Highlights from the 62nd Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

by Richard Hiltner, MD, LMHI National Vice President for the USA

Scientific Program of the 62nd LMHI Congress
Opening Ceremony, Tuesday August 7, 2007

Mexico has a long history of supporting the LIGA, with a Congress in 1929 in Mexico City; in Acapulco 1980; and Oaxaca 1995. The opening ceremony was held in the “Teatro Principal” next to the Convention Center. According to Carlos Lopez Garcia, this theater built in 1759 was the first theater in the Americas.

After a musical interlude, the Master of Ceremonies, Gustavo Aguilar, introduced the President of the Congress, Fernando Francois Flores, who welcomed the participants. He was followed by Prime General Secretary of the LMHI, Jose Matuk Kanan, with his kind words to the Liga members. Ulrich Fischer, the Prime Liga Vice President, officially opened the Congress. Attendees viewed a video “The Medicine of the Future, Today” by the late honored Proceso Sanchez Ortega. He related that conventional medicine lacked the depth of seeing the suppressed aspect of the chronic illness which homeopathy was able to grasp. Then the Mexico National Vice President, Dr. Antonio Sanchez Caballero, expressed gratitude of all for the wise words of Dr. Ortega and for all who prepared this Congress.
To honor the memory of Prof. Madeleine Bastide (1935-2007)
by Michel Van Wassenhoven, M.D.

Professor of Immunology at the University of Montpellier, France, Madeleine Bastide published a lot of articles in peer-reviewed journals. She was very interested in homeopathic medications on animals and cells in her laboratory. The “Signifier Paradigm” was born. She stated that only research protocols respecting the Similia law (or identity law) were giving systematic results. She was also the founder of the G.I.R.I. (International Research Group on Very Low Dose and High Dilutions Effects), actually chaired by Prof. Leoni Bonamin, Sao Paulo. Her publications on “Thymuline” and “Bursine” demonstrated that even so called “amolecular” homeopathic dilutions were effective. At the 2008 LMHI Congress in Belgium, she will be honored by the presentation of all her publications on homeopathic medications.

With great sorrow, we are remembering her today.

Arturo Méndez
by A marily de Toledo Cesar, PhD

When I interviewed Arturo Mendez, I learned that, although he took a homeopathic course with Martinez, he did not take it up at that time. In the 50’s, when a woman came to him and said that her son was in need of a homeopathic pharmacy near Buenos Aires, he went to talk to Dr. Francisco Xavier Eizayaga and became interested. Preparing up to 500 homeopathic remedies a day, he started teaching, in Argentina and in Brazil. I was establishing my own homeopathic pharmacy, Cristiano. In 1990, the two pharmacies, mine and HN, became HNCristiano.

Mendez was unfailingly generous and always curious. He was a real “maestro,” a great teacher, to whom we listened carefully, not missing a word, as each was filled with experience and wisdom. He wrote two books: one about Homeopathic Pharmacy and another about Synonyms in Homeopathy. For more information go to http://www.vassallo.com.ar/files/cast/empresa.htm and read that the second item of his curriculum vitae, just after “pharmacist from U.B.A”, comes “member of the LMHI”.

Mendez was proud not to charge for teaching homeopathy. For Arturo Mendez, teacher of many Brazilian homeopaths, we offer all our respect and gratitude.
represented by ÖGVH, is officially recognized. The number of outpatient departments and consultants in hospitals increases. The ÖGHM has a press spokesperson whose emphasis is the Day of Homeopathy, April 10. In 2006, the Health Minister met with the Medical Chamber, insurances, Ministry of Health, Pharmacists’ Chamber, and homeopathic associations, hopefully resulting in an equalization of homeopathy with orthodox medicine and coverage for services.

Belgium
Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, NVP

The General Assembly stressed that homeopathy is part of medicine. Our Union is a member of the “Belgian Confederation of MD” with one representative in the Accreditation Committee organizing continuous learning. Officially recognized as members of the “registration committee for homeopathic medicinal products,” whose president is a homeopathic MD, we have a need for a new directorship. Young MDs are already involved and Dr. Léon Scheepers will take over the tasks of the previous president. We are involved in homeopathic research and are working on preparations for the 63rd LMHI Congress (20-25 May 2008) in Oostende to which more than 110 speakers have applied to present. For more information, see the announcement in this newsletter and visit the website www.LMH2008.org. Please disseminate this information to all of your members.

Bulgaria
Dr. Dora Pachova, NVP

More patients are asking for homeopathic treatment and more doctors are interested in homeopathy with less opposition. Educational programs in an ECH accredited homeopathic school and master classes with internationally recognized teachers are regular. In 2007 an organization called “Friends of Homeopathy” was

Announcement of the New Executive Committee

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>> Finally, Secretary of Health Jose Angel Cordova Villalobos, spoke of the necessity for conventional medicine and homeopathy to work together for the good of all. >>

Drs. Ulrich Fisher, LMHI Prime Vice President and Fernand Francois Flores, President of the Congress, on the dais with Secretary of Health of Mexico, Dr. Jose Villalobos

Dr. Antonio Sanchez Caballero
LMHI National Vice President for Mexico

Key Speaker: Dr. Martin Dinges

There were approximately 500 attendees in the Convention Center to hear Martin Dinges, a Professor at the Institute of Medical History of the Robert Bosch Foundation in Stuttgart. He gave a marvelous history of “The Experimental Method of Hahnemann.” Later there was a fascinating history of homeopathy in Germany and its spread to the rest of the world.

The theme of this Congress was “Returning to Hahnemann.” Jose Matuk [Mexico] spoke on the need of looking back to the wisdom of Hahnemann and trying not to lose the essence of his knowledge, which was especially elaborated upon by that day’s speakers. Ulrich Fischer [Germany], Renzo Galassi [Italy], and
YOUR LIGA LINK: THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

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

As it states in the 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.,
• homeopathic publications or communications,
• a listing of 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 summary (130 words) 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.

National Vice President/National Contact Report Form

Name of the Country:
Summary of Report: One paragraph in length, in English (for use in the Minutes) *130-word paragraph to be submitted to Liga Letter Editor.
Members: Number of members in his/her country.
Organization: Numbers, titles and addresses of the different associations.
Schools: Names of homeopathic schools or courses.
Program of Activities: The programs of the congresses in the immediate past and the next year.
Publications: The names of the works given in the congress or meetings.
Magazines: The names and addresses of the publications and magazines.

registered many good PR activities were performed. A new Health Law with a chapter for CAM regulation was enacted in January 2005 allowing only doctors and dentists to practice homeopathy. In 2007 a working group was formed to suggest final changes, because many national organizations involved in CAM criticized it.

A new Drug Law was accepted facilitating the importation of homeopathic remedies. This is very important because there are no homeopathic manufacturers. AHPB is working upon a new program for continued homeopathic education of its members.

Colombia
Dr. Carlos Riveros Gomez, Contact Person

Physicians who have completed studies of a minimum of two years in a homeopathic school accredited by LMHI can practice homeopathy. The Health Ministry officially recognized homeopathic medicines after a long process. The Fundación Instituto Colombiano de Homeopatía “Luis G. Páez”, [FICHI], performed “pure experimentation” with native plants. There are about 3000 homeopathic physicians. In Bogotá there are three schools that teach homeopathy to graduate and accredited physicians following the LMHI established program. Some health centers allow treatment with homeopathy. Years ago the Foundation Instituttor Colombiano de Homeopatía “Luis G. Páez” organized the Homeopathic Veterinary Medicine Department. Many schools and homeopathic associations have their own homeopathic pharmacy. There is an Association of Homeopathic Pharmacies in Bogotá. There are no homeopathic laboratories, though several pharmacies prepare medicines with imported Mother Tinctures.

Czech Republic
Dr. Martina Nosalova, NVP

Our organization is very active. We issue our own high-quality
magazine, we have organized international seminars regularly, and we shall open another class in our school this year. We hope that, with the help of the Association of Physicians and Therapists Using Complementary Medicine, legislative aspects of homeopathy in our country soon will be solved.

