Honoring the 264th birthday of Dr. Hahnemann and exploring The Historical & Scientific Validation of Homeopathy

World Homoeopathy Day (WHD) is observed annually on April 10 as tribute to the founder and father of homeopathy, Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann.

2019 World Homeopathy Day, U.S.A.
Dear colleagues,

it was wonderful to see the many countries that celebrated World Homeopathy Day (WHD). Much effort and time was given. In the United States, much thanks must be given to Bernardo Merizalde, (LMHI Secretary of Public Relations) and Renzo Galassi (Past LMHI President) and many others from the American Institute of Homeopathy.

India also had a fantastic World Homeopathy Day. This had a great impact on Afghanistan becoming part of the LIGA MEDICORUM HOMEOPATHICA INTERNATIONALIS (LMHI). Please also see the amazing article.

Please also see the marvelous details on the WHD of the other countries in this LIGA LETTER.

On January 23-25 2019 in Goa, India, the World Integrated Medical Form was held. Please see this superb article. "More than a billion patients worldwide are demanding safe and effective medicines for their healthcare. As a result, the demand for Homoeopathy is growing. There is still a highly disparate situation among countries with regard to the regulations of homeopathic medicines and this directly affects the availability of these medicines."

This will be the final LIGA LETTER/NEWS that I will be participating in as Secretary of the Newsletter. I will be finishing my second three-year term this year, (the bylaws allow only two terms). I wish to give tremendous gratification to all those involved in helping me with these publications. Renzo Galassi must be put at the top the list for all his tremendous experience and knowledge of homeopathy and its history. His brilliant ability as acting as editor of the LMHI (LIGA) NEWS has been of much appreciation.

Special gratitude must also be given to Evin Turkay for her editorial support, layout and mailing. She has been very generous in receiving no fees for doing the LIGA LETTER. Her ability in art and color have been very inspiring to make these publications of very excellent quality.

Again, it has been said many times, the working group, which Renzo established, have very generously given their time and effort: Altunay Agaoglu, Dan Cook, Bernhard Zauner, Bernardo Merizalde and Pietro Guila.

It has, indeed, been an honor and privilege to be associated with the Executive Committee and the International Committee and all the brilliant authors of the various articles on the magnificent medicine of homeopathy.

Onwards and Upwards
Richard
Dear Colleagues,

“The law, being of divine origin, is complete, perfect and fixed; the school being composed of erring humanity is incomplete, imperfect and changeable.”

- From Kent’s Address to International Hahnemann Association

Dear Colleagues of LMHI family,

The above words from Kent are as important today as they were more than a century ago. I especially share them with you in light of the upcoming LMHI congress in Italy in September 2019. We ought to constantly persist in our pursuit of perfecting our “school” through learning, sharing and evolving. Constantly bettering ourselves and exchanging the same in the fraternity is the highest service we can do for our science. All this WITHOUT compromising on our laws – the foundations on which we stand.

As we approach our upcoming annual congress in September 2019 in Sorrento, Italy, we are also approaching completion of one of our triennials sessions of the board. This is all the more important as the new board will take over with new zeal and fresh vigour.

You my friends - the individual members, are the most important part of the LMHI functioning and I request you all to actively contribute to the LMHI work by dissipating the LMHI issued statements, being in regular touch with your NVPs and/or communicate with the board on any important issue.

I welcome you all to Sorrento and wish you a socially enjoyable and scientifically enriching congress.

Best Wishes,

Dr Alok Pareek
President - LMHI
Held in one of the revered epicenters of world homeopathy, Philadelphia, where Hering, Lippe, H.N. Guernsey, and Kent practiced, and where the first World Homeopathic Convention was held in 1876, the event presented “The Historical and Scientific Validation of Homeopathy.” Two of the strongest talks were by Ron Whitmont, past President of AIH, and Jennifer Jacobs. Dr Whitmont was returning from a 2-day effort organized by concerned citizens – not prescribers – in Washington, DC to meet members of Congress and educate them about homeopathy from the perspective not of paid industry lobbyists but from patients, mothers, voters. As Dr Whitmont reports, "The solution here is not to "Fight a Battle," but to use the power of education and gentle collaboration. What I learned in Washington is that the people in these Congressional offices are our friends, but they don’t know it (and we don’t know it) until we arrive and (in an organized fashion) educate them about what is really going on. As soon as these people hear the truth, they know it. It is much more powerful than propaganda, and when thousands of parents are involved, it will have an impact.” The FDA’s mission is to protect consumers and so should be more responsive to citizens than to physicians. Material on homeopathy was distributed to 540 Congressional offices, and over 175 Congressional staffers in the House and Senate were directly engaged in meetings with volunteer moms. These meetings were non-confrontational. They were educational and they helped staff learn about homeopathy and why it is important to America.

Dr Jacobs gave an inspiring talk on the state of homeopathy as a medical science in the world today, where it is the second most-used non-allopathic medical system practiced. She reviewed the growing and now convincing list of clinical trials of homeopathy, which by August 2017 numbered 1137, among them 489 Randomized clinical trials. Exactly comparable to the results of RCT’s run by allopathic drug/medical facilities, homeopathic RCT’s yielded 41% positive (favorable) conclusions, 54% inconclusive, and 5% negative. This indicates that the standards and quality of these studies are equal to those in the allopathic industry, and the results are equally valid. Homeopathy, she concluded, is not alternative, it meets all the criteria of science.

In attendance were not only 5 past and present Presidents of the American Institute of Homeopathy, but LMHI President-elect Gustavo Cataldi from Argentina, LMHI Prime Secretary Altunay Aglaoglu from Turkey, and LMHI Past President Renzo Galassi from Italy. The event was organized by LMHI Secretary of Public Relations Bernardo Merizalde from Philadelphia, USA.

Submitted by USA NVP Daniel Cook MD DHt
One of this year’s celebrations of the World Homeopathy Day, in remembrance of Samuel Hahnemann’s birthday, took place in Philadelphia, which is, ostensibly, a cradle of homeopathy since the middle of the 19th century, with the advent of Constantin Hering, Adolph Lippe, Henry N Guernsey, Ernest Farrington, James T Kent, and others, who have influenced the practice of homeopathy by providing clear and well documented cases to prove the efficacy of homeopathic medicine even in critical conditions, in hundreds of patients.

We had the pleasure to host Dr. Renzo Galassi, immediate past president of the LMHI, Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, LMHI vice-president, and Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, LMHI secretary general, who came to the United States, from opposite parts of the world, for a pilgrimage to visit the historical places associated with homeopathy, in the North-East and the Mid-West. They are convinced that this volume of the history of homeopathy is complementary and enriches the endowment provided by Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy.

If we were to have a dinner with someone special, he would invite Hahnemann, Hering, Boenninghausen and Kent; at such a gathering, we could ask them what they would suggest, in unison, after Fleetwood Mac’s hit, “Don’t Stop. Thinking About Tomorrow,” yesterday is gone, and the future will be better. It is easy to get caught up with what we have in hand, and we need to project ourselves into the future. Finally, through an inspiration during meditation, and asking for what words of hope we can have, in the midst of all that is going on is, in the words of Aretha Franklin “I will Survive,” homeopathy will survive. It has for two centuries and the hard work of people from around the world are giving their time and energy to make it happen.

Our event was kicked off by Dr. Ron Dushkin, the American Institute of Homeopathy’s president, with an inspired and inspiring and spirited presentation and performance, reviewing the history of the American Institute of Homeopathy, who celebrated the 175th anniversary. He reminded us that it was called an institute rather than an association, because of its emphasis on education and The purpose of homeopathy, Dr. Dushkin, reminded us, rephrasing Arethra Franklin’s song is “Freedom,” freedom from suffering for our patients.

Dr. Renzo Galassi provided us with a succinct yet rich review of the history, and current work of the LMHI, as a sponsoring organization of this event, and of other projects in the world to bring homeopathy to the people.

Dr. Ron Whitmont gave us, an in-depth review of homeopathy’s road with the law, the various institutions, departments, and legislation, affecting the production, marketing and use of homeopathic medicine in the United States, up to the present, when the American’s Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is positioning to change regulations that give homeopathy a more solid ground. He presented the historical precedent that it has been the consumers, the public, who have put pressure on the legislative bodies to make homeopathy legal and protected by law.
On a more philosophical ground, it is well known that the Philadelphia homeopaths were followers of the teachings of Emmanuel Swedenborg, the Swedish scientist, philosopher, theologian, and mystic; yet, there is still very little documentation about the extent and depth of such influence on homeopathic philosophy, theory and practice. Professor John Haller presented homeopathy’s vitalist philosophical framework starting with Hahnemann and his spiritual inferences. Hahnemann considered the action of the medicines “spirit-like,” and this is, in fact, the main reason why homeopathy is rejected by most scientists.

This vitalist paradigm declares that humans are not just made of material substance but also are conformed by spiritual -non-material- elements, that need to be taken into consideration in order to be able to truly heal disease. This can be exemplified by the fact that emotional disturbances, which are immaterial, can be the cause of, or a significant factor in, many types of organic disease. A concept possibly brought in from Swedenborgian ideology into homeopathy is Hering’s law of cure: from above-downward; from the inside-outward; from a more vital to less vital organ; and, in reverse order in which the symptoms appeared.

