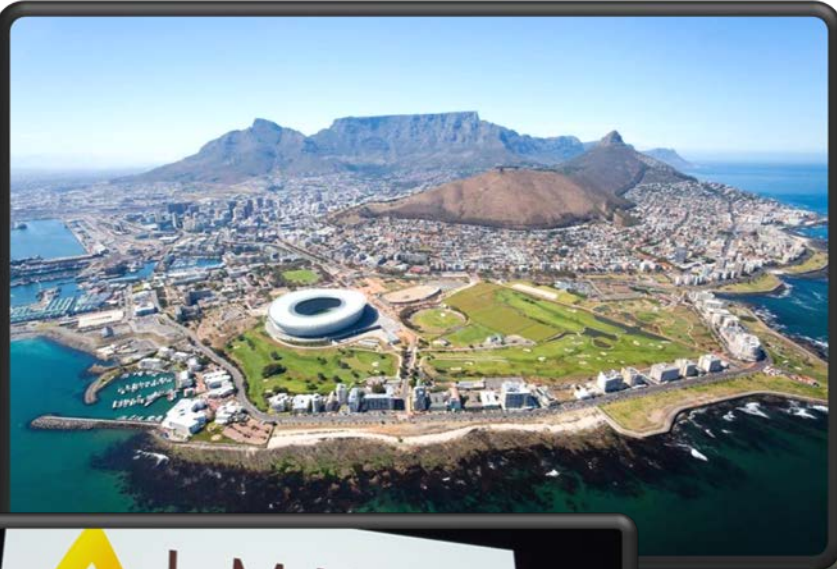




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Your LMHI Link

The National Vice President

The official bodies of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis, frequently termed simply the Liga, include the International Council, the Executive Committee, and the General Secretariat, which meet annually. Although the International Council is composed of the President, the Immediate Past President, the Prime Vice President, the National Vice Presidents/Assistant National Vice Presidents, the Prime General Secretary, and the eight other General Secretaries, the Treasurer, and active members selected from different countries not having National Vice Presidents, *the crucial element in the function of the Liga is the National Vice President.*

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

- the submission of an account of every International Council Meeting or Congress of the LMHI to the homeopathic journals of their respective countries;
- the presentation of applications for Liga membership from new members from their respective countries;
- the submission of an Annual Report to the LMHI on
 - the activity and the developments regarding homeopathy in their own country,
 - the homeopathic national events, congresses, jubilees, etc.,
 - the homeopathic publications or communications,
 - a listing of business addresses and telephone numbers
 - of homeopathic institutions, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists;

- the Annual Report mentioned above must be sent to the Prime General Secretary at least one month before the meeting of the International Council. Also, a 130-word summary of that report in English must be submitted for publication in the annual *Liga Letter*, the LMHI Newsletter. *The list of addresses and telephone numbers of homeopathic physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, and institutions, must be submitted annually to the LMHI Treasurer along with the collective membership dues.*

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

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LMHI Statutes

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dr. Richard Hiltner

Dear colleagues,

Much thanks and congratulations to the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Danny Pillay, and Chairperson of the Scientific Committee, Prof. Ashley Ross and Dr. Laura Chella, Chairperson of a Social Committee, for their dynamic energies in making this 73rd LMHI Congress a great success.

There were many high-quality presentations that I would like to comment on, but space does not permit in this short *Editor's Note*. Please refer to my lengthier article on the 73rd LMHI Congress.

Here are some of the highlights I would like to emphasize:

Rachel Roberts of the Homeopathic Research Institute (who was unable to attend personally, but sent an excellent video) stated that Australia's NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) in 2015 published a flawed report despite concerns raised during public consultation.

Dr. E. S. Rajendran spoke of Nanopharmacology and Personalized Nanoparticles. He found through High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope [HRTEM] and Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope [FESEM] and Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy [EDS] that Nanoparticles and Quantum Dots of the starting material were found in all the potencies of *Lycopodium* [6C to CM] and *Natrum Muriaticum* [LM 1 to LM 30].

Dr. Wei Ling Huang imparted Constitutional Homeopathy and its relationship to the five elements of Traditional Chinese Medicine [TCM]. TCM and homeopathic constitutional medicines look at the larger picture and deeper causes as oppose to Conventional medicine which is much more materialistic. Since TCM is very holistic and natural, it has much in common with the goals of homeopathy. It would be fantastic not only for the people of China, but also the whole globe, if the Chinese people could use their wonderful talents to spread homeopathy not only for the benefit of their country, but for all humanity. It would be great if the LMHI President and/or members of the Executive Committee could participate and support this goal in one of Homeopathic Conferences in China.

I hope you will enjoy and be more educated from this LIGA LETTER.

Onwards and upwards.

National Vice President Reports

ARGENTINA

Dr. Miriam E. García de Vallerotto, NVP

Since 1995, Homeopathic Schools of Argentina have formed the Federación de Asociaciones Médicas Homeopáticas Argentinas. The F.A.M.H.A. provides the support and performance of tasks in fulfillment of its specific purposes, consolidating our Homeopathic Science at a National and International level, before Official, Deontological and Disclosure Organisms, for the good of the health and the human person. In Argentina the Homeopathic Schools are divided into Federadas and not Federadas. Asociación Médicas Homeopáticas Argentinas. Escuela Médicas Homeopáticas Argentinas. Centro de Estudios Médicos Homeopáticos Hannemaniano de Córdoba. Other Argentine institutions Academia de Homeopatía "Dr. Constantino Hering", Fundación Médica Homeopática Vitalis, Grupo Cremonini LMHI Library Committee. The College of Homeopathic Doctors brings together the professionals of the respective affiliated schools, granting them a personal and professional registration. FAMHA shares activities and news through the Digital Magazine "El Simillimum" It is our desire to continue working for the teaching and accompaniment of patients through our beneficial homeopathic medicine.



AUSTRIA

Dr. Bernhard Zauner, NVP

In Austria, as well as in many other European countries, the „sceptics“ again criticised homeopathy in 2017. In the field of public relations there is a good cooperation between the homeopathic societies. Discussions have been held and are still hold with representatives of health policy, the Austrian Parliament must deal with this topic. The result is still open, because the Minister of Health has spoken out against homeopathy.

The number of students continues to decline, probably due to criticism of homeopathy and the decreasing number of medical doctors. The training concepts of the homeopathic societies have been revised, and both companies offer advanced seminars. The companies regularly publish a journal for their members.

The Medical Faculty of Vienna offers an elective course in homeopathy, even there the number of participants is declining. In January 2019, a new elective course in complementary medicine will be offered at the Medical Faculty of Linz.



ARMENIA

Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan, NVP

As we informed you in our last year's report the 6th International Congress on Homeopathy took place from 26.04-29.04 2018 in Yerevan, Armenia. Doctor homeopaths from Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Cyprus, Italy and other countries participated in the Congress.

The Congress was organized by "Armenian Association of International Homeopaths"

President: Mariam Gharabaghtsyan and German "Nor Arev" NGO

President: Sabine Zimmermann

This year within the framework of 6th International Homeopathic Congress we marked the 25th anniversary of the development of homeopathy in Armenia. In this connection the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia awarded Sabine Zimmermann with a certificate

On April 9-10 2018 in Moscow took place the celebration of "World Day of Homeopathy" ,dedicated to 185th anniversary of Homeopathy in Russia, S. Hahnemann's birthday and memory of S .Korsakov. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan participated in this Congress, were she was rewarded by a medal for the development of Homeopathy in Armenia.



AUSTRALIA

Isaac Golden PhD, NC

2018 was another challenging year for Australian homeopaths.

Attacks on most forms of natural medicine were continued, drawing heavily on the methodologically questionable series of reports by the *National Health and Medical Research Council* (NHMRC), first on homeopathy and then on 16 other natural medicine modalities including herbal medicine, naturopathy and yoga.

The first NHMRC report on the effectiveness of homeopathy is still the subject of a formal complaint to the Australian National Ombudsman. We are hoping this review will be concluded in 2019 and, if the obvious biases, methodological irregularities and outright untruths by the NHMRC are held to account by the Ombudsman, then attacks on homeopathy will reduce internationally as well as in Australia.

One direct consequence of the NHMRC reports is that from 1/4/19 the Australian Government will cease subsidizing private health insurance rebates on a range of natural medicines, including homeopathy. This legislative change has been poorly thought through, and it will most likely end up costing the government more in additional health outlays than the small amount it saves. True preventative medicine is yet to be understood and implemented as we have a disease-management system rather than a health-creation system of care.

On a positive note, the *Australian Homoeopath Association* (AHA) held its bi-annual national conference in Sydney in October, with keynote speakers Dr Alex Tournier and Rachel Roberts from the HRI in the UK. They gave attendees a great morale boost with their presentations, and insights into the NHMRC position, as well as current research into the science behind homeopathy. The AHA is now an associated member of LMHI.

Australian homeopaths appreciated the support given to our contest against the NHMRC by the LMHI by way of emails and letters to Government ministers. United we stand is indeed the call across all countries where homeopathy is practiced and appreciated.



BANGLADESH

Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, NC



Bangladesh is the 2nd largest place of Homeopathic doctors. Almost 50,000 government registered

homeopaths serve the nation. Like every year several homeopathic organizations have organized many conferences. Among them the 263rd birthday celebration of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann and discussion seminar organized by the Homeopathic Doctors Society (HDS).

On the 4th of May, 2018, Annual Convention, Seminar was held in the National Press Club, Dhaka. It was successfully organized by the joint collaboration of LMHI Bangladesh and Dr. Rezaur Rahman Homeopathic Foundation (DRRHF).

Bangladesh Homeopathic Parishad organized Hahnemann Day and Science Seminar which was held in Priyanka Community Centre, Dhaka. Many renowned homeopaths presented their topics in the seminar.

On July 7th, 2018, Bangladesh D.H.M.S Doctors Association (B.D.D.A) organized a conference of Homeopaths held on Star Hotel, Elephant Road, Dhaka.

July 14th, 2018. A get together of Homeopathic doctors was organized by World Federation of Homeopathy, Bangladesh in Nahar Plaza, Hatirpul, Dhaka.



BRAZIL

Paulo Cezar Maldonado, NVP

Homeopathy came to Brazil through Benoit Mure in 1840. Since then Homeopathy has developed and established itself more and more in the population due to its undeniable clinical results. Brazil is the only country in the world where there are medical doctors, pharmacists, veterinarian doctors and also, homeopathic dentist doctors since 2015. Even though Agronomy is not yet a specialty, the research results are astonishing, capable of responding to the challenges of self-sustaining agriculture, with benefits for the environment and living beings. The specialization courses take place all over the country, with a duration of two years, all supervised by the national association of each specialty: AMHB (Medicine), ABMVH (Veterinary), ABCDH (Dental Doctors), ABFH (Pharmacy). There are about 15000 homeopathic professionals throughout the whole country. Nine entities are cancelled in Medicine by AMHB. We have nowadays in Brazil a big problem to solve. It is as persistent attempt at non-medical homeopathic courses, not officially recognized. Only medical doctors, dentist doctors, and veterinarian doctors can prescribe the homeopathic medicine in Brazil. We have through the Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association, sent all our legal efforts in order that these movements do not develop. We have achieved good results in our goals, but the struggle has to continue so that the law, through the Federal Medical Council, must be respected. The Brazilian homeopathic movement seeks more and more to spread Homeopathy in all medical specialties, teaching in universities, and rejuvenating itself through the diffusion among young medical doctors, dentist doctors and veterinarian doctors. This strategy also develops Homeopathy in population as a whole, through lectures, and also by the press such as radio, television, newspapers, magazines and media in general. This movement is called GREEN NOVEMBER that started officially in 2014. The 34th Brazilian Congress, whose theme will be: "Homeopathy: Clinical Practice, Science and Integrality", will occur from October 10th to 13th in Curitiba, capital of Paraná, a large and progressive state in southern Brazil. It will be a great opportunity of a friendly meeting for all homeopaths and of great importance for the strengthening of Hahnemann's therapeutics and ideals.

BELGIUM

Dr. Philippe Devos, NVP

1) Regularization of homeopathic medicine in Belgium

You know that there is a Royal Decree in Belgium stipulating who is entitled to practice Homeopathic medicine : Medical doctors, dentists and mid-wives. The importance of this, is the security of the patient who knows who is a medical doctor skilled to practice Homeopathy.

We are still waiting for the *process* of being official registered as medical doctor - homeopath. It is now on Community level (French Community and Flemish Community) and not on Federal level anymore ! As there is still no response, we, the Unio Homoeopathica Belgica, have brought this to justice. We expect a definitive answer next year.

2) Research Project *DynHom* : New publication

The DYNHOM research project just published a new paper on the nature of the homeopathic medicines.

An abstract of this paper can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.thieme-connect.de/DOI/DOI?10.1055/s-0038-1666864>

We hope that these measurements will help a way forwards for the comprehension of the homeopathic approach in medicine.

3) Education

As in many countries, we lack very much new students to become homeopaths. Being a medical doctor become so difficult in many ways that younger doctors are not attracted anymore in studying homeopathy.



BULGARIA

Dr. Dora Pachova, NVP

We have continued to develop homeopathy in Bulgaria in the past year teaching and organizing public events in order to raise awareness on the positive effect of this healing art. Homeopathy is well received by patients and doctors in the whole country.

We made a video campaign with two patient stories, presenting difficult cases that needed a complex CAM approach.

Summer meetings 2017 & 2018

These meetings consist of two-day workshops and open discussions. Members of AHPB present different topics and there is an open discussion.

Homeopathy Awareness Week 2018

Projections of the movie "Just One Drop" in 4 Bulgarian towns was organized. Discussions for patients and days for free consultations were held in 7 medical centers in 4 Bulgarian towns.