**Ecuador**
**Dr. Edgar Godoy, NVP**

The Ecuadorian Homeopathic Medical Society, SOMHE, is a non-profit, private institution for physicians recognized by the Health Ministry in 1983. Since the Ecuadorian Medical Federation recognized homeopathy as another medical specialty in 1998, the SOMHE doctors have received acceptance from their colleagues. The SOMHE has provided a humanitarian program for medical care to needy people. The government has donated a house to be used as a headquarters. The last constitutional assembly recognized homeopathy as a legal practice to be promoted by universities and health services. In 1998, the Health Ministry recognized the Samuel Hahnemann Institution. The society and the institution are each autonomous in that they are governed by their respective systems though they cooperate in some activities. Organization of homeopathy is also accomplished through the Ecuadorian Homeopathic Medical School.

**Estonia**
**Dr. Saima Tisler, NVP**

At the present time there are 24 members in Estonian Homeopathic Union. There are 5 homeopathic unions and about 200 homeopaths. The professional standard is being elaborated. The Social Ministry has given permission to issue licenses to homeopathic physicians. First exams will be held in early 2008. Teaching of homeopathy continues in the Belgian-Russian homeopathic

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Ana Maria Carballo [Mexico], the panel of commentators on the afternoon session, commenced with a discussion on Hahnemann and his most important books, including his seminal work, the *Organon of Medicine* (1810), and his very important *Chronic Diseases* (1823). Hahnemann's emphasis on the original hereditary chronic infectious miasm of Psora and the latter Sycosis and Syphilitic miasms were the bases of the work of the internationally dearly loved master of homeopathy Proceso Sanchez Ortega. The rest of the speakers that day emphasized the miasms and Ortega's depth of understanding and loyalty to the concepts of Hahnemann. Ortega's Magnum Opus on this was originally published in 1980 and was called Notes on the Miasms. Veronique Christophe [France] presented a beautiful set of slides indicating the relationship of the "Micro to the Macrocosmos."

The session ended with some video clips giving more information on the thoughts and life of Dr. Ortega. One section that was especially thought provoking stated that the best way to decrease evil and ignorance is not through trying to destroy them, but by enhancing and stimulating the good and truthful which by example lessens the attraction to ignorance and evil.

Patricia Leroux [France] gave an extremely interesting speech on three cases of "Hyperlaxity in Children" in cooperation with an orthopedic surgeon. Hyperlaxity, an abnormal movement of the joints, was illustrated through three case examples, Ehler-Danlos Syndrome, Marfan's Syndrome, and Genotypical Osteochondritis.

**Satellite Congress of Homeopathic Pharmacy**

In another salon there was an afternoon series of presentations on homeopathic pharmacy. Amarilys de Toledo Cesar [Brazil] explained the preparation of "LM Potencies." Also, the "Use of Homeopathic Potencies in Plants" was presented by Felipe de Jesus Ruiz Espinosa [Mexico]. Ing Dante Pedraza [Argentina] discussed the "Thermodynamic Theorem of Vital Force."

The session ended with a social "Welcome Cocktail Party."

**Wednesday August 8th**

The morning session continued to give definitions, examples, cases, history, and deontological [ethical causes] aspects of the miasms. Alfonzo Carvajal Lozano [Mexico] expounded on the Austrian psychiatrist, Victor Emil Frankl, who developed a psychological therapy called "Logotherapy" or "Word Therapy." Lozano demonstrated more of its approach in homeopathy.

Vicenzo Rocco/Adela Alma Rodriguez [Italy] representing the The Free International School of Homeopathic Medicine [LIUIMO] in Italy, which since 1981 has been using an approach of computerizing information on results with
homeopathic patients called “Pure Experimentation,” presented a paper dealing with some of its applications. Armida Rebuffi [Italy] explained the homeopathic approach to three severely ill patients with chronic renal disease, one with portal hypertension secondary to a portal vein cavernoma, and, lastly, one with chronic eczema. All were either cured or palliated. The medicines used included: Lycopodium, Arsenicum albun, Sulfur, Calcarea Arsenicos and Graphites. Frederick Schroyens [Belgium] gave a summary of how to incorporate into the Radar Repertory some of the rubrics of a Proving. Raul Morales [Mexico] revealed some of the latest provings on a new remedy from the serpent Agkistrodon bilenteatus. Seventeen provers took 4 different potencies over 14 days. The main symptoms demonstrated were in the central nervous system, the eyes, respiratory and digestive systems. Bfernando Potilla and Mario Espelh [Mexico] proposed a fascinating set of experimentation on examining the changes in fluorescent signals in different potencies of Belladonna, Arnica montana and Sulfur. Unfortunately, they were unable to find consistent fluorescent signal changes associated with these dilutions. More information may arise from future research.

Having used the Bonninghausen approach to homeopathic analysis for many years, Ulrich Fischer [Germany] presented a very interesting case of encephalitis using this method with the chronic miasm. The four primary areas that one observes in this method are localization, sensations, modalities, and concomitants.

Renzo Galassi [Italy] gave a colorful slide presentation on a 60 y/o man who ran from Italy to China, taking only homeopathic medicines. Analyzed miasmatically, his general miasm was syciosis, which could well account for his ambition and stamina. He was given individual medicines at various times including: Phosphorus, Lycopodium, Lachesis, Silicea, Sulfur, and Pulsatilla.

David Flores Toledo [Mexico], one of the original founders, along with Proceso Ortega, of the Homeopathia de Mexico, A.C. in 1960, lectured on the indivisible aspect of humans and all kingdoms of nature being related to the universe and inseparable from it. Homeopathy is universal because it is consistent with and inseparable from the cosmos.

Satellite Congress of Homeopathic Dentistry Wednesday, August 8th

Gloria Andre Feighelstein [Brazil] and Norma Villazon de Matuk [Mexico] were the main organizers and commentators of the Satellite Congress on Dentistry, which began by reviewing some of the basic constitutional and miasmatic aspects in homeopathic dentistry. Gloria Andre Feighelstein [Brazil] gave a very practical and important concept in homeopathy called the “Constitutional Type.” The constitution is the least changeable part of the human and is strongly related to heredity and miasmatic background. She pointed out the classical pictures of some Calcarea, namely: Calcarea carbonica, Calcarea phosphorica and Calcarea fluorica.

Geraldo Ribeiro/ Lucia Wierchzon [Brazil] presented a detailed study of the controversial subject of fluoride to prevent dental caries. They studied patients with “Fluorosis” characterized by white lines running vertically to the enamel. Ana Maria Pascual Ramirez [Mexico] listed the twelve most common medicines used in homeopathic dentistry, as follows: Arnica, Belladonna, Calendula, Chamomilla, Cheiranthus, Hepar sulph., Hypericum, Mercurius sol., Millefolium, Phosphorus, Plantago, Silicea, and Symphytum.

France

Dr. Philippe Servais, NVP

Thanks to the ECH some political officials created the French Federation of Classical Homeopathic Doctors (FFMHC), a national structure in which all classical homeopathic doctors can gather. Of great importance for the Liga, the national, European (ECH), and international contributions (LMHI) will be combined, increasing the number of French Liga members. Officials asked me to remain as Liga NVP to facilitate the transition to the FFMHC. The Ministry for Health will create a new specialty expected to impact tremendously general practitioners. Doctors accepting this title must comply with the strict standards of the “scientific treatments” of official medicine, which would be very difficult for homeopaths. It would marginalize alternative therapies that do not correspond to allopathic standards. The good news is that homeopathic schools record an increase in enrollment.

Germany

Dr. Karin Bandelin, NVP

Many health insurance companies have joined the contract on Integrated Medical Supply. About 100 public health insurance companies have joined the DZvhAe in offering homeopathic service without...
extra charge. Other companies are encouraged to join.
The Charité in Berlin, the largest university hospital in Europe, has a complementary medicine professorship through which homeopathic research is planned.
An opinion poll about homeopathy indicated its increasing popularity.
The Annual Convention of the DZvHae in Köthen in 2007 dealt with homeopathy as a power of development in cities. The city of Köthen applied for the International Building Exposition in 2010 and we will support this project.
The European Library for Homeopathy Köthen is an ambitious future project of the DZvHae for which we are searching for both financial support and homeopathic literature.