It is also possible that Hering may have combined similar ideas coming from Hahnemann’s observations with those from Swedenborg.

Another Swedenborgian doctrine that influenced early homeopaths was the law of correspondences, according to which, everything that happens in the natural world has its counterpart in the spiritual world. Accordingly, there must be a perfect correspondence between the drug-disease and the patient’s spiritual condition. James Garth Wilkinson, a British homeopath, also brought Swedenborgian concepts into homeopathy, such as the existence of a direct relationship between the higher homeopathic dynamizations, the result of successive dilutions and succussions, and the different levels of spirituality in humankind. The world arises as a gradual descent from the spiritual dimensions, through a series of degrees, into the visible and physical universe. Correspondingly, the homeopath recognizes disease as having a spiritual causation that manifests in a symptom-complex on the material body. The idea that high dynamizations are more appropriate for emotional and constitutional conditions comes from this theory. Though this is yet not confirmed by systematic analysis of treated cases.

Finally, James Tyler Kent wrote his Lectures in Homeopathic Philosophy which is mostly an exposition of Swedenborgian ideology as it applies to the practice of homeopathy. As an example, we find in Swedenborg, (Soul-Body, 14, XII), “By the human mind are meant its two faculties, which are called the understanding and the will. The understanding is the receptacle of the light of heaven, which in its essence is wisdom, and the will is the receptacle of the heat of heaven, which in its essence is love, ...” For Kent, understanding and will are clearly presented as key to the successful homeopathic treatment.

It was this spiritual and immaterial framework, advocating the use of high potencies in homeopathic treatment, what conflicted with the low potency users, and framed a deep division within the homeopathic community, which has lived to the present.

Tying in the practice of the Philadelphia homeopathy masters with current practice, Dr. Galassi presented several cases treated by them, and by him and with detailed documentation, proving that those cases, treated homeopathically, due to their severity and the type of pathology, could not have been simple placebo responses. These cases were highly instructional and hope to see them widely published soon.

On a second lecture, professor Haller gave us a history of the homeopathic movement, particularly after the Flexner report, which was a serious injury to the homeopathic movement. He presented ample evidence that the lay homeopathic movement, particularly women, contributed significantly to the survival of homeopathy into the present.

This resonates with and complements the point made by Dr. Whitmont, in his lecture at the event, on the importance of the consumers of homeopathy and the lay public in the battle to maintain homeopathy viable in the world.
Dr. Alex Bekker, the editor of the American Journal of Homeopathic Medicine, and member of the AIH board of trustees, presented the history of post-graduate education in the United States, as it was provided by subsequent generations of homeopaths, trained by the early Philadelphia homeopaths, particularly the students of J.T.Kent. Pearls of wisdom from the writings of these luminaries from the homeopathic firmament adorned the presentation.

The “Just One Drop” documentary, directed and produced by Laurel Chiten, which included a newly added epilogue, updating the current situation with the request to the Australian Ombudsman to review and retract the seriously flawed and biased report by the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC); it also included an update of advances on research done under the auspices of the Homeopathic Research Institute. The projection was followed by a conversation and discussion with the film’s director.

The last lecture was presented by Dr. Jennifer Jacobs, one of the very few researchers who has had their work on homeopathy published in a conventional medical journal. Dr. Jacobs offered a comprehensive update of the current state of the evidence of homeopathy, including advances into discerning the current mechanism of action of homeopathic medicine. The data she presented brings us hope that the field may be close to a breakthrough in proving, conclusively, the nature of the homeopathic effect.

The celebration was crowned by an moving and inspired concert by the Paul Winter Trio, with Paul Winter on clarinet, Theresa Thomason on vocals & Jeff Holmes on Piano. The musicianship of these artists is extraordinary, and the event was very intimate and heartfelt. We wish more people could have listened to it. The event was possible with the generosity of Hyland’s Inc, Boiron Laboratories, the Homeopathic Medical Association of the State of New York, the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis, and various other supporters and collaborators. We all thank the generosity of the presenters, who gave their time and knowledge to provide us with a truly memorable experience.
Manuscript of E.A. Farrington of his Clinical Materia Medica. Photo taken by Renzo Galassi at a suburb of Chicago

Speakers & Sponsor Dinner: (Clockwise from the bottom left): Dr. Dushkin; Dr. Galassi; Dr. Agaoglu; L. Chiten; Dr. Merizalde; G. Merizalde; M. Gorman; M. Merizalde Dr. Whitmont; Dr. Jacobs; Dr. Haller; M. Borneman; Dr. Cataldi; Dr. Bekker
WHD 2019 IN CHINA

By Yvonne Fok, NVP of China

The screening of Magic Pills on 14th April in Macau for the celebration of the World Homeopathy Awareness Week was very successful. It is our pleasure to share the media newspapers and online news as well as the event photos with all of you.

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There were two news media promoted the event before it happened: <<Macao Daily News>> on 2nd April 2019, and <<Recreativo De Macau>> on 27th March 2019.

1. <<Macao Daily News>> on 2nd April, 2019 --

It brings before our eyes the effort and achievement of homeopaths around the world.

https://www.cyberctm.com/zh_TW/news/detail/240266#.XLxD1OgzY2w

2. <<Recreativo De Macau>> on 27th March 2019 –

It depicts what Homeopathy is in real practice.

And three news media reported on our event after that: <<Macao Daily News>> on 15th April, <<Jornal Va Kio>> on 16th April and <<Recreativo De Macau>> on 17th April. The links of the news are as below. As the news is all in Chinese, let me extract the content and translate into English for your reference.

1. <<Macao Daily News>> on 15th April –


“To commemorate the homeopathic founder Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, Macau Association of Homeopathy hosted the premiere of a homeopathic movie called Magic Pills yesterday. The film is produced by a homeopath director who visited various countries, presenting the most realistic situation of homeopathy to the audience, and hence to further introduce homeopathy to our citizens.”

2. <<Jornal Va Kio>> on 16th April –


“The filmmaker of MagicPills, Ananda More, is a Canadian homeopath who has been active in the homeopathic industry for 12 years, the experience gave her the unique access to the homeopathic scientific community and highly secretive operation in Cuba.

The film shows us:
. The large-scale cancer hospital in India;
. The inspiring treatment effect on AIDS patients in Africa;
. The amazing homeopathic immunization campaigns in Cuba;
. The pro-homeopathy national referendum in Switzerland......and so on. Audience can see the real effectiveness of homeopathy. MagicPills was filmed in many countries, reflecting the true and updated situation of homeopathy.”

3. And here I attached the newspaper <<Recreativo De Macau>> on 17th April for your reference.

“Canadian filmmaker Ananda is a homeopath. The MagicPills was filmed in many different countries and it is a showcase of real homeopathic practice in various countries. In addition to Canada and Switzerland, this documentary also features the anti-epidemic experience of Cuba, the cancer center in India, and the AIDS children in Africa, the efforts and achievements of international homeopaths are all right in front of our eyes.”
Besides, I have attached the photos and a short video of our event, the clip is with English subtitles. Link is as below: https://www.facebook.com/404269766292681/posts/2531079556945014?sfns=mo

We wish you all the best in the year to come and let's work hand in hand to promote homeopathy all over the world!

Yours,
Yvonne Fok from China, Hong Kong Association of Homeopathy
WHD 2019 IN ESTONIA

By Saime Tisler. NVP of Estonia

We celebrated the World Homeopathy Day on the 4th of May with watching an educational film by Dr Kubasheva. We celebrated this in the new premises of the Estonian Homeopathic Union at the address Osja tee 8 Tallinn, Estonia.

Summary
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.

Best wishes,
dr Saima Tisler from Estonia
Every year the World Hahnemann Day is celebrated all over the world and in 14 Italian towns too. Colleagues of each town organized an event: seminars, exhibitions, meetings.... with the aim to contact people, to explain them the reasons of our Medicine and its possibilities.

Below you find the list of the events, with the links to the report and photogallery of each one:

BOLOGNA – Conference “Homeopathy and real healing”


FIRENZE - Conference “Health and diseases in vitalistic medicines”

L’AQUILA – Film projection “Choose love” http://www.fiamo.it/laquila-10-aprile-2019/


MILANO – HOMEOCITY Spreaded Events in the town - Conference “Homeopathy: what, when, why, how”

MILANO – HOMEOCITY Spreaded Events in the town – Contact with citizens


Visit to Homeopathic Museum and conference “At the Museum with a special guide: your Homeopath!”

TREVISSO – Just one Drop a year after

VERONA – Just one Drop a year after

NAPOLI – Contact with patients.

And we also to announce a Special Event held near PERUGIA on May 25th: the ceremony of inauguration of a new Museum’s area dedicated to a important and historic Homeopathic family, the Mattoli, in Bevagna town, with 16 Homeopaths in the family since 1801!