ECH & IAVH Homeopathic Symposium 2018

The Symposium will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on 17-18 November 2018 - www.alhb.eu/en

The main theme of the Symposium is "Homeopathy in 21st Century. Integrating Homeopathy in Human, Dental and Veterinary Medical Practice"



LMHI Governance Meetings 2018

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

Capetown, 05-08 September 2018



“IC Meeting”, The Westin, Capetown



From left to right ;

Gloria Feigelstein (Sec. For Dentistry), Richard Hiltner (Sec. For Liga Letter) , Mrs. Pareek, Monica Kölsch (Treasurer), Evin Turkay (Secretary), Ashley Ross(Sec. For Provings), Heike Gypser (Sec. For Pharmacy), Bernardo Merizalde (Sec. For P.R.), Raj Kumar Manchanda(Sec. For Research), Renzo Galassi(Past President),Gustavo Cataldi (Vice President), Alok Pareek (President), Altunay Agaoglu (General Secretary)

“EC Meeting”, The Westin, Capetown

72th Congress of the
Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

Minutes of the
International Council (IC) Meeting 2017

In Köthen, Germany

Place: **Köthen , Germany**

Participants:

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President: Dr Alok Pareek, India
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Ms. Evin Turkey, Turkey



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USA:	Dr Todd Hoover (NVP)

Agenda:

- 1) LMHI President's Opening:** Meeting was commenced by President Alok Pareek with some words for solidarity of the community in the face of increasing attacks on homeopathy across the world.
- 2) LMHI 2016 Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina:** Gustavo Cataldi thanked everyone who attended last year's meeting in Argentina.
- 3) The minutes from the 2016 Buenos Aires, Argentina meeting were approved by the congress.**
- 4) Welcome of the LMHI 2017 Leipzig Congress Organizers :**The current leaders of the 2017 congress of the LMHI welcomed everyone to the meeting. The motto is networking in medical care – about how homeopathic practitioners work together with other medical providers in a natural networked manner.
- 5) Short Meetings of Countries of the same Continent :** Group meetings were held in the various continental regions: Europe discussed the ongoing stress on homeopathy in both England and Italy. It is possible that homeopathic training might be withdrawn from universities. The feeling is that the strengths exist in both patient associations and PR systems. There is a need to increase political activism to fight this issue.
 - Asia regional meeting reported that some countries lack any homeopathic national organizations. Some countries regulate homeopathy as a traditional medicine, while others do not.
 - African regional report suggested that homeopathy is regulated very differently from country to country. While South Africa enjoys a positive regulatory environment, that is not the case with all countries. Some practitioners come to African countries expecting to be able to practice without government approval, which should be discouraged because it often creates a difficult situation for the practitioners and for the view of homeopathic medicine in those countries.
 - The Americas regional report discussed some positive reports of how Argentinian physicians overcame significant prejudicial governmental action in one region to restrict prescribing privileges. And also there are some difficulties in Ecuador where the government has changed the law 5 years ago to require university graduation, but have removed the homeopathic universities from the country. Different approaches to the problem were discussed.

Ela Gandhi, the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi who lived in his earlier years in South Africa, gave an excellent presentation. Her perspective of the safety, efficacy, and viewing the whole person in homeopathy was very inspiring.

Dr. Klaus Henning Gypser conveyed in his unique, ingenious way a tribute to the 175th anniversary of Hahnemann's death. He emphasized the importance of seeing mental, emotional and physical aspects of illness. Looking more at the cause than the effect. The ability to understand the deeper roots of illness.

Prof. Paolo Bellavite bestowed a magnificent display of detailed, well-organized research in homeopathy.

Rachel Roberts of the Homeopathic Research Institute (who was unable to attend personally, but sent an excellent video) stated that Australia's NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) in 2015 published a flawed report despite concerns raised during public consultation.

The original NHMRC report was discarded for some unknown reason. The HRI has requested this report without any response. Only by reading the Overview Report can one discover that the NHMRC defined the size needed for a reliable study as N=150, and there is no justification given for this definition, even in the Overview Report.

A number of other concerns were mentioned. Please refer to: <https://www.hri-research.org/2015/03/nhmrc-publishes-flawed-report-despite-concerns-raised-during-public-consultation/>

And: <https://www.hri-research.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/10/HRI-Response-to-Australian-NHMRC-Report-2014.pdf>

And: <https://www.hri-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/HRI-Submission-to-NHMRC-public-consultation-draft-Information-Paper-on-homeopathy.pdf>

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, LMHI Secretariat, bestowed a historic, multicolored view of the Izmir, Turkey LMHI Congress for 2019. The scenic, structural design and style were indeed enticing for us all to attend this enthralling Congress.

Prof. Carlos Nestor Campora conveyed a very structured, innovated approach with discovering a formula to find the correct homeopathic medicine. He was able to reveal a deeper autoimmune illness with chronic asthma. Another case dealt with infertility. Both of these patients did not respond to a number of conventional medical approaches. He used high potencies frequently with safety and excellent resolution.

Prof. Steven Kayne spoke about homeopathy in the 21st Century and how Hahnemann might have felt.

His presentation was inspiring with great deal of enjoyable humor. Yes, he would probably not be very happy about all the attacks on homeopathy; which, of course, he was quite use to in his day. The variety of approaches and techniques might not have agreed with his Organon. However, the more excellent communication and more evidence of such as nanoparticles and quantum dots in homeopathic medicines might well have cheered him up.

Dr. Geoff Johnson demonstrated some dramatic photos of cases with remarkable improvement of cancer. His rational was clearly outlined. One could see the mental and emotional pictures of these dogs related to the human portrait. There were, of course, some animals that did not show long term restitution.

Thus, ended the first gratifying day of the Congress.



ESTONIA

Dr. Saima Tisler, NVP

The development of EHU (Estonian Homeopathic Union) has been stable, meetings and patients' discussions have been held regularly. The number of LMHI members and the number of general members within EHU has stayed the same. Those still active, have been regularly participating in the union's activities. Different homeopathic unions have organised several seminars and courses. While considering different schools that have influenced homeopaths in Estonia, the Belgian-Russian, Finnish, Mr. Vithoulkas' (Greek) and British schools have remained the most dominant. Recently, Dr Kubasheva from the school of Dr George Vithoulkas held a seminar. Veterinary homeopathy has been developing in Estonia. Since 2008, Estonian Qualification Authority has yielded 15 Homeopathic Qualifications. There has also been positive media coverage of homeopathy in 2018.

FRANCE

Dr. Yves Maillé

2017 will have been one dark year for homeopathy. In September a law creating a vaccine obligation for 11 vaccines against 3 (DTP) before, without a shadow of discussion. This law is in fact the answer to a protest with 1 million signatories against the disappearance on the market of the vaccine trivalent DTP without aluminium for the benefit of the Hexavalent vaccine. The homeopaths avoided showing themselves convinced that the slightest reaction would transform them into target. In spite of it, at the beginning of 2018 an anonymous collective of 142 doctors asks for the non-reimbursement of homeopathy and its retreat in every official structure. Homeopathy is considered as a Fake medicine containing no active substance. The article is published in large format in the Figaro, a big and serious national daily newspaper. In addition, would it be possible to consider a study on the morbidity of patient's follow-through homeopathy versus general population. Modern medicine neglects the vital energy of patients, resulting in an explosion of chronic diseases. What about for patients' follow-through homeopathy?

For such actions, French homeopaths are ready to register for the LMHI but will do so reluctantly in absence of concrete answers.



Thursday September 6, 2018

The Congress was divided into three sections: The Auditorium, East and West Ballroom. I was, of course, not able to listen to all of the wonderful speakers. So, I am sorry that I cannot give an account on all the subjects.

Dr. E. S. Rajendran spoke Nanopharmacology and Personalized Nanoparticles. He found through High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope [HRTEM] and Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope [FESEM] and Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy [EDS] that Nanoparticles and Quantum Dots of the starting material were found in all the potencies of *Lycopodium* [6C to CM] and *Natrum Muriaticum* [LM 1 to LM 30].

Dr. Aditya Pareek delineated a homeopathic management case report on Acute Myeloid Leukemia [AML] with Leukemia Cutis Post Marrow transplant. A 21-year-old woman with AML and post Bone Marrow Transplant was seen when she was demonstrating no real improvement with conventional medical process. She received her constitutional homeopathic medicine as subsequently clinical remedies selected therapeutically. Her hematological parameters were all recovered to the normal range and radiological and histological evidence suggested a complete remission. Post two years of maintaining a normal hematological and histological [marrow] picture and being asymptomatic, she unfortunately died of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever.

Dr. Josef Schmidt spoke on "Homeopathy as a Paragon of Sustainable Medicine: Culturo-Philosophical Perspectives." He stated that: "Considering the limits of growth, the dialectic of modern Western rationality, and the urgent need for complementary paradigms of science, today homeopath may gain new relevance as a paragon of sustainable medicine. It provides a holistic conception of medicine, a rational, phenomenological semiotic heuristic-hermeneutic, individual and human approach to each patient, covers ethical and sociopolitical dimensions, and avoids exploitation and contamination of nature and animal tests."

Dr. Katharina Gaertner offered a speech on: "Outcome-Specific Systematic Review of Controlled Clinical Studies with Homeopathic Medicines." From 7185 titles and abstracts screened, 644 original studies could be included in the review.

They will be presented, using tables for the different clinical indications, and discussed regarding the study details [e.g. design, sample size and homeopathic method].

Dr. Ingrid Couchman declared her ideas on: "Contribution to Sustainable Healthcare at Kenneth Gardens Community Health Center."

Kenneth Gardens was initially conceived of for white people who were needing to be boarded because medical and financial disability. Since the end of apartheid, it was opened to all cultures. Unfortunately, the Wentworth Hospital was 20 kilometers away and, therefore not easily accessible. It is this environment that the DUT Homeopathic department decided to a community center at Kenneth Gardens. This has shown that community work is sustainable and mutually beneficial to all participants.

Dr. Rajkumar Manchanda gave an excellent speech on Homeopathy in public health in India. Homeopathy is well represented in public health, being a close second in the AYUSH [Ayurvedic, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy] services distribution. The number of total homeopathic hospitals/dispensaries are 8151, which is 31% of the total AYUSH dispensaries [26,375]. Homeopathic clinics are 1/19th the total of the allopathic clinics [1,228,962]. Still, the annual patient footfall in these homeopathic clinics combined is 1/5 [258,113] of the allopathic clinics [1,228,962]. Homeopathy services, wherever available, are being used fully and thus sharing the patient load in the government-run wellness centers. However, the pace of establishment for homeopathic clinics is not keeping in tune with its growing demand. Further, it is imperative that the huge brigade of homeopathic practitioners is optimally engaged in the healthcare delivery.

Dr. Francesco Marino declared the desire for "A Comprehensive Database of Scientific Evidence: A Vital Need for the Homeopathic Community." In the last 50 years evidence in homeopathy has been increasing both at a quantitative and qualitative level. Unfortunately, it is neither well known by homeopaths themselves nor by the medical and scientific community. Presently, a database has been created containing at least 1,100 reliable evidence studies. A comprehensive database is fundamental not only to defend, but also to promote a worldwide recognition of homeopathy as a significant field of medicine. Finally, this database the se aims to be harmonized with all the other homeopath database already existing so the a unique "all inclusive" database can be created for everyone.

The website address is
<http://databaseomeopatia.alfatechint.com/#fields>

GERMANY

Dr. Cornelia Bajic, NVP

The development of EHU (Estonian Homeopathic Union) has been stable, meetings and patients' discussions have been held regularly. The number of LMHI members and the number of general members within EHU has stayed the same. Those still active, have been regularly participating in the union's activities. Different homeopathic unions have organised several seminars and courses. While considering different schools that have influenced homeopaths in Estonia, the Belgian-Russian, Finnish, Mr. Vithoulkas' (Greek) and British schools have remained the most dominant. New younger homeopaths have appeared. In 2016, there have been several happenings organised by them in Saaremaa and Viljandi. Since 2008, Estonian Qualification Authority has yielded 14 Homeopathic Qualifications. The attacks from the sceptics continue, we work in cooperation with other CAM organizations on political scene, passed media training and engaged a PR agency. All activities aim to communicate positive messages about homeopathy. Helpful is the summary of updated homeopathic research by WissHom, also available in English. Popularity of homeopathy in Germany is still unbowed.

In May 2018 the German medical association had its annual meeting, the doctors parliament makes decisions concerning the professional policy. Also on the agenda:

The amendment of the "German Doctors Education Manual" concerning all specialist disciplines. The DZVhA as editor for homeopathic education has placed the high education standards as it is also favoured by ECH and LMHI.

Two months before the voting the sceptics, in the shape of "Münsteraner Kreis", attacked massively, trying to kick homeopathy out of the catalogue using national press and rooted against homeopathy. It took great efforts to defend homeopathy, but in the end we succeeded and gained a political victory

This was only possible, because we got a lot of support of other CAM disciplines and because we were closely connected to the colleagues of the medical chamber.

We can expect those actions also in other countries, partially it already happened; our advice: to establish an effective networking with politicians and colleagues of all specializations; to show them, that we are serious colleagues was very beneficial.



Dr. Manaj Rajoria voiced: "Homeopathy: for the people, by the people." The official journey of Homeopathy in the Indian government dates to April 1937 when based on its growing popularity and acceptance in the public, Md Ghas-ud-idin, a member of the Central Legislative Assembly [CLA] of Punjab, moved a resolution for the recognition of homeopathy. In this paper the strategy required to be adopted for obtaining political support for the promotion of Homeopathy worldwide was discussed.

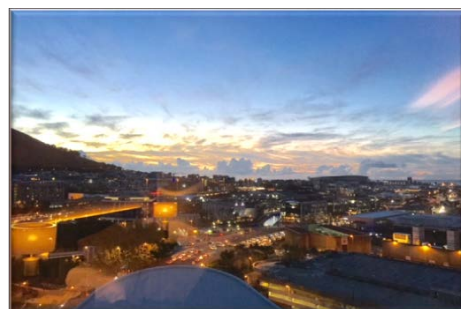
Dr. Bindu Sharma expressed his "Retrospective Case Study to Understand the Role of Homeopathic Constitutional Prescription in Childhood Vitiligo." 63% responded with marked improvement in terms of regimentation and stopping the spread of the disease; while 23% only achieved stability in terms of stopping the spread of the disease and in 14% there was no change. 29% were treated with *Tuberculinum* and *Calcarea carbonica*, 18% with *Calcarea sulphuricum* and 12% with *Calcarea phosphoricum* and *Natrum muriaticum* as individualized treatment single remedy prescription, 68% did have a family history of auto-immune condition also responded well to the treatment. Results were quantitatively analyzed; descriptive statistics were used and frequency tables were made for the analysis. Inferential Statistical analysis was not done as there was no separate control group.