**Greece**

*Dr Dinos Dardayannopoulos, NVP*

The 246-member Hellenic Homeopathic Medical Society (HHMS) began in 1971. There was a congress 30 November - 2 December 2007 at the Planetarium of the Evangelist Foundation in Leoforos Syggrou 387, Palio Faliro (Athens). The HHMS started a new two-year educational course. There will be a 1-year course for pharmacists. A Masters of Science (MSc) in Classical Homeopathy and Holistic Alternative Therapeutical Systems at the Aegean University on the island of Syros will be the first homeopathic diploma from the government. It will be a 2-year course with about 40 postgraduate students, medical doctors and dentists. Website: www.syros.aegean.gr, or email: homeopathy@aegean.gr. There will be cooperation with the International Academy of Classical Homeopathy (IACH, Alonnisos, Hellas) and the HHMS for practical homeopathic training in the last semester of the studies.

**Classical Mexican Dancing and Feast**

That evening there was a colorful, lively, staged classical Mexican Dance and Feast. This was a joyful event, reminding one of the well-known Mexican love of hospitality, dance and music.

**Thursday August 9th**

Gustavo Cataldi [Argentina] said that it would be wise to return to the vitalism of Tomas Pablo Paschero, who believed that the “vital energy” of the physical body was intimately associated with the energy of the universe. Homeopathic medicine is used to unblock or reestablish the free-flowing energy or consciousness of the human to the cosmos.


D. F. Nnaude, A. Naharaj, and I. M. S. Couchman [South Africa] presented an excellent double-blind, randomized study involving 30 patients displaying chronic insomnia. The results were excellent and statistically significant [p = 0.036]. The main remedies used were the following Lachesis, Nux vomica, Sepia, and Medorhinum.

Prinima Shukla and Rajeev Kumar Misra [India] revealed a thorough study of 480 women with a variety of breast inflammations and/or masses. The largest percentage was 22% of adenofibromas; 20% acute mastitis; 16% cystic lesions; 10% recurrent mastitis and the rest of smaller percentage ranged from abscesses, milk engorgement, blunt injuries, discharges from the nipples, cracked nipples and 4 cases of adenocarcinoma. Remedies were chosen on constitutional bases and local symptoms. Conclusions: inflammatory ailments responded very well; cystic lesions required more scrutiny in prescribing the constitutional medicine; the fibroadenomas responded well. Adenocarcinoma patients were somewhat difficult to evaluate because they started chemotherapy and/or radiation.

**Satellite Congress of Homeopathic Dentistry**

**Thursday August 9th**

Maria Jose Carvas Pedro [Brazil] presented a double-blind study with a positive result involving patients having Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome (TMJ) and general orofacial pain.

Ana Paula Fachada gave a lucid presentation of dental trauma and its treatment with homeopathy, mainly using Arnica, Calendula officinalis, Hypericum perforatum, Rhus toxicodendron, Ruta graveolens, and Symphytum.
Lucia Wierzchon [Brazil] delivered a lecture advising circumspection when dealing with cancerous lesions in the mouth. She listed the types of cancer, precancerous lesions and predisposing factors for oral cancer. She said that homeopathy can be used with other therapies including surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy to lessen edema, pain, and to strengthen the immune system. Some homeopathic medicines used were the following Conium, Bryonia, Staphysagria, Thuja, Aveloz and Lycopodium.

Maria Jose Carvas Pedro [Brazil] presented another fascinating paper on “Eagle’s Syndrome,” defined as the prolongation or calcification of the Stylo-Hyoid process often associated with and misdiagnosed as temporomandibular joint pain. The symptoms include throat pain, worse from deglutition and often radiating to the ear on the side of the dysfunction; decrease salivation; nausea; feeling of a foreign body in the throat; and occasional vertigo. She treated 56 patients with good results. The main homeopathic medicine was Hekla lava, originally described by Hering.

Experimental Theater about the Miasms: “Relationships II”
Teatro Principal, Thursday August 9th

This was surely one of the highlights of the entertainment aspect of the Congress. Taken from the original script by Rafael Degar, it was performed by three couples of doctors. The performance was original, well-acted, colorful, humorous, exciting and gave clear pictures of the three main miasms: Psora [blue] deficient, Sycosis [yellow] excessive and Syphilitic [red] destructive. A special accent of being performed in the three-stratum balcony theater elicited an extraordinary response from the audience.

Friday August 10th

Andre de Leon [Mexico] emphasized the importance of developing a repertory more specifically to facilitate the finding of miasmatic pictures. The various major computerized repertories now on the market have endeavored to fulfill this goal.

Wolfgang Springer [Germany] delivered a concise presentation on the essence of a not so well-known remedy, Kalis silicata. In his experience, about 80% of the patients who need this medicine are women. They tend to be very industrious, outspoken and very open with much energy. They are generally amiable and well organized, but have difficulties with making decisions in their long-term professional lives. Since there is a tendency to overwork, there can be periods of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. In general, they are chilly and may have problems with headaches, eczema of the face and around the hairline, recurrent sinuses, and asthma.

Bernardo Jose Neira Hernandez [Mexico] gave a fascinating and stimulating talk on “Pulse and its Miasmatic Sensation.” He emphasized that Hahnemann wished all homeopaths to have keen senses and observe all of the patient without prejudice. Pulse has been mentioned frequently in the Proving and materia medicae and should be examined closely. He pointed out more specifically its relationship to the miasms.

Josef Schmidt [Germany] who teaches at the University of Munich, Institute of Medical History, lectured on “Hahnemann’s Forgotten Dimension: The Relationship Between Medicine, Philosophy and Ethics” elucidating the recurrent difficulties with Materialism Versus Metaphysical. Hahnemann
not pass due to the adjournment of the legislature. Some regions issued laws to regularize CAM. Emilia Romagna requires a three-year course for recognition as a practitioner. Tuscany passed a law that established 140-hour courses, whereas to be a practitioner in the Public Health System, one needs to be qualified in the field of allopathy, as well. Some hospitals in Tuscany included CAM in treatments. Liguria enacted a law on CAM requiring education according to European Criteria. One can obtain Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits through CAM events. Some Italian Universities offer preliminary homeopathic courses. In November 2006, the Italian Homeopathic Congress took place in Rome at the Pontificia Universita Lateranense, with more than 200 people presenting quality scientific works.

Japan
Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

Homeopathy has become known, with an increasing demand for consultations, though homeopathic medicines are considered health food by the Ministry of Welfare and Medicine. Most complementary therapy is not covered by insurance and no specific controls prevent its practice. The government permits only doctors to practice medicine, usually in conventional therapy, but homeopathy is not regulated as such. The Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy (JPSH) promotes responsible homeopathy, achieving encouraging results. We hope to consolidate our position with patients and lobby for recognition.

We are honored to host the Liga Congress in 2012 in Kyoto, a most beautiful and historical city, with a competitive range of high-class, convenient facilities offering safety and hospitality. We are looking forward to offering an excellent international environment conducive to a productive learning exchange experience.

believed that a human is a spiritual being, an integral and necessary part of the universe and ethically responsible for his actions. Illness was often associated with lack of ethics. Since Hahnemann’s time, there has been a tendency to reduce a human to a mechanical, material group of chemicals, but Dr. Schmidt stated that the time has come for consideration of both physical as well as ethical aspects, which homeopathy unites, to become much more appropriate for the evolution of humanity and homeopathy.

Renzo Galassi [Italy] concluded the day’s Scientific Session with a presentation of his new book: “Sintomi Mentalì Del Repertorio Omeopatico” [Mental Symptoms of the Homeopathic Repertory]. He was introduced by Pietro Federico and received a commentary on his book by Ulrich Fischer. This work was influenced by Dr. Galassi’s main teacher, Proceso Ortega and his famous book Traducciones y Definiciones de los Síntomas Mentales del Repertorio Sintético de Barthel [The Translation and Definition of the Mental Symptoms of the Synthetic Repertory of Barthel]. However, he added a number of cases associated with each of the mental symptoms besides the relationship between these symptoms and the miasms.