See the whole Italian WHD at http://www.fiamo.it/area-visitatori/eventi-in-programma/

Renata Calieri – LMHI Pharmacy Working Group – Bologna ITALY
Dear all,

here is the list of Lectures about homeopathy in Slovenia, April 2019:

**Kranj, April 6, 2019:** Špela Peternelj, MD: Homeopathy and Antimicrobial Resistance (lecture at expert meeting Day for Thyroid 2019)


**Ljubljana, April 19, 2019:** Irena Gorišek, MD: Homeopathy for Digestive Disorders (public lecture at the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum) [https://www.etno-muzej.si/sl/dogodki/homeopatija-predavanji](https://www.etno-muzej.si/sl/dogodki/homeopatija-predavanji)

**Ljubljana, April 19, 2019:** Nena Židov, PhD: Slovenian missionaries and homeopathy (public lecture at the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum) [https://www.etno-muzej.si/sl/dogodki/homeopatija-predavanji](https://www.etno-muzej.si/sl/dogodki/homeopatija-predavanji)

Warm regards,

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WHD 2019 in SPAIN

World Homeopathy Day

April 10 marks the World Homeopathy Day. Sadly, this year Spain has suffered an attack by a harassment campaign by the Ministries of Health, Consumption and Social Welfare and Science, Innovation and Universities, since they presented the Health Protection Plan against “pseudotherapies”. So far, 73 therapies have been declared as such and 66 are still unclassified, among which is homeopathy. For this plan, they did not consult medical professionals or people treated with homeopathy. This is a bit strange, especially when there is an association that promotes this plan, the Association to Protect Patients from Pseudoscientific Therapies (APETP in Spanish) which has not a single member of the healthcare sector. They created a plan to protect us, homeopathy users, from a type of medicine with which we are very satisfied because we have good results and no side effects.

The World Health Organization recommends the incorporation of unconventional therapies into health care education, research and medical care in all countries of the world (WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023). Natural or complementary therapies are recognized in the European Union by the European Parliament and are implemented in the public health system of several of their countries.

And what happens to homeopathy in the rest of the European countries? Let’s see some examples taken from the European Federation of Homeopathy Patients’ Associations (EFHPA): In Austria, the Österreichische Ärztekammer (ÖÄK) gives a diploma in homeopathy and complementary medicine to all doctors who have passed a course on homeopathy. Only doctors can be homeopaths. There are two teaching centers, the Ärztegesellschaft für klassische Homöopathie (ÄKH) and the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Homöopathische Medizin, 60% of the patients use or have used homeopathy and 72% consider homeopathy as an effective treatment. In Belgium, large insurance companies such as Partena or Liberal Mutuality cover homeopathy therapies, both for medical consultations and medications. In Bulgaria, dentists and veterinarians can practice homeopathy. In France, only doctors can be homeopaths and homeopathy is covered by social security, 74% of patients support the use of homeopathy and are in favor of social security covering it. Germany manages its social security system through private companies, people can choose among them, but most of them provide insurance on consultations and an annual fee for homeopathic medicines. In Hungary, only doctors can practice homeopathy, anthroposophical medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, traditional Tibetan medicine, Ayurvedic medicine and manual medicine. Today, more than one third of doctors offers homeopathic treatment, but it is not covered by social security. The Netherlands has a very complex social security system and out of the 63 private insurances companies, 34 cover homeopathy treatments. In Switzerland, homeopathy is integrated into the social security system, so that the doctor who treats you prescribes the type of medication that considers most appropriate, whether homeopathic or allopathic. The vast majority of insurers also cover it. The Spanish government has a lot of examples in this regard and should follow along, but instead, it requested a modification in their current legislation on homeopathic medicines. The European Commission rejected this request. Homeopathic medicines are still legal drugs and sold exclusively in drug stores.

Homeopathy users defend our right to health and to choose the type of medicine we want to use, as established by the European Charter of Patient ‘Rights, whose fifth article ratifies this freedom of choice. The basic law 41/2002 regulating the autonomy of the patient, establishes as a basic principle in article 2.3, that “the patient or user has the right to decide freely, after receiving the appropriate information, among the available clinical options”.

Finally, we want to say that many of the people treated with homeopathy do so after unsatisfactory experiences with allopathic medicine and its adverse effects. One of the examples that best illustrates this fact is one that refers to people who have had persistent and repetitive respiratory conditions or other for quite some time. Many of these have been forced to use antibiotics as the only remedy to treat their condition. To avoid the excessive use of medications with known side effects, homeopathy is one of the best resources that these patients can use.

We support people’s health and the regulation of all types of medicines, as well as investing in research. Meanwhile, we will continue to unite as users in our associations, opening associations in new territories and working together in the State Platform of Homeopathy Patients Association (PEAPH in Spanish) that we created in December and in the European Federation of Homeopathy Patients (EFHPA) to which we belong since last October.

This article is signed by: Marisa Aristu Areopagita, Arantza Guruceaga Zubillaga and Iosu Gulina Del Pueyo, members of the Government Board of the Association of Users of Homeopathy Similia Nafarroa-Navarra.
8th SPANISH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF HOMEOPATHY.
The congress, aimed at Doctors, Pharmacists, Veterinarians and other health professionals, took place in Madrid from 5 to 7 April 2019. The Ambassador of India in Spain opened the congress and spoke about the health situation in his country and the process of integration of different medicines carried out by the Ministry of Health.

Under the slogan "THE CHALLENGE OF BEING A HOMEOPATH TODAY IN SPAIN", in addition to deepening clinical and scientific aspects, the speech also addressed professional, legal and ethical issues. Different representatives of the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) and the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) participated in this event as speakers and congressmen.

Main objectives
1.- To offer a clear vision of the current panorama of our sector and of the actions underway and planned at different levels.
2.- Provide participants with resources that they are interested in incorporating into our routines and consultations to ensure ethical, legal and administrative aspects.
3.- Share international experiences and support with attendees.
4.- Introduce the National Homeopathy Assembly, its representatives, actions and results, and all its members to the public and institutions, media and professionals of the sector.
World Day of Homeopathy was celebrated in Moscow on April 10, 2019.

On this day, a scientific-practical conference with international participation called “World Day of Homeopathy - Moscow-2019” took place in the State Archives of the Russian Federation. The event was organized under the auspices of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) and traditionally held in all countries on the birthday of the founder of homeopathy, a physician and researcher S. Hahnenmann. This year in Russia, the organizers of the scientific-practical conference were staff members of the Department of Homeopathy, IVM RUDN, together with the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF) with the support of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis, the Russian Homeopathic Association, the Russian Homeopathic Society and the National Council on Homeopathy. The event was attended by over 100 people. The conference “World Day of Homeopathy - Moscow-2019” was dedicated to the memory of Nikolai Evgenievich Gabrilovich - an outstanding homeopathic doctor and the first national vice-president of LMHI for Russia. Scientists, doctors of all specialties, students, postgraduates of specialized universities and homeopathic supporters were invited to participate.

The opening ceremony of the conference was held by LMHI National Vice President for Russia, Professor of the Department of Homeopathy, IVM RUDN, Doctor of Medicine Leonid Vladimirovich Kosmodemyansky. In the beginning, he greeted the guests of the event and congratulated them on the celebration of Hahnenmann’s birthday: “On this spring day, the entire homeopathic community celebrates the birthday of the founder of homeopathy, Samuel Hahnemann, and thus celebrates his professional holiday. The importance of this conference, its timeliness, expediency, and contribution to science and medical practice will be testified by today’s reports prepared by leading GARF staff and authoritative experts in the field of medicine and homeopathy.”

Then Leonid Vladimirovich read a message from Dr. Melita Vujnovich, WHO Representative in the Russian Federation, who wished all participants of the conference fruitful work and presented a welcome video message from Dr. Gustavo Cataldy, Vice President and Secretary of the LMHI Education Department.

The scientific director of the GARF, the head of the Department of Russian History of the 19th - early 20th centuries, Faculty of History of the Moscow State University, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor Sergey Vladimirovich Mironenko addressed the guests with parting words. He was joined by a representative of RUDN university, officially authorized the chairman of the department of the AYUSH ministry in Russia, Professor R. Sarashetti (Dr. R. Sarashetti MD, PhD, FICA, Professor RUDN university, AYUSH Chair Russia) (India) and the head of the GARF department of scientific information and reference Baykova Irina Vladimirovna. Welcoming letters and addresses from representatives of public organizations, medical and educational institutions were read. The conference program was intense and diversified reflected the current stage of development of homeopathy in Russia and abroad. The reports were presented by experts from different cities of Russia: A. Patudin, A. Karpeev, E.V. Mayorova, E.A. Dektyareva, N.V. Prokop’eva, T.K. Ageeva, I.V. Buryakova, , Zamarenov N.A., Kosmodemyansky L.V., Tiraspolsky I.V., Kholodova I.N., Akayeva TV, Mkhitaryan KN, Tsvetkov N.A., Fedrunova O.F., Dolgova Ye.M., Rudneva O.V., Pischanova L.A., Ashikhmin S.P., Ilyenko L.I., Maryanovsky A.A., Gureev A.N., Kachalova O.V., Selkova V. Yu., Gaynova L.V., Semashina G.A., Bogdanova S.V., Kuzmina I.F., Kubasheva N.Yu., Popova S.N., Zhdanova O.B. and etc.

