74th Congress LMHI 2019
Sorrento, Italy
Dear colleagues, dear friends,

With this issue a new period of the publications of LMHI will start. Our past LMHI newsletter secretary, Dr. Richard Hiltner, ended his term and the colleagues of the board asked me to take the publications under my responsibility. First of all, I want to thank, together with the editorial board, Richard, who managed the publications with passion, trying to give his best to inform our colleagues in every corner of the world about homeopathic developments. He was always concerned to not forget some important news, and he always tried to reduce the costs of the publications in order to save the money of our beloved association, of course, without reduce the quality.

I do hope, during the next period, to be able to maintain a similar level of our publications and I am sure that the new editorial board will do its best.

We had in Sorrento, Italy, before the LMHI World Congress, a meeting of the new board and it was fruitful because of the ideas and proposals of each one of the members. I thank each one of them, you will find the names in the Imprint of the issue.

As regards the LMHI Letter, we decided to go on with two issues every year, one after the yearly congress and one after the World Hahnemann Day, celebrated in many countries of the world on the 10th of April.

The main responsibility of the issues will be in the hands of our indefatigable secretary Mrs. Evin Turkay, who will also collect the reports of the NVPs and of the Executive Committee members, a difficult job, considering the tendency to not send reports on time!

The LMHI Letter, as in the past, will be devoted to inform the public and our members of the political developments around the world and of the main events, such as congresses and celebrations.

With this issue we will report about the 74th LMHI congress, held in Sorrento, 25-28 of September. It was a mega event with nearly 800 participants and a very high scientific level of the papers. Dr. Francesco V. Marino and Dr. Antonella Ronchi had the honor and the responsibility to organize the congress from the logistical and scientific point of view. I have to say that they did it in the best possible way.

We also had the election of the new LMHI Board, we wish them a fruitful and successful work, especially to our new President, Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, from Argentina. You will read all the details in the next pages.

Well dear friends of Homeopathy, enjoy reading and receive my warmest regards, sincerely yours, the Editor.
Dear Readers:

As I write this editorial as the new president of the LMHI, the responsibility involved in starting to exercise this position arises anew in me.

As one looks at the list of those who preceded me, there are names of many colleagues who defended the practice of homeopathy with expertise. Among them, I must mention one who was the founder of the school where I studied and where I developed as a teacher, Tomás Pablo Paschero. He was the only Argentine who preceded me in this position, which makes the inheritance received stronger for me.

For those who do not know his work, Paschero was one of the most important diffusers in the twentieth century of Hahnemannian and Kentian homeopathy.

In these postmodern times where relativism prevails in many concepts, it is necessary to clarify that a true Hahnemannian conception is only where the disease is considered from a dynamic point of view, and as a manifestation of an individual imbalance of the psychophysical totality that is the patient.

A prestigious Argentine homeopath, Alfonso Masi Elizalde, used to say “Homeopathy is learned in a night drinking coffee, or it is never learned in life.”

Of course, Masi knew well that the study of homeopathy is arduous and never ends. What he was referring to is that for someone to understand the philosophy of homeopathy, there must be a Copernican revolution in that person in his or her worldview of the concepts of health and disease, which is a turn that can be taken by some, but not by everybody.

Even within the homeopath community we usually find doctors who consider the disease as the result of a mechanical and non-dynamic process. Or they carry out prescriptions according to the part of the clinical entity, without taking into account the totality in the manifestation of the imbalance.

The commitment I assume is to continue in the footsteps of those teachers who have illuminated our path, and continue in the defense and dissemination of our beloved homeopathy, in times when attacks, often malicious, abound. Although we have to adopt resources typical of the prevalent biomedical paradigm for our defense, we must not forget that the practice of homeopathy is pre-eminently a humanistic medicine.

In this regard, my work will surely be facilitated by the colleagues who accompany me on the LMHI Board, a group comprised of excellence that ensures the success of the enterprise.

I hope that those who read these lines also support the task. We need all those members of the LMHI who are willing to help make homeopathy shine like in the golden ages.

Sincerely yours,

Gustavo Cataldi
President LMHI
Sorrento, 25-28 September 2019:
74th World Congress of Homeopathic Medicine
"The medicine of the future with an ancient heart"

Francesco V. Marino

Premise
From 25 to 28 September, Sorrento hosted the 74th World Congress of Homeopathic Medicine, in the prestigious setting of the Hilton Sorrento Palace. The event was managed by FIAMO and LUIMO, the two Italian associations belonging to the LMHI - Italy.

The central theme of the congress was the “principle of Similitude”, the paradigm that inspired all the medical systems of antiquity and which continues to fascinate doctors and patients of our day. No coincidence that the title chosen for this congress was “The Medicine of the future with an ancient heart”.

During the opening evening (Tuesday, September 24th) a concert was held dedicated to the great musicians who were treated with homeopathy (Chopin, Beethoven, Paganini, Gershwin, etc.). On the occasion of this congress the Italian Post Office granted a “special philatelic cancellation”, which is a commemorative and exclusive stamp by virtue of which the Sorrento congress will be counted among the special events, such as the appointment of the new President of the Republic, of the new Pope, etc.

The Sorrento congress was attended by around 800 homeopathic physicians, coming from 48 countries, variously distributed in the 5 continents, in addition to a substantial academic representation, made up of internationally renowned scientists and researchers. The participants were able to share the most recent acquisitions in the field of most ancient civilizations and that still today continues to fascinate and intrigue doctors and researchers.

Once Sorrento was chosen, we found the best conference venue to host the event at the Hilton Sorrento Palace. So we set up the scientific program in which we emphasized the following topics: clinical and basic research, historical and cultural background, integration in health services, case reports. Furthermore, in the guidelines we specified that we would select not only high quality but above all original works, as a sign of respect for those who sacrifice. In fact, unlike allopathic colleagues, homeopaths come to learn and share their experiences, so they have the right to listen to all levels, we found ourselves in a totally different situation: in Capri everyone wanted to be there and competed to participate, while in Sorrento it seemed that everyone wanted to hold back...

To overcome this climate of profound uncertainty, we decided to set up special discounts both for groups of colleagues (1 free every 10 registrations, as was done even during the Paris Congress in 2014) and for the same companies. In the meantime we set up a high-level scientific program in which we emphasized the following topics: methodology, clinical and basic research, historical and cultural background, integration in health services, case reports. Furthermore, in the guidelines we specified that we would select not only high quality but above all original works, as a sign of respect for those who come from far away and face economic, professional and personal sacrifices. In fact, unlike allopathic colleagues, homeopaths come to learn and share their experiences, so they have the right to listen to valid reports, never presented at previous LMHI congresses. Finally we invited 23 well-known key speakers at national and international level.

In other words, we were well aware that all this could have entailed risks – such as bad moods and a lower number of registrations - but in the end these choices proved to be successful: in fact, enrollment and membership increased little by little. By early March we received over 250 abstracts of which only 110 were published as oral presentations and 28 as posters. All excellent works, confirming that quality always pays. In the months preceding the congress we experienced, once again, the climate of discrimination that surrounds our world. Since “... homeopathy is not included in the EBM” our request for European credit (EACCM) was rejected. Similarly, the FNON (Federazione Nazionale Ordine Medici) and the European Parliament denied legal aid with equally ridiculous reasons.
Even 20 days before the congress, the AIFA (Italian Drug Agency) sent us an e-mail with which it even threatened to prevent the congress from taking place because it was “misleading advertising”. According to Italian law, in order to organize a scientific event, it is necessary to comply with the AIFA guidelines in order to obtain authorization: this applies to both organizers and sponsor companies. In the AIFA email it was argued that “…it is impossible that homeopathy can achieve superior results to Allopathy ... we must not forget that homeopathic medicines in Italy are recognized without approved therapeutic indications. As an example we mention 3 works that do not meet our criteria ”.

In conclusion: in order to hold the congress, we had to slightly change the titles of numerous reports in order to obtain authorization ...

Once this last obstacle has been overcome, we have finally arrived at the established date!

2) The Congress

From Sunday the 22nd to Tuesday September 24th, the pre-conference meetings were held in which the various NVPs outlined the state of the art of homeopathy in their respective countries. On the evening of Tuesday 24th there was the opening ceremony with a concert (“Notes of Homeopathy”) dedicated to the great musicians who were treated with Homeopathy: Chopin, Beethoven, Schumann, Paganini, Ravel, Malibran, Cole Porter, Gershwin. The creator of this initiative was prof. Francesco E. Negro who organized, a decade ago, a series of concerts of this kind for 7 consecutive years, at the Auditorium-Parco della Musica (Rome) and during the International Festival of Two Worlds (Spoleto). The concert offered in Sorrento has revived a synthesis of those 7 concerts. The following day (Wednesday 25th) the congress was opened, with the greetings of the Mayor, Giuseppe Cuomo, and of Prof. Dario Chiriacò, ophthalmologist, homeopathic doctor and President of the Medical association of Rieti. Prof. Chiriacò gave the official greeting of the FNOM (National Federation of the Order of Physicians) and recalled some of the main presentations enjoyed by Homeopathy in Italy:

- recognition by the Medical Association, as a medical act, since 2002
- guidelines for recognition by the National Council of the Medical Association (2009-2012)
- regulation of vocational training with State law (2013)
- recognition by State law of homeopathic medicines (2018)

Homeopathic Medicine, therefore, according to Chiriacò, constitutes a concrete fact, in spite of the attempts to delegitimize it by the skeptical lobby.

The congress then opened with 2 masterly readings of great authority: Prof. Negro, who highlighted the decisive role of Italy (and of Naples, in particular) in the diffusion of homeopathic culture in Europe and in the rest of the world. Prof. Negro also noted the fact that homeopathies should never forget that they are primarily doctors. He also presented and donated to all the congress members a copy of the "Complete Italian Homeopathic Bibliography" (1822-1939) and proposed that each nation should write its own bibliography, in order to preserve the memory of homeopathic production and to promote exchanges and cultural sharing.

Prof. Fritjof Capra, a well-known quantum physicist and systems theorist, who spoke about the systemic view of life and science. He then illustrated the cornerstones of Systemic Thinking, of which homeopathy would be an integral part. All these themes were then taken up and developed in a dedicated workshop, held in the evening.

Immediately after the break, the session dedicated to homeopathy’s cultural background with readings of G. Cataldi and Prof. Paolo Bellavite was open.

Cataldi examined the vitalistic thought in the various philosophical and homeopathic interpretations.

Bellavite illustrated both the cultural and scientific bases and the possible mechanisms of action underlying the principle of similitude. According to Bellavite, the "hormetic model" proved to be insufficient to explain the complexity of the self-regulating homeopathic process: the living organism, in fact, would exploit the secondary action of the homeopathic stimulus to shift its response - at the molecular level, cellular and systemic - by pathological attractors, responsible for the disease state , to physiological attractors , consistent with the state of health .

The lecturer reads Prof. Gianpaolo Donzelli, internationally renowned neonatologist, president of the Meyer Foundation of Florence and member of the National Bioethics Committee: although he is not a homeopath, he is an example of that bridge of dialogue that we have always tried to establish with the world academic. Prof. Donzelli stressed the need to adopt a new paradigm in the field of medical sciences. Many health and academic institutions recognize that it is time to overcome the rigid methodology of protocols and standardized guidelines to adopt a more holistic and personalized approach. From this point of view human sciences can play a decisive role in training and care programs. In the session of Clinical Methodology Frederick Schroyens showed the importance of a renewed repertoire analysis in order to increase the accuracy of the prescriptions of the family approach.

Carlo Rezzani conducted a retrospective analysis of 3,500 patients in order to identify common parameters for all the homeopathic world. Each school should define its criteria in order to collect their well-documented case reports and structured. This methodological coherence would allow us to discuss with the allopathic world on an equal basis.

In a subsequent clinical methodology session Farokh Master and Henning Gyesper’s presentations were very appreciated.

Farokh Master described in detail his experience in the management of clinical oncolgy cases: in cases with early diagnosis, not yet subjected to surgical treatment / chemo / radio, with good susceptibility , the constitutional therapy that best corresponds to the miasmatic trend. In other cases it is preferred to resort to local therapies, such as hormones or allopathic therapies potentiated in CH or LM scale based on the patient’s response , with the 5 cup technique. In advanced / terminal cases, palliative therapy is preferred. The results obtained are encouraging: 70% improvement of the clinical picture, 60% reduction of morphine / painkillers, clear reduction of infectious recurrences. Gyesper gave an exquisitely didactic approach on how to study the Materia medica, from keynotes to provings, much appreciated especially by younger colleagues for its clarity and practical utility.

The session concluded with the report by Rosario Sanchez Caballero, who illustrated the experience of the Mexican School, according to the miasmatic methodology developed by Master Ortega.

These were the main presentations of the first day in the plenary hall (Wednesday 25th ). Over the next 3 days, 123 reports were given , divided into sessions in various conference rooms. Although all of them were extremely interesting, for reasons of space I will limit myself to commenting on the most significant ones, referring to conference themes.

PROVING

G. Dominici illustrated the multi-center trial of Herpes Virus 1 (HV1), conducted in 2015-2016 at 3 FIAMO Schools (Verona, Turin, Reggio Calabria). The triple-blind trial followed the guidelines recommended by LMHI and ECH, modulated according to the author’s experience (see LMHI 2014 Congress). The high power levels used (30, 200, 1000 CH) have brought to light interesting pathogenetic symptoms in quality and quantity to be used in clinical key.
Martine Jus exposed the proving with Natrium Arsenicosum 200 CH which, besides confirming the known effects on the eye, nose and respiratory tract, provided interesting data on the mental picture, such as to allow it to be differentiated from both Arsenicum Album and Natrium Murricatum. Egidio Galli presented the proving of Capsicum Annuum, conducted at the School of Reggio Calabria on 47 volunteers with the Quick Proving methodology, in triple blind. The proving confirmed the coherence with the pathogenesis conducted by Hahnemann and other authors and reported 20 new symptoms in the thorax, cardiovascular system and extremities. Agustín Salinas called attention to the need to adopt standard guidelines in the conduct of Provings, as established in 2014.