The Evening Dinner and Dance

The Congress concluded and there was a picturesque and exciting Dinner and Dance at the Camino Real Hotel, one of the most historic and artistic hotels in the Historic Center of Puebla. Awards and gifts were given to the many people who made this Congress a great success. The band was very lively and colorful and everybody seemed to have a good time.

Saturday August 10th

Monica Muller [Argentina] spoke about the frequent concern of Avian Flu and Homeopathy. She refreshed our memories on the Spanish Flu in 1918, which caused the death of millions. The newest threat to world health is the Avian Flu, which is still under control, primarily in the orient and China, although it has yet to mutate to a form for human-to-human infection. She pointed out that repertorization of the symptoms of the 1918 Spanish Flu has similarities to a possible pandemic Avian Flu and she choose 33 symptoms which suggested a number of homeopathic remedies with Belladonna and Phosphorus leading the group. She also mentioned Tuberculinum, Aviar, Oscillococcinum and Influenzinum.

Anahit Haroutyunyan [Romania] presented a paper dealing with 20 patients with skin diseases especially causing alopecia. These patients did well with one dose of a homeopathic medicine. The ones most indicated were Lycopodium, Graphites, Ignatia, and Sepia.
August 10 - 11th Friday & Saturday
The 7th Latin-American Congress on the Materia Medica

In addition to the LMHI Congress, there was a simultaneous 7th Latin-American Congress on Friday and Saturday on materia medica.

On Friday, the following homeopathic medicines were discussed: Loligo pealei, Coelogyne pandurata, Formica rufa, Natrum muriaticum, Zinicum metallicum and Helleborus.

On Saturday there was discussion on Androctonus amoreuxii hebreus; the Trimiasmatic remedies: Lycopodium, Natrum muriaticum and Silicea; Psilocybe caerulescens, Veratrum album, Aphis mellifica and Loxosceles laeta.

All those attending the LMHI and other Congresses received a CD with at least Abstracts and some more inclusive papers.

Congress Closure

The Congress President Fernando Francois-Flores had some kind words of thanks to all the many people who worked so hard to make this Congress a success. With tears in his eyes he especially thanked Jose Matuk Kanan the General Secretary of the LMHI and Antonio Sanchez Caballero the National Vice-President to the LMHI for Mexico. This Congress showed the magnanimous characters of not only the major organizers, but the homeopathic physicians in general in Mexico for their obvious sincere love of homeopathy and their dedication to the highest standards for this science. They are wonderful examples of what can be done with true teamwork and a noble cause. Muchas gracias to all for making this Congress well worth attending.

LIGA MEDICORUM HOMOEOPATHICA INTERNATIONALIS
Puebla, Mexico, August 2007

ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

• Update of the LMHI website with IPH, our entity being termed Hermes was accepted unanimously.
  ECH, German Assoc., Swiss Assoc. are also involved.
• Turkey contact person’s credentials to become National Vice President were welcomed.
• Authorization to seek a deal for part-time professional public relations person with contacts was adopted.

ACTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

• Vote: Election of new Executive Committee
• Vote: LMHI will become a member of non-trading company IWH to which currently Swiss & German homeopathic medical associations already belong and with which ECH will join.
  Adopted: 1 Abstention
• Vote: 2014 Congress, Odessa, Ukraine
  Adopted
• Vote: The Assistance of a professional PR consultant for targeted projects, according to Liga needs
  Adopted: 1 Abstension

*The application from Turkey to recognition of a National Vice President was tabled as the representative must be present at the International Council meeting for his/ her candidacy to be confirmed.

Latvia
Dr. Marina Afanasieva, NVP

The situation in homeopathy has not changed much since the LMHI Congress of LMHI Lucerne. The state financing of health services has increased. There is a system of obligatory medical insurance, but even private insurance does not cover homeopathy. The homeopathic case-taking fee is higher on average than consultations of allopathic doctors. Nevertheless, the number of patients seeking homeopathy increases. Prices of homeopathic remedies in the Riga homeopathic pharmacy have more than doubled. Hopefully, economically-mind patients will choose classical homeopathic doctors who prescribe only one remedy at a time.

There is continuing discussion about preparing a long-lasting homeopathic educational program corresponding to ECH and LMHI standards. This course would probably take place in the Latvian medical university or in Latvian state university through the new faculty of nontraditional medicine.

Mexico
Dr. Antonio Sanchez Caballero, NVP

Mexico celebrated its fourth Liga Congress in Puebla in 2007. The CIFRHS (an organization dependent on the Health Secretary) developed an educative model to train homeopathic students. The Homeopatia de Mexico College is working with the Institute of Superior Studies from Oaxaca in conjunction with the federal government to certify all homeopaths in the country. The Oaxaca Homeopaths College presented results of work in the Pure Experimentation of two new Mexican species at the 62nd Congress.

All the schools and institutes train homeopaths as physicians and specialists. Colleges that depend on Homeopatia de Mexico AC from Puebla, Oaxaca, Sinaloa, and Hidalgo are working on
experimental and bibliographical research.
The XXVIII National Congress of Homeopathic Medicine will be
held in October 2008 within the
LXI Pan-American Congress in
Mexico City.

Nepal
Dr. P. Bharati S. Ankalgi Devkota, Contact Person

The government is forming an alternative council in which there are
12 practitioners from alternative medicine fields, the
majority representing homeopathy. This is a first step
toward a separate council.
Nepal Homeopathic Medical College teaches undergraduates.
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Dr. Hahnemann’s birthday was celebrated at Pashupati
Homeopathic Hospital. The government sent the hospital’s Director to help draft the revision of
the WHO Guidelines.
The Bhaktapur Homeopathic Clinic, which seeks to start a
three-year homeopathic health assistant program, sponsored
our representatives at the Liga Congress.
To encourage communication between homeopaths and
pharmaceutical companies, SBL Company organized a meeting.
An estimated 70 qualified homeopathic doctors run private
clinics. There is no platform for young homeopaths to work,
share their experiences, and achieve professional growth.
We hope that political stability will promote the development of
homeopathy.

The Netherlands
Dr. Hein van Berkel, NVP

Homeopathic doctors have more patients, but there is a decrease of young homeopathic
physicians.
The “Homeopathie Stichting” was founded to educate homeopathic
doctors.
Some of our members underwent government-financed training in homeopathic research and a project about the
effectiveness of homeopathy in

President’s Report
Dr. Corrado Giovanni Bruno (Brazil)

Report about the WHO consultation concerning guidelines on key
issues of quality impacting on the safety of homeopathic medicines
Milan, Italy, 25 - 27 June 2007

At the 10th International Conference on drug regulatory authorities, held in
Hong Kong, China 2002, the WHO was requested to harmonize definitions of
homeopathic medicines, to set up recommendations for safe degrees of
dilutions of homeopathic preparations, to promote the exchange of
information, and to provide guidance to governments and NGO’s for the
training of homeopathic medicine providers.
The meeting in Milan was characterized by the WHO policy to be open to all
member countries, to all homeopathic approaches, to medical doctors as well
as to practitioners. Experts and observers from different countries around the
world have been invited to discuss and comment the draft of the above-
mentioned guidelines. These guidelines covered the following contents:
definitions of terms related to the practice of homeopathy, homeopathic
medicines, the production of homeopathic medicines and the quality
assurance and control. Further contents are the challenges in quality control
of homeopathic medicines, the quality of homeopathic medicines themselves,
methods for quality control, the regulation and authorization of homeopathic
medicines and the post-marketing surveillance.
In Milan, the invited experts and observers revised step by step the complete
report. Repetitions and comments not concerning the quality or safety aspects
of homeopathic medicines have been deleted, definitions and other aspects so
far not considered concerning quality or safety of homeopathic medicines
have been added and recommendations to WHO for further procedures have
been given. The observers, among them figured LMHI, have been able to
contribute some positive changes for homeopathy: classical homeopathy can
be recognized as such, complete and correct definitions concerning
homeopathy have been accepted, some unnecessary doubts and imprecise
statements in relation to safety aspects could be deleted, comments and
statements in regard to “unclear efficacy” of homeopathy or comparisons
with placebo effects could also be deleted.
Difficult and insufficient for classical homeopathy are the facts that these
guidelines include all other therapeutical approaches that have been developed
from the original homeopathy. Further, in some aspects this report is not
specific and precise enough concerning the peculiarities of homeopathic
medicines and the handling of “hazardous” source material is defined as
established in the European Pharmacopoeia by sterilization of the source
material (“dilution is not enough”).
These guidelines conclude with recommendations to the Member States of
the WHO: encourage them to include specific provisions on the quality and
safety of homeopathic medicines in their national regulatory framework,
encourage them to establish GMP and quality control measures for
homeopathic medicines, encourage them to establish appropriate training in
the area of quality and safety of homeopathic medicines and encourage them
to establish their pharmacopoeia standards for homeopathic medicines or to
recognize already existing standards included in pharmacopoeias on official
use.