Of particular interest were the performances of employees of the GARF Melentyeva F.I. and N. Kerimova, based on materials from archival funds on the history, theory, and practice of homeopathy, stored in the GARF. Partially they were presented by the archive staff at the exhibition exposition specially prepared for this conference. On the stands were diary notes, photographs and other important documents from the personal archival fund of the first vice-president of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis for Russia, Nikolai Evgenievich Gabrilovich. During the preparation and holding of the conference, it was decided to develop further cooperation with the GARF on the study and preservation of archival funds on homeopathy. All participants of the conference noted the high level of preparation of reports and the excellent organization of the event, which was held in a friendly atmosphere of a truly creative union of professionals. Venue: Conference Hall of the State Archives of the Russian Federation at the address: Moscow, ul. B. Pirogovskaya, house. 17.

The presentations made at the conference can be found on the website of the Russian Homeopathic Society. Access to the materials will be obtained after registration.
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ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫЕ ПАРТНЕРЫ
Inspired by the idea of dedicating a day for each traditional system, Govt. of India has declared one day for each system of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy), of these, 21st June as Yoga day has even been declared by United nations. A tradition of scientific convention on world Homoeopathic day was formally initiated in India by the Liga medicorum Homoeopathic Internationalis (LMHI) in the year 2016 at New Delhi, since then in India 10th April is celebrated by Homoeopathic community and their patients with great fervour. As part of public relation exercise various seminars, conferences, run for Homoeopathy, rallies, public exhibitions and media events are organized by the Central as well State Governments, about 200 medical schools, professional associations are being organised to discuss the scientific developments and for the popularizing Homoeopathy among masses. This year too a two-day convention was organised in New Delhi by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an autonomous research organisation of the Ministry of AYUSH on the occasion of the World Homoeopathy Day (WHD) from 9th–10th April 2019 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, India. The World Homoeopathy Day (WHD) is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann. The Council took this as an opportunity to review the path trodden so far, taking stock of the challenges faced and to formulate future strategies for development of Homoeopathy. There is an imminent need to focus on improving the quality of education and enhancing the success rate of an average practitioner. There is also a need to ensure the production and availability of high quality homeopathic drugs in the market.

Unless the homoeopathic community innovates, evolves and forges ahead jointly, with a variety of initiatives and research projects, this is not possible. Hence the theme of this convention was ‘Linking research with education and clinical practice: Advancing scientific collaborations’. CCRH partnered nationally with the Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH), which is the statutory body established under the Act of parliament for the regulation of homoeopathic education and practice in India, and internationally with the Faculty of Homoeopathy (FOH), UK. The Faculty is also celebrating its 175th anniversary this year.

Among dignitaries were present the spiritual Guru, Tridandi Chinna Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Mr. Roshan Jaggi, Chairman, Board of Governors, Central Council of Homoeopathy, Mr. Nilanjal Sanyal and Dr. Gary Smyth, President, Faculty of Homeopathy, UK.
Dr. Alok Pareek, President, LMHI, was a special guest invited to the event and graced the elaborate inaugural ceremony of the convention. In his address, he remarked that spirituality and medicine together make humanity, and on that note, welcomed the spiritual Guru, Tridandi Chinna Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji, who had come to bless the convention for an auspicious start. Dr. Pareek further stressed that it is important that practitioners remembered their medical ethos and Hahnemanian principles for a contentful practice of Homoeopathy. He also urged the entire homoeopathic community to stand united and show support to the rejoinders released by organisations like LMHI in defence, whenever there are negative statements on Homoeopathy. He appraised the delegates about the foundation and functioning of LMHI and how India is an important contributor in the association. In his lecture that followed later, he shared his views on the steps that could be taken for bridging the gap between clinical practice and research in Homoeopathy.
Dr. Raj K. Manchanda, Director General, CCRH, and Secretary for Research, LMHI, in his welcome address, emphasised on the need to link education with research and practice for nurturing young minds for meaningful research and the collation of the best possible clinical data by bringing in systematic documentation in practice settings. He warmly welcomed all the national and international delegates who had come to attend the convention. In his talk on ‘India’s role and responsibility in the emerging scenario of Homoeopathy’, Dr. Manchanda gave an overview of the advances and challenges that lay ahead for Homoeopathy. He said that there is an increasing public demand for homoeopathy by those who are well educated and informed about their health choices, especially in countries like U.K., France, Germany, Austria, Brazil and USA. He remarked that public does not always want government to interfere in its decision about health and given the significant suffering caused by some medicines and diagnostic procedures the scenario of medicine is shifting in favour of Homoeopathy. The emerging scenario also can be attributed to the pool of evidence on Homoeopathy, which, though not big enough yet, it’s definitely indicative of firm scientific footing. He added that the scenario for Homoeopathy is now shifting from red to green, and infrastructure for Homoeopathy is growing worldwide, just as its users. He also informed the audience about the upcoming LMHI Congress in Sorrento, Italy from 25-28 September 2019 and urged them to join the Congress.

The Secretary AYUSH, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, while welcoming all, including the Faculty of Homoeopathy to the scientific convention, emphasised the Ministry’s efforts to bridge the gap between science and tradition through researches in the field of AYUSH. He also extended greetings on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day. He said that the Ministry is equally dedicated to validate Homoeopathy through focused research, enhance its manufacturing and production standards, as well as assure the best quality education in the homoeopathy colleges and was hence happy about the theme of the convention. He also shared about the schemes under the Ministry of AYUSH to provide support and motivation for promotion of Homoeopathy like the Central Sector scheme, Extra-Mural Research and Intramural research undertaken by the Council etc. He also emphasised on the need to ensure safety, quality control and consistency of products for the credibility of homoeopathy.
Mr. Roshan Jaggi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, in his address said that a link between the academic and research environments is an essential dimension to identify and evolve mechanisms of synergy between scientists and educators and was glad to see CCRH building a series of initiatives designed to use research to guide homoeopathic teaching and learning. He also lauded the Council’s efforts in launching the Short Term Studentship in Homoeopathy Scheme (STSH) for undergraduate Students in June 2014 and also the CCRH Scholarship Scheme for MD Students as a step towards capacity building and encouraging research aptitude among students and also the signing of the MOU’s with 28 interested homoeopathic colleges under its initiative of linking research with education, so that the colleges can rise above the minimum standards requirements prescribed by the Ministry.

His Holiness Tridandi Chinna Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji also graced the inaugural ceremony and enlightened the delegates by sharing his thoughts on how spirituality and medical science go hand in hand. Mr. Nilanjal Sanyal, Chairman, Board of Governors, Central Council of Homoeopathy also praised Council for its efforts for nurturing young minds for linking education with research. Tributes were also paid by Dr. Gary Smyth, President, Faculty of Homeopathy, UK to ‘Two departed friends, Dr. Hahnemann and Dr. Peter Fisher, in an emotional address.

Dr. Manchanda conferred with Hony. FFHom. by Faculty of Homeopathy

Mr. Kotecha also conferred awards bestowed by CCRH to incentivise the contributors in the field of Homoeopathy research and education. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were also exchanged between CCRH and the Directorate of AYUSH, Chandigarh administration on undertaking research on epidemic diseases like Dengue, Influenza like illness, Chikungunya, Tuberculosis and other infectious diseases and between CCRH and JSPS Government Homeopathic Medical College, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad for undertaking clinical research.

During this awards ceremony, Faculty of Homeopathy (FoH) also conferred Dr. Manchanda with Honorary Fellowship, FFHom., which is the highest order of recognition given by the Faculty, to those who contribute to the development of homoeopathy through their meritorious work. The award was presented to Dr. Manchanda by Dr. Gary Smyth, president, FoH and Dr. Helen Beaumont, Former President, FoH.
Council’s publications released by the Secretary during the inaugural session included the ‘Souvenir of Convention’, a Dossier on ‘Homoeopathy – A Science of Gentle Healing’, a Coffee Table Book on Homoeopathy, the ‘Standard Treatment Guidelines’ on 15 diseases which has been compiled by CCRH based on expert consensus, data from national and international research studies and is a stepping stone towards better homoeopathic treatment, Homoeopathic Pharmaceutical Codex (2nd edition) and the book ‘Prognostic Factor Research’ by Dr. Lex Rutten. The ‘CCRH Archives on Homoeopathy’ a digital repository of accumulated knowledge in homeopathy, having important homoeopathic literary material spread all over the world was also officially launched.

CCRH has been embracing the advances in science since inception and this convention was planned to share these advances with all belonging to the profession like practitioners, scientists, teachers, students, professional associations and drug manufacturers. A wide range of topics were covered in the convention like Linking education and clinical practice with research, Homoeopathic Education: Research component, Utilisation of existing research by clinicians, Drug Development & Validation, Research initiatives by students under Studentship & MD Scholarship schemes, Documented clinical experiences, Homoeopathy in public health, Fortifying theories and clinical practice with research, Road ahead for Homoeopathy, Skill development in scientific writing, Strengthening research infrastructure in educational organisations, Drug Provings and Guidelines for Publishing Research. Round table discussions are also planned on the topics ‘Drug Regulations in Homoeopathy: Current scenario and Way ahead; Homoeopathy Industry: Challenges and Opportunities for the Manufacturers/Traders; Homoeopathic Pharmacopeias: Standards and Harmonisation’ and ‘Promotion of Homoeopathy at state level: Government of India schemes as a facilitating tool; Homoeopathy doctors in public service: Roles & Responsibilities’.