Dr. Akshay Batra discussed the "Role of homeopathy in improving the quality of life in patients of psoriasis". Retrospective case study was conducted over 30 psoriasis cases to understand the scope of the role of homeopathy in improving the quality of life in patients of psoriasis. The selected cases have completed 12 months of homeopathic treatment. When psoriasis is treated effectively with homeopathy it leads to a strong, positive impact over the quality of life of the patient, irrespective of the type and severity of the disorder. This may in turn lead to reduced stress, improved quality of life and overall well-being. Dr. Rashmi Sharma reasoned about the "assessment of the effectiveness of homeopathic remedies in improving the quality of life of chronic urticaria patients in a typical clinical setting." 62 patients completed the follow up period of one year. *Apis mellifica* [n=9], *Dulcumara* [n=7], *Natrum muriaticum* [n=7], and *Rhus Toxicodendron* [n=7] were the most frequently used remedies. Homeopathic medicine have potential to improve Quality of Life of Chronic Urticaria patients by reducing pruritus, intensity of wheals, swelling, nervousness, sleep, mood, concentration beside drug side effects if any. Further studies with more sample size are desirable.

Dr. Heike Gypser discussed the question: "Does a pharmacopoeia guarantee a good, uniform homeopathic remedy"? A homeopathic pharmacopoeia regulates the preparation of homeopath remedies. Only seven homeopathic pharmacopoeias are at disposition for the entire homeopathic world today. By examining these works, it can be demonstrated that various directions for preparation differ. It is not clear what effect the variations have on the activity of the remedies. Since the beginning of homeopathy, it was tried to compile a standard work on homeopathic remedy preparation. In fact, it was even a wish of Hahnemann. A long story on the development on homeopathic pharmacopoeias followed, but it never came to a result for a uniform, standardized manual.

Dr. Caitlin Goodwin conveyed the subject of "Individualized Homeopathic Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Case Series". Three Case studies were done. These were evaluated by mainly two parameters: Childhood Autism Rating Scale-2 [CARS-2] and Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist [ATEC]. Three male patients, aged between 5 and 6 years old were presented. They all showed fairly obvious symptoms of Autism. The remedy chosen for Case 1 was *Phosphorus* 30 CH daily. Case 2 was *Stramonium* 6 CH twice daily for 8 weeks; then 30 CH. Case 3 was *Coffea cruda* 6 CH twice daily. Dr. Samir Chaukhar also articulated on "The Scope of Homeopathy in Autism Spectrum Disorders".

He relayed that Autism occurs along a 'spectrum', meaning that the symptoms and characteristics can occur in a variety of combinations from mild to severe. Treatment is usually slow. Simultaneous use of many forms of intervention, including diets, supplements, chelation, behavioral and auditory therapies, osteopathy and craniosacral treatment, etc. Homeopathy ranks higher than other forms of medical management of Autism, as unlike others, it acts at the level of miasm, susceptibility and sensitivity, which are important in the genesis of Autism and manifestation and progression of its various symptoms.



ITALY

Dott. Francesco V. Marino, NVP



The prejudicial attacks via media became more and more frequent and violent. In response, in early April the main Associations of Homeopathic, Homotoxicological and Anthroposophic Medicine founded the "National Coordination of Homeotherapies (NCH)". A delegation of NCH was received by the President of the Italian Medical Council, who stated homeopaths are regular doctors so that "they will also be involved in the Assembly of the Medical General States", planned for next year. Because Homeopathy is criticized by the skeptics' lobby as "pseudoscience with no evidence", NCH would have to be called by the "Istituto Superiore di Sanità" (the top scientific Italian institution) in order to evaluate the evidence of the homeopathic literature.

Turin hosted the XVI FIAMO National Congress (March, 16-17), which was very successful: a new database (containing more than 1,100 studies) and additional evidence in Agro-Homeopathy as well as an interesting new hypothesis on the homeopathic medicine's action were presented.

During the Worldwide Homeopathy Day the docufilm "Just one drop" was projected in 22 towns. Thousands of people enthusiastically took part and learnt what kind of fraud is behind all the campaigns against Homeopathy

KAZAKHSTAN

Yelena Zyukina, NVP

Homeopathy is officially recognized in Kazakhstan and doctors - homeopaths can practice in Kazakhstan after studying and passing exams at the Kazakh Medical University of Continuing Education. The lectures at the University are given by doctors - homeopaths, members of the Kazakh Homeopathic Association. In October of 2018, we plan to conduct continuing education courses in homeopathy with new information technologies - Vegetative resonance diagnosis and treatment jointly with the Russian Homeopathic Association and the IMEDIS Center from Moscow. The XXVI Congress of the Asian Homeopathic Medical League was held on September 15-16, 2017 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Representatives from France, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, India and Pakistan participated in the Congress. This International Asian Congress was held in Kazakhstan for the very first time. Experts in the field of pharmacy and homeopathic medicine took part in practical and scientific exchange. This was a unique opportunity for strategic discussions between Associations of participating countries about the current state and future development of homeopathic treatment. Kazakh Homeopathic Association celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2017 at the time of the Congress.

The participants stayed in a beautiful hotel "Kazakhstan". The Congress was held in the National Library of Kazakhstan in Almaty.

The participants enjoyed sightseeing of our city Almaty surrounded by beautiful snow covered mountains and took a trip to see Big Almaty Lake located high in the mountains 15 km from the city at the elevation of 2510 meters above sea level. The locals describe its beauty in different way and some call it "the turquoise pearl".

Friday September 7, 2018

Dr. Wei Ling Huang imparted Constitutional Homeopathy and its relationship to the five elements of Traditional Chinese Medicine [TCM]. The five elements in TCM are specifically: Fire, Earth, Metal, Water and Wood. These are all related to a variety of mental, emotional, physical symptoms, organs, meridians [acupuncture channels] etc. Everything originates and is associated with Yang and Yin which relates to any entity in the universe. Yang is associated Spirit, ideas, consciousness, heat, action, etc. and Yin is related to matter, substance, cold, rest, etc. Yang especially in TCM is correlated with Qi [chi] or energy; Yin is linked to Blood [or substance of energy/ Qi]. The universe is based on polarity. If you have energy, you must have a substance or matter for it to manifest and vice versa. Einstein famous equation Energy = Mass [matter] times the speed of light squared [E=MC²]. Energy cannot exist or manifest without matter/substance. Qi cannot exist without Blood and vice versa. Matter cannot move or function without energy.

The five elements have direct associations which would take too much space to go into much detail. WOOD produces FIRE. FIRE produces EARTH [ashes, etc.] EARTH produces METAL. METAL produces WATER [if you see water on anything metal especially in the morning, you get the point] and WATER produces WOOD.

Dr. Huang relates certain homeopathic medicines to the elements. These, of course, are not the only remedies with these elements, but are good examples. Wood is related to *Phosphorus*; Fire to *Sulfur*; Earth to *Calcarea Carbonica*; Metal to *Silicea*; Water to *Natrum muriaticum*.

TCM and homeopathic constitutional medicines look are the larger picture and deeper causes as oppose to Conventional medicine which is much more materialistic. Much more could be said, but this hits on some of the highlights.

Dr A. K. Gupta express his experience with homeopathy and the "Silk Road" disease: Behcet's Disease. Behcet's Disease is a rare immune-mediated small vessel systemic vasculitis that often presents with mucous membrane ulceration and ocular problems. It is a triple-symptom complex of recurrent oral aphthous ulcers, genital ulcers and uveitis. As a system disease, it can also involve visceral organs such as the gastrointestinal tract, pulmonary, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and neurological system. This syndrome due to ruptured vascular aneurysms or severe neurological complications. It happens to 1 in a million people. Five cases were presented.

One case involved a man suffering very badly with recurrent mouth and genital ulcers with inflammatory conditions pronounced with blood test also showing overall improvement with decrease in CRP also apart from symptomatic relief. He was primarily demonstrating a syphilitic miasm. The remedy was *Mercurius Sol*.

Dr. Rajesh Gupta bestowed on us some magnificent information on the "Homeopathic Approach towards the Treatment of Advanced Cases Thromboangitis Obliterans." Thromboangitis Obliterans also known as Buerger's disease, is a recurring progressive inflammation and thrombosis of small and medium arteries and veins in the hands and feet. It is strongly associated with smoking tobacco. The main symptom is pain in the affected areas at rest and when walking [claudication]. Generally, males 20-40 years suffer from this disease.

A though and exhaustive study of 70 cases was conducted. They were divided into three main categories on basis of age, 20-30-year-old [35], 30-40-year-old [21], 40-50-year-old [11], 50-60-year-old [3]. Amputation done [15] and no amputation [55].

One case presented was 30 y/o male with gangrene, swelling, burning and severe pain in the right foot. The pain was so severe that he could not sleep at night. Discharge from the toes was pustular and bloody. *Secale cornutum* 30 CH was given daily and after a month was increased to 200 CH once a week. After six months the patient was entirely cured.

The study with all the patients revealed that the homeopathic medicines were effective in 70% of the cases. According to the categories in 20-30 y/o there was 97% success. In the patients where no amputation was done, there was 96% success. The homeopathic medicines that the best results were: *Secale cornutum* [18], *Arsenicum album* [10], *Apis mellifica* [10] and *Sulfur* [10]. Dr. Varun Chaudhary described his experience with homeopathy in treating a case of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura [ITP]. Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura [ITP] is a rare autoimmune disorder that primarily affects the age groups 19-40 y/o and above 60 y/o and above. Statistically, India has about one million cases a year. Modern medicine offers corticosteroid base medication with its well-known side effects. Homeopathy on the other hand with its individualized constitutional approach, and with its micro-doses, offers a safer and definite therapeutic option.

MOLDOVA

Tatiana Bolbocean, NVP

The Association of Homeopathy in Republic of Moldova became a member in 2008, at the 63rd Congress of LMHI.

We are very proud because since 1999 homeopathy is taught at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu" Chisinau.

We maintained the curriculum of courses of specialization and improving in homeopathy, as follows:

- Initiation course in alternative medicine (homeopathy included) with a total duration of 3 months (312 credits) – without legal right to practice.
- Certification level course – total duration of 3 months (312 credits) to acquire the legal right to practice
- General training for doctors with competence in homeopathy. 3 modules around the year. Intensive course (10 hours daily – 10 days each module).

In 2017 a number of 5 medical doctors attended the courses of initiation in alternative medicine (312 credits) and 6 medical doctors attended the course of "Homeopathy in internal organs' pathology".

We organize every month a seminar of homeopathy, where our homeopaths meet and share information about cases, remedies, news in homeopathy in our country and in the world.

A relatively large number of our Moldavian homeopaths attended The XXXIInd National Congress of Homeopathy organized by The Romanian Homeopathic Society. Also international courses, conferences and seminars in Romania, Greece, Ukraine and Russia.

NETHERLANDS

Hetty Buitelaar, NVP

AVIG board invested in stakeholder relationships like the governmental body 'The council for Health and Society' and the start-up of a Consortium Integrative Medicine in the Netherlands.

A meeting took place between members of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and member of AVIG about the EASAC report. Result: "We agree to disagree".

Most homeopathic doctors have been re-registered after proving that their homeopathic practice is based on general medical principles. It took a lot of paperwork from the accountants to prove this. The yearly Homeopathy congress was on 'Homeopathy within the Healthcare system and Evolution and light'.



A five y/o girl was brought by her parents for ITP with a platelet count of 5,000 in spite of taking corticosteroids. After homeopathic consultation, she was prescribed *Phosphorus* in LM potency scale, which resulted in a gradual increase in platelet counts and the corticosteroids were tapered off over the next 2-3 months. The patient has been maintaining a steady platelet count and is only under homeopathic treatment.

Dr. Jitesh Sharma described a case of Avascular Necrosis of the femur; another move to evidence base homeopathy. Avascular Necrosis [AVN], also called osteonecrosis, aseptic necrosis or ischemic bone necrosis, is a condition that occurs when there is loss of blood to a bone. Movements are mostly restricted as there may be inflammation and there can be a collapse of a joint as it progresses for months to years. AVN cases are mostly corrected by surgery, bone grafts or total joint replacement.

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Both the pain and swelling had reduced and this was confirmed by X-ray. After 3 years the necrosis of the femur was reversed and the patient was pain free.

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Were allocated up to six months with a regular follow-up with MRI/CT scans.

Out of the 20 patients, 15 were improved.

RUSSIA

Dr Prof. Leonid Kosmodemyanskiy, NVP

The report is devoted to the development of homeopathy in Russia in 2017, as well as to the international congress "World Homeopathy Day: Moscow-2018", which was held on April 9-10th, 2018. Special attention is paid to the official statement made by the Prosecutor General's Office and the State Duma of the Russian Federation on whether it is lawful to use homeopathy in Russia and on the viewpoint held by some scientists concerning the Memorandum "On the Pseudoscientific Character of Homeopathy" as not being a binding legal act. We were forced to appeal to V. Putin, the President of Russia, and the leadership of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Russian Federation with demands to stop smear campaign against homeopathy in Russia (The appeal was signed by N. Zamarenov, L. Kosmodemyanskiy, V. Mishchenko, A. Patudin).

In cooperation with the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis we actively struggle against this anti-homeopathic campaign!

In 2017, the International Council of LMHI decided to hold a regular celebration of the World Homeopathy Day in Russia, which occurred on April 9-10, 2018 in Moscow.



SLOVENIA

Mrs Irena Gorišek, M.D., NVP

In short – since our last report, there has been nothing really new.

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 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. The Ministry of Health has started with preparation of new regulation on September 2015, which needs to be adopted by the National Assembly. At the end of November 2017 Ministry of Health finally published a draft of new regulation which will allow medical doctors to freely practice homeopathy and some other methods of treatment (i.e. *Act on complementary, traditional and alternative forms of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation*) for one month public debate. Draft of this new regulation is only descriptive text without articles. There is strong opposition from the National Medical Ethics Committee, the Slovenian Medical Association, newly established Slovenian Medical Academy and both Medical Schools. They published two press releases against new regulation for medical doctors, in 12 December 2017 and 7 March 2018. Now the Ministry of Health has to prepare final draft of this new law. But, the parliamentary elections were held on 3 June 2018. And that means that the next government will have to deal with it. We really hope that the new government will finish the work on new regulation.