Immediate Past President
Dr. Carles Amengual i Vicens (Spain)

A 500-page document is planned to update the one we did in 1998.
It will contain a report of the legal situation of homeopathy in
each country, as well as the copies of the legal documents. It is extremely important as technical information for the political and academic authorities. Each National Vice President must submit this information to our office. Once collected, it will be sent to each member of the LMHI International Council.

The government of Catalonia issued a decree on “Natural therapies”, wherein homeopathy was supposed to be practiced by lay practitioners. After three years of meetings, travels, and writings, and a coordinating action among AMHB, the Barcelona Physicians College, and the LMHI, the Tribunal of Justice of Catalonia cancelled the points concerning homeopathy. A very important point to note is that homeopathy is not a “natural therapy,” but a medical method.

Prime Vice President
Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer (Germany)

Dr. Fischer has been participating in the consultation at the WHO concerning the "WHO Guidelines on Quality for Safety of Homeopathic Medicines", in Milan, June 2007. The WHO intends with these guidelines to harmonize definitions of homeopathic medicines, to set up recommendations for safe degrees of dilutions of homeopathic preparations and to provide guidance to governments and non-government organizations for the training of homeopathic medicine providers. During the meeting the existing draft report has been revised and completed. Recommendations to WHO and Member States have been included.

The WHO Report: "Homeopathy: Overview and analysis of clinical research" was sent out for peer review in December 2006. Many comments have been received and considered by the WHO experts. This report shows in its conclusion that "homeopathy has scientific credibility" and "shows effectiveness of homeopathic treatments in certain fields of medicine." It is expected that this report will be published beginning 2008.

Prime General Secretary
Dr. José Matuk Kanan (Mexico)

In this year I have been working as usual, taking care off all the correspondence of the Liga, updating the directories, and doing more communication with other countries. Now we have confirmed the National Vice-President from Turkey and welcome that country to the Liga. I sent by post (and email) the Acta of our last Executive and International Council.
Complimentary Medicine. The Committee prepared a Worldwide Summit of Harmonization in Traditional Alternative and Complimentary Medicine in 2007. It was very difficult to have homeopathy included in the World Summit due to resistance from allopathic doctors and phytotherapy physicians, but we had three homeopath in the event and participated in a post-congress course. In the last three years, a team of teachers composed of Dr. Martin Corbacho, Dr. Hernandez, Dr. Pun, Dr. Balestra, Dr. Yuri Lazo, Dr. Esposito, and directed by Dr. Carlos Corbacho, taught a ten-module chapter of homeopathy within a postgraduate course for MDs of Complimentary Medicine in San Marcos University.

Romania

Dr. Alena Ioana Antonescu, NVP

Homeopathic practice has been legal since 1981. Medical doctors legally practice homeopathy after completing the three-year course and passing the full license examination. Over 2500 physicians have completed the course.

Council meeting of Luzern, 2006. Also we worked very hard to arrange the Elections of the Executive Committee from the period 2007-2010. I received the different candidatures and prepared the election to be held in the International Council Meeting of the LMHI in Puebla. We prepared the General Assembly that we shall have during the 62nd Congress of The LMHI. The General Secretary provided all the support possible to facilitate the Congress in the City of Puebla, Mexico. I prepared the new address book of the Executive and International Council of the LMHI.

This is my last period as General Secretary so I want to give thanks to all of you for your support during this wonderful job. Thank you very much.

Report of the Treasurer

Dr. Thomas Peinbauer (Austria)

Report by chartered accountant

The financial documents of 2006 have been checked and approved by the Swiss chartered accountant (Fidinter AG, Zurich). The original accountant's report in German is available for perusal. You can find the English translation on page 4 and 5 of the Report.

Financial situation of 2006 compared to 2005

We have fixed assets of CHF 103,318, - consisting of 240 shares UBS Bond Fund EUR, which have decreased in that year by 6.2%. The fixed term deposit of CHF 100,000,- (3.06%) has been returned to our bank account. Due to possible approaching projects further investments have been kept back.

- 31 of our 61 member countries have paid their membership dues in 2006. Added up, this comes to an amount of 74,796,- CHF, about 11% less than 2005. With that income we are able to meet the running costs, but only with small reserves.
- The most important expenditures in 2006 are the
administrative costs (30%), the costs of the Liga Congress in Luzerne (25%) and the Liga Letter (32%).

- financial statement of LMHI India can be found on page 6 of the Report.

**HERMES and IWPH**

At the Liga Congress in Lucerne 2006 it was decided to make a complete relaunch of our website and to invest in a content managed system (CMS). To take full advantage of a future CMS it was necessary to draw up a concept for our needs. It was called HERMES. Hermes is on one hand the messenger of the gods in Greek mythology, and, in our concept it stands for HOMEopathy, ENcyclopedia, REports, MEbership and SEarch function. To highlight some points, as follows: it should offer information about homeopathy and LMHI, there should be a newsletter-function, all the archives should be contained therein, it should have an individually adaptable membership administration, an individual form administration and a search function for individual members, institutional members and for the archives. Looking for offers it was a happy coincidence that at the beginning of 2007 IWPH, a non-trading private company founded in 2003 by our Swiss and German members and open to all national and international medical homeopathic organizations, also decided to get a new CMS and they invited us to join. The offer was convincing. There are functional, financial and idealistic advantages to be attained through collaboration with IWPH.

**REPORTS BY THE GENERAL SECRETARIES**

**Secretary for Archives**

Dr. Fernando François Flores (Mexico)

I have added two more LMHI Congress proceedings, Geneva 1931 and Lucerne 2006, to our archives in Stuttgart. I also included in this report an itemized summary of the decisions that had been taken by the Executive Committee and by the International Council since 1985. I have compiled the history of homeopathy in three countries (Lithuania, Pakistan and Sweden) for our website. The homeopathic journal index is ready and one collection of 54 homeopathic journals (magazines) donated for the L.M.H.I. archives.

**Appeal:**

**Find Proceedings:**

Please help us to find the lost proceedings of the LMHI. If you can send a copy of this material of the Liga Congresses to the Secretary of Archives you will help our Liga to complete its history and heritage.


**Secretary for Dentistry**

Dr. Gloria André Feiglhelstein (Brazil)

I would like to notify you that now homeopathy in dentistry is officially recognized by the Dentistry Federal Council in Brazil. It means that now my, or better, OUR work is going to be enormous because we must nurture the establishment of good homeopathic dentists and achieve other goals. How best can we be able to be inside the Dentistry Graduation, into the Brazilian Social Health System? is our big question.
The Secretary for Dentistry has also provided support for the organization of the 62nd Congress of the Liga, for the Satellite Congress of Homeopathy in Dentistry, preparing the scientific program, inviting through the all Vice-Presidents the indications for lecturers to the conferences, symposium, papers, posters. I also had organized an introductory course of homeopathy in dentistry. The above events will be take place in the city of Puebla, Mexico, in August 8th and 9th, 2007.

I had also suggested the possibility to have a Discussion, Round Table, among the four homeopathic areas, represented with a Pharmacist, General Doctor, Dentist and Veterinarian, talking about the importance of the interrelationship of the homeopathic areas to the patient healing. It would be an excellent opportunity to develop this necessary integration improving the success of the homeopathic treatment.

The Secretary for Dentistry is looking forward to receiving continued regular information from the NVPs to give the necessary support for the development of Homeopathy in dentistry, as well as we have started since 1999 in the Liga Congress in Salvador, Brazil, opening the door to the development of the Homeopathy in Dentistry in the LMHI around the World.