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An international forum on the regulation of Homoeopathic Medicinal Products

The World Integrated Medicine Forum (WIMF) on the regulation of Homoeopathic Medicinal Products with the theme ‘Advancing Global Collaboration’ was inaugurated by Mr. Sripad Yesso Naik, Hon’ble Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India on 23rd January 2019 in Goa, India. The three-day forum was organised by Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH), with the support of Ministry of AYUSH, Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Convention of the United States (HPCUS) and European Coalition on Homeopathic & Anthroposophic Medicinal Products (ECHAMP), Pharmacopoeia Commission of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO). The forum had participation of key public and private sector stakeholders, such as representatives from World Health Organisation (WHO) and drug regulatory authorities, as well as pharmacopoeia experts and industrialists from countries like Germany, USA, France, UK, Brazil, Belgium, South Africa, Argentina, Russia, Greece, Austria, Cuba, Qatar, Croatia, Malaysia, Japan, Hongkong and Sri Lanka. Among the delegates are also present veterinary experts, as well as the regulators and drug controllers of various states of India. More than a billion patients worldwide are demanding safe and effective medicines for their healthcare. As a result, the demand for Homoeopathy is growing. There is still a highly disparate situation among countries with regard to the regulations of homoeopathic medicines and this directly affects the availability of these medicines. Apart from illustrating how homoeopathy can be further regulated and integrated into the healthcare system in countries that have adopted the use of Homoeopathy since long, this Forum also brought those countries to the table where homoeopathy has only been recently introduced.

The Forum served as a global platform in which the public and private sectors met and exchanged ideas on how to ensure and increase the availability of safe and effective homoeopathic medicines worldwide. The first forum on similar lines was organised by CCRH in 2017, which was hugely successful in initiating dialogues on the steps needed in various countries for effective regulations of homoeopathic medicinal products. It is with the aim of bringing the homoeopathic industry and regulatory sector on a common platform for strategic discussion that this ‘World Integrated Medicine Forum on the Regulation of Homeopathic Medicinal Products’ was initially conceived jointly by Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and by World Integrated Medicine Forum (WIMF), an international firm that organises, and provides consultation for arranging such fora.

Forum discussions primarily explored the commonalities as well as differences in regulatory affairs among various countries, discuss strategic regulatory and industry perspectives and possible scenarios in advancing international collaboration, ways to further enhance pharmaceutical quality standards, deliberate on integrating Traditional Medicine systems in primary healthcare and public health, bring forth the perspectives on setting appropriate requirements on various dimensions of drug approvals including veterinary medicine.
While appreciating the efforts for organising this forum, Minister of AYUSH in his inaugural address remarked that India is the fifth largest investor in scientific research in Homoeopathy in the world. With the institutional support of more than 200 homoeopathic colleges and an autonomous Research Council having 26 research centres, Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory and a workforce of about 250 thousand homoeopathic clinicians, India can contribute in various aspects of mainstream healthcare. He called upon the industry as well as homoeopathic medical colleges to invest certain percentage of institutional and industrial revenues in research and collaborate with CCRH for undertaking high quality, cutting edge research projects.

Mr. Naik further added that the western medicine is today facing a huge challenge of management of non-communicable diseases which can be tackled by means of safer medicines. Excessive use of anti-biotics, pain-killers, anti-depressants, anti-hypertensive, statins, etc. are causing much harm to the society. Homoeopathy, with its safe dosage can prove to be an effective alternative in such situations. It has the potential to address non-communicable diseases by appropriately treating patients holistically in the initial stages and can also reduce the usage of these drugs. Minister further complimented the actions taken by the Joint Working Group comprising of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Convention of the United States (HPCUS), Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) and CCRH based on the tripartite MoU signed by these bodies in the last forum, the most eminent one being successful harmonisation of 50 drugs in the American and Indian Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia. He hoped the successful outcomes of this agreement can be a benchmark for many more agreements to follow with the aim to develop and harmonise homoeopathic pharmacopoeias and to strengthen and enable regulatory provisions for homoeopathy worldwide.

The ‘Forum booklet’ comprising the profiles of the resource persons of the forum, as well as a book titled ‘A Ready Reckoner of Homoeopathic Medicines in Different Pharmacopoeias’ were released by the Hon’ble Minister during the inaugural ceremony.

Dr. Alok Pareek, President, LMHI, and Dr. Helene Renoux, President, the European Committee for Homoeopathy (ECH) were invited as special guests to the forum. Dr. Renoux gave an overview of how regulation of Homeopathic Medicinal Products could support integration of Homoeopathy within the healthcare system during the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Alok Pareek could not attend the event due to family emergency and deputed Dr. Raj K. Manchanda, Secretary for Research, LMHI, to represent LMHI at the forum. Dr. Manchanda, as Director General, CCRH and LMHI representative, expressed his gratitude to the Minister of AYUSH for his support and presence, as well as welcomed all international and national guests and delegates to the forum. He shared the outcomes of the last forum with the delegates. He further added that the core aim of the forum is to sensitize more and more stakeholders to the needs and challenges of regulating HMPs, by providing an appropriate stage to discuss such issues, and not to enforce or impose what is deliberated. He said that since each country is unique, accordingly, its regulatory designs for HMPs can best be decided by the direct stakeholders. He reinforced to the delegates that these discussions are primarily meant to give the stakeholders a vision, and perhaps, even a future roadmap of doing whatever is feasible for ensuring regulation and availability of Homoeopathic Medicinal Products. He also stressed that international associations like LMHI could facilitate effective dialogue with the regulatory agencies in various parts of the world for regulation and provision of HMPs in various countries. He also informed the audience about the upcoming LMHI Congress in Sorrento, Italy from 25-28 September 2019 and urged them to join the Congress.
Before formal closure of the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Anil Khurana, Deputy Director General proposed a vote of thanks to the dignitaries and delegates and hoped the forum will prove to be a great opportunity to learn, share and discuss on the next steps in bringing about harmonisation in the regulatory sector of Homoeopathy.

Dr. Robbert van Haselen, Director, World Integrated Medicine Forum (WIMF), in his keynote address, mentioned that WIMF aimed to further develop evidence-based Traditional, Complementary and Integrated systems of Medicine (TCIM) by promoting public-private co-operation, where the public and private sectors are the ‘actors’, while patients and health care providers are the ‘drivers’. He said that the legitimate and increasing demand/need for homeopathic products by patients and health care providers worldwide needs to be balanced by appropriate regulatory framework which proportionally addresses quality, safety, effectiveness and availability of medicines. To achieve this he said, the role of regulators, industry and respective countries are intertwined. He said that India is the rightful host to such a forum, given its openness to medical pluralism, both politically and culturally.

The forum, attended by around 150 delegates, with representation from 21 countries, saw discussions ranging from Strategic perspectives and possible scenarios on advancing International Collaboration bilateral collaboration; updates on the regulatory status of Homoeopathic medicines in South Africa, Argentina, Cuba, Qatar, Croatia, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka etc.; Pharmaceutical quality / availability; Safeguarding the quality of homeopathic medicines in Europe; Advancing pharmaceutical quality standards; towards a tailored approach? Experiences in Europe; Safeguarding the availability of homeopathic stocks: The role of the Remedy Bank; Integrating Traditional and Integrated Medicine systems in primary healthcare and public health: The example of Brazil; The role of National and Regional collaboration; optimizing collaboration with the regulators; Traditional, Complementary and Integrated Medicine (TCIM) systems: global advances in public health and regulation; round table discussion on advancing collaboration between BRICS Countries; Harmonization or ‘convergence’ on regulatory standards; Regulators’ and Industry perspectives; New homeopathic drug approval: Perspectives on setting appropriate requirements for provings and clinical data; Challenges faced by the homoeopathic industry; Ensuring the quality and safety of products for patients and consumers, including the products made from biological substances and the appropriate standards for homeopathy; Obtaining clinical data on new and existing homeopathic medicines; Regulatory challenges with regard to the use of Homoeopathy in Veterinary Medicine; Comparing the major homeopathic pharmacopoeias, and Towards a regulatory framework that optimally addresses homeopathy as a 'whole systems medical approach' using 'complex medicinal substances'.

More details of the forum are available at the forum website, wimforum.org.
Integration of Homoeopathy in Indian Healthcare

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ABSTRACT
Medical Pluralism is a unique feature of Indian healthcare. This paper reflects the current integrated scenario, homoeopathy policy, and its impact on Indian healthcare. Homeopathy, in India, is playing a considerable role in the over-all health care delivery system, meeting the healthcare needs of the population by its integration at appropriate levels, within specified areas of responsibility and functioning.

BACKGROUND
India is socially, culturally and medically, a pluralistic country. Multiple medical systems, such as Allopathy, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga, Naturopathy, and a variety of folk traditions are being practised in India. The Ministry of Ayurveda (Indian System of medicine), Yoga & Naturopathy, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) of the Government of India ensures the optimal development and propagation of these systems with focused attention for development of education and research.

Indian model of integrated healthcare has ‘cafeteria-style’ approach where provision for people’s choice of healthcare is available. Homoeopathy is widely popular because of its inherent advantages of individualised and holistic approach of treatment, modest cost, easy administration and no side effects. It is the third most popular method of medical treatment in India, after Allopathy and Ayurveda.