CULTURAL BACKGROUND
Agro-Homeopathy is one of the most recent and fascinating branches in the homeopathic field. Radko Tichavsky is one of the main leaders of the sector. Not being able to arrive in time in Sorrento, his lecture was read by one of his best students, Francesco Di Lorenzo, an agronomist. The Agro-Homeopathy developed, historically, according to the anthropocentric indications of Rudolf Steiner. Nowadays there are research groups in many countries (Brazil, India, UK, Italy, Mexico, etc.). The application of homeopathic principles comes from criteria extrapolated from human Materia Medica and from repertoires but must take into account the extreme number and variability of botanical species, which interact in a highly complex System: this explains the great variability of the results get. The authors have wanted to present criteria and line guide for a new systemic model (allopathia), based on the principle of metabolic similarity between different living organisms. Andrea Branchioni, a veterinarian, showed the specificity of Anthracinum. Its materia medica originates from the Liege Homeopathy Center and by the groups "Petroleum and Medorrhinum", coordinated by Marc Brunson. In the absence of a pure experimentation, the MM and the medicine it is 'based on information coming from numerous clinical cases of good quality', that have permission to elevate Anthracinum to rank first level remedy. Joseph M. Schmidt revisited the concept of similarity according to the different developmental stages crossed by Hahnemann:

- 1796: initially Hahnemann, excited by Enlightenment ideals, presented it to the academic community as a "new scientific hypothesis", to be validated or denied based on experience
- 1805-1810: addressing the general public, he presented it as a "rational" and "plausible" theory
- From 1819 onwards: convinced of the validity of the principle, he therefore presented himself as an "artist of healing"
- From 1827 onwards: the Similitude rises to the rank of Divine Truth which was revealed to him by Grace . Paradigmatically, according to Schmidt, Hahnemann crossed the cognitive path of the last 5,000 years in the opposite direction. This could explain the difficulties encountered by this principle among the scientific community, which is still linked to the reductionist paradigm.

Monica Beier stressed the value of experience, experimental memory and self-experimentation in Hippocrates and Hahnemann.

Domenico and Paolo De Carlo have investigated from a metaphysical and symbolic point of view the relationship between the morbid pathology and the profound meaning it expresses in miasmatic terms.

M.L. Agneni has investigated the reasons for the epochal crisis that is going on between research and clinical practice, due to several factors (cultural, cognitive, practical, psychological, doctor / patient relationship). For the purposes of a "medicine based on practice "it is fundamental to improve the quality of case reports. It's important to know and apply the in this sense the modern guide lines (HOM-CASE CARE) as well as a System for the assignment of the causal relationship. The search for prognostic factors is fundamental to validate which symptoms are important in choosing the best therapy (calculation of the Likelihood Ratio) as well as being aware of the potential bias in the information used to support the decision to be made. The ultimate goal, therefore, is not to "prove" but to "improve" the clinical practice so that homeopathy can become a practice-based medical system, perfectly adherent to the modern scientific principles. To complete this reading, van Haselen held an interesting workshop on the subject and on the challenges and opportunities the 21 st century Homeopathy has to face.

CLINICAL RESEARCH
The works presented were numerous and very interesting. Brilliantly resolved clinical cases, thanks to little-known remedies, which deserve to be addressed in detail for which we refer to the publication of the documents. It is worth to mention, for example, some cases of rheumatoid arthritis (Mohanty), of Guillain-Barre (Singh), of ankle tuberculosis (Wadhwani), of alcoholic liver disease (Kapil, Joao, Zafeiriou), of infantile cortical hyperostosis (Mehta), uterine fibromatosis a (Alvino), of trigeminal neuralgia (Ferla), of ankylosing spondyloarthritides (Sivais, A. Pareek), of ADHD (Abbate), of women's infertility (Cerami, Chandak), of childhood asthma (Beier Ciravegna).

A special mention should be made for the readings of 2 key speakers: " : K. Gaertner and R. Van Haselen.

In order to respond to criticisms from several parties (lack of evidence, low quality of studies), K. Gaertner and his study group developed and recorded a protocol for a systematic review and 3 meta-analyses (PROSPERO), which contains all of the RCT and Observational studies conducted between the 1980 and 2018. In total: 631 articles on controlled studies of 210 clinical conditions (at least 2 controlled studies in 53 conditions), in which the effects of treatments performed are evaluated. In a special workshop, Gaertner described and defined the different reactions to the homeopathic interventions (adverse reactions, homeopathic aggravation, etc.). R. Van Haselen focused on the gap between research and clinical practice, due to several factors (cultural, cognitive, practical, psychological, doctor / patient relationship). For the purposes of a "medicine based on practice "it is fundamental to improve the quality of case reports. It's important to know and apply the in this sense the modern guide lines (HOM-CASE CARE) as well as a System for the assignment of the causal relationship. The search for prognostic factors is fundamental to validate which symptoms are important in choosing the best therapy (calculation of the Likelihood Ratio) as well as being aware of the potential bias in the information used to support the decision to be made. The ultimate goal, therefore, is not to "prove" but to "improve" the clinical practice so that homeopathy can become a practice-based medical system, perfectly adherent to the modern scientific principles. To complete this reading, van Haselen held an interesting workshop on the subject and on the challenges and opportunities the 21 st century Homeopathy has to face.

CLINICAL METHODOLOGY
The readings of keynote speakers such as R. Petrucci, M. Mangialavori, U. Fischer, Bhawisha and Shachinda Joshi were among the most followed and appreciated. By a series of video cases, Petrucci explained the methodology of his school: the prescription starts from the choice of symptoms to get to the themes and then to a limited group of remedies in which one would find the most suitable one (which, not always, is a polychrest). With this strategy, in fact, it is possible to select little-known remedies able to solve the case brilliantly.

From the epistemological point of view, Mangialavori analyzed the development of homeopathic thought in the last 30 years in the light of his personal experience, consisting of over 10,000 clinical cases collected over 33 years. Over time the Hahnemannian thought has been variously interpreted and subjected to critical revision. New models of interpretation arose, that does not necessarily represent a real development of the classical model. Furthermore, the competition with the academic world could hide some pitfalls, such as a dangerous distortion of our methodology. The homeopathic community should, therefore, think of a model of independent study and research, autonomous and available to the whole community, instead of letting private companies handle this need.
VETERINARY

M. Baer summarized the essential characteristics of Potassium Salts through a series of meaningful and brilliantly solved clinical cases: one horse with chronic tendinitis (Kali-s.), Another with “Head shaking syndrome” (Kali-Ars.), A dog with epileptic accesses (Kali-br.), a cat with chronic rhinitis (Kali-bi.). Although they are not easy to find in the animal world, these salts allow to discover important traits of the respective remedies, of which the second element has important effects on behavior.

M.S. Nuovo illustrated an interesting series of animals suffering from serious oncological diseases of different nature and localization that underwent homeopathic therapy as a primary choice or as a consequence of the heavy side effects, the expense to be incurred or the impossibility on the part of the animal to support conventional cancer therapy. In all the animals a rapid general improvement was observed even for long periods up to the final death, which occurred without suffering and in a dignified manner.

B. Rigamonti reported the study conducted by SIOV (Società’ Italiana di omeopatia Veterinaria) on Falcon peregrinus and Lac Lupinum, two remedies that are proved very useful in the veterinary field. On the basis of provings and human medicine, hypotheses are being formulated on the possible themes, even though both remedies predict differences with respect to human medicine. The most indicated fields of application seem to be autoimmune diseases and behavioral disorders.

DENTISTRY

The session was coordinated in a skillful way, as always, by G.A. Fehgelstein, author of several works of great interest and practical importance. For example, the use of Hypericum and Calendula 3 DH in dentistry and prosthetic procedures. It is essential that the homeopathic dentist knows perfectly the Boenninghansan methodology, as well as the oral cavity diseases. In the case of periodontal diseases it is necessary to study the patient from the constitutional point of view, examining the structure of the oral cavity, the skull and the phenotype. In advanced cases we can resort, in addition to conventional therapies, to remedies such as Hepar, Silicea, Thuja, etc.

Thanks to homeopathy, dentistry is making remarkable progress, not surprisingly it was one of the most followed sessions of the entire congress. The use of: Ferrum Phos. in the pulpitus (Barroso), the combination Achillea mill.,Phosphorus in the post-operative bleeding of the maxillary sinus (Buonocore); Cirnex 6 CH in the control of bruxism (Marques Nunes), a pathology for which a treatment protocol has been proposed (De Oliveira Nardy) was discussed. It was also presented the miasmatic based case of a 50 year old woman, with jaw bone destruction, which were successfully treated.

ONCOLOGY

By virtue of the prestige of the speakers and the cases presented, it was one of the most appreciated sessions.

A. Saine showed the state of the art by recalling that homeopathy can boast a large number of cases of cancer patients successfully treated, even if it requires a great knowledge of the Hahnemannian method.

D. Payhuber recalled, on one hand, the role of emotional factors (Organon, par. 210) in the genesis of the tumor; on the other hand, he was inspired by the J. Scholten’s Periodic Table, whose approach reflects the patient’s existential conflicts. When the tumor subsides, the action of the remedy reveals that the syndrome shifts following the Hering’s law, with the reappearance of old symptoms / disorders in the reverse order of appearance. Thanks to this approach, he has been able to successfully treat numerous cases of cancer over 30 years. The group directed by Dr. Dario Spinedi (S. Croce Clinic of Orselina), has accumulated a great deal of experience, treating hundreds of patients in the last 22 years. In general, patients are hospitalized for 14 days, then they are followed in the clinic. They follow Kent and kunzli’s methodology. During the hospitalization the Q or CH potencies of antimiasmatic and constitutional remedies are used, according to the acute / chronic state and the patient’s condition. During the session, some cases of ependymoblastoma of grade IV in a 2-year-old girl (Malchow), acute lymphoblastic leukemia in a 5-year-old child (Mututhukunnel) and 2 cases of melanoma (Spinedi) were exposed.
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**BASIC RESEARCH**

R. Manchanda recalled that there exists a database ("HomBrex") that collects basic research in Homeopathy, most of which comes from Europe and the USA. However, for various reasons, the contribution of these regions has considerably declined over the past 30 years. Currently the countries that mostly publish are Brazil and India. The latter, in particular, has been promoting research, training and clinical practice, thanks to the Central Research Council in Homeopathy (CCRHR): 80 out of 232 works published in the 2003-2013 decade come from this institution, which funded research in the virological, molecular, pharmacological, chemical and nanomolecular fields. M. Van Wassenhoven showed the results of a research program (DYNHOM) aimed at exploring and clarifying the nature of the homeopathic medicines. In fact some modern measurement methods are available, such as liquid chromatography (UHPLC-UV), NMR, laser technology including scanning microscopy and light scatterening. Recently the electrophotonic analysis (EPA) of globules and drops has been added. In this project at least 3 European universities have been involved (Belgium, France, Germany). Thanks to this project it was possible to test, measure and identify the nature, quantity, chemical composition, conformation, electromagnetic and electrophotonic domains within the water molecules and the transfer in the solvent of the coherent information from the solute.

**CONCLUSIONS**

At the end of these reports, as at all LMHI congresses, there were greetings and thanks from the Scientific and Organizing Committee of the Congress, then the closing speech of the outgoing LMHI President, Dr. Alok Pareek, the presentation of the new LMHI Executive Committee and the speech of the new President, Dr. Gustavo Cataldi. In conclusion, I think it was one of the most successful congresses so far, from the scientific and organizational point of view. If we think of the climate of bewilderment that had preceded it and the atmosphere of enthusiasm that instead was breathed during those four days, then I think I can say: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

On behalf of myself and all those who have contributed to the success of this event, I hope that this congress can now mark a turning point in the history of our great homeopathic family.

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**HONORARY PRESIDENT**

To our dear friend and colleague Renzo Galassi, for the immense work he undertook and accomplished in over 18 years for LMHI. It was to be a surprise ... and a surprise it was! Renzo learned of it only at the moment of the honor being presented, in fact he could not warn his wife Stefania. I just hope she will forgive us because of this ...

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**LAST BUT NON THE LEAST**

Saturday, September 28th the last session was held, with 3 excellent speakers, each of whom rightly deserved a standing ovation! Rachel Roberts (HRI) illustrated the long battle undertaken with NHRMC, the Australian organization that published a report in 2015 that denied any validation to homeopathy. That report turned out to be a fraud. In fact, a previous report (2012) had been hidden that, on the contrary, stated in favor of homeopathy. Yet for 4 years NHRMC had refused to publish it, despite the international pressure and the investigation from the Australian Senate itself, as HRI had denounced the fact to the Commonwealth’s Ombudsman. Nevertheless, on the basis of that report, the detractors and the international media had built misleading campaigns. A few weeks before the congress, NHMRC was forced to publish that first report and to admit that homeopathy has shown encouraging results in at least 5 conditions. A.Tournier showed data from a systematic review program to explore the Physico-chemical properties of homeopathic preparations. 122 publications out of 183 were of high quality (MIS> = 5). Less than 25% used blinding and / or randomization and about 1/3 used appropriate controls to identify specific effects of the studied preparations. The most promising techniques were: NMR relaxation, spectroscopy, electrical impedance, which allowed to replicate high quality experiments capable of providing evidence for specific physicochemical properties of homeopathic preparations.

V.ELia concluded the congress’ works by demonstrating how homeopathic preparations can significantly modify the physico-chemical properties of the aqueous solvent.

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**POSTER**

Out of the 250 abstracts, 28 were selected as posters. The choice was very difficult, in fact the Scientific Commission found itself in serious embarrassment because they were all excellent. All the fields of homeopathic interest have been explored, from the clinic to provings, from- integrated medicine to methodology, to the pharmacy, to the physics, etc. Finally, the commission chose to reward the poster of Cachin Jus (“Buoy Kumar Bose - a stalwart of Homeopathy”) both as a recognition to a great master of Indian Homeopathy, who was direct student of Kent, and as an "ad memoriam" award to husband of the author (Jus MS), who died a few weeks before the congress. It was a very touching moment, at the end of which there was conferred of ...
Highlights of the 74rd Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis
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SPEECH by GUSTAVO CATALDI RECEIVING THE PRESIDENCY OF LMHI

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the International Council for having chosen me to lead this honorable Institution. Thanks also to those who have accompanied me in the Executive Committee throughout these years, especially Renzo Galassi, who encouraged me to apply for this position.

LMHI has had important teachers in its history in the position I assume today. One of them, who has also been subsequently named honorary president, was Tomás Pablo Paschero (from 1972 to 1975), the founder of the Escuela Médica Homeopática Argentina.

I consider myself an heir of the Argentine School, which has had homeopaths such as Eugenio Candegabe, Alfonso Masi Elizalde, Francisco Xavier Eixayaga and many others who have expanded Hahnemannian homeopathy throughout the world.

In Escuela Médica Homeopática Argentina “Tomás Pablo Paschero” I have been dean for 12 years and I continue on the academic staff. Paschero’s School has provided many illustrious homeopaths to the world and continues the teaching of classical Homeopathy at a high level and with the humanist message that its founder brought as a personal seal to the homeopathy of the world.

We are in Sorrento, a city that takes its name from the beautiful mermaids, those mythological creatures that delighted sailors in such a way, that with their songs they managed to wreck ships and caused their crews to perish.