Secretary for Education
Dr. Leopold Drexler (Austria)

Since the congress in Luzerne 2006 I was asked to answer several questions and I got information about education courses in different countries. During the last year, I finished, together with Carles Amengual, the “Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Homeopathy.”

In November 2006 I took part in the ECH meeting in Brussels where a Core Curriculum for education in homeopathy was presented by two homeopathic doctors of the Milan WHO Collaborating Center. That Core Curriculum should have been a proposal for the WHO. It was based on the program of the “Faculty of Homeopathy” in London and it should have been adopted by the ECH (European Committee of Homeopathy) within one hour. I did not feel very comfortable with this pushing procedure by the two colleagues of the Milan WHO Collaborating Center. After mentioning my doubts, I started discussing with them the basic topics of the program. In the discussion, I was able to stress that there must be cooperation among the different groups for working out the Guidelines for the WHO.

In April 2007 we met again in Barcelona for further discussions on the same topic. Our Past President, Carles Amengual, also took part in that meeting. Together we attempted to convince the members of the ECH Education Subcommittee of the importance of the fact that parts of our Guidelines should be included in the future WHO Core Curriculum.

Looking back six years of serving as Secretary of Education, I see three main topics in my work, as follows:

1) The “Liga Book Project” was created and introduced as a help for new, economical weak countries for developing homeopathy. It contains a list of basic literature in homeopathy, which was sent from India to these countries.

2) Together with Carles Amengual, we developed the “Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Homeopathy.” These guidelines were demanded by the WHO, but later postponed by them. After the first version, it was adopted step by step by the Council of the Liga, by the Executive Committee, by some homeopathic experts and by all Vice Presidents. In Köthen in 2005 these Guidelines were adopted unanimously at the International Council Meeting.

Slovenia
Dr. Zivan Krevel, NVP

Homeopathy is not in the national health system, remedies are unavailable, and there are few homeopathic doctors. Parliament passed a calamitous CAM Law. CAM/TM has been ejected from the national health system, prohibiting physicians from practicing any CAM/TM modality within the system. The law seeks to incorporate the CAM Chamber within a year, requiring its practitioners to become members, and giving the Chamber extensive control. We succeeded in limiting homeopathic practice to those who “have successfully finished medical studies,” despite the opposition of doctors in the Chamber, thus eliminating many who were taught in short courses by pharmaceutical companies. Homeopathy is the chief opposition to allopathy and the media seek our comment on medical issues. The Medicines
In Köthen and Lucerne, there was a questionnaire about information about homeopathy in universities, education programs at universities, postgraduate studies, amount of lessons, and about exams. I received answers from 31 Vice Presidents of the 65 countries represented in the Liga. The result was presented to the International Council in Lucerne. At the end of my service as Secretary of Education I want to give my thanks to all members of the Council, the Executive Committee, and all Vice Presidents.

Secretary for the Newsletter
Dr. Sandra M. Chase (USA)

With the Fall 2006 issue of the Liga Letter, its publication arrangements were changed. While still created in the Office of the Secretary for the Newsletter in Fairfax, Virginia, USA, the document’s layout and printing, and distribution were moved from Austria and Brazil to Romania.

In a collaboration arranged by Secretary for the Newsletter Dr. Sandra M. Chase and Secretary for Public Relations Dr. Carmen Maria Sturza the Liga letter was produced in Bucharest, Romania. Dr. Sturza found in Radu Chirita of GrafixVCSmedia, Romania, an able publisher, who is facile in English and who did an excellent job of continuing the high tradition of the production of the final document that is the Liga Letter.

ArsMedica of Romania provided an invaluable service in handling the onsite tasks attendant upon mailing the Liga Letter directly to each individual member of the Liga around the world.* These changes have resulted in an improved turn around time in the publication of our newsletter. As the kinks are worked out, the production of the next issue should be deliverable in an even shorter turn around time.

*In a pilot study, the Austrian members received their Liga Letters by electronic transmission.

Secretary for Pharmacy
Dr. Amarylis de Toledo Cesar (Brazil)

My propositions for the future are as follows. Many of the ideas carry over from previous years.

1. LMHI must consider the importance of measures to improve the quality of the homeopathic remedy, like the knowledge of the true substances from the pathogenesis, preparing new stocks when required, and medicines made from fresh substances rather than dry ones. Papers on clinical cases and pathogenesess should include details about the homeopathic medicine used.

2. The adoption of new regulations, based on quality criteria, should consider also homeopathic criteria.

3. LMHI congresses should stimulate the participation of more pharmacists. Meetings, speeches and round-tables about the homeopathic medicines, methods of dynamizations, difficulties homeopathes find about homeopathic medicines, quality of sources, etc., should be included in all LMHI congresses.

4. Good homeopathic remedies, prepared from original and well-documented sources, through standardized methods, are an important guarantee for the future of classical homeopathy.

5. LMHI should support the production of homeopathic medicines in pharmacies, since that they follow the needed GMP procedures for pharmacies.

6. LMHI should support actions for the existence of companies that supply dynamizations as raw materials for pharmacies to prepare homeopathic remedies. This is a necessary challenge to maintain the possibility of preparation of small remedies that the industries do not want to keep or cannot afford to register.

Law designates homeopathic remedies as medicines. The ECH accredited the SHS affiliated school.

South Africa
Dr. David J. Lilley, Contact Person

We have good news from South Africa. After many years of struggle, the South African Faculty of Homeopathy has achieved its goal of becoming a Private Higher Education Institute, registered at the Government level and authorized to provide homeopathic education for registered medical doctors. The qualification DFHom, Diploma of Homeopathy, entitles the graduate to practice homeopathy in South Africa.

As of 2008 I am stepping down as National Representative of the Liga in South Africa and my place will be taken by Dr Cleve McIntosh, PO Box 4354, Acornhoek, South Africa 1360. E-mail address: clevem@intekom.co.za.

Spain
Dr. Xavier Cabre Playa, NVP

The Academia Médico Homeopática de Barcelona (AMHB) contested the decree of the Catalonia Health Department (2007) regulating homeopathy. The Supreme Court of Catalonia deleted some of its points, considering them harmful to homeopathy, leading to the solidarity of Spanish homeopathic medical associations with the AMHB. It is an opportunity to reclaim the practice by homeopathic MDs. There have been a number of outstanding activities, such as:

- 1st Seminar about Homeopathy, Research and Science, at the site of Medical Council in Barcelona, November, 2006.
- Meeting of the ECH, Barcelona, April, 2007.
- The Master degree on Homeopathy given by the School
Secretary for Public Relations
Dr Carmen Maria Sturza (Romania)

As planned by the occasion of Lucerne Liga EC Meeting, the Liga Letter was printed and mailed from Romania. ArsMedica, Institutional Liga Member, accomplished the connection with the printing house and the work of mailing with good will and enthusiasm. The collaboration with the Secretary for the Liga Newsletter, Dr. Sandra M. Chase, was a privilege and a pleasure for me. The Liga Letter, this precious document of the LMHI, was sent this time not only to the LMHI members but also to the main chains of Cultural Institutes all over the world. Medicine is a significant cultural issue, so the homeopathic medicine and the activities of one of its treasurers, the Liga, worth to be known worldwide.

Secretary for Research (newly elected)
Dr Michel Van Wassenhoven (Belgium)

Program for the next 3 years:

Continuity with previous actions of Dr Matheus Marim is a first priority: LMHI guidelines for provings, LMHI representation at the WHO concerning an overview of clinical literature on homeopathy and on quality and safety of homeopathic remedies.

New initiatives:
LMHI guidelines for clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms (major topic of the next Congress in Belgium);
Better link between researchers and practitioners concerning scientific publications;
Better access to scientific publications, including provings and clinical cases;
LMHI Evidence Based Homeopathy document and regular update of it;
LMHI document on “how to do research” respecting fundamentals in homeopathy;
Link with other organizations (like the GIRI) regrouping researchers on homeopathy.

Don’t forget that you are all experts and researchers. Clinical data collection must be a priority for all homeopathic doctors.