World Health Organisation (WHO) proposes that integrated people-centric health services (IPCHS) are key features of robust and resilient health systems and are critical for progressing towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). For health service delivery to become more integrated and people-centric, WHO endorses reorienting the model of care and coordinating services within and across sectors. The Traditional Medicines Strategy 2014-2023 also encourages harnessing the potential of traditional and complementary medicines by making proactive policies for their appropriate integration in national healthcare of the countries.


In India, the current healthcare challenges are in form of “Triple burden of disease” which includes unfinished cases of communicable diseases, increasing non-communicable diseases and emerging threat of infectious diseases. Also, in India there is still lack of sufficient trained manpower for healthcare of the existing population. Further, it can also be argued that no single medical system is capable of satisfying all needs of the population, and that the alternative systems like Homoeopathy have its own strengths. It is, thus, essential to integrate the services of Homoeopathy in national health programs as it is widely popular and can aid in reducing healthcare burden and diminishing costs. The integration of Homoeopathy has been proven beneficial in several other countries as well.

Popularity of Homoeopathy
A national health survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office in India (NSSO 2014), revealed that Homoeopathy has a significant presence within the AYUSH systems. The survey reported that across age groups, use of AYUSH care is relatively high among elderly patients (4.1% and 4.8% in rural and urban India, respectively) while homeopathy care is relatively more among children (under-five years), particularly in urban areas (4.8%) and in the state of West Bengal. The survey also reported Homoeopathy to be the most commonly used system for skin, musculo-skeletal and genito-urinary disorders in both rural and urban parts of India, whereas it is also commonly sought for Cancer as an adjuvant in Urban India. The expenditure for Homoeopathy is found to be less, as compared to other systems like allopathy and Indian system, Ayurveda. Overall, within the AYUSH systems, the average OOPE (Out of Pocket expenditure) on AYUSH medicines was found to be Rs. 270 in rural, and Rs. 378 in urban areas, which is lower than average expenditure on non-AYUSH (allopathic) medicine. As regards usage, Homoeopathy is widely practised in Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Gujarat and the North-Eastern States of India. A cross-sectional survey conducted to access Patients’ Preference for Integrating Homeopathy (PPIH) among adult patients attending the out-patients of the four government homeopathic hospitals in West Bengal examined the knowledge, attitudes, and practice of homeopathy among Indian patients already availing homeopathic treatment and its integration into mainstream healthcare. 40% of 1352 patients’ respondents thought that homeopathic medicines can be used along with the standard therapy. In the second part of this survey, patients’ satisfaction following integration of homeopathy into mainstream health care, attitudes towards integrated services and satisfaction following consultation with homeopaths were evaluated. Of the patients surveyed, 98.8% were satisfied with the integrated services and disclosed a high level of satisfaction (86.3% of maximum score) following consultation with homeopaths.
Further, in the third part of the survey, patient’s preference toward integration of Homoeopathy into secondary-level health care was evaluated among 659 adult patients visiting randomly selected secondary-level conventional health care setups in Kolkata, Mumbai, Kottayam, and New Delhi. A total of 82.4% of the respondents were in favour of integrating homoeopathy services.¹¹

CURRENT INTEGRATED SCENARIO IN INDIA

Government of India, under National AYUSH Mission, has been working towards strengthening of the AYUSH network in the public sector with a focus on AYUSH services, development of infrastructural facilities in teaching institutions, improving quality control of drugs, capacity building, and community based preventive and promotive interventions.

National Health Policy 2017¹² recognizes the need to nurture AYUSH systems of medicine, through development of infrastructural facilities of teaching institutions, improving quality control of drugs, capacity building of institutions and professionals. It ensures access to AYUSH remedies through co-location in public facilities and continues to support its mainstreaming and integration. It also lays emphasis on reorienting primary health care to provide comprehensive set of preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative services by enhancing the access to AYUSH healthcare services. Currently in India, Homoeopathy under AYUSH facilities are co-located with 498 District Hospitals, 2776 Community Health Centre’s¹³ and 7623 Primary Health Centre’s. Indian government now targets to co-locate AYUSH services in at least 50 per cent of primary health centres, 70 per cent of community health centres and 100 per cent of district hospitals by 2022-23.¹⁴ India leads the world in terms of the number of people using Homoeopathy, with around 150 million people depending primarily on homoeopathy in primary clinical and hospital healthcare settings. There are currently around 293,000 registered homoeopathic doctors, with approximately 12,000 being added every year¹⁵. The overall registered practitioners (Allopathic, Dental, AYUSH, Homoeopathy) to the populace is reflected in Figure 1.

There are 201 medical colleges imparting undergraduate degree training and 50 imparting postgraduate level education and training in Homoeopathy, alongside 207 government hospitals providing homoeopathic treatment. The average admission capacity in Homoeopathy colleges has increased from 36 in 1992 to 69 in 2019. The average annual growth for number of colleges imparting under-graduate education from 1992 to 2017 is 2.8% and admission capacity is 5.8%. (Figure 2)

The average annual growth rate in Homoeopathy doctors during 1980-2018 is 2.7%.¹⁶ Homeopathy doctors per crore (ten million) population has increased from 1935 doctors in 2007 and reached to 2168 in the year 2018. (Figure 3)

It is reported that around 36.60 million patients have visited government healthcare facilities under Homoeopathy in a year which is around 1/5th of those visiting private set-up. A review of secondary data suggests Homeopathy is well represented in public health in India. It also reports that homeopathic consultation is usually sought in seven out of ten diseases recognised as national health burden at government wellness centres in India.¹⁷
STRATEGIC APPROACH FOR INTEGRATION OF HOMOEOPATHY

Based on each country’s realities, models for integrating T&CM into national health systems, in particular into primary health care and universal health coverage, should be explored. The goal is to develop models of best health care delivery which are sustainable, feasible and likely to improve health outcomes.¹⁸

Catalysing Research
The research planning in Homoeopathy should be organized and managed in a systematic and comprehensive manner, and efforts to improve health should be based on evidence from research¹⁹. Any health system can be integrated in healthcare set up of country only if it is safe and efficacious, have rational approach of dealing with patients and have strong evidence base. With research studies demonstrating safety and scientific plausibility of homeopathic medicines through the fundamental/ basic research, Homoeopathy is able to counter the arguments against it.

Safety & Quality Assurance
India also has a well-developed ethical and regulatory framework governing homoeopathic medicines, which are covered under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetic Act 1940 and defined under Rule 2(DD) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945. Mandatory standards governing the manufacture, sale, distribution and import of homoeopathic medicines are defined under the Second Schedule of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act (Item N.4a). Rule 30AA governs the import of new homoeopathic medicines and Rule 32 (A) governs the Packaging and Labelling of homeopathic medicines. This framework protects public safety and ensures access to good quality dispensing medicines. The current challenge is that the regulatory framework and its requirements for homoeopathic medicines differ from country to country, which needs to be harmonised so that the difficulty arising out of disparate rules and regulations may not inhibit the overall development of Homoeopathy worldwide.²⁰

Capacity building
Strategies need to be developed for enhancing abilities of Homoeopathy researchers, clinicians, and educators by improving access to research information and resources. This also means improving skills of experienced professionals and enhancing their aptitude for evidence-based science. Homoeopathy needs re-engineering with strengthening of the research capacity of the professionals. Homoeopathic physicians need to gain skills like a data scientist, so that vast amount of data that is generated from proving, clinical experiences and other experiments, is captured, improved, processed and analysed scientifically for efficient usage.²¹

Effective communication
All the countries need to co-operate in generating and sharing the medicine knowledge and skills. Communication and sharing of the best practices should also be facilitated within and between health-care sectors, for example research and policy-relevant information on new models of delivering services. The exchange of literature among countries would give an opportunity to develop and secure Homoeopathy across the globe. Ministry of AYUSH has developed AYUSH Research Portal (www.ayushportal.nic.in) for disseminating research information related to all AYUSH systems of medicine (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy). The portal provides collection of good quality research articles published in various peer-reviewed and other journals. International cooperation for global promotion of evidence-based Homoeopathy through more international interactions, exchange of MoUs and organising international conferences also add to effective communication.

Homoeopathy, although originated in Europe, is being traditionally practised and used by the general population of India for most day-to-day illnesses and chronic health conditions. Homoeopathy has got adequate Government support by way of which Homoeopathy is contributing in meeting national health goals and objectives in an integrative manner. Besides Indian model of meaningful integration of Homoeopathy in national health-care delivery system, adequate drug control measures, high quality research and incorporating Homoeopathy in various public health initiatives.

As in India, worldwide too, people must benefit from effective and quality health services that diverse health systems are capable of providing, through a well-coordinated and effective integrated approach. Countries must incorporate Homoeopathy within the framework of national healthcare like India, while focusing on strategic approaches laid down by WHO’s Traditional Medicines Strategy 2014-2023.


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Indian cooperation regarding the establishment of AYUSH System (Homeopathy) in Afghanistan will bring a positive impact of friendship and future Indian-Afghan Homeopathic business increment. Presented by Dr. Obaidullah Al-Hashmi (Founder/CEO – AHMA).