Dr. Brij Mohan Prasad presented the homeopathic impact on non-communicable diseases and environmental impact on epilepsy. Round the globe homeopathic practitioners are treating epilepsy with success as information in Journals. It takes 2-5 years depending on the severity of the cases to resolve epilepsy. A prospective observation study was carried out from 2015-2018 with 50 patients. Most of the people involved in the study were 10-20 y/o. Patients included both sexes 20 male and 30 females. Out of the 50 involved, 45 who were followed up were included in the evaluation. 5 patients were dropped out. It was observed that 83% of the 45 patients improved.

Dr. Michel van Wassenhoven expounded on "A Comprehensive Approach of Homeopathic Medicine, Nanoparticles search, solvent and electron behavior using a Metal and a Plant Model to Answer the Question 'What is the signature of a Homeopathic Dynamized Medicine'". A lot of publications exist about the persistence of stock material in high homeopathic dynamizations [HHD] discriminant NMR signal between remedies', quality requirements for GMP and clinical data. Are all these Publications giving coherent information s about the exact nature [signature]of the homeopathic requirements needed for registration of homeopathic medicine. Different Universities were involved in this research. Each specialized I one of the measurement techniques. Liquid Chromatography, NMR, laser techniques including scanning electron microscopy and light scattering. Two remedies were chosen as reference a triturated medicine *Cuprum metallicum* and a soluble medicine *Gelsemium sempervirens*. Multiple controls were used to strengthen possible conclusions. In conclusion the homeopathic medicines there is specific material and electronic signal even in High Homeopathic Dynamizations [HHD] the solvent behavior is specifically modified by these elements only when a dynamization process has been applied during the preparation.

Prof. Ashley Ross, who is the LMHI Secretary of Provings, starts off on silly note [*For crying out Loud, do you guys really have to be such Pigs??*] with his compiling data from 18 Homeopathic Pharmacopeia of the United States [HPUS] monograph double-blind, placebo-controlled provings of porcine sarcodes. There are clearly identifiable and nuanced 'pig' themes and clinical pointers, based on prevalence and differentiating features, pathogenetic tendencies, and overlaps with the natural history, and cultural and linguistic metaphor relating to 'the pig'. The authors argue that this systematic analysis represents a unique opportunity to study a single mammalian species in depth as well as providing valuable insights into the clinical role of sarcodes within the homeopathic armamentarium and the challenges of systematic group analysis.

Dr. Aditya Pareek Illustrates the "Contributions of Homeopathy to the Management of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C: Selected Cases." Individualized homeopathy was used to yield symptomatic improvement in hepatitis patients. It also yielded improvement in all biochemical liver parameters. Once a normal liver profile was achieved and sustained for 4 months, Hepatitis B nosode and Hepatitis C nosode were administered in respective cases. The biochemical, serological and radiological monitoring was done at regular intervals. Mean liver stiffness was also monitored through fibro scan where available. In 5 out of 10 cases, the infection was found to be negative post treatment. In 8 out of these 10 cases a normal hematological picture in terms of liver parameters was achieved.

Dr. Laxmikanta Nanda lectured on *Raulwolfia serpentina* [R.S.] which modulates heart oxidative and antioxidant defenses in hypertensive rates. There was a significant reduction of systolic and diastolic blood pressure in response to the drug. Oxidative stress parameters were reduced in response to R.S. in ϕ , 6C, and 30 C in post-mitochondrial fractions and mitochondrial fractions of heart of hypertensive rats. The present results reveal a better understanding of the mechanism of action of *Raulwolfia serpentina*.

GALA DINNER

A fantastic, artistic, colorful Gala Dinner celebrated the Congress that evening. Much of the historical background of homeopathy in South Africa was presented. Many thanks were given to all the committee members: Organizing, Scientific and, especially, the Social committee for arranging the Gala Dinner and many other aspects of tours, etc. in this wonderful, exciting historical city. Another performance of sensational musicians and dancers was exhibited. Then followed all the delegates dancing to very rhythmic, stimulating, vibrant and scintillating harmonies. Simultaneously, there were also energizing, empathetic photos high on the walls of the ballroom screening earlier days of this Congress participants in a wide variety of poses.

SOUTH AFRICA

Dr Danny Pillay, NVP

LMHI 2018 will be held in Cape Town during 5th-8th September 2018. The Congress will take place at the CTICC. Dr Gower has been instrumental in the organisation of the LMHI 2018 congress as its secretary. The theme development was based on the WHO's Contributing to Sustainable Healthcare objectives. The logo was born out of the colourful wagon wheel that represents the WHO and the water droplet symbolising Homeopathy that is dropping into water or solution in the colours inspired by the WHO's wagon wheel. The information, communication and evaluation of presentations was all done via the website has made the processes fluid and easier to manage for all involved. The Organising Committee are finalising programmes, printing, gifts, wine, musicians, and more. The Scientific Programme has been finalized and we are proud with the quality and scope of the 62 oral presentations to be presented in parallel sessions on the second and third days of the Congress (Thursday 06 Sept – Friday 07 Sept. The support from International delegates has been less than what was expected, we suspect this could be due to external factors such as the negative publicity of the drought in CT in the beginning of the year, and the difficulties attaining visas for international delegates. Despite this we persisted with innovative social media and advertising efforts and the local Homeopathic community I am proud to say have supported the Congress. The result is the highest number of SA Homeopaths to attend a congress in the HSA's history. This is also largely due to the phenomenal support from industry and sponsorship secured by the HSA.

The HSA member discounted rate was extended to all South African Homeopaths in good faith and in an effort to show the aim of uniting the local Homeopathic community. The Gala dinner is due to showcase Africa's talent, with local entertainment and dining. The city of Cape Town has a large offering to the International delegate and many of the city's attributes will be showcased to attract large numbers to the congress. The committees are working to make this Congress affordable and of an International standard that the LMHI can be proud to be associated with. The HSA National Board is still awaiting the feedback on key areas of focus from 2017: Access to scheduled substances - The submission of a list of substances for which homeopathic practitioners should gain access according to the provided scope of practice in January 2016 to the Allied Health Professions Council. We are still awaiting a response on the completed submission. Legislative / Practice Fund and Scope of Practice Review - The HSA EXCO and National Board reviewed a proposed position of scope of practice in 2014. The HSA submitted its proposal to the AHPCSA for review and finalisation in 2017. The HSA has sought professional legal advice to ensure that members will have access to the correct Protection of personal information act (POPI) information. The purpose of the PoPI Act is to ensure that all South African institutions (and practitioners) conduct themselves in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing another entity's personal information by holding them accountable for that personal information.



Saturday, September 8, 2018

Dr. Klaus-Henning Gypser commenced the Congress with a presentation on *Colocynthis* and the development of the *Materia Medica*. This was done in his usual well investigated manner.

A tribute to Dr. Peter Fisher was imparted by the LMHI President Dr. Alok Pareek. It, indeed, was a dramatic and tragic death for one of the most important contemporary champions of homeopathy. Dr. Fisher was well known for defending homeopathy especially in the United Kingdom where he was a director of the London Homeopathic Medical Hospital and editor of a Homeopathic Journal. He also was the physician to the Queen and, therefore, had support of the royal family. Especially, in these days when homeopathy is under so much major attack in the United Kingdom as well as the rest of the globe, his expertise and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

Dr. David Lilley offered a unique personal journey of over 50 years of homeopathic practice. He exhibited much empathy and compassion originating in a very dramatic childhood in London, England at the time of the bombing in World War II. One can only imagine the terrible sadness of that time. His father was a homeopathic physician who also had certain psychic healing abilities. When he was approximately seven years old, he developed meningitis which responded well to homeopathic medicine. His family moved to South Africa where his father became very famous in dealing with the judicial system where he had to defend his practice of homeopathy. He and his father were major architects of homeopathy for South Africa. He related that there is an inner evolving of the practitioner of homeopathy which brings out a more universal and empathetic approach to humanity.

Presentation of the LMHI Working Groups. The working groups were initiated by the Past President of the LMHI, Dr. Renzo Galassi. The group presenters included: Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, LMHI Vice President, on Education. Dr. Rajkumar Manchanda, LMHI, Secretary of Research, on Research. Dr. Bernardo Merizalde, Secretary of Public Relations, on Public Relations. And Dr. Richard Hiltner, Secretary of the LMHI Newsletter, on LMHI Letter/News.

For details, please go to the individual reports of these Secretaries of the Executive Committee in the LIGA LETTER.

Dr. Gloria Feighelstein, LMHI Secretary of dentistry, imparted her experience and knowledge of homeopathy in dentistry and its scope in relationship to dental specialties. She has been very instrumental, especially in Brazil, on educating and demonstrating the use of homeopathy in dentistry. She gave a number of details as to how homeopathy can be effective.

Dr. Chris Aukland displayed a down-to-earth presentation on lessening the use of antibiotics in farm animals through homeopathy. By simply going through a 2 to 3-day course in the basics of homeopathic medicines, he was able to dramatically help the farmers decrease considerably use of antibiotics. For instance, when some animals were having a rattling cough, they were given *Antimonium tartaricum* with excellent results.

Presentation of the LMHI 2019 Congress in Sorrento, Italy. Dr. Francesco Morino bestowed a precious gem revealing a vibrant city with the ocean view at the next Congress in Sorrento, Italy. He elaborated on some of the earlier history of homeopathy in Italy. In the early 1800s, Italy was one of the first countries to see the magnificence of homeopathy and helped it to go to other parts of Europe, e.g. Spain, France etc. Sorrento is close to Naples, and Naples is about an hour away from Rome. Where there is a museum/library of homeopathy which will be another feature of the Congress. I am sure that we are all looking forward to this magnificent Congress. Dr. Ruth Bloch articulated about C4 potentizations of various natural medicines in the process of *ukuthwasa* (initiation) for *izangoma* (diviners) in South Africa. Various provers experienced some mental-psychological type of symptoms difficult to put in words.

Dr. Eswara Das lectured on the final presentation outlining and exploring the science and art of homeopathy and some of the most innovative research.

Closing of the Congress.

Dr. Alok Pareek expressed his final thanks and congratulations to all those involved in this very outstanding and well-organized Congress. He placed his gavel down and the Congress was officially closed.

SWITZERLAND

Dr. med. Franziska Bläuer, NVP

"Singleness of purpose is one of the chief essentials for success ... no matter what may be one's aim." This quote by John Rockefeller reflects the persistence that has driven our work and engagement for the interests of complementary medicine over the past twenty years. And so it was the political highlight 2017 when the Federal Council announced that the four complementary medical therapies homeopathy, phytotherapy, Chinese and anthroposophic medicine were definitely integrated in the basic insurance of the Swiss medical health care from August 1st 2017.

To be prepared for the future, the SVHA president Gisela Etter held a media training session at the annual SVHA Lecturers' conference. Her favorite phrase: Homeopathy works, we see that every day in our practice, our patients experience it, and that is why homeopathy is so popular! Supporting coherence is more effective than counterattack.



THAILAND

Dr. Wanlop Tanekieti, NVP

The Bureau of Sanatorium and Art of Healing, Ministry of Public Health is considering the regulation of Homeopathy in Thailand. The Department of Alternative Medicine and the Homoeopathic Association of Thailand had the opportunities to present the data of current situations, and their opinions on the matter. The atmosphere was friendly and the outcome of the meeting was quite promising. There will be more steps to achieve our goal, though.

On education, a new Board of Integrative Medicines (which will include a fundamental course of Homeopathy) will be proposed to the Medical Council of Thailand in September, 2018.

Our current class of students in the course organized in co-operation with the Faculty of Homeopathy Belgium, the Department of Alternative Medicine and Rangsit University, had started in August 2017 and will be completed in July, 2019.



Executive Committee Reports 2018



PRESIDENT,
Dr. Alok Pareek, India

Dear Colleagues,

The preceding year has been full of activities for the LMHI. This has been mainly because of growing awareness and popularity of Homeopathic medicine in the far corners of the globe.

The respective secretariats of the LMHI have been working all round the year in their respective fields with mutual co-operation and communication with positive results. There is the regular ongoing work on updating of the "Scientific Framework of Homeopathy". The educational team and Provings secretariat are working to achieve the highest global standards in their respective fields. There has been regular correspondence on LMHI accreditation regulations. Our Public Relations secretariat has been actively collaborating with the Research department to frame answers to Skeptic attacks. As President, I have been overseeing these works and moderating the inter-secretarial communications and building consensus.

I was personally involved in:

The drafting and submission of the comments on draft WHO document on clinical research in traditional and complementary medicine submitted in September 2017. The LMHI comments/co-ordination to the EASAC statement on homeopathic products. Comments were sent to the US FDA regarding FDA's regulation of drug products labeled as homeopathic.

President's Visit:

I visited as "Guest of Honour", the annual congress of the IHP at Chennai in Dec 2017. The Indian Institute of Homeopathic Physicians (IHP) is one of the largest Homeopathic Organisations in India and an Institutional member of the LMHI. In my address, I was able to talk on the importance of a strong LMHI and enumerated the advantages of being an LMHI member.

In April I visited Moscow for the LMHI World Homeopathy Day. This event was organized with the patronage of LMHI in collaboration with Russian Homeopathic Association, Russian Homeopathic Society with National Homeopathy Council and Association of professional alternative medicine under the patronage of Ministry of Health. The programme included the birthday celebrations of Samuel Hahnemann and 230 years celebration of Semone Korsakov – the great Russian Homeopath. As LMHI President, I offered the Russian colleagues half day of teaching focused on complex pathologies including oncology in Homeopathy.

Among the participants, I found a great zeal for homeopathy. There were more than 200 delegates. I was greatly touched by the great Russian hospitality and honour showered by me during the visit.

Dear members, with your co-operation and good wishes, we are moving ahead with positivity and confidence to face all future challenges and preserve our great science.

TURKEY

Dr Saliha Binici

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.

At the moment there are three Universities who has official recognized homeopathic education for MD's and Pharmacist. Until now one education period is completed and new one started. The Ministry gave for 98 official working permit for homeopath who are graduated from the University certificate programs. But there are more homeopathic MD's and pharmacist who did not applied for the official certificate. At the moment 5 university hospitals have an outpatient clinic for homeopathic treatment.