Thus, Homer recounts in the song XII of the Odyssey the tempting proposals that were made to the sailors while their ships crossed these waters:

"Come here – they sang – renowned Odysseus, honor to the Achaean name, and listen to our two voices. No one ever sailed past us without staying to hear the enchanting sweetness of our song, and he, who listens, will go on his way not only charmed, but wiser, for we know all the ills that the gods laid upon the Argives and Trojans before Troy, and can tell you everything that is going to happen over the whole world”. Ulysses, the politrópós, "man of multiple resources", could devise a ploy that allowed him to enjoy these songs, but at the same time not lose the direction of his ship.

By chaining himself to one of the masts and telling his crew to seal his ears with wax, he managed to dodge one of the greatest dangers he encountered on his way to Ithaca. The mermaids’ songs are those that enchant with their beautiful melody, but that are treacherous, since they lead the listener to perdition.

The promise of the mermaids was to reveal the most hidden secrets in the world, since – they said – "we can tell you everything that is going to happen over the whole world" and those who heard their songs "will go on their way not only charmed, but wiser.” Ulysses, a wise man who possessed great intelligence, feared, however, that he was lost because of those songs that could fool him.

That is why he chained himself so as not to lose the direction of his boat.

Thus, the dangers of the enchantments of attractive speeches can also make us shipwrecked in our practice of homeopathy. The secret of not crashing is to listen to them, just as Ulysses did, but with the firm basis of the doctrine that was settled by Hahnmenn and pursued by the great masters of the history of homeopathy.

It is good to revitalize our practice, as long as the basic principles transmitted by the teachers are not distorted. These principles remain firm, just like the mast that allowed that sailor to overcome the dangers, and make the good homeopath not get lost in the multiplicity of novelties or charming speeches.

Just as the homeopathic community is exposed to these types of dangers that arise within our community, there are also other obstacles that stalk us by those who do not understand just what is the practice of a humanistic medicine such as homeopathy.

And they try to discredit it with arguments protected in what is now considered as science, often turning away from the open attitude that a true scientist should have.

The conviction of those so-called "scientists" is based on the belief that homeopathy cannot work since high-dilution medications cannot have an effect, which makes their position a prejudice that no scientist can hold if he wants to consider himself scientific.

Even worse, they are those who attack homeopathy for dark interests, since it is convenient and profitable for them if homeopathy does not flourish, because their purpose is to maintain the “business” of the disease.

Indeed, disease is a business for many, and the presence of homeopathy decreases their earnings.

The health benefit produced by the homeopathic remedy when it is aimed to cure a chronic disease, as our philosophy understands it, relieves the patient of many clinical problems, which results in the well-being of the patients.

At the same time, cost reduction is also a benefit for the State, since the investment that must be made is less. Likewise, the request for additional tests and complementary studies, as well as the reduction of iatrogenic effects that so often are produced by conventional medicines, also contribute to reducing care costs.

In this regard, it is worth recalling a recent study published in the BMJ showing that medical error is the third leading cause of death in the USA, produced by the use, abuse and side effects of conventional medications.

Many homeopathic colleagues in different countries are suffering the consequences of systematic attacks that occur from the media, and we sympathize with them.

But homeopathy has already been attacked many times and has always survived, a truth that resists the onslaught of misunderstanding or bad intention.

LMHI is the oldest and most important homeopathic global organization, and therefore has the obligation to maintain the dissemination of classical homeopathy, but also to defend homeopathy and the homeopathic community from this kind of systematic attacks.

But LMHI is not only those who are currently in positions of leadership within it, but all the institutions and members that comprise it. To meet our goal, we need everyone’s help to defend our truth from our enemies.

For that, we must adopt the phrase of the stoic philosopher and emperor Marcus Aurelius, who wrote in Meditations:

“The best revenge is not to be like your enemy.”

We must therefore avoid foolishness and pride, sources of misunderstanding, as well as ambition and greed, sources of evil intent. Let us continue in the practice of true homeopathy! Our patients who benefit from this wonderful healing system will also be defenders and guarantors that homeopathy and homeopaths will never disappear.

Lunga vita all’Omeopatia!!

Thank you, Gustavo Cataldi
Dr. Renzo Galassi, President of Honor,
By Altunay Agaoglu

The title “President of Honor” is awarded to those presidents who have served LMHI eminently with much devotion and without any personal agendas, and helped lead LMHI to higher and much improved standards by changing, modifying and developing new ways of governing which have proved to be indiscriminatory, liberal and inclusive.

Dr. Pierre Schmidt (Switzerland, 1930-1933), Dr. Tomas Pablo Paschero (Argentina, 1972-1975), Dr. Ulrich Fischer (Germany, 2007-2010) are just a few to mention who have been honored with this title. (For more details: http://lmhi.org/Home/PresidentsOfHonor)

Dr. Renzo Galassi has been a member of LMHI since 1985. He was elected to serve as the Italian NVP in 2001. He became the general secretary in 2007 for LMHI and served with passion for 12 years within the board selflessly with tremendous dedication of personal time and energy. Dr. Galassi also has accomplished many reforms financially and structurally as well. To mention just a few in his leadership presidency he improved the functions of the working groups, he put forth an idea to help financially underprivileged countries so they can join LMHI. Adjunct to Liga letter Dr. Galassi developed clinically and scientifically sound Liga newsletter. Dr. Galassi took very bold steps in management so LMHI actually realized gains and demonstrated surplus for the first time in decades. Traveling to many countries (India, Bangladesh, Cuba, Spain and many others) Dr. Galassi represented LMHI empathically, motivating the colleagues he met to better serve public health via homeopathy in their respective countries. Dr. Galassi being a tradionalist he always stayed loyal to the roots of homeopathy through the teachings of Hahneman referencing Organon.

Dr. Galassi, realized these projects with special dedication, a great personal input, in an unselfish way and with great success. Those mentioned above and too many more to list qualified him to be awarded for the President of Honor title in 23rd of September 2019 in Sorrento Italy by the International Council. His award was presented to him during the 74th LMHI World Congress.
The older LMHI Presidents of Honor welcome a new one: Dr. Renzo Galassi
Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, I must acknowledge the efforts of the great board which I was lucky to have as President and the great results their teamwork yielded.

In the concluding year of this Executive, we were able to work on many things.

In our endeavor to enhance the outreach of the LMHI and consolidate and strengthen the global Homeopathic community under the LMHI umbrella, we were able to invite and include HRI and GIRI as associate members of the LMHI. Subsequently, LMHI was involved in drafting a letter to the Australian government’s ombudsman aligning with the HRI campaign. This was drafted through our Public relations secretariat and approved through the EC. Through this important work, we were able to include Australia in the fold of the LMHI as an associate member.

Another few letters were approved to be sent by the LMHI Russian representative to the ministry in Russia for creating a department for regulating the application of homeopathy in Russia.

In this period, Individual member requests were received from several countries, namely, Pakistan, Greece, Colombia. Through the EC, these requests were examined for eligibility and a decision was made as applicable.

Another important work was the uploading of the LMHI statement on Homeopathic Pharmacy on the webpage detailing the current global scenario. Following a request from the Russian NVP, I was able to send a 15 minute video message to the national conference in Russia. This message detailed the significance of LMHI.

We were able to draft a joint letter to Dr Zhang Qui of the WHO for a meeting request along with Homeopathic associations such as ECH. We had decided a few years ago to change the Secretariat for Archives into a Special committee. This year our Special Committee in charge for Archives Dr Martin Dinges retired and was replaced by Dr Marion Baschin of the Robert Bosch institute.

Several changes in the LMHI Procedures have been proposed through revision subject to IC approval.

The Topics against homeopathy document which was initiated some years ago by the then secretary for public relations Dr. Antonio Marques was further enhanced, refined and enriched by Dr. Merizalde and the same has been released on LMHI platforms.

This period witnessed a very serious attack on homeopathy being launched in Armenia. A country very young and promising in Homeopathy and a very regular LMHI member. LMHI was able to immediately co-ordinate with our NVP, send support letters to the authorities by post and organize similar support from Russia through our NVP.

I was invited as a special guest in the Plenary session of the Scientific Convention On World Homeopathy Day in New Delhi organized by the CCRH, Government of India. IN the inauguration, I was able to talk about the LMHI history and work to the participants and the important dignitaries.

In my city, Agra, a new homeopathic medical college was opened by one of the most reputed universities – DEI University. I was invited to inaugurate the first batch of this college with 50 students. Some of the faculty members have since joined LMHI.
Over the last year, I have been involved in some interesting activities. As creator of the project on Solidarity in 2014, together with some members of the board, I have tried to establish a course in Haiti. Unfortunately, when it was ready to start, some political disorders in the country have prevented our two teachers (Cataldi and Ross) to leave. We do hope to start soon again with the project.

As our Secretary for Newsletter, Dr. Richard Hiltner, decided to give me the duty and the honor to be the Editor of the LMHI Newsletter, I have worked on the publication of the last issues. As the Italian colleagues decided to choose me as the Honorary secretary for PR, Dr. Bernaldo Merizalde.

As creator of the project on Solidarity in 2014, together with some members of the board, I have tried to establish a course in Haiti. In April, in order to relieve the work of our President, Dr. Alok Pareek, I participated as LMHI representative in the official event of the World Hahnemann Day, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, giving two speeches. An introductory one about the LMHI activities and a second one on the work and experiences of the old Masters of the American Golden Age of Homeopathy: C. Hering, A. Lippe and H.N.Guernsey. The event was a very successful one, perfectly organized by our secretary for PR, Dr. Bernaldo Merizalde.

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

I thank the members of the board who will end their work in Sorrento, where the new one will be elected. Congratulations to the old one and good luck to the new one,

Warmest regards,

Renzo Galassi

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

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

I am fully active in the development of the website and the implementation of the data to the website. I am working on a new membership management program with the web designer to make the work of LMHI and NVP’s more institutional and automatic.

I worked on the amendments of the Procedures

I joined with Dr. Renzo Galassi and Dr. Gustavo Cataldi the official World Hahnemann Day 2019 in Philadelphia, USA in April

I have realized all of my chores as a general secretary.
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The LMHI Pharmacy Working Group is a small group with nine members from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, India, Italy, Netherlands.

Projects:

The comparison of the different homeopathic pharmacopoeias is continued. The comparison of the LM potencies is finished now and the project will go on.

A statement on “Homeopathic Pharmacy”, elaborated by the group was approved by LMHI president, vice-president and general secretary and is online at LMHI webpage (http://www.lmhi.org/downloads/nvp/Statement%202019%20final.pdf).

Ramachandran Valavan and Amarilys Cesar have finished their work on the problem of expiring dates for homeopathic remedies and it was published in the journal “Homeopathy” under the title: Current Status of Expiry of Homeopathic Medicines in Brazil, Germany, India and the United States: A Critical Review. It is planned to continue to work on this subject.

Renata Calieri’s work on the relationship pharmacist/homeopathic doctor was presented as a paper on this LMHI congress: Medical reconciliation and mutual attitude between prescriber and pharmacist in respect of homeopathic patient.

Regulations for ACCREDITATION

According to what was spoken in Cape Town, the different commissions for the accreditation of schools were created. The committees are formed by two members of the continent to which the school belongs, and one from outside the continent. Also, as it was suggested, due to the large number of schools and homeopaths, I have created a sixth region (India, Pakistan and Bangladesh).

Here is the list of the different committees:

- Europe: Claudia Garn, Jean Louis Smout, Luis Darcy G. Siqueira
- North America: Bernardo Merizalde, José Matuk, Wanlop Tanakieti
- South and Central America: Carlos Cárpora, Paulo Cezar Maldonado, Jean Louis Smout
- Africa: Danny Pillay, Ashley Ross, Dora Patchova
- Eurasia: Yegane Özcan, Leonid Komsomodemianskiy, Marina Afanasieva
- India, Pakistan and Bangladesh: Arvind Kothe, Tarkeshwar Jain, Ulrich Fischer

Accreditation of Schools

Since the creation of the committees, only one school has been evaluated. The North American committee has worked very well, and after clarifications that were requested from Dr. Bhupinder Sharma, the CANADIAN HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH CENTRE was accredited.

Certificate to be teacher in the solidarity project

A form was made to be filled by those who were interested in solidarity projects. It was sent to the working group and the NVPs to be distributed. List of teachers


Project of solidarity in HAITI

The education project in Haiti took a lot of work and conversations with Prof. Jean Claude Dorsainvil, from Queensland University. With Renzo and Altunay, we carried out the talks. At the end we arrive at the most appropriate dates to go to develop the program of the course that was designed and presented by the previous Secretary of Education, Pietro Federico. We were going to make the first visit Ashley Ross and I, and the second one was going to be done by Léon Scheepers and Gabriel Crespo. Unfortunately, with the first plane tickets purchased, our first visit was canceled due to the socio-political crisis that so far persists in Haiti.

The possibility of starting the course in the future remains open.

Textbook

At the last meeting of the working group it was decided to suspend the preparation of a Textbook and create a list of basic books to be used in teaching in solidarity projects. This gave me the idea of adding that list of basic books to our Medical Homeopathic Education Standards that we share with ECH. That’s why I told Dora about the idea, who was going to discuss that at the ECH meeting in Sofia.

Pietro Federico had already made a list for the solidarity project:
- C.F.S. Hahnemann – Organon VI Edition
- J.T. Kent – Repertory of Materia Medica
- E.B. Nash – Leaders in Homeopathic Therapeutics (French or English or Spanish Edition)
- J. Amédyé Lathoud – Materia Medica (French or English or Spanish Edition)
- Adolph Lippe – Textbook of Materia Medica
- H.C. Allen – Keynotes and Characteristic with Comparisons of some Leading Remedies of Materia Medica
- Constantine Hering – The Guiding Symptoms of our Materia Medica

One title was added in Leipzig:
- Herbert Roberts - The Principles and Art of Cure by Homeopathy

Also, Marina sent the list of books that are used in Indian Homeopathic Schools, in which several of the books on this list are repeated, adding:

- Clarke, John Henry - A Dictionary of Practical Materia Medica
- Kent, James Tyler - Lectures On Homeopathic Materia Medica

Members of the working group

This is the list of the mail members of our working group:


I must remind you that at the last meeting of the working group in Cape Town it was decided to make a smaller list with the members who actually participate in the discussions. It has not been necessary so far since there has not been much exchange in this last year, except the request of teachers to integrate the solidarity project. To that end, it seemed better to involve all the members. However, there are members of the list that do not participate at all, and that should be eliminated, according to the regulations on the functioning of the working groups that I presented in Leipzig. The task remains for the next Secretary of Education.

Since this period in which I have taken charge of the Secretariat of Education is ending, I am very grateful to the Executive Committee that has supported me, and to the Working Group that has collaborated with me for years. At the same time, I wish the best of luck to the one who takes charge of the position.