Secretary for Veterinary
Dr. John Saxton, MB, BS, FFHom, MRCS, LRCP, DRCOG

The situation is largely unchanged since 2006. Moves towards official recognition of veterinary homeopathy, as in Austria, continue slowly in both Australia and South Africa. Strong attacks on homeopathy generally in Great Britain have adversely affected student numbers. Research studies by the Faculty of Homeopathy are showing early promise although they are essentially longer-term projects. The Swiss are developing post graduate veterinary education standards and also are caught up in remedy registration issues along with their medical colleagues. The International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy continues to expand its contacts and the base of its activities.
Special Committees:

International LMHI International Homeopathic Library Foundation of Samuel Hahnemann in Cordoba, Argentina
Dr. Cesar Cremonini (Argentina), Chairman
Dr. Jacques Imberechts (Belgium), Coordinator for Provings

We have obtained 300 works in the Bibliographical Collection, thanks to the collaboration of professionals and institutions. Although the donated increase has not been small, there is a necessity to delineate policies of interchange and inter-institutional cooperation with the goal of maintaining updates and increasing the Library’s collection. We also searched for a location to house the International Homeopathic Library “Dr. Samuel Hahnemann,” trusting the collaborative work of Liga in the development and planning of the growth of the collection.

The works in the Library have been inventoried, the Bibliographical Report and accounting have been updated and are available if needed. The second edition of the Organon has been translated into Spanish. A news bulletin, Homeopathic Sources “Aude Sapere,” has been published in September 2006 in Buenos Aires.

We accomplished the production and sale of the First Edition of the Organon in English and Spanish in September 2006.

The committee disseminated information regarding Areas and Activities of the Library, including the following: promotion of the Library and its social objective, internationalization of the proposal and promotion of participation, and determination of priorities/planning of activities.

Provings
Dr. Jacques Imberechts (Belgium), Coordinator for Provings

Let us remember the FIVE steps recommended by Dr. Constantine Hering (preface of the first volume of the Guiding Symptoms) in order to obtain a CHARACTERISTIC SYMPTOM of a remedy in the Homeopathic materia medica:
1. The POSSIBILITY: a substance has shown to produce symptoms
2. The PROBABILITY: a substance has been shown to produce symptoms in a well-conducted proving
3. The CONFIRMATION of a symptom: in different provings with different circumstances the symptom has been confirmed with the same substance
4. The CORROBORATION: studies have shown where the symptom has physiologic and pathologic significance
5. The CLINICAL VERIFICATION: the proved substance has been given to a patient with good results regarding that symptom

In order to have the opportunity to prove a substance and give a probability to the possibilities we should know the list of unproved remedies. This list does not exist, but since 1994 we have been working to produce one with great difficulty because of the lack of information in our literature about the existing provings.

To confirm probable symptoms remedies proved for the first time the list of the recent provings, should be created. It is slowly developing, but the information about the provings is difficult to obtain.

The National Vice Presidents should look for this information in their countries and communicate it to us, but the majority of the repertories do not show the symptoms of recent provings, and, when mentioned, they seldom appear in the repertorizations because of the predominance of the common remedies.

We should, therefore, have a separate repertory with the recently proved remedies. It is seldom possible for homeopathic physicians to remember legally available. Having patients purchase recommended remedies abroad or online is an insecure way to treat the patient. Letters have been sent to the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs about these matters.

Switzerland
Dr. med. Clemens F. Dietrich, NVP

The Swiss Association of Homeopathic Physicians unites the majority of homeopathic physicians, officially representing medical homeopathy in LMHI and dealing with political issues. Membership is comprised of Ordinary members (doctors, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists) who have completed a 2-year basic education in classical homeopathy and Extraordinary members (doctors, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, students in training). A Certificate of Capacity is available for those with conventional postgraduate medical training of 5 years and a mostly homeopathic medical practice. The requirements include 2-years basic education with examination, 150 hours practical training, a minimum of 100 hours postgraduate homeopathic training, and written documentation of 3 cases. CME and yearly recertification are compulsory. Pharmacists have a diploma correlating to the Certificate of Capacity. The SVHA is accredited as a professional association by the national Pharmacists Association (SAV).

Turkey
Dr. Altunay Agaoglu

The Ministry of Health has regulated traditional and complementary alternative medicine. The physicians reserve the right to treat their patients with all methods, including homeopathy. We battle the inaccessibility of homeopathic remedies and text books in Turkish, and the increase of physicians claiming to practice homeopathy without proper training. We are offering the...
We should, therefore, have a separate repertory with the recently proved remedies that appear in the repertorizations because of the predominance of the common types of symptoms. The recent provings, should be created. It is slowly developing, but the possibilities we should know the list of unproved remedies. This list does not exist, but since 1994 we have been working to produce one with great difficulty because of the lack of information in our literature about the remedies. We accomplished the production and sale of the materia medica of recent provings. That is the reason why a separate and specialized repertory should be produced to facilitate the confirmation and clinical verification of new proved remedies. Otherwise, the new remedies will never have the possibility of confirmation or clinical verification. The characteristics and criteria of provings that we have collected are very difficult to assess for the following reasons:

1. The texts of the presentations are in good literature but seldom clear in their protocols.
2. The National Vice Presidents are not well informed about the provings in their area.
3. The National Vice President many times do not respond
   a. Because they do not know
   b. Because they did not investigate
   c. Because they simply do not answer at all.

This is the present status of our investigations. We hope that we all will understand our responsibility in the control of the quality of our pharmacology. More of our colleagues should participate in the elaboration of the Compendium Homoeopathica Internationals.

The 63rd Congress of our LIGA in Belgium, May 2008, is mainly dedicated to elaborate criteria for clinical verification that practically do not yet exist. As soon as we will have some solid information on this matter, it will be communicated to everybody.

63rd Congress of LMHI
Evidenced Based Homeopathy
Oostende, Belgium 20-25 May 2008

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have the great pleasure to invite you to the 63rd Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationals (LMHI) Congress organized in Belgium to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the UNIO HOMEO PATHICA BELGICA, the Belgian professional organization for medical homeopathy. This Congress will take place in Oostende, the Queen of the seaside resorts.

Oostende is a cosmopolitan city with a rich historical past. Oostende is renowned for its splendid sands along the North Sea, its harbor and yacht basin. Oostende was the home base of the famous painter Ensor and hosts one of Belgium’s best museums of modern art. Furthermore, the city is famous for its casino, its horse race track, its car-free shopping streets, its gastronomy and its nightlife. No city on the Belgian coast has so much to offer.

The congress will take place in the congress centre “Kursaal”, Monaca pline, the site of the 63rd Liga Congress. The Kursaal is situated at the seaside and has been thoroughly refurbished. The result is an interesting mix of old and new, looks stylish and gives a very transparent impression thanks to the enormous windows, enabling the light and the magnificent view to pour in. In the “Kursaal” everything is under one roof: an impressive entry hall, 3 multi-functional meeting rooms, 1 auditorium, 1 meeting centre, 3 restaurants, 3 bars, 1 night club, 1 casino and even an underground car park for 340 cars. Belgium’s most renowned chef Pierre Wynants has lent his name and

program of the European Institute of Homeopathy in Germany to our new members taught by Gerhard Bleul, M.D. One objective is to educate the public and the medical profession in classical homeopathy. We have translated the 8th Edition of the Organon in Turkish. The association offers guidance for the recognition and the regulation of classical homeopathy for which purpose we have prepared an information packet for the Ministry of Health consisting of laws, by-laws and the constitution.

Ukraine
Dr. Oleksandr Petrovich Ivaniv, NVP

There is lack of official recognition of homeopathy. The 3rd Congress of Homeopathists of Ukraine in 2007 evidenced progress. Despite the absence of laws on homeopathy, about 70% of the urban population of the country used homeopathic medicines in 2007. Many allopathic doctors prescribe homeopathic medicines. The number of specialists increases and theses on using homeopathic medicines were defended in 2006-2007. There are Congresses, conferences, seminars, and courses of advanced training. Two new homeopathic pharmacies have opened. There is a new publisher of homeopathic literature. The National Pharmaceutical Academy in Kharkov delays the registration and approval of national nomenclature and the pharmacopoeia of homeopathic medicines. There is a decrease of doctors who finish homeopathic courses because of complex drugs dominating the market. The consolidation and replenishment of experts slowly continues.