The Turkish Medicines and Devices Agency is working on the legislation for homeopathic remedies at the moment.

The veterinarians are allowed to treat with homeopathy.

At the moment Klasik Homeopathy Dernegi, UHODER and Homeopatik Tip Derneği are the 3 members of LMHI. There are also 4 active lay person associations in Istanbul, Ankara, Bursa and Izmir who give courses and seminars to lay persons.



Immediate Past President

Dr. Renzo Galassi, Italy



Over the last year, I have been involved in the activities of advisor for the members of the board, who every now and then need the help of the experience collected after so many years of work inside the board.

With the same pleasure and enthusiasm of the last 6 years I have worked to help and realize one of the two magazine we have: the LMHI newsletter. After the invitation of our Secretary for Newsletter, Dr. Richard Hiltner, to become the Editor of this magazine, I accepted without hesitation, because it is an important tool to spread a correct information about the clinical, historical and scientific aspect of our Medicine, mainly in favor of our youngest colleagues.

As the Italian colleagues decided to chose me as the Honorary president of the next LMHI world Congress in Sorrento, Italy, I have started to collaborate with them giving advice and ideas for the best results of the congress 2019.

After the Meetings in Cape Town, I will take in my hands the projects on solidarity, trying to organize a group of teachers that is asked by some colleagues in Haiti. The program of education and the rules for teachers are in the hands of Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, we are waiting to know who is willing to start this important work in favor of our Caribbean colleagues.

Many more activities of minor importance have been done over the last year for our beloved Association, the LMHI, wonderfully run by the member of the current Board, to whom I give my sincere admiration and appreciation.

Warmest regards, Renzo Galassi

General Secretary

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu



I had been in contact regularly with the executive council as well as the NVP/NCP's. I made new national connections and have commenced dialogue with the NVP/NCP's.

Also I have catalysed a coordination between the Queensland university in Haiti and the LMHI executive council concerning the Haiti Solidarity Project and I am a part of the Solidarity Project Working Group.

I am fully active in the development of the website and the implementation of the data to the website.

I worked on the amendments of the Procedures

I have realized all of my chores as a general secretary.

Prime Vice President

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, Argentina



I tried to coordinate and to receive information from the different working groups.

I have participated in different decisions of the Executive Committee, such as the request made by the WHO about homeopathy, as well as the Ron Harris Award, as well as advice to different countries that have received attacks against the practice of homeopathy.

In this regard, I had close contact with Gonzalo Fernández Quiroga, who is a spokesperson for the National Homeopathy Assembly, which brings together medical, veterinary and pharmaceutical companies that use homeopathy in Spain.

With Gonzalo, a letter was drafted (with the help of Bernardo Merizalde) from the League to Dr. Serafín Romero, president of Organización Médico Colegial de España in support of homeopathy in Spain. Also with Gonzalo and Bernardo we promoted the campaign by Tweeter on the international day of homeopathy.

I gave a seminar from 11 to 13th May 2018 in Izmir, Turkey which was organized by Classical Homeopathy Association. The topics of this successful seminar were: The art of taking the Clinic case: Pure Homeopathy Method; Materia Medica: To see beyond the symptoms and Vitalism: from Hahnemann to Paschero. The topics was developed in 2,5 days.

I must thank the Association, the president, Altunay Agaoglu and the Turkish colleagues who attended, and Evin Turkey, whom I visited at the League office in Izmir for all the compliments they had with me during my stay in Turkey.

Recently, I represented the League in the XX Congress of the Faculty of Medical Sciences and I International Congress of Homeopathy in the XXI century "New Paradigm" developed in Guayaquil from 13 to 17th August 2018, where I gave the lecture "Homeopathy in the 21st century" and I gave a Materia Medica workshop. This Congress has been very important for the future of the homeopathic doctors of Ecuador grouped in the SOMHE (member of this League for many years), who hope that we maintain our support for the homologation of their diplomas of specialists in homeopathy, not currently recognized in most of the cases by the health authorities of the country, despite the fact that many doctors have studied in prestigious schools and have many years of practice in homeopathy. Finally I have elaborated a project of reform of the Secretariats of the Board of the League that will be presented later.

Treasurer

Dtr. Monica Kölsch



The financial state of the LMHI comes from the annual membership fees of the institutional members, the individual members and the associate members. Following up on our revenues, the financial year 2017 shows a total gross income of € 70.808,21. Of this revenue, € 540 is collected from the accreditation process and € 65.540,93 is collected from our membership dues. The expenses of the executive office and its officers and the various costs of our secretariat is in total of €32.435,04. The balance since 2014 financial year is a surplus. Relocation of the secretariat to Turkey reduced our expenses significantly. In the year 2017, 39 institutional members have paid. We have 4.654 active (fully paying) members (institutional + individual + associated) in 2017.

We got \$2000 from the LMHI Congress of Argentina in 2016. Thanks a lot to Argentina and we got a donation €150 from Dr. Ron Harris for his award and a donation of Germany from the LMHI Congress in Leipzig 2017 € 3000 thanks also to them. Now let us have a look at our present financial statements for the current year 2018, ended an 1st of August. Our total available capital at this moment amounts to €231.677,64. At this moment, our provisional total gross income until 1st of August 2018 amounts to € 42.816,50, and our expenses are in total of € 13.152,40. In comparison to last year's numbers up until now are constantly similar.

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 most our institutional members, individual members, associate members and better managing finances.

Secretary For Dentistry ,

Dt. Gloria Feighelstein, Brasil



Since 1999, dental homeopathy has its prominent place in the **LMHI CONGRESS**, marking the presence of speakers distinguished from many countries, such as Argentina, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Germany, Belgium, France, Mexico, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Chile, Cuba, India, Japan and many others ... and now in South Africa when we will have the opportunity to verify its importance acquired by these long years by illustrious speakers of India and Brazil.

The possibility to show our skills and qualities, we are being obliterated by the grave global economic situation, which prevents us from being seeding as we would like, Homeopathy Dentistry in every region of the world.

In the same way that Brazil, India, Argentina, Mexico, France, Belgium and others, many are the ones who wishes for its knowledge.

I could imagine that the World is aimed at its owned ends. I could imagine that we should be fragile in the face of the aggressions of those who do not see the integral health of our patient.

My friends, I have been sowing Homeopathy in Dentistry for nearly two decades along with many Colleagues in the World. Together with all, I show in our work the extreme importance in the collection data for a more specific repertory in the reach of contemporary repertorial intelligence, and also to the Homeopathic Pharmacy in the manufacture of the specific homeopathic medicines.

I would very much like to thank the Scientific and Organizing Committee of the 73rd LMHI Congress of SOUTH AFRICA for giving us the opportunity to show our work, first and foremost for the South African people and for the worldwide recognition of its scientifically proven and recognized importance by several international bodies. This will be our thanks for all the trust you have placed in us.

I suppose our Master is very grateful also, regardless of the country, the simple region of the world. I thank you, too.

God bless this Congress, God bless the Homeopathy, God bless us.

TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE LMHI CONGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA, MY, OUR, MOST SINCERE THANKS, FOR THE UNIVERSAL VISION OF A TRULY VALUED HOMEOPATHY. YOU GAIN THE ABILITY TO USE THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEOPATHY IN DENTISTRY AND ITS BENEFITS TO THE INTEGRAL HEALING OF ALL LIVING BEING ON OUR PLANET.

DANKIE BAIE GROOT!!!

Ek wil graag die Wetenskaplike en Organiserende Komitee van die **73ste LMHI-kongres van SUID-AFRIKA** bedank vir die geleentheid om ons werk eerste te wys vir die Suid-Afrikaanse volk en vir die wêreldwye erkenning van sy wetenskaplike bewese en erkende belang deur verskeie internasionale liggame. Dit sal ons dank wees vir al die vertrouwe wat u in ons geplaas het.

Ek veronderstel ons Meester is ook baie dankbaar, ongeag die land, die eenvoudige streek van die wêreld. Ek wens met groot liefde elke sukses vir die Wêreldkongres van Suid-Afrika!

Dankie, groot vriende Danny en Ashley



Secretary for the Pharmacy

Dr. Heike Gypser, Germany



The Pharmacy Working Group is a small group with totally nine members from Argentina (2), Brazil (2), Germany (1), India (2), Italy (1) and the Netherlands (1). Since Köthen in 2017 we got one new WG member.

One Skype meeting was held on April 18th 2018.

At the moment no new projects are planned because all old ones are still running.

As decided by the WG, the comparison of the different homeopathic pharmacopoeias will be continued.

Special thanks at this point to a responsible of HPCUS (Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Convention of the United States), who provides the HPUS-material needed for free as well as and to Rajkumar Manchanda for providing the Indian homeopathic pharmacopoeia.

The comparison of the pharmacopoeias for homeopathic tinctures was done by Sabine Klein and partly by Julieta Servetto.

The article concerning the problem of expiring dates of homeopathic remedies is now ready for publication. The authors (Valavan, Amariyls de Toledo Cesar) have not decided yet to which periodical they want to contribute it.

Renata Calieris work on the relationship pharmacist/homeopathic doctor was checked by Hetty Buitelaar and Anukant Goyal. If possible she would like to present it at the LMHI congress in Italy in 2019.

Hetty Buitelaar gave some important information to share with LMHI board regarding a new EU regulation GDPR (Law) on privacy matters.

Julieta Servetto will give a presentation on the differences of the homeopathic pharmacopoeias, on a FAMHA congress in Argentina in October.

The FIP - The International Pharmaceutical Federation - will have their world congress in Glasgow, Scotland, exactly during LMHI congress from 2 - 6 Sept. 2018 with a round table (1,5 hours) about: "The Great Debate - The motion 'Pharmacists should not sell or dispense homeopathic products'".

The CFF (Brazilian Federal Pharmaceutical Council) under the guidance of Amariyls de Toldeo Cesar asked LMHI for support.

The Working group was informed that "Remedybank" is now working: <https://remedybank.com>. Only mother-tinctures are sold.

The question came up, if there is any difference in action of differently prepared remedies. A study on differently prepared remedies (various numbers of succussions, differently prepared starting material, ...) would be very interesting. India could be a place for such a research.

It was suggested to start a platform on homeopathic pharmaceuticals to share important information.

The comparison of the different homeopathic pharmacopoeias will be continued

UKRAINE

Dr. Zoya Dergachova, NVP

Homeopathy in Ukraine has more 200-year history.

Since 1998, the Association of Homeopaths working in Ukraine, which brings together more than 600 doctors and pharmacists.

The training of the homeopaths is conducted by private homeopathic Popov's school.

In the major cities of Ukraine homeopathic pharmacies that manufacture medicines in functioning.

The international training seminars by George Jurj are conducted on a regular basis.

Homeopathic Association publishes the classical homeopathy journal "Journal of Homeopathic Medicine."



Secretary of the Liga News/Letter

Dr. Richard Hiltner, MD



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.

The Executive Committee decided that there be changes made in the contents of the LIGA LETTER and the LIGA NEWS.

In the past, the LIGA LETTER concentrated on only the LIGA Congress when Sandra Chase was editor, primarily, because of financial concerns and printing.

The LIGA NEWS concerned itself with general international homeopathic information, political, clinical and research articles.

There are significantly less problems with space and expense now with the electronic version.

Therefore, the LIGA LETTER will encompass not only the Congresses, but also international aspects of homeopathy as well as political information.

The LIGA NEWS will involve articles primarily on research, history, Quiz corner, and clinical cases, etc. I am happy to announce that Renzo Galassi (Past President of the LMHI) has accepted being editor of the LIGA NEWS. His expertise and knowledge of the history, clinical, and research areas in homeopathy will be a valuable addition. Much gratitude for his generous contribution.

I likewise desire to congratulate the person who does the outstanding arrangement, art, color, editing etc. of our exciting publications: Evin Turkey. MUCH THANKS to Evin for freely giving her time on the preparation of the LIGA LETTER. Thank you so much for your generosity.

I wish to give also great gratitude again to the WORKING GROUP (WG), which Renzo established for the LMHI NEWS. As of this time, the following have very generously given their time and effort to this WG: Altunay Agaoglu, Dan Cook, Bernard Zauner, Bernardo Merizalde and Pietro Guila. *Updated Financial Aspects of the LN/LL*

Altunay Agaoglu, our Past Secretary of the Treasury, and the present Secretary of the Treasury, Monika Kölsch, offered much information on the last 6 years on Expenditures. I am happy with the decreasing finances needed to continue the LN/LL. At this time, I do not have the complete financial report for 2018. We will need to add on the autumn LIGA NEWS expenses still for 2018.

In Summary:

2012 TOTAL: €13,072

2013 TOTAL: €9,405

2014 TOTAL: €8,046

2015 TOTAL: €1,368

2016 TOTAL: €1,095

2017: TOTAL: €982.5

2018: TOTAL: €982.5 plus autumn LIGA NEWS (to be calculated).



Secretary of Education,

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi on behalf of Dr. Pietro Federico, Argentina



On April 9 the dr. Pietro Federico resigned his position in the working group. Despite the attempt to dissuade him, he confirmed his resignation with a letter to the League's Board on April 17. That is why the Board decided that I will continue interim in his position until 2019, when new authorities are appointed. Pietro's message to the working group was the following:

"Dear Members of the Education Group,
I regret to announce the decision to present my resignation from the post of Secretary of Education.

The reasons are:

a) to date, at the end of the second notice I received very few answers to my exhortation to participate actively in work and initiatives to spread homeopathic medicine and promote training
b) my proposal to elaborate a Textbook of Homeopathy has not found enough support

c) my proposal to revise the procedures for accreditation of schools has remained a dead letter

I am therefore convinced that the Education Group needs another person who can do better than I do.

I would like to thank the President dr. Alok Pareek, the Vice-President dr. Gustavo Cataldi and the Prime General Secretary - dr. Altunay Söylemez Ağaoğlu for the esteem that I have received from them. I prefer come out of the Education Group from today's date to allow the election of a new secretary in view of the next Congress in South Africa. Best regards"

In fact, Pietro had suggested some projects in the working group, and there were few answers supporting them. Anyway, I think the few answers are, in general, for any issue that arises.