Thank you
The 2018 LMHI Congress in Cape Town included a pre-congress Proving Workshop, which was developed as an extension of collaboration between the LMHI Proving group and the ECH Sub-committee Provings that has endured since 2013 and yielded, as it’s first formal output, the LMHI-ECH Guidelines for Homeopathic Provings (2014). The Workshop, which was hosted by Dr Jean-Pierre Jansen [Chair: Sub-committee Provings (ECH), Dr Hélène Renoux (President: ECH; member Sub-committee Provings (ECH)) and Prof. Ashley Ross (Secretary Provings (LMHI)), focused on three specific and topical areas within the proving landscape viz. adverse events in provings, the need for C4 proving guidelines, and the value of provings within homeopathic educational programmes of training.

The Workshop, which was sponsored by the Durban University of Technology, was well attended (40 delegates) and yielded fruitful discussion and some firm resolutions and well as serving an educative function for participants who were less familiar with some of the ethical and practical issues associated with conducting provings, and particularly reporting provings.

Unfortunately the Working Group meetings of Research and Provings were both poorly attended, and, as has occurred in previous years, the meeting was held as a single round-table discussion. Although the discussion around the persistent attacks on homeopathy and the need for collaboration and unification within the research ambit was robust and fruitful, there was an overwhelming sense that the discussion was between the ‘converted’ and that the existing structure was not serving the objectives of the respective portfolios optimally. Although the recent focus on provings as a distinct entity has borne useful fruits, the sense was that a structure that focused the portfolio on research with a sub-committee for provings (akin to that of the ECH) would perhaps be a more focused use of resources. The invitations extended to HRI and GIRI for Associate Membership to the LMHI is to be understood also as a means of drawing the organisations towards each other, and as a vehicle for a more co-ordinated research activity.

To this end the Secretary for Provings attended both the GIRI meeting and the HRI Conference in London in June, at which the recognition of a focused research strategy across all countries and the pooling of research outputs were discussed as urgent strategic priorities. It is hoped that in the coming years we will be able to build on existing relationships and partnerships to contribute meaningfully to the positioning of homeopathy to its rightful place on the basis of rigorous and irrefutable research outcomes, including high-quality provings of new medicines.

Although the resolution has been taken that proving activities will be incorporated under the Secretariat for Research, there has recently been some renewed activity towards producing revised Guidelines for classical provings in 2020, and a separate initiative to produce Guidelines for the conduct of C4 provings.
Scientific Framework of Homeopathy

The document on “Scientific Framework of Homeopathy”, a joint publication of LMHI, European Committee for Homeopathy and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCHR) is being revamped. The chapters are being rewritten, considering the lapse of time since they were last written (2013) and in the last six years, research outcomes have given further direction and set newer goals for research. So, apart from updating the compendium of researches that are mentioned in the document, a need to revisit the chapters in the light of latest researches was strongly felt. The revised chapters reflect more insight into the current scenario of Homoeopathy in various aspects, such as usage, research of various sorts and political recognition.

This upgradation has been executed through involving the researchers/editors/reviewers who are having considerable experience in homeopathy research and/or scientific writing. The basic plan was to divide the chapters among the identified set of people who were requested to be the authors/contributors of respective chapters, as per their field of expertise. I hope an updated document shall be made available during the coming congress.

Index of Homeopathy journals/ magazines

An attempt to prepare all-inclusive index of the existing homeopathy journals/magazines/newsletters (indexed/peer-reviewed/ non peer-reviewed) has been made, with the aim of providing a source of quick reference for checking out various journals. This list should be of interest to both readers and researchers. The updated list has been placed on LMHI website. I urge all our NVPs to help us to update the information. If you find and Homeopathy journals/magazines are missing, the same may be brought to our knowledge for updating this document. Old journals no more in circulation, but have been contributory in the past, may also be included. Eventually, we can plan digitalization of these journals.

Rejoinders/ Submissions

LMHI owes the responsibility of giving befitting and timely rejoinders to the misleading or offending reports or statements on Homeopathy, or submitting comments in favour of Homeopathy, as and when such questions are opened to public domain for consideration. Despite considerable (if not ample) basic and clinical evidence basis in favor of science, Homoeopathy faces the brunt of scepticism and fixed notions of some who are not abreast with the latest advances in related researches. It is important these researches are sufficiently disseminated at the right platforms so as to make them readily available for the knowledge of the people who question its effectiveness on the basis of lack of scientific evidence.

Last year, the Government of Spain challenged the plausibility of Homoeopathy in October 2018: The Spain ‘Comprueba’ Move by its Health Ministry against Homeopathy https://www.thelocal.es/20181031/spain-wages-war-on-dubious-homeopathy-media caught the attention of many in the political circuits. Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, too asked for an explanation in defence of the traditional or complementary systems, espacially Homoeopathy. A befitting rejoinder was drafted and submitted to the Ministry of AYUSH to take it further with the Spanish Government (Annex –1).

The undersigned also joined the local group of Homoeopathy practitioners and users protesting this move and orientated them through a lecture for a representation they were planning in the country’s parliament. Even ambassador of India to Spain participated in the National Congress.

Network building – Spreading the right word among the homoeopathic community.

Keeping in tune with one of the LMHI mandates of securing of homeopathy worldwide, The World Integrated Medicine Forum (WIMF) on the regulation of Homoeopathic Medicinal Products with the theme ‘Advancing Global Collaboration’ was organised in 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 Homoeopathic & 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, Hongkon and Sri Lanka.

Among the delegates are also present veterinary experts, as well as the regulators and drug controllers of various states of India. Dr. Alok Pareek, President, LMHI, was invited as special guests to the forum. However, he could not attend the event and deputed Dr. Raj K. Manchanda, Secretary for Research, LMHI, to represent LMHI at the do. More details of the event are available at www.wimforum.org. (Annex 2)

Scientific Convention on World Homeopathy Day 2019

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 promotion and visibility of the homoeopathic community 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.

With this view, a two-day convention was organised in New Delhi by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCHR), on the occasion of the World Homeopathy Day (WHD) from 9th–10th April 2019. Dr. Alok Pareek, President, LMHI, was a special guest invited to the event and graced the elaborate inaugural ceremony of the convention.

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 Proving 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 Pharmacopoeias: 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’. More details of the event are available at www.whdcrh.in (Annex 3)

Approaching WHO

The Global Report of WHO on Traditional and Complementary Medicine (TCM) https://www.who.int/traditional-complementary-integrative-medicine/WhoGlobalReportOnTraditionalAndComplementaryMedicine2019.pdf?ua=1 released in May 2019 is being lauded by many policymakers and TCM practitioners for its elaborate information on various aspects of TCM all over the world, like national framework, regulatory status, users & providers of TCM care, its education, insurance cover, country summaries, as well as challenges that are posed to this vital health sector for further acceptance and spread. This report reviews global progress in T&C over the past two decades and is based on contributions from 179 WHO Member States. No doubt, such a report of global nature was much needed in today’s times, and it is encouraging to see a WHO document to address this need with vital information appraisal for policy-makers, health professionals and the public, for capitalizing on the potential contribution of T&C to health and well-being, and thus realising the aim of Universal Health Coverage, a WHO mandate.

With Homoeopathy clearly reflected as one of the most popular systems of TCM in this document, it is now right time for LMHI, along with other international organisations of Homoeopathy to rise to the occasion and get its voice heard for better acceptance and promotion of Homeopathy in WHO Member States.

Further, a document on Education Benchmarks for Homoeopathy, on the lines of the ones prepared by WHO for Ayurveda and Unani, has been drafted for presenting to WHO, this work is being done in coordination with ECH.

Future Vision

The future agenda of Homoeopathy promotion and acceptance must include projecting an accurate image of Homoeopathy to the world; handling skepticism strategically; and sensitizing both homeopathy users, and practitioners, about their roles and responsibilities in securing, and advancing the future of Homoeopathy.

With ever-increasing scope of work on these agenda, which demand great amount of ownership and networking, my future mission will be promoting Homoeopathy globally through diverse connections and ambitious, but pragmatic goals.

With this, I thank all the LMHI Team for finding me suitable for the Research Secretary seat in the LMHI Team for all these years, and hope that I will continue to contribute to the LMHI’s efforts of promoting and securing Homoeopathy in future too.

This concludes the LMHI Research Secretary report 2019.

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The PR committee has been busy responding to various attacks against homeopathy in various countries, including Australia, Spain, Britain, France, Russia and Armenia. It has also continued posting in the online media, both pro and critical, on Facebook, LinkedIn, and the WhatsApp LMHI PR group, with some of our colleagues being more active than others. For example, in January 2019, the exemplary Spanish homeopathic community has mounted a number of manifestations expressing their desire to have the right to receive their preferred medical treatment, see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y27CuF9VM&feature=youtu.be, the LMHI, and EuroCam sent letters to the Spanish minister regarding this situation: https://cam-europe.eu/archives/3756.

In addition, the Spanish have also set up various Facebook and Twitter pages, such as: Canal Homeopatía, Asociación Española de Usuarios de Homeopatía (Spanish Association of Homeopathy Users), and others. One just group is the Statal Platform of Associations of Homeopathic Patients (Plataforma Estatal de Asociaciones de Pacientes de Homeopatía): https://www.cope.es/actualidad/sociedad/noticias/diez-colectivos-usuarios-crean-plataforma-estatal-defensa-homeopatia-20181220_313748. A large group of Spanish professionals in integrative medicine published a “Manifest in Favor of the Complementary Therapies in Respect the Medical Freedom and of the Patient’s.”


In June 2017, the British Faculty of Homeopathy announced the Patronage of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales: https://facultyofhomeopathy.org/new-patron-hrh-the-prince-of-wales/. Unfortunately, this news was filled with attacks by anti-homeopathy groups. It is not clear whether there has been any response from His Royal Highness’s PR secretary.

In Australia, as you may know, there is movement requesting of the government to force the release of the first report on homeopathy published by the NMRHC, which was in favor of homeopathy, while the HRI (Homeopathic Research Institute) is working on having the government review the second NMRHC report, which has been proven to be abjectly biased. See: https://releaseinthefirstreport.com/, and https://www.hri-research.org/resources/homeopathy-the-debate/the-australian-report-on-homeopathy/.

In the Republic of Armenia, the Minister of Health has moved to remove legitimacy for homeopathy and delinsean medical doctors who practice homeopathy. The LMHI has written a letter to the Armenian Prime Minister, in favor on homeopathy.

In France, the government has moved to stop the coverage of homeopathic treatment by the national healthcare services. This is an issue that is still active, and interested parties are working to have this pronouncement reversed. In the world stage, The World Medical Association, formed by the prominent allopathic medical societies from around the world, like the American Medical Association, is preparing a “Declaration on Pseudoscience, Pseudotherapies, Intrusion and Sects in the Field of Health Pseudoscience.” Such a declaration will probably be detrimental to homeopathy, and, other complementary and alternative medicine. The proposed Declaration was submitted by the Spanish Medical Association to the Socio-Medical Affairs Committee of the World Medical Association, and the circulated prompted comments and suggested many amendments. The Socio-Medical Affairs Committee was told the new draft document is trying to defend scientific medical professionals and ensure the safety of patients and the quality of health care. The Committee has organized a workshop to develop a revised text to be presented to the Council of the World Medical Association and the General Assembly at the 2019 meeting in the Republic of Georgia. More information can be obtained from: https://www.wma.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/wmi_4_2018_WEB.pdf.

In summary, there is a coordinated international to destroy homeopathy around the world, against all reason and evidence. It is up to us to rise-up the challenge, get together, coordinate an effort and engage in a reasonable battle. The particular steps taken against homeopathy are enumerated in this website: https://www.homeopatiasuma.com/al-descubierto-movimiento-esceptico-internacional-y-organizado-en-contra-de-la-homeopatia/.

Regarding old business, unfortunately, the letter sent to NVP, in January 2018, did not incite any responses regarding their willingness to reach out to their respective national governmental health department, or secretariat, and to communicate to the World Health Organization (WHO), that there is a standard for education and training of professional medical homeopathes, and that such a process is being developed, by the LMHI and ECH, so that, the WHO realizes homeopathic medicine is a viable medical treatment for public health. The LMHI sent a statement, in conjunction with the ECH, to the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) on Homeopathic Products and Practices, regarding its having declared homeopathy unscientific and proven to be inefficacious, based on biased publications identified by expert scientists in homeopathy. We still haven’t received a response from the EASAC. As of today, the citizen’s petition, signed by concerned consumers, requesting the FDA maintain the CPG 400.400 guidelines, has been considered by the FDA, has led to meetings between the group driving this process, the Americans for Homeopathy Choice, and the FDA. The FDA has yet to finalize their position.

The attacks from skeptics against homeopathy have continued to increase and the greatest challenge is to decide which attacks to address and which ones should be ignored. We are dealing with a yet undefined terrain, and considerably less resources to work with.

The need to reach and educate the public and legislators around the world is still imperative, presenting homeopathy in a positive light, emphasizing the available evidence. A document addressing the conceptual attacks against homeopathy and answering such concepts with a classical rhetorical and apologetic approach. Such document will be broadly available to the LMHI membership, and those of other interested organizations, through the National Vice-Presidents (NVP), and the leadership of related organizations.

Grassroot efforts through patient contingents are still apparently lacking, except for the Spanish base. If we are missing any such movements, please let us know. We still need to work broadly and cooperatively.

The LMHI should consider consultation with a professional PR agency to work for homeopathy and determine what will be such cost. They likely have ideas on how to best present homeopathy to the public.

It is difficult to assess how much LMHI members are connecting and posting through social media, but from what appears, at a broad glance, very few members are connecting through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. These are platforms that are effective and of virtually no cost. Perhaps we can do a survey to determine the reasons why that is not happening more significantly. By increasing the activity of all of us, as a homeopathic community, based on raw numbers, we can increase ranking in search engine optimization, which increase website visibility and the information about homeopathy; if it an effective way to engage in propaganda in our favor. It is important to realize that a worldwide network of professionals, diffusing the positive information about homeopathy, is the most powerful tool we have! It will counterbalance trolling against homeopathy.

Since our last meeting, LMHI has shared information and coordinated activities with other affiliated and related homeopathic associations, including social media sites. We also need to have the LMHI website, and the corresponding Facebook page, up to date so it can be a source of reliable and authoritative information that the committee and LMHI members can use, and that can help to inform the public.

To repeat what was said in the prior report, social media is powerful, and care is required when posting; any material needs to be vetted by the PR committee, to make sure it is legitimate and appropriate, except when the material has been posted previously on the LMHI website, or its Facebook page; you can “like” and “share,” it to your followers. Please copy and paste the information that will be available to your list of patients; they are our best advocates. The LMHI site’s analytics still show few people logging in.

