVhÄ Communications
German Association of Homeopathic Physicians, Berlin
E-Mail: press@lmhi-congress-2017.de

Program structure

The scientific congress program will take place from 15 – 17 Juni 2017 in the congress venue “Leipzig Congress Hall” (Kongress-Halle Leipzig). We are looking forward to welcoming you already on the 14 June for the congress registration and the opening ceremony.

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28 February 2017
Early fee registration

**Wednesday, 14 June 2017**
15:00 h: Registration
17:00 h: Opening Ceremony and Get Together

**Thursday, 15 June 2017**
8:45–18:45 h: Program
19:00 h: Ceremonial Get-Together at the Hahmemann-Monument

**Friday, 16 June 2017**
8:45–18:30 h: Program
20:00 h: Gala Evening

**Saturday, 17 June 2017**
9:00–17:30 h: Program
**REGISTRATION FEES**

*incl. Webinar „Homöopathie in der GKV/PKV“
**proof of status is required

Registration fee includes: scientific sessions, poster exhibition, access to exhibition hall, printed program, Get Together. NOT included: daily imbiss, Gala Evening and excursions. Program is subject to change.

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Associated with the LMHI since 1977
Scientific Chairman of the LMHI Congress held in New Delhi in 2011

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Homeopatia de Mexico a.c.
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National Vice President of the LMHI for a triennial
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Since February 1999, he has been member of the
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homeopathic expert doctor at the medical
Association of Macerata.
1989 along with few colleagues he created the
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courses for chemists.
2007 he was appointed Prime General Secretary of
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2010 he was appointed Prime Vice President of
the LMHI in Los Angeles, USA.
In 2013, he was appointed PRESIDENT of the LMHI
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-Continuous homeopathic education at various
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- Member of the working group of the
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-Head of the delegation of the Turkish
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- LMHI treasurer between 2014-2016
As homoeopathic doctor I am working in my own private practice in Leipzig. I am married with Architect and Honorary Consul of Liberia Michael Kölsch. We have 5 Children. In 2006 I started working as General Secretary of the Association of Homoeopathic Doctors of Saxony/Germany.

In 2010 I started as Treasurer of the German Central Association of Homoeopathic Doctors (DZVhÄ) and as chairman of Homoeopathy-Foundation of DZVhÄ. In addition I offer services for Medical Doctors with additional qualification in Homeopathy. Treasurer of German Central Association of Homoeopathic Doctors for more than 6 years. Close cooperation with tax consultant Hannes & Colleagues, Berlin.


Medical Doctor for 43 years specialized in Family Medicine, 38 years in Homeopathic Medicine and 25 years in Traditional Chinese Medicine including Acupuncture Board Certified in Homeopathic Medicine by the American Board of Homeotherapeutics in 1978
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1993-1995 Teacher at the School of Homeopathic Medicine - O.M. in Foggia - Italia  
1994- 1996 - President of the Organizing Committee of the 51st L.M.H.I. International Congress (Capri - Italia - October 2-6, 1996).  
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1995 Conference speaker at the 2nd Meeting of Homeopathic Medicine with GPs on the subject: "The Directive EEC for Homeopathic medicines" - Rome  
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He as the past president of the American Institute of Homeopathy, a member organization of the LIGA, and have served its Board of Trustees in every office, through over a decade and a half. Most recently have been a member of the PR committee for the organization. He had experience with managing social media and online presence and optimization; he is fluent in English and Spanish.

He is currently an associate clinical professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and an attending at the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital(http://bit.ly/dcoQyy).
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DR. RAJ KUMAR MANCHANDA,  
LMHI Secretary for Research

Director General of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India since July 3, 2012 30 years of professional experience; including 7 years & 10 months as Deputy Director (Homoeopathy), Health & Family Welfare Department of Government of Delhi, as the Head of Homoeopathic wing of the Directorate of ISM & Homoeopathy

Organizing Secretary of the 66th World Homoeopathic LMHI Congress 2011 in New Delhi, India

PROF. ASHLEY ROSS,  
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Professor Ross is an Associate Professor in Homoeopathy. He has been teaching Homoeopathic philosophy and Materia Medica for 19 years. In addition to teaching, he engages in clinical and research supervision. In 2011 he completed doctoral research investigating the relationship of pathogenetic trial data to the scientific and traditional African understandings of medicinal plants. He has delivered lectures and seminars in South Africa, India and the UK, and has presented research papers at a number of national and international congresses.

He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice journal and a reviewer of submissions to both the Homeopathy journal and the Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy. Professor Ross is an active member of the Executive Committee of the International League of Homoeopathic Physicians (LMHI) and Chair of their Committee for Provings. He is the representative for Homoeopathy on the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) and both Vice-Chairperson of the AHPCSA and Chairperson of its Education Committee.

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