The projects that continued, and of which I now take charge, are:

Accreditation School: amendments: project that will be presented later and that corresponds to the latest proposals presented by the ECH in Leipzig

Textbook in Homeopathy: few members in the working group have joined the same, although it seems an attractive project for the teaching of Homeopathy in poor countries.

Basic Course of Homeopathy: the program was performed by Pietro, and is the one that is going to be possibly employed in Haiti under the Solidarity project.

Out of this, during this period the following schools, belonging to FIAMO, have been accredited:

[1. Scuola di Medicina Omeopatica di Verona](#)

[2. EMC Gruppo AFMO Reggio Calabria](#)

[3. Scuola Similia Similibus di Torino](#)

[4. Accademia Omeopatica Omphalon - Torino](#)

[5. Centro Studi La Ruota Milano](#)

[6. Effata Scuola di Omeopatia Classica – Lucca](#)

[7. Centro di Omeopatia Catania](#)

[8. SIOV Società Italiana di Omeopatia Veterinaria](#)

And it is in process of accreditation, from Russia: Международная Гомеопатическая Школа „ПРУВИНГ“ (International Homeopathic School "PROVING")

According to what was stated in Leipzig, and in order to harmonize the accreditation system of the LMHI with the ECH, I anticipated in the working group changes in the accreditation methodology.

URUGUAY

Dr. María Isabel González Lago NVP

The Association of Homeopathic Medicine of Uruguay (AMHU) created in 1988 and with legal status since 1995, composed by doctors and veterinarians.

At the present time it is the only teaching center of Homeopathic Medicine.

Our association develops and promotes scientific research in the field of Homeopathy, perform postgraduate courses for doctors and veterinarians with continuing Medical education.

Promote the knowledge of Homeopathy to the public in general through different information channels: magazines, radio, television, social networks

AMHU provides medical care to low-income population .

Very important legal progress has been achieved. From 1999 to the present it works the Commission for the Study of Alternative Medicines: Ministry of Public Health. In 2009 HOMEOPATHY is decreed as a MEDICAL ACT and in 2016 the Executive Power approves a Decree that establishes a Regulatory Framework for the preparation and registration of Homeopathic Medicine.

Meetings were held with the Director of Development of CLAEH, Private University of Medicine, for an Introduction to Homeopathic Medicine course.

A research group was created to carry out in school groups "Homeopathic treatment of pediculosis capitis"

A "Homeopathy in the community" projects that approach people in vulnerable situation, will be developing and also presented to the authorities. In the Veterinary University Homeopathy is present in the chair of Pharmacology since 2008. This year, admission to other specialized professions was also successful with several research projects .

The AMHU was declared of social interest by the Ministry of Education and Culture.



The Working Group for Provings currently consists of four members [Ashley Ross: Secretary (South Africa), Todd Hoover (USA), Agustin Salinas (Argentina) and Ute Fischbach-Sabel (Spain)]. These four members met with 5 members of the ECH Sub-committee Provings and the LMHI Secretary for Research [Raj Kumar Manchanda (India) to discuss the specific item of alignment of existing CCRH Proving methodology with the LMHI-ECH Harmonised Guidelines. The meeting was positive, in that points of overlap were identified to be more substantial than was originally understood, but there was an identified need for face-to-face engagement between the Secretary for Provings (LMHI), the Chair: Sub-committee for Provings (ECH) and the CCRH (including Indian homoeopaths actively engaged in provings to discuss and understand a handful of anomalies. It was proposed that the CCRH would spearhead an invitation to India to present a Workshop and engage in broad discussion on the most challenging points.

The collaboration on the LMHI-ECH Harmonised Guidelines initiated in 2013 continues to bear fruit. The Harmonised Guidelines is establishing itself as a reference document for regulators, researchers, educators and homoeopathic physicians with an interest in provings. There are three main points of focus within the activities related to the Harmonised Guidelines.

Multi-centre proving :

In December 2016 and the first half of 2017, we initiated the conduct of a double-blind placebo-controlled proving in 5 countries, using a single methodology, and an as yet unidentified remedy prepared by a single homoeopathic laboratory and couriered to each of the five countries. By original intention this proving would provide useful insights into a number of questions:

-Does a Harmonised Guidelines-aligned proving yield a useful and reliable proving

-To what extent are proving symptoms reproducible?

-To what extent are proving outcomes framed by cultural context, season, language, metaphor, and social constructs?

-What is the relationship between the 'materia medica' derived from each individual proving, the composite proving, and the existing knowledge of the (as yet unidentified) remedy?

The proving data have been translated and compiled into sets of English text reflections of 'results'. Although the methodology employed was standardised, the methodology for analysis and presentation of the 'results' has varied from country to country, and this will, unfortunately, make some of the originally-intended analytical comparisons very difficult. The Secretary for Provings, as co-ordinator of this enormous and unique project, will, over the next 4-6 months, need to review the very different data sets to identify a means of salvaging some of the analytical capacity between proving data sets. It is hoped that a paper will be presented on the answers (as far as these are possible) to the original questions at the next Congress in Italy (in honour of Dr Renzo Galassi who requested and facilitated the project).

Proposed 2nd Edition:

We have been in discussion with the ECH Sub-Committee around various aspects of a '2nd edition' of the Harmonised Guidelines, based on our very fruitful discussions with external groupings of various descriptions. We are currently in a phase of consultation on a small number of topics that need concerted interrogation. As steps towards finding resolution on some of the burning issues, we will be hosting a Pre-Congress Workshop at the 73rd LMHI Congress in Cape Town (04 September 2018), and at the upcoming ECH & IAVH Symposium in Sofia, Bulgaria on 15 November 2018.

Pre-Congress Proving Workshop :

The Pre-Congress Proving Workshop (04 September 2018) will be discussing three important questions in Provings:

-Adverse events in provings: how do we acknowledge and manage these within the proving itself, and within a regulatory framework?

-How can participation in a proving as a student enhance teaching and learning during basic homoeopathic education?

-Is there a need to 'regularise' C4-trituration provings within the existing Guidelines, or is this either premature or unnecessary?

The Workshop will be co-Chaired by Prof. Ashley Ross (LMHI: Secretary for Provings) and Dr Jean-Pierre Jansen (Chair: ECH Sub-committee for Provings), with presentations by Dr Peter Smith, Dr David Naude, Dr Hélène Renoux and Dr Madhu Maharaj.

Clinical Verification Research :

Largely in response to a specific query by a regulatory body, there has been some attention paid over the past two years to the vexing fundamental question of whether the implementation of a proving methodology indeed does i) produce verifiable and substance-specific effects and ii) that the clinical effectiveness of a prescription is correlated to the overlap between demonstrable proving effects and symptoms manifest in patients. It is increasingly being recognised that a proving is not a linear experimental process [i.e. apply a substance; note the effects] but rather a 'cycle' of which 'clinical verification' is the 'missing half' [i.e. apply the substance; note the effects; prescribe to the sick according to the documented effects; note the clinical effects (positive and negative)]. In the face of regulatory pressures, we will need to focus attention on this area in the coming years.

Comments :

Within the broader domain of homoeopathic research, the understanding and refinement of provings and proving methodology are an active area of engagement. This fundamental aspect of our science and art is of critical importance to the growth of our materia medica, and an understanding of the experimental phenomenon itself is critical to our ability to place our work on a solid footing and to ensure the regulation of our medicines. It is nonetheless, critical that we develop mechanisms for more active engagement across countries so as to increase the efficiency and co-ordination of our efforts. The LMHI-ECH collaboration on all aspects of Provings is a wonderful example of organisations and groupings within homoeopathy setting aside political and philosophical differences in pursuit of a greater goal. However, the work is largely that of individuals who identify with each other and share a passion for an area of work, and the pace of progress would definitely increase with increased co-ordination and formalization of structures.

U.S.A.

Dr Daniel Cook, NVP



The news in homeopathic medicine in the United States centers on the actions of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At this time, things are in process with no changes to the current regulations. Up to now the FDA has not reviewed drug products labeled as homeopathic, but instead placed them in a separate category and deferred consideration of them, in effect granting oversight to the homeopathic profession and manufacturing companies for medications included in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (HPUS). In December 2017 the FDA proposed a draft guideline change, titled "Drug Products Labeled as Homeopathic: Guidance for FDA Staff and Industry". This would remove the distinction of over-the-counter homeopathic medicines to be considered differently from allopathic medicines. It is not yet implemented.

The FDA this year is more interested in hearing from consumers rather than from providers or manufacturers. Because of that, a very dynamic mom, Paola Brown, created a mothers' consumer group called Americans for Homeopathic Choice. With the help of an activist lawyer and homeopathic supporter, Jim Turner, they have twice met with members of the FDA to express concern about the new draft guidelines. AIH President Ron Dushkin was present at one meeting. Jim and Paola, with the help of two AIH Officers, have created a document called a Citizens Petition. This is a legal document that has the potential to slow down or perhaps even block the FDA from moving forward on the implementation of these new proposed guidelines.

The AIH convened last Autumn to hear Roger Morrison at its annual conference, and this October will meet in Ohio for a seminar with André Saine.

Secretary for Research

Dr. Raj Kumar Manchanda, India



A) Scientific Framework of Homeopathy

The document on "Scientific Framework of Homeopathy", a joint publication of LMHI, European Committee for Homeopathy and Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH) is being revamped. The chapters will be rewritten, considering the lapse of time since they were last written (2013) and in last five years, research outcomes have given further direction and set newer goals for research. So, apart from updating the compendium of researches that are mentioned in the document, there is a need also to revisit the chapters in the light of latest researches.

This is being planned through involving the researchers/editors/reviewers who are having considerable experience in homeopathy research and/or scientific writing. A list of such skilled resource persons is attached (Enclosure 1), for discussion, and further editing during the meeting. The basic plan is to divide the existing (and new?) chapters among the identified set of people who will be the authors/contributors of respective chapters, as per their field of expertise.

Meanwhile, the document has been fortified with latest researches of the last year in respective chapters.

B) Index of Homeopathy journals/magazines

An attempt to prepare all-inclusive index of the existing homeopathy journals/magazines/newsletters (indexed/peer-reviewed/ non peer-reviewed) has been made, with the aim of providing a source of quick reference for checking out various journals. This list should be of interest to both readers and researchers. The first draft is attached as Enclosure 2. I urge all our NVPs to prepare a list of Homeopathy journals/magazines being published in their countries to make this list more complete and encompassing as many languages as possible. Old journals no more in circulation, but have been contributory in the past, may also be included. Eventually, we can plan digitalization of these journals.

C) Rejoinders/ Submissions

LMHI owes the responsibility of giving befitting and timely rejoinders to the misleading or offending reports or statements on Homeopathy, or submitting comments in favour of Homeopathy, as and when such questions are opened to public domain for consideration.

Last year, rejoinders/submissions have been sent for: "Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation" (The King Review) in July 2017.

Draft WHO technical document on clinical research in traditional and complementary medicine in Sep 2017.

European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) statement on Homeopathic Products and Practices in October, 2017

The same are attached for everyone's knowledge (Enclosures 3, 4 & 5).

D) Network building – Spreading the right word among the homeopathic community.

Keeping in tune with one of the LMHI mandates of securing of homeopathy worldwide, Dr. Rachel Roberts, CEO, HRI (UK), who had come to India in January 2018 to spread the word about efforts being exerted against NHMRC report, was invited in various meets organized to sensitize Indian homeopathic doctors and students about how and what should be the right approach in dealing with situations when plausibility and credibility of Homeopathy are questions.

Similar short sensitization meets, where homeopathic practitioners and enthusiasts can be sensitized on the ways to project the accurate image of Homeopathy to the world, and the use of social media in achieving this, should be contemplated for keeping our fraternity more 'informed' and 'prepared' for such anti-homeopathy attacks or developments.

E) Facilitating agreements/MoUs

Last year, CCRH had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with WissHom Association and Robert Bosch Foundation (RBF), Germany, on the sidelines of LMHI Congress. While we are in the process of conducting Meta-analysis of RCTs with the former, a collection/ study of archives is being done in collaboration with RBF for establishment of a homeopathy museum in India. LMHI is thus the right platform to interact with various like-minded researchers/ practitioners/ organisations and consider agreements to pursue work of research or development of Homeopathy in a joint manner.

F) Scientific Convention on World Homeopathy Day 2018

This year, the undersigned could not attend the LMHI celebrations of Hahnemann's Birth anniversary in Russia since a two-day convention was organised in New Delhi by CCRH on the occasion of World Homeopathy Day, on 10-11th April 2018. The event was inaugurated by the Vice President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu. This day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homeopathy, Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann. CCRH had organised this scientific convention on the World Homeopathy Day to pay tribute to Dr. Hahnemann, on his 263rd birth anniversary. Since this year also marks 40 years of establishment of CCRH, the theme of this convention was "Innovate; Evolve; Progress: Exploring Science for 40 years". The convention saw the release of the book on 'Standard Treatment Guidelines' released today is a result of years of effort put forth by scientists and clinicians on 20 important diseases (List of diseases enclosed). The event was attended by 1500 delegates that comprised homeopathy practitioners, researchers, teachers and students. CCRH signed MoUs with 20 homeopathic colleges with the aim to provide infrastructural push with research perspective to these colleges.

G) Approaching WHO

LMHI, along with other international/ research organisations should constitute a panel to voice the views of the homeopathic community to the WHO. Recently, WHO has appointed an ayurvedic practitioner from India for representations on matters related to Ayurveda. Similarly, it will only be prudential for appointing a homeopathic practitioner from a European country (since Homeopathy has European origin) for apt representations, especially in the cases with limited scope on conventional medicine, as also on quality assurance standards for homeopathic medicines. Other agenda could include:

a-Use of homeopathic medicines where antibiotics are not prescribed/recommended for use.

b-Use of homeopathic medicines in multimorbid cases.

c-WHO document on quality and safety evaluation for homeopathic medicines <http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/traditional/Homeopathy.pdf?ua=1> was released in _____. WHO should take initiative to develop a revised document, considering the new knowledge in homeopathy drug sector.

d-Developing document on 'Benchmarks for training in Homeopathy' (On the lines of Benchmarks for training in Ayurveda: <http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/traditional/BenchmarksforTraininginAyurveda.pdf>)

e-LMHI may consider clarifying its stand on vaccination to WHO. If we are to look up to WHO's support, we can not be disapproving a lot that has been achieved by WHO in public health. We can argue the harmful effects of some vaccines, but not openly so in social media, unless those effects are acknowledged by WHO.