The LMHI has continued working with The World Health Organization (WHO) to achieve recognition of homeopathy. Information on this matter will be presented by other LMHI officers.

Submitted by,
Bernardo A Merizalde, MD
LMHI Secretary for PR

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The New LMHI Executive Committee

According to our constitution every 3 years a new Board of Directors is elected. This assures that the homeopathic community and our members are well served. The candidates who apply before the annual International Council meeting are chosen at the IC meeting. –The new Board of Directors – for the period 2019-2022 was chosen on 23 Sep 2019 at Sorrento, Italy. We would like to introduce the new LMHI Board of Directors whose work will be devoted to you:

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, President:
He graduated in 1979 from Faculty of Medicine, Buenos Aires University (UBA) and has a degree of Doctor in Philosophy in 2010 from Faculty of Philosophy. He was director of Escuela Médica Homeopática Argentina “Tomás Pablo Paschero” from 2004 to 2016. He was the National Vice-President for Argentina in Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis from 2008 to 2012. He was the Secretary for Education in LMHI from 2013 to 2016 and was in charge also from 2017 to 2019. He served with dedication as Prime Vice-President between 2016-2019.

Dr. Altunay Ağaoğlu, Vice – President:
She graduated from Ege University Medical Faculty in Izmir in 1997 and after working several years with handicapped and disabled children she completed her basic homeopathy education in InHom Wiesbaden, Germany. In 2003 she helped found -the first homeopathic association in Turkey, the Classical Homeopathy and has been the president of the association since 2013. She is a member of the LMHI since 2007 and served as National Vice President of Turkey between 2007-2017. She served with heart and dedication as the treasurer in 2014-2016 and General Secretary in 2016-2019.

Dr. Alok Pareek, Past President
Dr. Alok Pareek has been in active Homoeopathic Practice since 1981. Has an outdoor Homoeopathic Clinic which caters to about 200 patients every day. Dr. Alok Pareek is a teacher of International acclaim and has been giving seminars in more than 13 countries across Europe and Asia (Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, UK, Ukraine, Russia etc.). He served as the Vice president of LMHI in 2013-2016 and as the President from 2016-2019.

Dr. Bernardo Merizalde, General Secretary
He graduated from Medical School, Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia in Dec.1979. He obtained his Psychiatry Residency Certificate from Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. in June 1987. He has taken numerous courses, sponsored by the American Institute of Homeopathy, the International Homeopathic Medical League (LIGA), and the National Center for Homeopathy (USA), by prominent teachers from around the World. He served as President of American Institute of Homeopathy from 2006-2009. He is a member of the LMHI since 1986. He served with passion as Secretary of Public Relations between 2016-2019

Dr. Monika Kölisch, Treasurer
She graduated from Ludwig-Maximillan-University of Munich in 1992. In 2010 to 2019 she worked as Treasurer of the German Central Association of Homeopathic Doctors (DZVhÄ) and as chairman of Homoeopathy-Foundation of DZVhÄ. She is offering services for Medical Doctors with additional qualification in Homeopathy. She was the treasurer of LMHI for 2016-2019.

Dr. Renzo Galassi Secretary of Newsletter
Renzo Galassi graduated from La Sapienza Medical School in Rome with a mention of honor. He started homeopathy education in 1983. Galassi received training from some masters in many parts of the world, including Prof. Antonio Negro, T.P.Pascher and P.S.Ortega. He joined LMHI as a member in 1985 and was NVP for Italy in 2001 He became the general secretary in 2007 for LMHI and served with passion for 12 years within the board. He was the president of LMHI between 2013-2017. During his past president period he was the editor of the LMHI Newsletter. He was awarded President of Honor in 23rd of September 2019 in Sorrento Italy by the International Council.

Prof. Dr. Ashley Hilton Adrian Ross, Secretary of Research
Professor Ross is an Associate Professor in Homoeopathy. He has been teaching Homoeopathic philosophy and Materia Medica for 23 years. In addition to teaching, he engages in clinical and research supervision. In 2011 he completed doctoral research investigating the relationship of pathogenetic trial data to the scientific and traditional African understandings of medicinal plants. Professor Ross is an active member of the Executive Committee of the LMHI and Chair of the LMHI Committee for Provings between 2014-2019.
Dr. Raj Manchanda, Secretary of Information and communication
He has over 35 years of professional experience, including seven years as Director General of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an apex research organization Government of India dedicated to research in homeopathy. He was the Organizing Secretary of the 66th World Homoeopathic LMHI Congress 2011 in New Delhi, India. Dr. Manchanda was the Secretary of Research in the LMHI for last 6 years serving effortlessly for homeopathy internationally and LMHI

Dr. Claudia Garn, Secretary of Education
Dr. Claudia Garn graduated at Vienna Medical University and completed the formation for General Practitioner at several hospitals in Vienna. She started studying Homeopathy already as a Medical student. Her homeopathic formation was completed attending seminars within the SIH first, as MD also within the Austrian OEGHM and AEKH, her diploma as a Classical Homeopath she completed within the AEKH of Austria. Soon already as a student she started to work within the “SIH”, being also the president and organizing many seminars, held the political contact to MD Homeopaths, she heard many different Homeopathic teachers and worked within the board of the SIH for more than ten years. From 2006 on she was sent as a delegate of Education of Austria to the Education Subcommittee of the ECH, working within it since then, therefore she is member of both Medical Homeopathic Organizations of Austria. She had been the NVP of Austria at the LMHI from 2013 to 2016. Today she works for the board of the AEKH (Austrian Association for Classical Homeopathy) responsible for further homeopathic education

Dr. Heike Gypser, Secretary of Pharmacy
She studied pharmacy at the University of Innsbruck (Austria) and Padova (Italy) and gained a PhD on the history and development of homeopathic high potencies by machines in homeopathy at the University of Marburg (Germany). Her field of research is the history of homeopathic pharmaceutics. She lectures regularly at the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Marburg upon the development of homeopathic pharmaceutics. She also delivers lectures at different homeopathic institutions in India. She served with passion and determination as the Secretary for Pharmacy between 2016 and 2019.

Dr. Marion Baschin, Special Committee for Archives
She is the chief Archivist at the Institute for the History of Medicine of the Robert Bosch Foundation (IGM), and is also responsible for the archives of the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Robert-Bosch-Krankenhaus.

Dr. Gloria Feighelstein, Special Committee for Dentistry
She is a Dental Specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Trauma. Since 1999 she has been organizing and conducting meetings, lecturing and giving seminars on Applied Homeopathy in Dentistry at LMHI World Congresses and other national and international congresses and seminars. She is also a university professor in the fields of Homeopathy, General Pathology, Clinical Biochemistry, Histology and Embryology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, teaching undergraduate courses at a Brazilian university, as well as postgraduate courses in homeopathy. She was the Secretary for Dentistry between 2013-2019.

Dr. Cesar Cremonini, Special Committee for Library

From left to right: Raj Kumar Manchanda, Bernardo Merizalde, Heike Gypser, Ashley Ross, Renzo Galassi, Gloria Feighelstein, Monica Kölsch, Richard Hiltner, Cesar Cremonini, Marion Baschin. Below row: Gustavo Cataldi, Alok Pareek, Altunay Agaoglu

And ; Claudia Garn
LMHI Governance Meetings 2019
Actions of the Executive Committee (EC) and of the International Council (IC)
Sorrento, 25-28 September 2018

“IC Meeting”, Hilton Sorrento Palace, Sorrento

“EC Meeting”, Hilton Sorrento Palace, Sorrento
Within the new elections of the board Dr. Claudia Garn has been elected as secretary of education and is happy and honoured to serve the LMHI.

A teachers application Form has been created and is updated for teachers that can be recommended by the LMHI – mostly for solidarity projects. There will be two lists of teachers: one of MDs and one with other well known teachers, that are allowed to work as a homeopath in their countries and can be sent to countries where not only MDs are allowed to treat patients with homeopathy.

To be able to perform more high quality studies, schools shall be encouraged to teach within their formation how to write papers, case presentation, how to prepare a high quality abstract, information can be found at Peter Fisher’s homepage.

The Haiti solidarity project is postponed because of political turmoil and risks for the teachers travelling there, additionally there are already solidarity programmes taught there by Homeopaths without frontiers and Guy Lautain.

A small working group has been formed: Teresa Arrez and Alexander Fadiev, with the help of Farokh Master started working on online presentations as e.g. introduction to homeopathy that as a future plan can be used by many schools – thanks a lot, we appreciate that very much, this is an issue for in between work and presentation at the next meeting.

For the next meeting a presentation of Dr. Manchanda as a model for schools – how to prepare posters and high quality case reports is planned

How to present homeopathy to beginners

Ethics of communication between schools – as there are recently severe insulting statements.

The title of the LMHI Newsletter will be changed to “The Homeopathic Physician; Periodical of LMHI devoted to Hahnemannian Homeopathy”. Each volume will have 3 issues (February, June and October). The index, imprint and guidelines for the authors will be on the second page. The content will have different sections like: History, Clinical, Materia Medica, Research, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Quiz Corner and Reviews. The content will be mainly the classical approaches to offer to the younger generations. It will have only original articles and republished old articles. It will be still an electronic newsletter but will be printed on demand for our members. The Homeopathic Physician will be translated into Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Portuguese if possible with the help of our NVP’s.

The Liga Letter will have again 2 issues: one month after Hahnemann’s Day (May 15 in 2020) and one month after the LMHI Congresses (July in 2020). The Liga Letter will include the minutes of the meetings, the reports of the WHD celebrations and congresses, the country reports, Obituaries etc. It will be only electronically.

The Homeopathic Physician will be only for LMHI members. It will be uploaded to the dashboard and send to the members with e-mail. The Liga Letter is for the public and will be uploaded to the website and dashboard.

Dr. Renzo Galassi
LMHI Newsletter Secretary
Public Relations  WG,
Bernardo Merizalde

The working group, with seventeen participants from various nations, met to discuss the current situation of homeopathy in their respective countries and its effect on world homeopathy. Though the main topic was the attacks homeopathy is suffering in many countries, the meeting revealed the various actions that homeopaths and consumers are taking to change the direction of the battle.

Paola Brown, president of the Americans for Homeopathy Choice, as a new LMHI affiliate member organization, reported how their membership of mostly mothers, went to Washington, DC, USA, to meet with the congress members and their staff to discuss homeopathy. These volunteers are trained on how to talk about homeopathy, and about what not to say (i.e: vaccination controversy). The main focus is on freedom to choose the preferred healthcare option, in our case, homeopathy. This political action is found to echo other experiences around the world. Many legislators, and the public at large, don’t know about homeopathy, and that information through education needs to increase. They are forming coalitions among the various national homeopathic association to work coordinately.

Active LMHI members and patient organizations from several countries are forming local coalitions, to voice their position regarding homeopathy, and present the positive elements about it, mostly in short pieces that are posted on social media, or published in local media, which can be more open to feature stories about homeopathy.

Educational efforts can be assisted by sharing of available information that can be publicized. The ECH and the ECCH have good material in their websites to use in our arguments. For example: CORE-Hom and HomBRex are two online databases on homeopathy, part of the Carstens Foundation, that contain a lot of useful material.

The Belgian Homeopathic Association has a YouTube channel with short videos on homeopathy:

English version: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLriv6u05gBl2bjobj-IF6iOg-2ZYxLlup

French version: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLriv6u05gBl0ueOHx6ZbpbVlyJvcn3Wn

Short films are being produced in France, such as “Homeopathy, Another Way,” to educate the public. The film will be shown during the LMHI congress, and it is not yet in wide distribution.

Everyone should be active in Social Media, it is the most viable and cost effective way to spread the value and beauty of homeopathy: don’t use it to impress people, use it to impact people.

Reasearch WG,
Raj Kumar Manchanda

The WG meeting was held on 24th of September 2019 at LMHI conference venue Sorrento, Italy.

The meeting was attended by:
Dr. Raj K Manchanda (India) Secretary for Research
Dr Ashley Ross (South Africa) Secretary for Drug Proving,
Dr Leonid Kosmodemjansk, NVP (Russia)
Dr Monika Koelsch (Germany), Treasurer, LMHI
Dr Yvonne Fok (Honk Kong)
Dr Agustin Salinas (Argentina)

The updated dossier on Scientific Framework of Homoeopathy 2019 was briefly presented, its various aspects were discussed. The following action points were decided:
There is a need to prepare a shorter version of this dossier for quick reference by everyone. Our new Secretary for research will take up this work based on the summary of the presentation given in the WG meeting. The presentation was shared with all WG members. It was informed to the WG that draft document on scientific framework 2019 needs further peer review to make it a very authentic document for reference.
73th Congress of the
Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

Minutes of the
International Council (IC) Meeting 2018

In Capetown, South Africa

Place: Capetown, South Africa

Participants:

Executive Committee:

President: Dr Alok Pareek, India
Immediate Past President: Dr Renzo Galassi, Italy
Prime Vice-President: Dr Gustavo Cataldi, Argentina
Treasurer: Dr Monika Kölsch, Germany
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Secretary for Research: Dr Raj Kumar Manchanda, India
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Secretary for Provings: Prof. Ashley Ross, South Africa

Special Committees:

Samuel Hahnemann Library Foundation: Dr Cesar L. Cremonini, Argentina

LMHI Secretary:

Ms. Evin Turkay, Turkey
1) **LMHI President’s Opening:** Dr. Alok Pareek opened the meeting. He talks about the importance of unity in LMHI and about Homeopathy, giving references from past and today. He mentions that we need to deal with Skeptic attacks better, we have to go to the root.

2) **Minute of Silence for the Colleagues who Passed Away since the last Congress**

3) **Approval of the Minutes of the International Council Meeting in Köthen, Germany 2017:** approved anonymously

4) **Meeting of the different country groups:**

   **Europe:** There is a bad situation in Europe at the moment. We have daily attacks from press and media. Sceptics are trying to get homeopathy out of the universities. Germany has a positive example. We must use the experience of Germany. We have to stress that we are normal people like you and like other MD’s. The other important issue that we need is to use the patients politically. Turkey will declare a special ethical committee for traditional medicine regulations. We need support from the EU commission. With the help of LMHI, we need to get to WHO.

   **America:** News from Brazil are good. They have a representative in the Homeopathy local council. Brazil is active in research. There are several thousand publication.

   There are some problems, though. Like, they want to do homeopathy without a licence. There is Health freedom act. In USA people can do health care by telling patients. The group talked about the pharmacies’ situation in Brazil. Pharmacists create big problems by giving remedies with prescription. The new President of the association do not want them to write any prescriptions. The Brazil homeopaths do not have problem only with the pharmacists, but also with lay people. Brazil has homeopathy in the government and have different specialities in homeopathy.