Our Mission
The AHMA regulates Homeopaths to ensure safe, ethical and competent homeopathic care for the people of Afghanistan. To provide cost effective, safe and qualitative medical system, improving the quality of life through Homeopathic branch of Medical System in our great country.

Our Vision
To see Homeopathy firmly established within Afghanistan healthcare.

Overall Goal
Establish a regulatory framework for the AYUSH and specially the Homeopathic Medical System to provide complementary and alternative affordable and safe health care services through homeopathic branch of medicine in Afghanistan.
Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association (AHMA)

Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association AHMA is non-governmental and non-profit organization, serving the nation with the experts in the field of Homeopathic medicine is committed to replicate the wheel already present around the world to the benefit of this nation. The presence of Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association will ensure the representation of Homeopathic Medical System with the reliable expertise to be used for the further development, use and promotion of this system across the country. This association has been found for the unity of homeopathic professionals to achieve our goals effectively and efficiently.

Through the AHMA we continued to support innovation and diversity in education, leading to a professional qualification in the practice of homeopathy. In establishing and maintaining the first and only homeopathy course recognition system in the Afghanistan over the last four years, the AHMA has made a huge contribution to raising standards and promoting excellence. [www.facebook.com/ahma.afg/](http://www.facebook.com/ahma.afg/)

AHMA Organization Chart:

i. Director General
ii. CEO
iii. Deputy Director
iv. Secretary
v. Finance Officer
vi. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
vii. Registration and licensing Officer
viii. Public Relation Officer
ix. Technical Advisors
x. Regional Representatives

Members including (Male and Females) *(None of them have no authority to get any decision individually)*

Why Homeopaths are not allowed for Practice by MoPH Afghanistan?

The fact that Afghanistan has low economic status/country of the world, it is appropriate and reasonable to adopt an affordable system as Homeopathic Medical System. Several attempts by the Homeopathic doctors to be verified and licensed for Homeopathic practice in Afghanistan have failed. Homeopathic degrees are verified now through Ministry of Higher Education. After Homeopathic degree verification by Ministry of Higher Education and reference to Ministry of Public Health MoPH for licensing, MoPH has not been able to issue the license to Homeopathic clinicians due to unavailability of regulations for Homeopathic Medical System. As per Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association, there is a good number of Homeopathic doctors who are practicing Homeopathic Medical System without structure specified by MoPH in Afghanistan. The Homeopathic Medical System is practiced in some parts of our country and regulation of this system in full would ensure greater accountability to public safety. Although, there is no coordinating body in the structures of public and private sectors.

Current Global Scenrio

Homeopathy is currently used in over 80 countries. It has legal recognition as a individual system of medicine in 42 countries and is recognized as a part of complementary and alternative medicine in 28 countries. Three out of four Europeans know about Homeopathy and of these, 29 percent use it for their own health care. Studies have identified Homeopathy to be the most frequently used CAM therapy for children in European countries. The National Health Interview Survey 2007 (of past 12 months), estimated 3.9 million adults and 9100,000 children used Homeopathy in North America.

According to a survey conducted in India, sixty two percent of current Homeopathy users have never tried conventional medicines for day-to-day health problems and eighty two percent would not switch to conventional treatments, unless it is an emergency.

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Report by: Dr. Obaidullah Al-Hashmi
Legislation regarding Homeopathy and other complementary and traditional systems is different in different countries. It is officially recognized in Central and South American countries (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico), European countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom) and in Asia (India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh). It is integrated into mainstream healthcare in Brazil, India, Pakistan, Sari Lanka, Bangladesh and the United Kingdom. Now it’s time to introduce the Homeopathy in Afghanistan nationally and internationally in near future.

**Homeopathy In India**

India has a population of over one billion and is an emerging economic global power. The country shows a wide variation in terms of per capita income, purchasing parity, impacting income, expenditure and social stratification. The collective orientation of the society reflects itself in the National Health Policy of India and also underlines the governmental patronage to modern as well as the Indian systems of Medicines and Homeopathy. The Government of India facilitated the spread and development of Homeopathy by recognizing and integrating it into healthcare delivering.

The Indian government has recognized homeopathy as a medicine and set up the Central Council of Homeopathy (CCH) under the Ministry of AYUSH Government of India to regulate its education and practice. At present, homeopathy is the third most popular method of medical treatment in India, after Orthodox and Ayurveda.

Homeopathy in India has been fully integrated into the public health system and its practice is legal. In 1978, a Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy was established. Uniform Education in Homeopathy was enforced by the Indian Government in 1983. A large number of hospitals, teaching institutions and registered practitioners are under the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH).

The Indian government has written standards for Good Manufacturing Practices in homeopathy, and there are more than 600 makers of drugs using these methods. A considerable amount of homeopathic drugs are now imported from Germany. According to 2010 estimate, the size of the homeopathic market in India was about 26 billion Indian rupees ($419 million), with demand growing at an annual rate of 25-30%.11.

**Indian Infrastructure of Homeopathy 2019**

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Overview of my visit to Ministry of AYUSH Government of India April 2019

Why I visited to the Ministry of AYUSH government of India

Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani Siddha and Homoeopathy)
AYUSH Bhawan, B-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023,
The Republic of India www.ayush.gov.in

It brings in your notice that on behalf of the Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association AHMA, and with the permission of the Ministry of Public Health MoPH Afghanistan I have visited to the ministry of AYUSH/CCRH to attend the Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day (Linking Education & Clinical Practice with Research Advancing Scientific Collaborations) in 9-10 April 2019 Dr. Ambedkar International Center Janpath, New Delhi, India. and returned back to my home on 20 April. The purpose of my visiting India was to introduce the Afghanistan Homeopathic System and to discuss all our problems facing here in Afghanistan with different departments of AYUSH, and present the “The National Homeopathic Medical System Strategy” to the CCRH director general. I have disclosed each and everything just for to motivate them how they can help us regarding the true establishment and development of AYUSH system within Afghanistan, as you are aware that a little bit work has been done with the ministry of public health MoPH Afghanistan, which is not enough to introduce and regulate the homeopathy, there are huge tasks we have done about, therefore we need to connect with the ministry of AYUSH, international homeopathic organizations and pharmaceuticals to support the foundation activities and future stability of the AYUSH system her in Afghanistan. It’s also urgently required; how to develop the homeopathic education and skills development programs with the support of MoPH and MoHE.

I formally requested them to connect us with the ministry of AYUSH government of India, Indian Homeopathic institutions, Associations and manufacturing companies for the establishment and continue stability of the homeopathy in Afghanistan, that we can successfully complete the procedure for the recognition and development of the homeopathic and other AYUSH systems with the government of Afghanistan. Actually Homeopathy is not common here in Afghanistan therefore our people have no concept about the AYUSH specially Homeopathy branch of medicine. It will create a good opportunity for the health issues, employments and economic development for our country; we truly want to help our people in the mentioned subject programs. I also request the ministry of AYUSH to invite our MoPH officials delegation to India, arrange a meetings of DGs, give them orientation of the ministry of AYUSH, Hospitals, Research Centers, Institutions, Universities, pharmaceuticals and other AYUSH venues, it will be very effective to understand all about the AYUSH systems internationally.

I also discussed that it’s urgently need to recognize the AYUSH system with the government of Afghanistan, because specially the qualified homeopaths are not able to practice in their profession as a registered homeopathic practitioner, we hundreds of homeopaths are graduated from different recognized medical institutions form different countries, most of them are graduated from Pakistan, now we returned back to the homeland to help our nation in different specialties, thus still we are unable to get our practice license, because the homeopathy is not recognized with the government of Afghanistan, it’s very hurting that, the well experts and professional Homeopaths changed their profession, which is very disappointing for an educated/professionals. We want to smoothly register the AYUSH system within the government of Afghanistan soon. For a time being we just want from the government of Afghanistan to issue us the practice license. And it’s possible only with the help of the ministry of AYUSH government of India. It will bring a new economical strength for India-Afghanistan homeopathic products export business opportunity.
Indian Embassy Kabul Contribution for AHMA 2019

I am very thankful from the Indian High Commission - Embassy of India, Kabul, Afghanistan. I really appreciated that they truly treated me very special and invited me in an Afghan entrepreneurs lunch event to introduce me (as an Afghan Homeopath and struggling for the regulation of the AYUSH system in Afghanistan) with all their team and distinguish guests, the Embassy request all participants of the event to help Mr. Hashmi regarding the establishment and development of the alternative medicine system in Afghanistan. They also introduced me to an Indian doctor, he is a former technical advisor of MoPH Afghanistan to help us regarding our pending work in MoPH, and how to make our activities effective and achieve our goals in near future. The Embassy also helped me regarding my Indian visa to collect my passport on time to be able to attend the international Seminar in April in New Delhi India. He also guided me how to officially connect the Ministry of AYUSH and the MoPH Afghanistan to establish the Alternative Medicine system in Afghanistan with the help of the Government of India. I appreciate all your continued interest in and guidance for our career.

My contribution for AHMA (April 2019)

I am very thanks to Almighty Allah for choosing me to work/help for this branch of medicine to regulate and establish the Alternative Medicine system in Afghanistan, especially to work my profession Homeopathy in all aspect, to found the basic structure, establishment, regulation, development and awareness of all Alternative Medicines within Afghanistan.