H) Future Vision

a-Restructuring of Scientific Framework Document

b-Sensitisation workshops/ meets for role and responsibility of homeopathic practitioners in social media.

c-Elaborate indexing of homeopathy journals

d-Inter-organisational Panel constitution for approaching WHO strategically for various issues.

This concludes the LMHI Research Secretary report 2018.

Thank you all for all possible support I was extended all this while!

Secretary for P.R.

Bernardo A Merizalde, MD, DHT, U.S.A.



The PR committee has been busy posting updates from the publications from the media, both pro and against, on Facebook, LinkedIn, and WhatsApp LMHI PR group. We have also addressed a number of events that have occurred since our last meeting in September, 2017.

In the interim, we have responded to requests from the Rumanian Society of Homeopathy for LMHI's support in addressing their government's attempt to undermine the stance of homeopathic products through legislative changes. We have not received news of how this effort has evolved.

In January, 2018, a letter was sent to the NVP of the various countries where homeopathy has a legal standing, requesting them, or any other individuals who would be interested in collaborating in the project, to reach out to their respective national governmental health department, or secretariat, to communicate to the World Health Organization (WHO), that there is a standard for education and training of professional medical homeopaths, or that such a process is being developed, to help the WHO realize that homeopathic medicine is a viable medical treatment in public health. The only information regarding has come from Dr. Graf-Lischter, president of Dakomed, the Swiss association of medical homeopaths, on a letter to the WHO regarding the standards of official training of homeopaths in Switzerland, which tend to be higher than the ones required by other European countries.

In October, the LMHI had to respond, in conjunction with the ECH, to a statement made by the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) on Homeopathic Products and Practices, declaring it unscientific and proven to be inefficacious, based on publications of studies that have been found to be biased, by the professional scientists within the homeopathic community. We haven't received a response from the EASAC, and don't expect to get one.

In May, 2018, the LMHI sent a couple of letters to the Commissioner of the FDA in the US, the first, regarding homeopathy's legal standing and practice around the world and encouraging his to consider maintaining the, so called, CPG 400.400 guidelines, which provide a clearer and more defined articles to maintain the standards of production and marketing of homeopaths, instead of new proposed guidelines, which are more vague and undermine the status of homeopathy in the marketplace including labelling products as unscientific. Currently, there is a citizen's petition, signed by concerned consumers, requesting the FDA maintain the CPG 400.400 guidelines, which last reviewed in 2015. The FDA has yet to finalize their position. The second letter was to address a response from the FDA, to the first letter, stating that homeopathy was unproven in clinical efficacy or safety. The LMHI reiterated the evidence to contend with that misperception.

In June if this year the LMHI also submitted a letter to the president of the OMC, an organization from Spain, addressing statements he made, through his organization's communication media, declaring homeopathy as lacking scientific evidence and of being, basically, unethical. We don't expect an answer from him, or such organization. In general, we are still dealing with journalists and skeptics who consistently attack homeopathy. The question remains whether we should answer each negative article, while sorting out their intention, if that is possible at all.

According to some opinion, it is useless to answer to skeptics, they don't want to understand; it is waster of time and resources. Instead, it is proposed that we reach to the public; we need to educate the public about the scientific evidence available for homeopathy.

We need to send, and post, consistently, positive publicity through our patient contingents. We can't fight against it head-to-head; we need to find the audience who wants or is willing to listen. We need to explain where we are coming from, directly and consistently.

We usually talk about attacks from skeptics and we don't have to continue that way. We need to focus on what we are good at and diffuse that. Public information can help patients and potential users while deflecting the effects the attacks on homeopathy may have on them.

We could have a professional PR agency to work on public relations for homeopathy, but that will cost money. They could help draft targeted material through newspapers and other involvement with the media.

As LMHI members and practitioners we need to become more adept at connecting through various social media sites. The individual LMHI members should log on and "like" the LMHI website to increase its ranking in search engine optimization. This will increase the website's visibility. We could create a vast, worldwide network of professionals, diffusing the positive information. We can counterbalance the trolling against homeopathy.

We need to interconnect, between LMHI members and other affiliated and related homeopathic associations, through the social media sites such as: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. We also need to have the LMHI website, and the corresponding Facebook page, up to date so it can be a source of reliable and authoritative information that the committee and LMHI members can use, and that can help to inform the public.

Social media can be powerful, but we also need to be careful of what is posted, it could be information not acceptable to the LMHI principles, and any material should be run by a member from this committee to make sure it is legitimate and appropriate. However, if the material has already been posted on one the LMHI website, or its Facebook page, you can "like" and "share," to your followers. You can also copy and paste the information in a newsletter you may send to your list of patients. They are the best advocates, for your practice and for homeopathy.

People need to be informed about how to log in to the LMHI page. Up to now, the site's analytics show few people are login in. As more information is added perhaps that will increase the interest. However, LMHI website needs to have a way to attract the members.

The web has a lot of good and bad information on homeopathy. Unfortunately, Wikipedia's page on homeopathy been impossible to change; whenever more accurate information is added it is taken out by editors in control.

The World Health Organization (WHO) still doesn't recognizing homeopathy. They don't recognize Homeopathy World Day either. The director of traditional medicine for the WHO should be invited to get to know us better so homeopathy can be a more integral part of the "integration of traditional medicine by 2020, to sustainable healthcare." Perhaps there can be a general leaflet for patients to have in their offices about the LMHI. The organization should be a single voice to answer questions and controversies accordingly avoid ambiguity.

National Vice President/ National Contact Report Form

Name of the Country:

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

Members: Number of members in his/her country.

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

Schools: Names of homeopathic schools or courses.

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

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

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

The American Journal of Homeopathic Medicine(AJHM)

The American Journal of Homeopathic Medicine(AJHM) is a peer-reviewed scientific journal, specifically intended to meet the needs of physicians involved in the specialty of homeopathy. The editor invites original manuscripts, feature articles, research reports, 'Homeopathic Grand Rounds' cases studies, abbreviated case reports for 'Clinical Snapshots,' seminar reports, and position papers that focus on homeopathy, as well as book reviews and letters to the editor.

Submit articles via email to Alex Bekker, MD, at alexbekker@alexbekkermd.com.

Also here are the AIH Journal PDF files for the year of 2018

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POST CONGRESS TOUR AFTER THE LMHI 2018 CONGRESS IN CAPETOWN

After a wonderful and very well organized 73rd LMHI Congress, 2018, in Cape Town, South Africa, almost two dozen delegates embarked on a tour to visit and learn more about this extraordinary and rich country, with an impressive history of innovations in many areas, humanistic, scientific and engineering. The land is lush and vibrant with color and people from many cultures. After arriving at the Durban airport, we took a tour bus, and were led by a very knowledgeable tour guide, who is actually a history teacher.

On the first day of the Durban tour we visited first Museum of Mahatma Gandhi near Durban. Ela Ghandi, Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter, welcomed and guided us through the museum. We learned the reason he had come to South Africa was to assist the Indian Community who had immigrated to South Africa to work in the sugarcane plantations and needed legal representation. Mahatma Gandhi spent 21 years in South Africa, and his life was shaped by a number of events, including the now famous incident when he was thrown off a train for sitting in the 'whites only' section. These shaped his passive resistance movement, influenced by Henry David Thoreau, Leo Tolstoy, John Ruskin, Adolf Just, and Henry Salt, from the West, as well as a return to Vedic philosophy. His communal Phoenix settlement was on a 100 acres farm that contained his home, a community centre and the printing press from which he produced the Indian Opinion, to share his ideas. Today what remains of the farm is dedicated to a museum where history is laid out on panels across the walls.

The same day we went to John Dube's Ohlange Institute, established in 1901, is the first educational institution founded by a black person in South Africa, on donated land. In the first democratic elections in 1994, Nelson Mandela elected to cast his vote at Ohlange, as a symbolic homage to the history and legacy of Mr. Dube. Mr. XXX welcomed us very warmly in the museum dedicated to the history of South Africa and life of Nelson Mandela. After visiting the city center of Durban we proceed to Umhlanga. The next days the group had a marvellous time in the game drive (safari) in Hluhluwe---iMfolozi Park and Isimangaliso Wetland Park.

Figure 1 Prof. Ashley Ross



The last day we visited Durban University of Technology (DUT) – Faculty & Ukuba Nesibindi Clinic under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Ashley Ross. The Department of Homoeopathy at the Durban University of Technology has been offering a Master's degree in Homoeopathy since 1989. This academic programme is relatively unique, outside of India, in providing a complete and robust full-time medical training in Medical Sciences and Homoeopathy, with significant governmental subsidy.

After a short briefing on the excellent education program in the DUT and the facilities, we visited the Anatomy dissection halls and museum, laboratories -which can the envy of many centres of learning- the university library, the Homoeopathy Department and the campus clinic, as well as an community clinic that has been operating in the nearby Warwick Junction for 13 years.

Figure 2 Dr. Taylor at Ukuba Nesibindi Health Centre



Because the patients can't afford to leave their tables the local market to go to the doctors, the doctors come to them. They sit with the patients, evaluate them, take their case, and if they need a physical examination or blood work, they have a borrowed office in the premises where they can do their work.

They will then sit and consult with each other, repertorize the patient's symptoms, and select the best treatment of the patient. The staff will then go through the market delivering the medicines to each patient. On a subsequent visit to the market they will follow up on each patient.

At this site, as well as in the other clinics, they treat all kinds of pathology, includes chronic hepatitis, B & C, HIV, and other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as all the various diseases normally treated in a primary care health care centre.

The medicines are manufactured in various dynamizations, from the LM series to higher Centesimals, at the DUT, where they also conduct research, identification and proving of new plants and animal medicines.

The faculty is collecting the clinical data and it is planned to be completed and published shortly. This data will likely provide an incredible and reliable evidence of the clinical effect of homeopathic medicine and its use in public health, cost effectively.

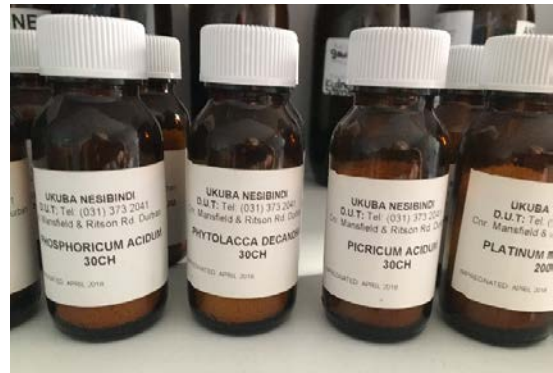
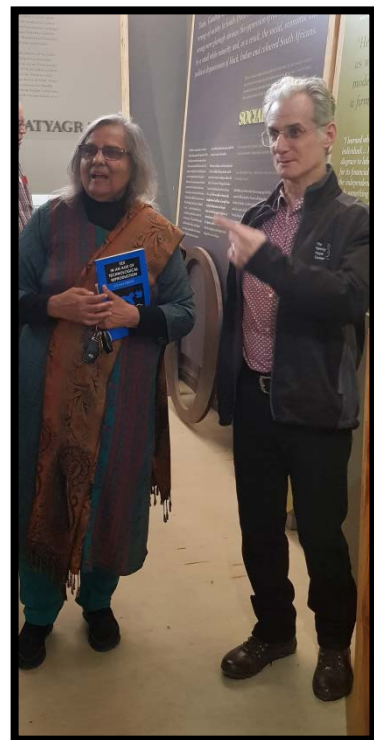


Figure 3 Medicines from DUT Provided to Patients

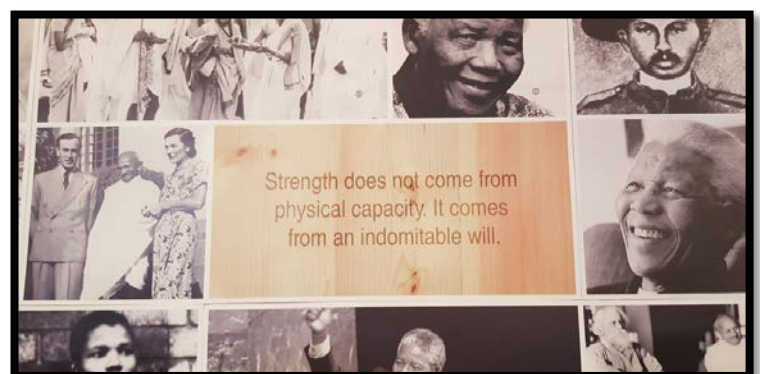
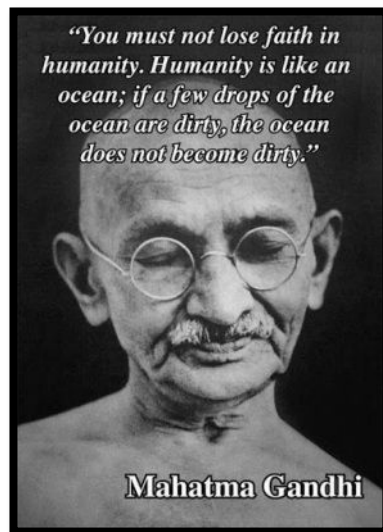
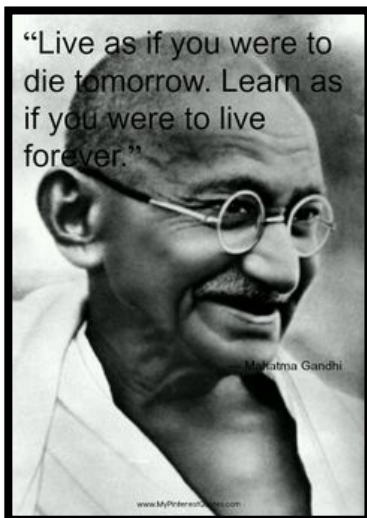
Visit to the Museum of Mahatma Gandhi



LMHI President Alok Pareek and his wife with Ela Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter



Ela Gandhi with our P.R. Sec. Bernardo Merizalde



CALL FOR ELECTIONS

Sorrento-Italy 2019

Dear colleagues,

The 74th LMHI Congress will be held September 25-28, 2019 in Sorrento, Italy. Please note that the International Council Meeting 2019 will take place on 23th of September 2019 in Sorrento. The place will be announced in the next Newsletter and with mail to the NVP's / NCP's. During the International Council meeting elections of all the LMHI Executive Committee posts (including Secretaries) will take place. Experienced and skilled LMHI full members who would like to stand as candidates for any open LMHI Executive Committee and Secretary position should send their application letters and CVs, no later than June 15th, 2019 to both the e-mail addresses simultaneously: altunaysoylemez@gmail.com and lmhi.assistant@gmail.com. The application letter should express the motivation and reasons for the candidacy in a short and clear way. It is advisable that the candidate for a post on the Executive Committee has been a member of the LMHI at least for three years.