   **Asia (India, Thailand, Russia, Bangladesh):** We try to understand the Russia problem. The situation in Bangladesh and in India is stable. Russia is important and has a Unique position. The Education system in Russia needs to be adopted. LMHI pattern is followed.

   **Africa:** South Africa is the only continent that has 2 institutions treating homeopathy since 1982.

   Register to be a doctor, practicing homeopathy. Registrations are strict. All medicines inc. homeopathy medicines can be prescribed.

5) LMHI 2017 Congress in Leipzig, Germany: Germany NVP Cornelia Bajic gives brief summary of the congress in Leipzig. The review: 1221 participants. 138 students. 60 countries. 176 lectures. 171 speakers. 67 posters. It was a successful congress.

6) Welcome of the LMHI 2018 Cape Town Congress Organizers. Danny Pillay gives details about the congress and organization, then Ashley Ross talks about the scientific program and the evaluation of the presentations. There will be 3 parallel sessions.

7) **Reports of the LMHI Executive Officers:**

   **President, Alok Pareek:** He welcomes everybody. The past year was full of activities. Such as communicating with WHO, traditional and complementary medicine commission with LMHI response to the council. Stressed the importance and advantages of being a member of LMHI. He also visited Russia for the WHD and it was a successful one. He thanks to all.

   **Vice President Gustavo Cataldi:** Gives report about the working groups and the amendments in the Working Group. He attended a seminar in Izmir, Turkey. Visited the LMHI office in Izmir. Went to Ecuador in Aug 2018 and gave a seminar. The situation is dramatic in Ecuador and they want support of the LMHI.

   **Past President, Renzo Galassi:** He is working in the project for solidarity. It is not too easy to offer solidarity work because of political situations. The application of Ghana for education support could not be fulfilled because it turned out that they just want to use our name. Afterwards CCHR India gave a short seminar in Ghana. At the moment we have an application from Haiti. We are invited by Queensland University for basic homeopathy education. They need books, education. It is a very poor country. I am also the editor of the Newsletter of the LMHI. The articles in the NL are very educational for the young colleagues

   **General Secretary, Altunay Agaoglu:** Contact regularly with EC officers and NVP’s. We made some new national contacts. I am also working for solidarity working group with Renzo. I am organizing and arranging the website. I worked on the amendments in the procedures.

   **Treasurer, Monica Klösch:** Exhausted last year because of the German congress. Presents the financial report. Gross income 2017 is 70.958, 21 Euros and the expenses were 32,415 Euros. She underlines to pay the fees. 2018 was not fruitful. The balance is good. We make profit. Argentina gave 2000 Euros to LMHI from the congress of 2016, and Germany gives 3000 euros to LMHI from the Congress of 2018. The financial report was approved anonymously.

   Alok Pareek adds that we need to be careful with our expenses. Students should join the LMHI freely and that we need young homeopaths. Renzo stressed that we should push the members to become LMHI members and that we are under a strong attack. The attacks will spread, and we need to help each other.

8) **Reports of the LMHI Secretaries for Dentistry, Education, Newsletter, Pharmacy, Public Relations, Research (Scientific Framework Homeopathy – Evidenced Based Homeopathy) and Proving’s (Guidelines for a Homeopathic Drug Proving) and Special Committee for Library Foundation and Archives and Working groups**

   **Sec. Dentistry, Gloria Feighelstein:** She talks about the Homeopathy in dentistry in Brazil and in the world. Homeopathy applied in oral pathologies.

   **Sec. Education, Gustavo Cataldi as Pietro is resigned:** Pietro resigned. Board decided that Gustavo should takes his place until the next election. The education WG has 69 members and most of them do not answer the emails. We need to be more active. We have some new accredited schools. We made some Amendments in the document of becoming a teacher.
Sec of Liga Letter, Richard Hiltner; NVPs have an important role to deliver the Liga Letter among their members. The Liga Letter is mainly on congresses and political reports. Newsletter has more educational articles like research, history etc. But previously we were having hard copies, but now we do both, Newsletter and Liga Letter, electronically. Thanks to Renzo Galassi. He is now the editor of Newsletter. Thanks to Evin Turkay for the extraordinary job preparing the NL and generosity for the Liga Letter.

Sec. Pharmacy, Heike Gypser; Working group has 9 members. A homeopathic medicine definition is approved anonymously by IC and will be published on the website.

Sec of PR; Bernardo Merizalde; He is helping to answer the attacks happening all over the world. We used the history and research as our tools. We answered to the attacks in Russia, Spain and we sent a letter to WHO with no reply. LMHI has a Facebook group but very few members. The NVP’s should try to be more active on Facebook.

Sec. of Research, Raj Kumar Manchanda; Research is very important accordingly. We can use publications in the research part against the attacks. The Scientific Framework document is very good tool to help us against the attacks.

Proving Sec; Ashley Ross; The multicentric provings are going as planned. We will publish the results after we have collected all the data.

9) Report of the International Homeopathy Day 2018 in Russia was given by Dr. Leonid Kosmodemyanskiy and Alok Pareek. There was no application for the IHD 2019.

10) LMHI Office in Izmir: State of Affairs
The Secretary Evin Turkay talks about the office duties. Helping people to be members. Preparing Newsletter and Liga Letter. Certificates are printed, new layout designs. Mailing. 10) The amendments in the LMHI Procedures on duties of the officers: APPROVED anonymously

11) New Accredited Schools Applications: APPROVED anonymously
12) New LMHI Institutional and Individual Membership Applications: APPROVED anonymously
13) Amendments in the Working Group procedures: APPROVED anonymously
14) Next Annual Meeting: Monday 23rd of September 2019 in Via Sant’Antonio, 13, 80067 Sorrento / Italy

Closure of the Meeting

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu
General Secretary of LMHI
Memories from Capetown, South Africa
LMHI as a non-profit organization: Appeal for donations

The LMHI has recently obtained the legal status of a non-profit organization, according to the legal requirements in Germany where the LMHI has its statutory seat. We are grateful to be able to announce that we are now entitled to issue 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 worldwide, 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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We are very thankful for each donation – no matter how big or small – that helps us to continue our commitment to securing and promoting homeopathy in the world.
The National Vice President

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

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

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

The list of addresses and telephone numbers of homeopathic physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, and institutions, must be submitted annually to the LMHI Treasurer along with the collective membership dues.

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

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LMHI Statutes
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Anatolia has been the cradle of several ancient civilizations. The collective consciousness of the area has given birth to many discoveries, innovations and new medical practices by such brilliant thinkers and philosophers as Avicenna, Pedanius Dioscorides, Claudius Galen, İbnü’l Baytar and Hippocrates. Pergamum, birth place to Galen and the practice of medicine, was its center of and bridged the transfer of knowledge from East to West.

Our congress will be held in this ancient land where knowledge breathes from the soil and flows through the air. Hahnemann’s Homeopathic principles will be the central theme of the congress. If the roots of a tree are strong, the body and branches which lead to sky as well as the fruits, will be powerful, healthy and nurturing. Not forgetting our roots and the historical inheritance delivered from Hahnemann, we design this congress to be the bridge to the other trends and branches that come out of the center.

We hope this congress may be the soil where we can discuss all the approaches which come from Hahnemann until today, and learn how to preserve and sustain our valuable fruits – which include providing health through the “quick and soft way”.

Anatolia’s unique hospitality will welcome you all in the pearl of the Aegean, Izmir, shelter of historical treasure, cultural inheritance and natural beauty.

**Congress Topics**
- Historical development of Homeopathy
- Hahnemann and Organon
- Provings in Homeopathy
- New methods and approaches in Homeopathy
- Homeopathy and research
- Integration of Homeopathy:
  - Pharmacy
  - Veterinary
  - Dentistry
  - Agro-Homeopathy
  - Health care system

**Important Dates**
- **Early registration deadline**: April 10, 2020
- **Deadline for submitting abstracts**: 
  - Priority Stream: February 9, 2020
  - Late-breaking Stream: April 15, 2020
- **Abstract outcomes**: 
  - Priority Stream: March 31, 2020
  - Late-breaking Stream: May 7, 2020

Dr. Altunay Ağaoğlu
President of the Congress
President of the Classical Homeopathy Association
Vice President of Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI)

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Afghanistan,
Dr. Obaidullah Al-Hashmi, NCP

The fact that Afghanistan has low economic state/country of the world, it is appropriate and reasonable to adopt an affordable system as homeopathic Medical System. Several attempts by the homeopath to be verified and licensed for homeopathic practice in Afghanistan have failed, because there is no act for homeopathy in our country, lack of homeopathic public awareness and no education syllabus, we have done uncountable struggles and work for the regulation of the homeopathy in Afghanistan from last many year, in Afghanistan the hundreds of qualified homeopaths are not able to practice in their profession as a registered homeopathic practitioner, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has not been able to issue the license to homeopaths due to unavailability of regulation act for homeopathic medical system within the government of Afghanistan. Although, there is no coordinating body in the structures of public and private sectors.

Our request from LMHI and other homeopathic organizations/institutions to help the Afghan homeopaths in the mentioned issue in near future.

Argentina,
Dra. Miriam E. García de Vallerotto, NVP

Since 1995, Homeopathic Schools of Argentina have formed the Federación de Asociaciones Médicas Homeopáticas Argentinas FAMHA. The purposes of the Federation are: Nuclear to the institutions linked to the research, teaching and dissemination of the Homeopathic Medical Doctrine, providing its associates with the most complete and up-to-date communication of scientific-therapeutic studies and progress in the field of Homeopathic Medicine and favor the implementation of the activities of its affiliates. Information on our FAMHA website.

The Colegio de Médicos Homeópatas bring together the professionals of the respective member schools, granting them a personal and professional registration. The teaching of our medicine has currently benefited from the Universidad Candegabe de Homeopatía, which is an online institution teaching a Regular Higher Course in Homeopathy. And "Online Homeopathic Campus" pertaining to the EMHA "Tomás Pablo Paschero. On the other hand, said University offers Free Online Meetings for Homeopathic Doctors with interesting topics.

Armenia,
Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtzyan, NVP

The first half of 2019 was very busy and fruitful, we had a Dr. Pfeiffer seminar with live clinical cases, children with very severe neurological diseases.

In early July, in Yerevan, we organized a seminar by Dr. Bonnat on the topic of "Mental Illness and their Homeopathic Treatment". The seminar was very informative and interesting. All participants (from Armenia, Russia, Germany) were happy to receive and exchange experiences.

Everything was fine, but on July 8, the Minister of Health of Armenia in his interview announced that he intended to close homeopathic offices, pick up licenses, and called homeopaths to all those, who so promptly responded, of all the LIGA, for "reactive" help and support, to Doc. Pareek, doc. Spinedi, Doc. Pfeiffer, Sabine Zimmermann, President of the Baltic Association Marina Afanasyev and all. I hope that the letters that you all wrote and sent to the Prime Minister of Armenia and President of the National Assembly will be read, our voices will be heard.

To say that we were in shock, to say nothing.

We called for help of our colleagues around the world. I want to express my gratitude on my own behalf, and on behalf of all homeopaths of Armenia to all those, who so promptly responded, first of all to the LIGA, for "reactive" help and support, to Doc. Pareek, doc. Spinedi, Doc. Pfeiffer, Sabine Zimmermann, President of the Baltic Association Marina Afanasyev and all. I hope that the letters that you all wrote and sent to the Prime Minister of Armenia and President of the National Assembly will be read, our voices will be heard.

Our patients are outraged by the Minister’s words and intentions and from the first days they express their displeasure in social networks, especially on the pages of the Ministry and the Minister and are ready to fight with us to the end.

We hope that with help of God we will be able to win this unfair and not easy fight together.

Austria,
Dr. Bernhard Zauner, NVP

There are efforts and discussions with representatives of Austrian health policy with the aim of integrating homeopathy into the Austrian health system. Around 60% of patients choose homeopathy as their preferred complementary medicine method, the national health insurance funds do not reimburse homeopathic treatment, but some private insurance companies do.

Three homeopathic associations, the ÖGHM, the ÄKH, and the ÖGVH (Veterinary homeopaths), offer continuing education programs and cooperate in continuing education. Continuous efforts in research, publications and public relations promote the dissemination and establishment of homeopathy in Austria. The year 2018 was again marked by attacks of the opponents of homeopathy on the one hand and on the other hand by a joint annual conference of all homeopathic societies and a joint press conference. The Homoeopathy Day was also held with a press conference and a day for laymen.

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Belgium,
Dr. Philippe Devos, NVP

We are preparing a paper about the Electro-Photonic Analysis of the homeopathic medicines as a part of the DynHom project. One complementary health insurance (in the Flemish part of Belgium) stops the reimbursement of the homeopathic medicines.

To make the situation very clear for the patients, we have put on our website a chart with the actual reimbursement for homeopathic medicines and consultations of every Health insurance: French speaking part and Flemish part.

As different attacks continue to come, our question in the UHB (Unio Homoeopathica Belgica) was: how do we react? Our decision was not to react directly as we do not want to go into a fight.

Instead we asked Pro Homeopathy (the Belgian Patient’s Association for Homeopathy) to write a letter.

Also, the UHB has put a statement on our website.

And, we have realised different little films about some aspects of homeopathy. There were elections on the 26th of May 2019. We have asked the different political parties a question about Homeopathy:

The elections are imminent.

The members of the homeopathic professional association Unio Homoeopathica Belgica ask you to give us your opinion and that of your members about the homeopathic approach of medicine.

We have put the different answers on our website.

The NVA answers me immediately with this statement: « We have been opposed to homeopathy for many years. As far as we are concerned, mutual health organisations should only reimburse evidence-based treatments. »

Bangladesh,
Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, NVP

On this year’s 22nd and 23rd February CASH (Center for Advanced Studies in Homoeopathy), Bangladesh organized the 6th International Homoeopathic Scientific Conference in Cox’s Bazar Cultural Center. In which many well-known homeopaths from across the globe joined and shared their ideas.

On the memorable occasion of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann’s 264th Birthday, a program was held in IDEB on 10th April, 2019. Organized by Bangladesh Homoeopathic Board in which the Chief guest was Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Jahid Malek and State minister Dr. Murad Hasan was the Special guest.

The Homoeopathic Doctors Society (HDS) of Bangladesh also organized a separate program on the same day in which Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy, Chairman of Bangladesh Homoeopathic Board attended as the Chief guest and Registrar Dr. Jahangir Alam attended as a Special guest.


Australia,
Dr. Isaac Golden, NCP

The Australian homeopathic community is still waiting for a finding by the National Ombudsman into methodological and other irregularities which contaminated the 2015 NHMRC report into homeopathy. Their review has now been some years in progression, and we are sincerely hoping for a finding this year.