United Kingdom
Dr. Raymond Sevar, NVP

Over the past year homeopathy has faced targeted, persistent attacks from skeptical professionals, special interest groups, and national television programs in the UK.
creativity to the “Kursaal”. So you see, even after the congress, life is exciting at the “Kursaal”.

Oostende is easily accessible by car (E40 and E17 motorways). There are direct connections by train with Oostende from the Belgian National Airport (Brussels) and the TGV - Thalys - Eurostar stations. The train station is centrally located; the hotels, shopping street, “Kursaal” are all at walking distance.

Homeopathy has a long tradition in Belgium, which started in the beginning of the 19th century with Dr. Pierre Joseph De Moor (1787 - 1845) and G.H. Jahr (1801 - 1875). Dr. F.F. Quinn was the personal doctor of Prince Leopold (later King of Belgium). He studied one year with Hahnemann and worked from 1849 in the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital.

The topic of the congress is “Evidence Based Homeopathy: more than results of double blind studies” through overview of effective homeopathic methodologies and strategies which have stood the test of time. Presentations of provings, clinical cases, clinical studies, RCT’s and pharmaco-epidemiological studies are priorities.

The main subject will be the verification of homeopathic symptoms, which will allow us to improve our repertories and materia medica.

Other important topics are the following:
- Homeopathy and the food chain: an answer to the increasing pollution and calamities
- Pharmacology: quality and efficacy of homeopathic medication.
- Miscellaneous
- Satellite symposia on cosmetics, phytotherapy and food supplements. Study groups are working already all around the world about one of these topics.

Participation is fundamental to this 63rd LMHI congress. Your input is of prime importance. Join us by contacting our scientific committee: info@lmhi2008.org

**The deadline for the abstracts is November 30th, 2007**

**Full text is expected before the end of February 2008**

This congress is unique also because the GIRI and the OMHI are associated in this LMHI event. It will be the first time for the GIRI and the first time since 32 years for the OMHI. The GIRI is an International Research Group on Very Low Dose and High Dilution Effects composed only by members that have already published on this topic in peer-reviewed journals. Most of them are Professors at Universities. The OMHI is an International Medical Homeopathic Organization regrouping many homeopaths during bi-annual congresses in Lyon.

The support and attendance of the Queen Paola of Belgium is announced. Several social events in the evening, in a relaxed atmosphere, will help knowing each other better. For the gala dinner, the cocktail will be offered during the trip, using an old fashioned train, from Oostende to Bruges. The dinner will be offered in the Belfort (www.trabel.com/brugge-m-belfort.htm). Accompanying person tours will be organized. As examples a trip to Bruges, to the Flanders Fields (www.inflandersfields.be/default2.htm) and a “Painters and art” tour, visiting Delvaux and Permeke museum. As mentioned before, visiting the PMMK, the very famous museum of modern art, is recommended.

Belgium is situated on the dividing line of two big cultures namely the AngloSaxon and the Latin one. In fact the dividing line goes transversely through Belgium; we have the Flemish and the French speaking part. Furthermore, 80,000 people in the Eastern part of the country are speaking German. This makes from Belgium a special country. Belgian people work hard on the one hand, but on the other hand they really like to enjoy life.

Compounding the negative publicity, the National Health Service, in an effort to balance budgets, are cutting contracts for allopathic as well as homeopathic services, which threatens the future of two homeopathic hospitals. The Faculty of Homeopathy and other homeopathic organizations have countered these challenges vigorously.

These two very detrimental developments continue to hamper efforts to expand homeopathic provision in both the National Health Service and private sectors. However an increasing number of medical undergraduates are exposed to homeopathy through special study modules in university and professions allied to medicine continue to enroll in training because their respective scopes of practice have been enhanced by the Department of Health.

**United States of America**
**Dr. Richard Hiltner, NVP**

The 65th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis will be in Redondo Beach, California, USA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on the beach facing the Pacific Ocean on May 18-22, 2010. The Hahnemann Monument in Washington, DC, continues to undergo restoration. The 2nd Annual Joint North American Homeopathic Conference was held in Denver, Colorado on April 13-17, 2007. The conference also emphasized World Homeopathic Awareness in April. The participants of the Conference included 11 homeopathic organizations.

**Uruguay**
**Dra. Liliana Brea, NVP**

The two homeopathic associations are the Association of Homeopathic Medicine of Uruguay (AMHU) which conducts regular 3-year courses for medical and homeopathic professionals, holds a monthly symposium, provides low-income polyclinic assistance, and publishes *Medicina*
Oostende is situated in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium. It will be a great pleasure for us to welcome you at the 63rd LMHI Congress in Oostende and the scientific committee, on behalf of all Belgian colleagues, is looking forward to see you and wish you unforgettable days in Oostende.

Michel Van Wassenhoven
Organization President of the Congress.

**Congress Fees**
A attention: the congress fee includes a daily LUNCH at noon and COFFEE BREAKS at 10:30 and 16:00 each day.

**Registration Fee**

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For the attendance to the “GIRI pre-congress” (Tuesday 20th of May 2008), the registration rule is the “One Day” registration fee. But, for the participants to the full LMHI congress only a supplement of 50,00 € will be asked. Reduced fee is possible for students in medicine and/or in homeopathy on special demand (a school certificate is needed). The daily accompanying person fee is 50,00 € including a daily trip (see above). For hotel reservation please look at our website www.lmhi2008.org or contact the Organization company: Medicongress Kloosterstraat, 5. B-9960 Assenede Belgium.

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Homeopathica; and the Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical School of Uruguay (EMHU) which carries out courses for doctors and veterinarians and holds a monthly symposium. Homeopathy is developed mainly in private practice. The Public Health Ministry permits doctors to prescribe homeopathic medicines, which are legal, but does not recognize homeopathy as a medical specialty. Through conversations with the Public Health Ministry, our associations are seeking the official recognition of homeopathy. The AMHU approved a university course in veterinary homeopathy and organized the 60th Pan American Homeopathic Congress. In 2007 the first integrative meeting of the Uruguayan Homeopathic Associations took place.

**Venezuela**

**Dr. Paola Galasso, NVP**

The creation of the National Commission of Complementary Therapies (CONATEC) appeared in the official Journal #37131 in 2001. The commission advises the Ministry of Health and Social Development about complementary therapies. The approval of CONATEC’s regulations and finalization of its structure appeared in Journal #5560. Trained homeopathic physicians and members of the Venezuelan Society of Homeopathic Medicine, with other complementary therapy specialists, have organized a link between the Ministry of Health and the National Universities, facilitating their inclusion in the National Health System. Heretofore, we have concentrated on the following fields: legal recognition of homeopathy; academic endeavors focused on syllabus preparation. This year we are discussing the approval of a syllabus at Upel, a national experimental university, with the objective of opening a program to obtain a diploma in registered homeopathy.
The Liga Letter is published annually in November. Contributions for the newsletter must be submitted in English or Spanish by October 21. Please send submissions to the following address:

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ANNOUNCEMENT
The American Institute of Homeopathy, The Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of New York and New York Medical College Present A Joint Conference:

Systems & Symbiosis: The Bowel Nosodes.
Part One: Level One
Topic: Introduction to Medical Homeopathy for Medical Professionals
Part Two: SPECIAL SEMINAR
Topic: Multimedia in Homeopathic Education. Mini-course module in teacher training
Date: Friday Evening, October 24, 2008
Part Three: Advanced Seminar
Faculty: Russell Malcolm, M.B.Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Center for Integrative Medical Training, Glasgow, Scotland.
Location: Westchester Marriot Hotel, Tarrytown, New York 10591.
Conference Registration: website: aih@homeopathyusa.org,
Phone: (888) 445-9988
Hotel Reservations: (800) 882-1042 or (914) 631-2200.

Calendar

2008 63rd Congress, Oostende, Belgium, 20-25 May
2009 64th Congress, Warsaw, Poland, August 26-30
2010 65th Congress, Los Angeles, USA
2011 66th Congress, Riga, Latvia
2012 67th Congress, Tokyo, Japan
2013 68th Congress, Ecuador (application)