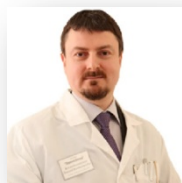
The candidates should be aware that all the posts are on voluntarily basis demanding the high level of commitment and altruism for the fulfilment of the daily tasks and management of the organisation. The general secretary will distribute the list of Executive Candidates to all members of the International Council with the agenda that is mailed one month prior to the International Council Meeting.

We look forward to your applications and to involvement of new members within the LMHI Executive Board and Secretaries.

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu
General Secretary

The XXIX scientific-practical conference

"The development of the homeopathic method in modern medicine"



by Prof. Leonid KOSMODEMYANSKY, MSc President Russian Homeopathic SocietyProf

The XXIX scientific-practical conference "The development of the homeopathic method in modern medicine" was held on January 25-26, 2019 at the Russian Peoples Friendship University (RUDN University).

For the first time such a large-scale event in the life of the Russian homeopathy occurred within the walls of one of the leading universities of the country. The conference was attended by experts from various regions of Russia and foreign countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, France, Estonia).

The conference participants were greeted in a video message by the President of the International Medical Homeopathic League, Dr. Alok Pareek. Having noted the main goals and objectives of the development of homeopathy in the world, Dr. Alok Pareek supported Russian specialists by recalling the main historical milestones in the development of homeopathy in Russia. I wished creative success on the not simple, but correct path of development of the homeopathic treatment method in modern medicine.

Before the official opening of the scientifically-practical conference, the VIII Russian Homeopathic Congress was held, at which the Chairman of the National Council on Homeopathy A.A. Karpeev, noting in his speech the most pressing issues, the solution of which is vital for the further development of homeopathy in Russia.

The conference was attended by Russian and foreign experts, colleagues from all over Russia came to exchange experiences.

The organization of the conference was attended by leading public professional organizations - the Russian Homeopathic Society, the National Council for Homeopathy and the Russian Homeopathic Association with the support of the International Medical Homeopathic League.

The conference participants appreciated the high level of organization and holding of such a significant event and thanked the leadership of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia and the Department of Homeopathy of the Institute of Oriental Medicine of RUDN University for their worthy organization and high level of the conference.

To those who demand scientific evidence for homeopathy

by Marcus Zulian Teixeira



Upon discussing homeopathy in various settings, we often find that people react with mistrust, raise doubts about its scientific grounds and therapeutic validity. Widely disseminated in the mass media, in an indistinct and reiterated manner, the fallacy – or post-truth – asserting “there are no scientific evidence for homeopathy” is incorporated into the collective subconscious, which thus serves as strategy to increase prejudice and radicalize postures against this bicentennial medical approach.

A fruit of disinformation or of negation of the studies that provide grounds to the homeopathic paradigm in many scientific fields, prejudice is once and again fed by unfavorable pieces published in mass media and social networks, which, in turn, very seldom divulgate studies with results favorable to homeopathy. To elucidate doctors and society at large in this regard and to demystify culturally rooted dogmatic attitudes, the [Technical Chamber for Homeopathy, Regional Medical Council of the State of São Paulo](#) (CREMESP, Brazil) prepared Special Dossier, “[Evidências Científicas em Homeopatia](#)”. This project had the support of the Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association (AMHB) and the São Paulo Homeopathic Medical Association (APH) via online divulgation in its scientific journal, [Revista de Homeopatia](#).

After this publication, in view of the request of homeopathic doctors and institutions from other countries, the Technical Chamber for Homeopathy, CREMESP, produced an edition of the dossier in English, “[Scientific Evidence for Homeopathy](#)”, which is also available online in the [Revista de Homeopatia](#).

In addition to describing the global situation of homeopathy as a medical specialty and its inclusion in the curricula of medical schools, the dossier further includes reviews on research lines that provide grounds to the homeopathic assumptions, to wit: therapeutic similitude, homeopathic pathogenetic trials, serial and agitated dilutions (high dilutions – HDs), and individualization based on the set of characteristic symptoms exhibited by patient/disease. Similarly, the efficacy and safety of homeopathic treatment are demonstrated in randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trials, systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

The dossier begins by a review entitled “[Homeopathy: a brief description of this medical specialty](#)”, which discusses historical, social and political aspects of the institutionalization of homeopathy in Brazil and its inclusion in health care systems. It further describes the reasons for patients to seek this therapeutic approach. The review on “[Medical education in non-conventional therapeutics in the world \(homeopathy and acupuncture\)](#)” highlights the relevance of the inclusion of homeopathy and acupuncture in the curriculum of medical schools in many countries around the world. Such inclusion – actualized in various modalities specifically targeting undergraduate and graduate students, medical residents and practicing doctors - is a result of the increasing interest of patients, leading to a similar interest among doctors to learn about such medical approaches. Looking to providing scientific grounds to the therapeutic similitude principle through systematic study of the rebound effect of modern drugs, the review entitled “[Scientific basis of the homeopathic healing principle in modern pharmacology](#)” discusses hundreds of studies published in high-impact scientific journals and that demonstrate a conceptual and phenomenological similarity between rebound effect and the vital reaction (or secondary action) homeopathic treatment elicits. Aiming at broadening the implications of such similarity, the author describes the use of modern drugs according to the therapeutic similitude principle, which leads to the application of the rebound effect (paradoxical reaction of the organism) with curative intention. To account for the plausibility of the homeopathic use of HDs, the present dossier includes three reviews that describe the advances made in fundamental research along the past decades: “[The soundness of homeopathic fundamental research](#)”, “[Effects of homeopathic high dilutions on in vitro models: literature review](#)”, and “[Effects of homeopathic high dilutions on plants: literature review](#)”. These reviews discuss hundreds of experiments and dozens of lines of research that together demonstrate the effects of HDs in physical-chemical and biological models (*in vitro*, plants and animals).



Demonstrating that the positive effects of homeopathic treatment are not mere placebo effect, as it is widely advertised, review “[Clinical research in homeopathy: systematic reviews and randomized clinical trials](#)” describes the positive results found in dozens of homeopathic placebo-controlled clinical trials targeting variable clinical conditions, as well as systematic reviews and meta-analyses. These results are particularly illustrated by two clinical trials conducted at prestigious Brazilian research institutions: “[Potentized estrogen in homeopathic treatment of endometriosis-associated pelvic pain: A 24-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study](#)” and “[Randomized, double-blind trial on the efficacy of homeopathic treatment in children with recurrent tonsillitis](#)”. As concerns the safety of homeopathic treatment, the review entitled “[Do homeopathic medicines cause drug-dependent adverse effects or aggravations?](#)” demonstrates, through an analysis of placebo-controlled clinical trials, that although mild and transient, homeopathic medicines cause more adverse effects compared to placebo. The final review, “[Do homeopathic medicines induce symptoms in apparently healthy volunteers? The Brazilian contribution to the debate on homeopathic pathogenetic trials](#)” discusses the historical development and the state of the art in homeopathic pathogenetic experimentation. These experiments are conducted to establish the curative properties of drugs (pathogenetic effects on health individuals) that ground the application of the therapeutic similitude principle.

Despite the ongoing difficulties and limitations opposing the development of research in homeopathy – partly due to methodological aspects, and partly to lack of institutional and financial support – the experimental and clinical studies described in this dossier, which ground the homeopathic assumptions and confirm the efficacy and safety of this approach to therapeutics – provide unquestionable proof for the “availability of scientific evidence for homeopathy”, against the false and prejudiced opinion that is widely divulgated. Nevertheless, further studies are still needed to improve clinical practice and elucidate some aspects peculiar to the homeopathic paradigm.

With the divulgation of the present dossier, prepared with the support of Technical Chamber for Homeopathy, CREMESP, we hope to dispel doubts and sensitize our colleagues as to the validity and relevance of homeopathy as adjuvant treatment complementary to all other medical specialties according to ethical and safe principles. Our overall goals are to broaden the understanding of human disease, increase the therapeutic resources, contribute to the definition and effectiveness of medicine in chronic diseases, minimize the adverse effects of modern drugs and strengthen the patient-doctor relationship, among other aspects. In this way, we will be able to work together, since “The physician’s high and only mission is to restore the sick to health, to cure, as it is termed (Samuel Hahnemann, *Organon of medicine*, § 1).

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World Homeopathy Day, on April 10, 2019

The **LMHI** (Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis) and the **AIH** (American Institute of Homeopathy) are celebrating the **World Homeopathy Day**, on April 10, 2019, honoring Samuel Hahnemann's birthday, and the 175th anniversary of the founding of the AIH.

The meeting will take place in **Philadelphia**, and the scheduled lectures will be on:

- The history of homeopathy and legality in the United States and Philadelphia, by Dr. Ron Whitmont, AIH Past President.
- The influence of Swedenborg on Philadelphia's early homeopaths by Professor **John Haller**;
- An overview of the clinical practice of the old Philadelphia homeopaths (Hering, Lippe, Guernsey, Kent, etc), by Dr.**Renzo Galassi**, LMHI Past President;
- The history of the lay movement, by Prof. **Haller**;
- Post-graduate homeopathic education, by Dr. **Alex Bekker**, 2nd VP for the AIH;
- Research in homeopathy, by Dr. **Jennifer Jacobs**, researcher and AIH Past President;
- The presentation of the film "Just One Drop" with the newly added Epilogue, with a QA and meet and greet with the director and producer of the film, **Laurel Chiten**.
- Following a light dinner, there will be a benefit concert by the Paul Winter Trio.

The event will take place in **Philadelphia, U.S.A.** at the **Connolly Auditorium, Thomas Jefferson University's** Hamilton Building, from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Information on registration will be forthcoming.

LMHI as a non-profit organization: Appeal for donations

The LMHI has recently obtained the legal status of a non-profit organization, according to the legal requirements in Germany where the LMHI has its statutory seat. We are grateful to be able to announce that we are now entitled to issue donation receipts for your financial contributions – and we need donations. Each of you can spread the information of “Donations for LMHI” among your patients, friends and every person who can contribute to our great and important project for Homeopathy.

Patients, colleagues, institutions all over the world now have the possibility to stimulate the important activities of the LMHI.

The LMHI supports national homeopathic associations which need financial aid by stimulating basic and clinical research, by providing basic homeopathic teaching books to guarantee a proper homeopathic education.

According to the LMHI statutes, the main purposes of the LMHI are:

- the development and securing of homeopathy world-wide, and
- the creation of a link among licensed homeopaths with medical diplomas and societies and persons who are interested in homeopathy.

The LMHI is exclusively devoted to non-profit activities serving philanthropic benefits.

How to donate ;

We welcome and rely on donations of money to support ongoing LMHI projects and to be able to start new ones! You will be given a donation receipt. To make a financial contribution, you can submit a bank transfer to the LMHI bank account ;

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We are very thankful for each donation – no matter how big or small – that helps us to continue our commitment to securing and promoting homeopathy in the world.



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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

on behalf of **LMHI Italy** (FIAMO - Federazione Italiana Associazioni Medici Omeopati; LUIMO - Libera Università Internazionale di Medicina Omeopatica), we are very glad to announce you that Italy will host the 74th LMHI Congress, **to be held in Sorrento (Naples) from September 25 to September 28 2019.**

The World Congress of Homeopathic Medicine will be back in our Country after 23 years.

Capri hosted the 51st LMHI Congress (2-6 October 1996), and now it will be Sorrento: a true jewel embedded in the Gulf of Naples, famous worldwide for its balmy climate, Mediterranean scents, excellent cuisine and lovely landscape.

Sorrento represents a “symbolic pathway back to the origins”, to the historical roots of Homeopathy; Naples has been indeed the crib of Italian Homeopathy, and one of the main dissemination center of Homeopathic culture in Europe and Worldwide. Solidity of the roots is the best guarantee of development for our discipline. It’s not by chance that the main theme of the Congress (“The Medicine of the Future from the ancient heart!”) will be the ancient paradigm of Similarity, which inspired and linked most of the ancient medical systems, and still arouses curiosity of Physicians and Researchers. Still this methodology has been and still is subject to sharp prejudices and misrepresentations. In order to defend and promote our discipline, we thought to reconsider Similarity in a 360° view, considering modern Scientific and methods’ disclosures.

Internationally renowned Homeopaths will present and discuss their experiences, however we warmly invite all of you to show your valuable contribution!

All info relevant to Congress themes, registration, deadlines, call for abstracts, etc are available on the website:

www.lmhi2019.org.

The Congress Venue will be the renowned Hilton Sorrento Palace (<http://www.hiltonsorrentopalace.it/hotel/>), offering an Auditorium for more than 1.500 participants; a great number of meeting rooms, and a wide exhibition area for Sponsor companies.

In order to promote participation from all over the World, we decided to offer different reasonable Registration Fees, especially for colleagues from Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. Moreover, an application will be made to the EACCME® for CME accreditation of the scientific Programme of the Congress.

On the occasion of the Welcome Reception (Sept. 24th) guests will hear a Concert devoted to the great Masters of Music who were cured by Homeopathy” (Chopin, Paganini, Beethoven, Schumann, Cole Porter, etc.): an event not to be missed!

Participants will be offered as complimentary gifts:

- The “Italian Homeopathic Bibliography”, which is the complete list of text and articles produced/written by Italian Homeopaths from 1820 to 1939
- A Commemorative Cover with a special Postmark that will be released by the Italian Post Office.

An intensive social programme will grant the possibility to visit special sites such as Amalfi, Positano, Capri, Pompei, etc. ; while a special visit in Rome will be organized at the end of the Congress in order to visit the Historical Museum of Homeopathy, located in Piazza Navona.

Sorrento awaits all of you!

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