The added consequences from other NHMRC reports into the effectiveness of 16 other natural therapies was that the government prevented private health insurance companies from covering most natural therapies. Due to a vigorous campaign, including international support from organizations like LMHI, the recently re-elected coalition government has promised to establish a two part review into the clinical effectiveness natural therapies.

The two tranches comprise:

Tranche one:
Naturopathy, Western Herbalism, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates and Shiatsu; and

Tranche two: Alexander Technique, Aromatherapy, Bowen Therapy, Buteyko, Feldenkrais, Homeopathy, Iridology, Kinesiology, Reflexology and Rolfering.

The placement of homeopathy into Tranche two indicates a negative attitude towards homeopathy, which should have been evaluated alongside naturopathy and western herbalism. Further, the selection of the review panels will the critical as we know that the NHMRC review panels contained no modality experts and in fact contained members of Friends of Science in Medicine, a pro-pharma anti-natural therapies organisation which unfortunately has the ear of health officials in Australia. Finally, the Terms of Reference will be critical to the integrity of these two reviews.

So homeopaths in Australia are still “holding their breath” to see what the next 6-12 months brings. We greatly appreciate the support we have received from the international homeopathic community, and hope that there will be justice for homeopathy from the Ombudsman’s review and the two proposed government reviews.

Brazil,
Paulo Cezar Maldonado, NVP

The search for Homeopathy in Brazil is more and more increasing. There are private and federal universities in which Homeopathy is part of its compulsory and official curriculum, with resident doctors in course of two years, as well as Homeopathy in a large number of universities as an option.

Unfortunately, Brazil is nowadays as in most countries in the world, one of the goals of Pharmaceutical industries in order to harm Homeopathy and its professionals.

An Institute was created in São Paulo State in accordance with some newspapers and magazines for attacking Homeopathy, in order to avoid our integration with the network of the SUS (Unique System of Health), trying to detract us before population. But those who were helped from homeopathic treatment, do believe in our therapeutics.

Homeopathy is part of the federal government’s project of the National Program of Integrative and Complementary Practices, integrated with the network of the SUS (Unique System of Health), which is Brazil’s leading health program and free for population. Taking part of this program is not easy, for there are political difficulties to get over it. Fortunately, victories were achieved in this essential project for the evolution of Homeopathy in Brazilian health system (SUS). Opposing to these negative attitudes and comments toward us, a journal on Homeopathy research, published a magazine called: “Scientific Evidences in Homeopathy” which was organized by the technical chamber of the regional council of medicine of the state of São Paulo, (CREMESP), which was distributed, and very well accepted by all other regional medical councils of all Brazil. It was also published in scientific homeopathic journals in the world, thus confirming the seriousness of our institutional work. This journal was also published in our Liga Letter and we hope that other countries in the world do the same, confronting with the journal content, those attacks against Homeopathy.
Bulgaria,

Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP

Homeopathy Awareness Campaign in April 2019
Main accent was on “Homeopathy and Digestion”. Activities have been organized by our association (AHPB), the Bulgarian Homeopathic Medical Society and Bulgarian Homeopathic Society (an organization of non-medical homeopaths). There have been lectures in different cities for general public; special meetings and 10th April celebrations for homeopathic doctors. The “Magic pills” movie have been translated and shown. The events were covered by various media.
Summer meeting 2019
Held in Pirin mountain, Bulgaria
The members of AHPB participated in a summer meeting. Dr. Vesela Popova presented Microbiome and homeopathy and Dr. Marienla Kornel shared experience with bowel nosodes. Dr. Dora Pachova made a presentation about the HRI Conference in London June 2019. We have a new problem – it is a kind of internal attack – homeopaths attacking homeopaths via media. A new society called “Patients for homeopathy” was established by NMQP, who want to change the official education for NMQP. The tactic they choose is to “inform” homeopathy “patients for homeopathy” was established by NMQP, who want to change the law, because it allows only doctors to practice and to be able to make official education for NMQP. The tactic they choose is to “inform society” that homeopathy is losing positions because doctors are prescribing homeopathic remedies without adequate education. This statement attracted attention of media and was on TV and radio. It caused immediate reaction of Bulgarian Medical Homeopathic Organization (clinical homeopaths) against classical homeopaths.
We as Association of homeopathic physicians in Bulgaria (classical homeopathic doctors) are pressed from both sides. Clinical homeopaths are very much against classical homeopathy and use every activity of NMQP to discredit it.

Canada,

Dr. Bhupinder Sharma, NVP

During the period 2018-19, there have been great activities in uniting the homeopaths and Homeopathic Associations in Ontario and Canada for ensuring a unified voice for the Government for integrating homeopathy in the main stream health care system by identifying and removing barriers. Out of the few homeopathic Associations in Ontario, two major Associations, Homeopathic Medical Association of Canada and Ontario Homeopathic Association, got amalgamated to form one official Association by the name of Ontario Homeopathic Medical Association(OHMA). The OHMA initiated a project to include Homeopathy into the Healthcare system. It obtained more than 4000 signatures to submitted to the Provincial Member of Parliament. The profession of homeopathy is regulated by the provincial Governments and at present Homeopathy is officially regulated only in Ontario. The homeopathic medicines are regulated by the Federal Government i.e. Health Canada. The homeopathic medicines have been available in Pharmacies. National and Provincial Homeopathic Associations which also included NVP Canada, LMHI, by coming together to oppose the attack of skeptics through their different strategies to convince the Council of Pharmacists to continue selling homeopathic products in the Pharmacies in Canada. Their campaign to educate the Canadian Pharmacists college about keeping the homeopathic medicine accessible to Canadians, is going quite well until to-date.

Chile,

Dr. Sergio Castillo, NVP

Ministry of Health has initiated a consultation with institutions and groups of professionals linked to complementary medicines to translate a document on health policies. In this, participates Dr. Flavio Briones, who has extensive experience in the field as part of the Advisory Council on the subject.
We have chosen Sorrento to transfer the position National Vice president to Dr. Mónica Herrera. Dr. Herrera work in Rancagua, near the chilean capital, Santiago, which will allow a more fluid communication with most chilean homeopaths and be close to the political decision centers.
Activities such as the visits of the prominent homeopaths Ute Fischbach and Graciela Varela to the Santo Tomás University in Temuco, exposing about the thought of Hahnemann and the importance of homeopathy in a integrative treatment for children with autism spectrum disorder marked this last year. Local activities such as talks to interest groups and some presentation in seminars of integrative medicines complete our work.
Dr. Finsterbusch has continued to develop his research work in South America and other homeopaths like Dr. Verdugo continue giving their effort to our medicine.

China,

Dr. Yvonne Fok, NCP

Homeopathy is not a statutory medical system in China (including Hong Kong, Taiwan and Hong Kong). The government of Hong Kong currently advocated a voluntary registration model in the management, and the application of the Chinese Association of Homeopathy is currently in process in the government of mainland China.
The first and only nationally accredited wechat channel was approved in late 2018, after the bi-annual 3000-attendee conference of Hong Kong Association of Homeopathy. The channel provides public education and international news of the profession throughout China. Three to four articles are released every week since Nov 2018. A live channel is now being developed for national-wide online conference in the future.
The Chinese government welcomes the addition of the session of T&CM in ICD 11 recently, and the Hong Kong Association of Homeopathy was invited to participate and present in the Annual Conference of the Guangzhou Medical Association and the Guangzhou Society of Cancer-Rehabilitation in 2019, and the HKAH is co-operating with the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and responsible for the chapter on Homeopathy in a book about T&CM. It will be a effective way to disseminate the information about the principles, scientific evidence, legal status, international market, etc. about homeopathy in the academic world in mainland China.
Chinese Taipei,
Dr. Gemma Wong, NCP

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Czech Republic
MUDr. Tomáš Karhan, CZ, NVP

I met with two Austrian colleagues at one Congress and they said, „We don’t really know anything about you guys in the Czech Republic”. My answer was, „Well, we know about you, so we need to fix this someday.” I was on vacation together with Reinhard, Wolfgang and our wives last year. We made many great memories, but there was no time for history. So, ladies and gentlemen, here it is finally: In January 2018, the International Homeopathic Congress of the new association, the Czech Homeopathic Club (Česk. Homeopatick. klub), took place in Průhonice, a town near Prague. It was attended by 136 colleagues and guests from 7 European countries. The leaders of the three Czech homeopathic organizations were also present. The Congress was commenced by a greeting from the general secretary of Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) Altunay S. Ağaoglu, the past president of European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) Thomas Peinbauer and the coordinator of education Dora Patchova. The president of ECH Hélène Renoux also conveyed a warm welcome. We experienced a beautiful, sparkling homeopathic day. On the international scale ČHK has been participating in the work of ECH, first, in November 2017 at a meeting in Prague and then in April 2018 in Athens. We were present at the nice Congress and at all the sessions in Sofia in November 2018. We are in contact with other societies in our country and in Europe. Currently, a seminar is prepared for the members of the club about the last things in a person’s life led by the therapist of Prague’s Jewish community Zuzana Peterová. The second Organ Concerto for ČHK, now also thematic, is being organized by Václav Peter, an organ musician and teacher at AMU again in the Jubilee synagogue. We are now considering another project -

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Colombia,
Dr. John Bastidas, NVP

Above all please receive a cordial greeting from Colombia, where we strive each day in building a prosperous and lasting peace.

As is of your knowledge, the management report of the members of the International Homeopathic Medical League (LMHI in Spanish) in our country is linked to the development and evolution of education, professionalization, and the institutionalization of homeopathy in Colombia. In this aspect, we contributed in the following manner during 2018:

1) Making official the homeopathic medicine in Colombia, establishing the profile and specific competences of the medical doctor specialized in Homeopathic medicine in the health context in Colombia.
2) (https://www.minsalud.gov.co/sites/rid/Lists/BibliotecaDigital/RIDEVS/TH/lineamientos-mtac-sgss.pdf). Regarding the above, it prefers to homogenize the university education in our country for the formation of specialized medical doctors in homeopathic medicine, all of top quality.
3) We continue working on the planning and organization of the 76th LMHI 2021 Congress, which will be carried out in the city of Bogotá, D.C. on August 25-28, 2021, and from which we will be submitting the advances in the next meeting of the International Council of the League. As of now we welcome all of you to our country.
4) In the cooperation for the development of the description of the Role of the Supporting Personnel of Medicine and Alternative and Complementary Medicine (MTAC) – Homeopathy.

We will continue making our efforts in letting you know about our medical system in the undergraduate programs and in the strengthening of the hospital institutions dedicated to homeopathy through the formation of new medical specialists in homeopathic medicine.

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Ecuador
Dr. Patricio Rendon, NVP

In the republic of Ecuador, the Homeopathy was recognized by the constitution of the country in the year 1998 and ratified by the new constitution in the year 2008, thanks a the work of outstanding doctors homeopaths and their hard work to achieve this recognition, the same that allows by right both practice and medical specialty and receive it for all citizens. In the year 2010 were recognized / approved the titles of fourth level university a 14 doctors homeopaths a through a university. The current directive of the SOMHE in search of the homologation of the titles to fourth level academic of the rest of doctors trained in different schools homeopathic, had meetings with the Council of Education Higher CES in the year 2018, achieving the acceptance for said processing by part of the State University Santiago de Guayaquil, for which which was organized a congress homeopathic international con el a va l de la m is ma institución as requirement for the recognition of the titles and thanks to direct support of the LMHI especially of Dr. Gustavo Cataldi vice president of the League, who intervened as ex-sit or and moderator, resulting all a success the congress. Unfortunately for reasons policies with the change of authorities de the University, all the process of approval was suspended unilaterally by said institution. Subsequently the directive of the SOMHE resumed the contact with la University Luis G. Páez de Bogotá - Colombia, to complete a postgraduate course in homeopathy, the same that is in progress with a first group of 10 doctors homeopaths Ecuadorians. As directive we aspire to achieve the objectives proposed in the legal recognition of the degrees academics de the Ecuadorian medical homeopaths, with the end of continue promoting the homeopathy a local level and worldwide.
Estonia
Dr. Saima Tisler, NVP

The EHU (Estonian Homeopathic Union) has been active and has held regular meetings and patients’ discussions. 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. Dr Kubasheva from the school of Dr George Vithoulkas will be holding 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 2019.

France
Dr. Yves Maille, NVP

In the 2018 French report we were already sadly aware of the violent attacks against homeopathy in France. Same attack as that suffered by English or Spanish homeopaths, with the same difficulty to defend us and even to answer the articles of press making mention only arguments of our detractors. In fact, we had no right of reply and our fate was referred to the opinion of the High Authority of Health (HAS) who conducted a pseudo study on the effectiveness of homeopathic medicine according to criteria in all respects similar to those of NHRMC. All homeopathic associations and societies played the game with perfect cohesion and transparency, for a disappointing result.

On June 28, 2019, the High Health Authority issued an unfavorable opinion on the usefulness of homeopathic medicine even if at the same time we have collected more than a million two hundred thousand signatures against the removal of the reimbursement of homeopathy.

Our health minister said that it was difficult to go against the HAS conclusions...In fact, during a one-year period homeopathic medicines will only be reimbursed at 15%, but in 2021 homeopathy will be completely put outside of the field of medicine.

Of course, no more teaching of homeopathy will be done at the faculty and it is even likely that a doctor will no longer have the right to mention his quality of homeopath!

The balance sheet of our actions is very negative and shows that our answers are not appropriate to face the deliberate strategy of our detractors.

Greece
C. Tsitinides, NVP

HHM5 will have its annual Congress in Athens in November.
We managed (all Greek homeopathic societies) to collaborate and we succeeded to have a member in the board of the Athens Medical Association as well as a member in the board of the Hellenic Medical Association.
All Greek homeopathic societies have new students and make lessons according to ECH educational program.
We also had this year round tables for homeopathy in congresses of classical medicine as well as presence on some national tv programs...the attempt to put us out of the mainstream medicine have failed and we are in contact with the ministry of health to regulate our homeopathic practice...d.papamethodiou...v.zafeiriou...and othonas ...are collaborating well for the first time for our goals!