Finally my day night straggles, efforts, hard work and my financial contributions I have achieved so many targets effectively and efficiently since August 2018. Early past in April I participated in Scientific Convention in World Homeopathy Day (Linking Education & Clinical Practice with Research Advancing Scientific Collaborations) in New Delhi India, by the CCRH/Ministry of AYUSH Government of India. During the event I was introduced with Indian and international Homeopathic colleagues, after the event some high profile meeting were held with AYUSH DGs and other parties regarding the subject issue. I convinced each individual to help us regarding our ongoing problems accordingly.

I visited India in self-finance, the estimated cost of my visit (Travel) was 150,000/AFN, and I lost all my 15-days patients, estimated around 60,000AFN. These sacrifice only my interest for the establishment of the Homeopathy in Afghanistan.

- Foundation of the association AHMA (Chairman)
- Arranged the first AHMA meeting in Sep-2018 in our YAC Office
- Creator and admin of the AHMA, Homeopathic Learning Messenger-group and Facebook-PAGE.
- Facebook/ahma.afg to connect all homeopaths for their unity.
- Create and designed the Logo of the AHMA, membership registration form, Membership certificate, Membership ID Card, payment Slip, etc…
- Prepared the membership fee collection database.
- Prepared the AHMA-Constitution and other documents for the Ministry of Justice.
- Prepared the computerized financial system for AHMA (Reporting System).
- Introduced the AHMA to the Indian Embassy and the Ministry of AYUSH Government of India.
- Introduce the AHMA to NCH National Center for Homeopathy USA.
Narrative report of my meetings with the Ministry AYUSH government India:

Central Council for Research in Homeopathy CCRH Ministry of AYUSH Government of India

It is with great honor that I have visited India on behalf of Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association AHMA, and with the help and full support of CCRH Director General Dr. Raj K. Manchanda and sponsored/funded my travel cost by the LMHI to attend the Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day on 9-10 April 2019. And held some meetings with the ministry of AYUSH representatives Director Generals regarding the establishment of AYUSH system within Afghanistan, I presented “The National Homoeopathic Medical System Strategy Afghanistan Document (2015-2020) to the Director General of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy CCRH, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, for his kind information, and guidance on further directions in implementation of such a document, given his vast experience in the field of Homoeopathy.

While on my visit to India, I have had many meaningful interactions with various colleagues of Homoeopathy, and I hope to seek future association with the representatives of Homoeopathy of Government of India to enable development of Homoeopathy, and other AYUSH systems in my country, Afghanistan.

I also thank Dr. Manchanda and his team for guiding me on further course of action for development of Homoeopathy in Afghanistan.

We also discussed about the Homeopathic education and trainings that, how to educate our future homeopaths, and arranging some training programs for graduated homeopaths? To update their knowledge accordingly. The AYUSH will provide skills development trainings for homeopaths and offer the scholarships to fresh students of BHMS in future, MD, further studies and research on Homeopathy in India in after the regulating of homeopathy in Afghanistan, and after successfully linked the AYUSH with MoPH with cooperation and support of the Indian High Commission Kabul, Afghanistan in near future.

I also held a very meaningful meeting with Dr. Sandeep Kaila the comprehensive of “Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI)” this organization is based in Germany. They offered the AHMA to get the membership under the LMHI, and it’s a great opportunity for being the member of this international Homeopathic organization. It means that the AHMA will be introduced internationally. We the administration of AHMA should get the membership of LMHI for each individual in near future.

The Director General of Central Council for Research in Homeopathy CCRH Dr. Raj Manchanda presented me the following two books of their scientific research and complete information about Homoeopathy:

1. Homoeopathy Science of Gentle Healing
2. Homoeopathy Forging Ahead

Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI)

The international Homeopathic Medical Society Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) established in Rotterdam in 1925, represents homeopathic physicians in more than 70 countries all over the world. They work for homeopathic associations, pharmaceuticals and clinicians. Its main office is located in the Hahnemann working venue/place. The purposes of the association are the development and securing of homeopathy worldwide and the creation of link among licensed homeopaths with medical diplomas and societies and persons who are interested in homeopathy. The HMHI is exclusively devoted to non-profit activities serving philanthropic benefits. www.lmhi.org

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THE FACULTY OF HOMEOPATHY UK

The Faculty of Homeopathy was founded in 1844. In 1950 it was incorporated by Act of UK Parliament. Now in 2018, the Faculty is extending its global influence by offering a range of exciting new membership options. The Faculty of Homeopathy is the preeminent global association for healthcare professionals who are trained to use homeopathy alongside conventional medicine. To date the majority of the Faculty’s members have been doctors practicing in the United Kingdom or European Union plus international members form India, Japan and Australasia. Today the faculty moves to embrace further its international mission as it moves into its 175th Anniversary celebration in 2019.

I also had a very result oriented meeting with Dr. Gary J Smyth the President of the “Faculty of Homeopathy” and his team. It’s a UK based homeopathic international organization working worldwide, they also welcome the AHMA to help in the foundation activities guidelines of the establishment, development, awareness and international homeopathic delegations regarding Afghanistan, they offered to get their membership and be the part of their faculty. They will also cooperate in to invite us in all their events to generate update knowledge to all Afghan Homeopaths. Ether is. www.facultyofhomeopathy.org

Central Council for Research in Unani CCRU Ministry of AYUSH Government of India

Another special meeting was held in the “Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine CCRU” with Dr. Asim Ali Khan the Director General, and Dr. Ghazala Javed the research officer Unani Scientist IV, with the reference of Dr. Raj Manchanda DG of CCRH, Dr. Khan said the AHMA have to make a calibration with other AYUSH departments and work together and increase your strength, that will be possible to convince the ministry of AYUSH for the establishment of the AYUSH system in Afghanistan not only the Homeopathy, then focus on your homeopathy only. In our initial stage we should go forward with all AYUSH system to achieve our goals effectively and efficiently. In Afghanistan there are more than 2700 Unani practitioners registered with the Unani Association.

The Director General of Central Council for Research in Unani CCRU Dr. Asim Ali Khan presented me the following two books of their scientific research and update information: www.indianmedicine.nic.in

1. Unani System of Medicine The Science of Health and Healing
2. Unani Medicine in India An Overview

Dr. Willmar Schwabe India Pvt. Ltd. WSI (Homeopathic Manufacturer)

I it was my honor to visit “Dr. Willmar Schwabe India” manufacturing company in Noida. I was invited by Mr. Raveen Manchanda, the business representative of Schwabe Pharmaceutical. I was oriented to all departments of pharmaceutical by the Schwabe officials. At the end of orientation I confidently request that how the SCHWABE can help us regarding the establishment, development, promotion and the stability of homeopathy in Afghanistan? I also request to arrange and sponsor a free medical camp in near future in Afghanistan, and also request to delegate a presentation for the MoPH DGs in presence of AHMA and Indian high commission with the teaching and awareness of homeopathy and facilitate all the distinguish guests with some gifts. We also discuss the future business regarding their products to be sold within Afghanistan. I noticed that how to purchase the SCHWABE medicines and what is the chain of import from India to Afghanistan. Business with Indian Homeopathic Pharmaceuticals improves the health service and result oriented effectively and efficiently. www.schwabeindia.com
Our Needs and requirements

As you are aware we are in the initial stage on country based introducing of the AYUSH system, therefore there are large numbers of need and requirements for the establishment of the AYUSH system within Afghanistan.

- To regulate the complete AYUSH System within Afghanistan
- To connect our Ministry of Public Health MoPH Afghanistan with the Ministry of AYUSH Government of Indian.
- To develop and regulate the Indian education system for the Alternative system of medicines within Afghanistan.
- Allow the Scholarships of AYUSH studies to our students.
- The ministry of AYUSH help us, how to get memberships of all AYUSH faculties with international association, institutions and organizations.
- How to get the full support of MoPH Afghanistan.
- We need to introduce ourselves to all Indian Homeopathic pharmaceutical regarding our future business.
- To change the route and replace of importing all Alternative medicines with Indian qualitative products.
- We have to update the knowledge of our current clinicians with trainings and other research programs.
- We need all administration documentation drafts.
- We need some research information regarding all faculties of AYUSH internationally.
- We really need a professional awareness presentations, print and Media public awareness programs.
- And many more…

I can never thank you enough. I appreciate all your continued interest in and guidance for our career.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Obaidullah Al-Hashmi
President AHMA

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September 24th
Opening Concert & Cocktail
We are proud to announce the Opening Concert 'Notes of Homeopathy'.

A Concert devoted to the Great Masters of Music who were cured by Homeopathy.

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Make sure to register to the Congress in order to participate to the Welcome Concert and Cocktail.

**September 27th**

**Gala Dinner**

Have you already booked your ticket for the official GALA DINNER?

**Sept. 27 @ Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel – Sant’ Antonio Restaurant.**

Reservation must be paid apart from the Congress Registration, by visiting the Registration Link. In case you already registered, use your user name and password and reserve your seat for the night!!

*Due to logistical reasons, tickets are to be booked and paid within September 10, 2019.*
Don’t miss the special registration fee until the end of the 74th LMHI Congress in Italy!

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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 donations 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 finance contribution, you can submit a bank transfer to the LMHI bank account;

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