India
Prof.(Dr.) Niranjan Mohanty, NVP

In India Homoeopathy has got the full patronage from Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda Yoga Unani Sidha & Homoeopathy) Govt of India.
It is functioning to ensure the optimal development and propagation of AYUSH system of medicine & health care. A rough study states that about 10% of Indian population solely depends on Homoeopathy for their health needs. There are over 284479 registered Homoeopathic doctors. Currently with approximately 12000 more being added every year. There are 229 colleges with one National Institute of Homoeopathy along with Post Graduation in 36 colleges. Total AYUSH budget in India is 1939.76 crore rupees per annum. There are 164 Hospitals, Bed-5251, Dispensaries-7544, Manufacturing unit -399.
Now there is Central Council of Homoeopathy which will be replaced by National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), that body will be responsible for standardization of education & will regulate the practices. There is Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) who is looking after Research. There is Pharmacopoeia commission for Indian medicine & Homoeopathy under the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt of India. Apart from these there are 30 states & 9 territories for them, there are separate budgets & establishments. Doctors are appointed by Central & State govt for teaching, research & Medicare purposes.
Italy
Francesco V. Marino, NVP

Nothing changed in comparison with last year: the prejudicial and defamatory campaigns against Homeopathy still has keeping striking via media, almost every single day. Although the homeopathic medicines have been officially recognized as drugs from January 1st, the skeptics’ lobby has been trying to convince public opinion that law must be changed, although this is possible only at the level of the European Parliament. The present Minister of Health – as well as her political party, which was originally in favor of Homeopathy - completely changed her mind. Even the Medical Council has a quite ambiguous policy. Some more colleagues have been radiated. Despite such an atmosphere, the main Italian Homeopathic associations are trying to hold on. Last year they found the “National Coordination of Homeotherapies (NCH)”, which had to fight with the Presidency of the “Istituto Superiore di Sanità” (ISS, the top scientific Italian institution); instead of discussing and evaluating the evidence of the homeopathic literature, the ISS refused to admit all the studies pro-Homeopathy as well as all the researchers and scientists we proposed. ISS’ aim was exactly the same of the NHMRC (Australian report): Homeopathy as a placebo and pseudoscience. As soon as we realized their real scope, we informed the Medical Council about ISS’ misconduct so that the medical delegation was retired from the panel discussion and the final meeting was cancelled. As FIAMO has been involved in the organization of the 74th LMHI Congress (Sorrento: 2019, 25-28 September) we did not organize the annual national congress but we organized the Hahnemann day in April in 13 Italian towns.

Japan
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The position of homeopathy in Japan is very serious. Legal regulation of homeopathy does not exist. No specific legal controls or certification prevent people from practicing homeopathy in Japan without certification. The Japanese government permits only doctors to practice medical treatment on patients, usually in conventional therapy. Moreover, homeopathic medicines are not recognized as medicines by the Japanese Ministry of Welfare and Medicine. The government thinks that the remedies are not medicine but health food. After several medical incidents (from 2008) caused by homeopaths who were not medical doctors, the Science Council of Japan made a statement that there was no scientific ground for effects of homeopathy. The population of people who know about homeopathy firsthand is only about 0.4%. As the only organization consisting of only medically certified members, the JPSH would like to concentrate further efforts on the spread and development of homeopathy in Japan correctly.

Netherlands
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AVIG board handed over a Manifest Lifestyle Medicine to the Minister of Health to strengthen our position.

A set of ‘road maps’ is being developed for General Practitioners and for CAM doctors to get a better introduction to the conventional medical doctors. They give some explanation about acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, naturopathy and osteopathy and the type of evidence on 3 chronic diagnoses.


Peru
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In October 2019 The Peruvian School of Homeopathic Medicine concludes the three-year course with 11 doctors who will join our Society, the Peruvian Society of Homeopathic Medicine which is the name that was changed from the ancient Homeopathic Medical Society of Peru, a fact that I reiterate apparently you have not paid attention to what was reported in previous years.

In the last nine years a team of 3 teachers directed by Dr. Carlos Corbacho teach in Ten Modules a chapter of homeopathy inside a postgraduate course for M.D.s of Complimentary Medicine in The San Marcos University, the oldest University in Latin America. They are the following colleagues: Dr. Martín Corbacho, Dr. Luis Pun.

In The city of Lima exists 6 Homeopathic Pharmacies, In The City of Cuzco one, in Arequipa one, in Trujillo one.

In recent years we have been suffering constant attacks from some media such as El Comercio newspaper and Radioprogramas del Perú radio station where there is a program run by a doctor and paid by the pharmaceutical companies that is dedicated to discredit us, the curious fact is that several of the owners of the Radio are homeopathic patients but the program is paid by sponsors who are pharmaceutical companies.
Romania

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1. EMC issue - a compromise was accepted in this matter- the associations of complementary medicine would have the possibility to be partners with an entity accredited by the Medical Council and develop programs with EMC points. One of these entities will be the Academy of Medical Sciences. Another change that we have to implement is that the quantum of the EMC points accepted for the additional qualifications (where homeopathy is also included) is no more than 1/3 of the total obligatory points for each year.

2. Romanian Congress of Homeopathy, November 2018 – a new president of SRH has been elected, Ileana Rindasu, who formerly occupied the position of general secretary of SRH. Also the structure of the general council has been changed.

3. Seminars and courses – Farokh Master was invited by London College of Homeopathy for a seminar “Homeopathy in Chronic Diseases and Cancer”. In February 2019 Jonathan Hardy had in Bucharest a very interesting seminar about gems and silver series. Roberto Petrucci is continuing a series of seminars that are also held in Bucharest.

4. Attacks – there were a number of attacks in media and on social networks. We always try to answer offering scientifically proven things.

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Russia

Professor Leonid Kosmodemyansky, MDSc, NVP

January - the 7th Russian Homeopathic Congress was held in Moscow by National Council for Homeopathy, Russian Homeopathic Association, Russian Homeopathic Society.

January - Moscow International Homeopathic Conference was held at the Central House of Scientists of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

April, Moscow hosted World Homeopathy Day and the celebration of 185 years since the Official Recognition of Homeopathy in Russia in 1833. Decree of the State Council of Russia signed by zar Nikolai I. Dr. R.Pareek, Dr. R.Van Hazelen, Dr. H.Renu, Dr.S. Gopinathan was presented as honored guests.

May - a pharmaceutical company filed a lawsuit against the Russian Academy of Sciences, the result of the trial was the official answer of RAS that the memorandum does not relate to RAS.

September, Dr. Kosmodemyansky transferred archival materials about Dr. Gabrilovich, First Vice President of LMHI for the USSR, to the State Archive of Russia.

December - a conference of RAS on high dilution physics and on the properties of solutions was held, which opens up the possibility of developing fundamental scientific research in homeopathy.

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South Africa

Dr. Danny Pillay, NVP

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

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Spain

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The situation of homeopathic medicine in Spain continues to be complicated. The attacks of skeptics that have been widely introduced in the streammedia continue and the government continues with its "Plan against pseudotherapies" including Homeopathy.

We had general elections in May but it has not yet been possible to form a new government so the health policy will be the same until a new government is formed or until there are new elections in November 2019.

The 5 Homeopathic organizations including physicians, veterinarians and pharmacists have come together in one organization to address this difficult situation. Although each organization maintains its own identity, common actions are established. A common website has been created to inform the population and serve as a point of contact for all professionals.
Pakistan
Dr. Muhammad Shafiq Rana, NCP

In Pakistan, the practice of homeopathy is becoming very popular. The Homeopathy is 2nd largest method of treatment in Pakistan. The people on large scale also use the homeopathy medicine. People are getting benefit from this way of treatment. Homeopathy pharmaceutical industry is emergent day by day.

National Council for Homoeopathy (NCH) is a body Corporate Constituted under Unani Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 to regulate the qualifications and to provide for the Registrations of Practitioners of Unani Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners.

NCH is very active and playing a pivotal role to regularize the homeopathy medical system with the support of government. Numerous institutions are also offering higher education degrees in homeopathy medical system in Pakistan.

In Pakistan, there are many networks, societies and associations are working to promote the homeopathy medical system. Thousands of Homeopaths are the members of these societies, which are practicing as homeopathy doctors. They are frolicking an excellent support towards the civil society by treating the humanity.

The future of homeopathy and homeopaths is very optimistic in Pakistan. It is enticing the society due to new trends in homeopathy treatment.

Switzerland
Dr. med. Kyriaki Stefanidou, NVP

With the successful inclusion of complementary medicine in primary health care, Switzerland has become the focus of attention throughout Europe as a whole — but increasingly also of criticism. The media attacks especially against homoeopathy are increasing and the media team of svha had a lot of work behind the scenes. For example, the commentary of the study of the institute of domestic medicine USZ, which could be published in the CMR.

Last spring and next November, SVHA has convened stakeholder meetings with manufacturers, therapists and researchers, to make the „media work” more professional.

The SVHA Academy is on course and could start the second cycle in the fall semester of 2018. The organization structure and er individual areas of activity have been revised and recorded in a handbook.

Thailand
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The Bureau of Sanatorium and Arts of Healing will decide whether they will legally recognize Homeopathy in Thailand or not in September, 2019. In June 2019, the Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine had declared to distribute Eupatorium perfoliatum 200C free of charge to the public for prevention of dengue hemorrhagic fever after their research study was published in Journal of Health Education of the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University. But there was a strong opposition from famous allopathic doctors and scientists, so they backed down. On education, our current class of students in our school will graduate in September 2019. We’ve planned to start our new homeopathic class in November 2019. The course will be organized in co-operation with the Faculty of Homeopathy Belgium, the Department of Alternative Medicine and Rangsit University.

Uruguay
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The Association of Homeopathic Medicine of Uruguay (AMHU) created in 1988 and with legal status since 1995, composed by doctors and veterinarians. At the present time it is the only teaching center of Homeopathic Medicine. Our association develops and promotes scientific research in the field of Homeopathy, perform postgraduate courses for doctors and veterinarians with Continuing Medical education.

Promote the knowledge of Homeopathy to the public in general through different information channels: magazines, radio, television, social networks AMHU provides medical care to low-income population.

Very important legal progress has been achieved. From 1999 to the present it works the Commission for the Study of Alternative Medicines: Ministry of Public Health. In 2009 HOMEOPATHY is decreed as a MEDICAL ACT and in 2016 the Executive Power approves a Decree that establishes a Regulatory Framework for the preparation and registration of Homeopathic Medicine. Meetings were held with the Director of Development of CLAEH, Private University of Medicine, for an Introduction to Homeopathic Medicine course. A research group was created to carry out in school groups “Homeopathic treatment of pediculosis capitis”.

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

The AMHU was declared of social interest by the Ministry of Education and Culture.
A citizens group of mostly mothers wishing to keep homeopathy available for their families has made significant progress in Washington, D.C., supported by the AIH, the National Center for Homeopathy, and other homeopathic organizations. First, a petition targeting the faults and weaknesses in the FDA’s December 2017 “Draft Guidance” for the marketing of homeopathic medicines – which would cease to recognize homeopathic medicines in HPUS (homeopathic pharmacopeia of the United States) as a separate category, and would begin requiring some of them to meet the same testing and approval standards of conventional drugs – was launched, and has obtained 16,000 comments. The FDA is now obliged to respond to this petition BEFORE finalizing the draft guidance. The FDA should have responded to the petition within 6 months, but has not. So the petition, originally set to close in January, is still open to the public anywhere in the world, and you may add your comments at this link: https://homeopathychoice.org/petition/

Then this group, Americans For Homeopathy Choice, organized a day where 150 volunteers came to Washington DC and had 184 appointments, 107 in House offices and 77 in Senate offices, to speak of problems in the 2017 Guidance and the need for keeping the existing CPG 400.400 Guidance, in use since 1988. Several Congressmen became convinced of our cause. This led to direct meetings between the FDA’s top drug regulator and the AFHC, including its legal and medical experts, among them AIH President Ron Dushkin and AIH Past-President Ron Whitmont. Several meetings have taken place, and the FDA has listened. A further meeting is scheduled for September. We want homeopathic drugs in HPUS to be recognized without undergoing new drug testing, and for the FDA’s newly proposed risk-based guidelines to apply to homeopathic products not in HPUS (that is, newer unestablished products labeled by the manufacturer as “homeopathic”).

Legal counsel and travel expenses are significant, and this work cannot be done without donations. If this succeeds, the HPUS will be safe, and recognized as equal to the US Pharmacopeia. You may contribute at this link: https://homeopathychoice.org/donate/

World Homeopathy Day was celebrated in Philadelphia with many LMHI and AIH officers present. You can read about it in the Liga Letter. The annual AIH Congress will take place in October in Virginia, with a seminar held by acclaimed homeopathic expert Farokh Master, MD.

Education
The successful final exams lead to a certificate titled “Homeopathy as a special medical qualification” (“Zusatzbezeichnung Homöopathie”) awarded by the German Medical Chamber.

Universities
At the University of Tübingen, a chair for integrative medicine and Homeopathy was founded due to the parties “Die Grünen” and “CDU”. Chairholder will be funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung for five years, before the chair shall be omitted to the federal state. The chairholder is still unknown. It is a fact that they dissociate themselves as far as possible from Homeopathy and Anthropologic Medicine. Even though this is spoken out loud, the University is attacked and considered retrograde. After this hailstorm of attacks, several off-the-record conversations with the responsible persons of the University and the state are planned.

In the next two years the amendment of the „German Doctors education Manual“ concerning all specialist disciplines incl. additional titles like „Homeopathy“ will be implemented in country doctors chambers. Each country doctor chamber will make its own decision. The country doctors chamber of Bremen, the smallest one, decided against it. We fear no „domino effect“.

Politics
We work very closed with Hufeland Association, the umbrella association our integrative medicine disciplines in Germany. The least success was to write a open letter to the president of the national health insurance, Dr. Andreas Gassen. His opinion is to banish the reimbursement of homeopathica in our health insurance system.

The German health minister, Jens Spahn, has announced in September 2019 that homeopathic medicinal products will continue to be reimbursed by health insurance companies. In so doing, he puts an end to the debate that has been going on in Germany for months. The minister explained that the strength of the debate was out of proportion with the facts - the cost of such products (20 million euros) is insignificant in relation to the overall cost of medicines in Germany as a whole (40 billion euros). He explained his decision as a choice between an emotional discussion that risked upsetting many people or, given the order of magnitude, accepting the status quo and avoiding all the fuss. His decision is to leave things as they are. Homeopathic medicines are not included in the catalogue of funded medicines in Germany. However, 70% of statutory health insurance companies respond to the choice of their patients by offering the additional option to reimburse treatment costs for certain complementary medicine therapies, including homeopathic medicines.

In November 2018 the optional rates for “special therapy options”, in which homeopathy made up the smallest share for the 560 insured persons, were abolished for economic reasons. The administrative expense was too high, and only a few of these 560 insured persons were using this optional rate. The DZvHÄ along with the other members of the Hufeland Society (60 000 members in total) didn’t support the petition on the optional rates of the Hahnenmann Society, because it was decided in mutual agreement that if a petition is launched, it will only be a large one like, for example, “Protection of Homoeopathics as Medical Products.”

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