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### Highlights from the 63<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis May 20-24, 2008 Oostende, Belgium

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

It was a breezy, cool and sunny day for the North Sea ocean view opening session of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the *Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis* in the Kursaal Auditorium. Oostende is known as the Queen of the seaside resorts with wonderful sandy beaches and a first-class harbor and yacht basin.



*Kursaal Auditorium, site of 63rd LMHI Congress*

Homeopathy started in Belgium in 1829 with Dr. Pierre Joseph De Moor. In 1870, Dr. G.H. Jahr came to Brussels from Paris and had a great influence on the spread of Homeopathy to Belgium. Prince Leopold [later King of Belgium] was treated with homeopathy by Dr. F.F. Quinn who was the founder of the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital in Britain. It is fascinating that Prince Leopold visited Dr. Hahnemann in Paris and spoke frequently with him during one year.

This explains the long history of homeopathy in the royal family and also the fact that the present Queen Paola visited the Oostende Congress privately. >>

**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 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*.

**National Vice President/National Contact Report Form**

**Name of the Country:**

**Summary of Report:** One paragraph in length, in English (for use in the Minutes)  
**\*Duplicate 130-word paragraph to be submitted to 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:** Programs of the congresses in the immediate past and the next year.  
**Publications:** Names of the works given in the congress or meetings.  
**Magazines:** Names and addresses of the publications and magazines.

**National Vice President Reports**

**Argentina**

Dr. Miriam E. Garcia de Vallerotto, NVP

Homeopathy continues to grow in medical practices and teaching. The FEDERATION OF ARGENTINE HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS (FAMHA) struggles for homeopathy's legal recognition as a medical act. Currently, physicians are authorized to prescribe what they believe is convenient for their patient's health, including homeopathic medicine. According to law, they use the same knowledge and medical process in the assistance and diagnosis of different pathologies, differing only in the treatment modality. The FAMHA supports and works to consolidate our homeopathic science in accordance with national and international standards. Some Universities guarantee homeopathic courses. Homeopathic education is given to professional doctors, dentists, veterinarians and pharmacists by means of several homeopathic colleges, with full or part-time attendance modality, including the implementation of teaching systems via Internet of the Candegabe Homeopathic University.

**Armenia**

Drs. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan, NVP

Drs. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan and Ruzan Khojasaryan participated in the seminar of Dr. A. Pareek in Munich. Dr. Naira Zakaryan visited India for Dr. Pareek's seminar. M. Gharabaghtsyan visited Dr. Spinedii's clinic. The journal Home Hospital published articles about homeopathy. We have five new doctor-homeopaths.

The problem of mono-preparations not being licensed continues, though there are certified complex medicines. Since homeopathy's introduction 15 years ago, we have received homeopathic medicine from Germany. Members of our union discuss problematic cases monthly and ten doctors are working in hospitals and clinics in Yerevan. In 2008 one doctor will be working per region. Mrs. Zimmermann held seminars here in 2008 and will hold the third Armenian International Homeopathic Congress in 2009 April 27-30. We welcome all who will wish to visit.

#### Austria

Dr. Thomas Peinbauer,  
NVP

The two institutional members of LMHI (ÄKH and ÖGHM/441 members) offer 350-hour instruction toward a Medical Chamber diploma. Both have new 3-year training courses, modified because of decreasing enrollment. University of Vienna students must choose electives from several options, including homeopathy. Veterinary homeopathy is officially recognized. In the government program from January 2007, homeopathy is mentioned explicitly as a treatment method. The amendment of the hospital law will include definitive permission for outpatient departments to use of homeopathy. The HAB 2007 – the addenda to the German Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia – contains five new monographs and ten manufacturing regulations. In 2003, Austrian homeopathic manufacturer Dr. Peithner AG started up an award for homeopathic research. In 2007, the award, including 3000€ was given to Dr. Michaela Zorzi for "Homeopathy in Obstetrics."

According to Michel Van Wassenhoven, the Congress President, there were approximately 700 attendees registered. Yves Faingnaert acted as moderator and introduced Ulrich Fischer, President of the LMHI, who emphasized the theme of the Congress on *Evidence Based Homeopathy*. Dr. Fischer emphasized the verification of homeopathic symptoms and drug provings and the need to show openness on research and therapeutic methods as Hahnemann tried to stress. Nonetheless, we should defend emphatically the fundamentals principles, such as: the law of similars, drug provings of single substances, the individuality of remedy and patient as well as the potentized remedy, as Hahnemann did.



H. M. Queen Paola of Belgium



Yves Faignaert, Jacques Imberechts, and Michel Van Wassenhoven

The opening ceremonies recalled the last LIGA Congress in Brussels, Belgium, in 1972 when many great persons in homeopathy perished in a tragic plane crash. Honor, respect and regret were given to them. Then Jacques Imberechts proceeded to speak of the Inaugural Commemorative Plaque of C.H. Jahr which was given to Michel Van Wassenhoven. This was followed by the "Global Politics Award" presented by Ton Nicolai to Michel Van Wassenhoven for his social-political activities in homeopathy.



Michel Van Wassenhoven with Global Politics Award and Jahr Plaque

Michel Van Wassenhoven then gave the keynote address on the theme of the Congress: *Evidence Based Homeopathy*. Since there has been an increase in the questionable research against homeopathy, a major goal is to gather in a concise and reasonable way the existing evidence already revealing quite sufficient information on the scientific nature and effectiveness of homeopathy. There will always be room for more research because any true science must change with the new evidence. However, certain principles will always remain constant, e.g. The Law of Similars.

#### Welcome Reception at the Oostende Town Hall

After the Opening Ceremony, the participants had a pleasant, short walk to the Town Hall. A representative of the Mayor welcomed the participants in the Congress.

#### Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

It should be emphasized that I was not able to be present at all of these presentations throughout the whole Congress. Therefore, some of my information was taken from the CD or other sources. Also space does not permit more than Congress highlights.

The Congress was divided into five meeting spaces: the largest was the auditorium. The themes included Politics, History and Economics, Computers in Homeopathy 1-2, Clinical Studies 1 -9. Proving 1-2. Dentistry 1-2.



Christian Boiron

The morning theme in the auditorium was Politics, History and Economics.

Christian Boiron, the president of the world's largest homeopathic pharmacy, stressed that there are different "languages" in the "Land of Homeopathy". There are different approaches to the use of homeopathy and a certain amount of tolerance is necessary for the freedom of individuality. Homeopathic practitioners are known for the ability to think for themselves and any true science must modify according to the newest research and information. It is important to stay with your ideals, but be willing to bend as more truth comes to light. The "bottom

line" is that evidence that demonstrates homeopathic cures is necessary and a crucial part of the work of this Congress.

Ton Nicolai, who has done much work in Europe through ECH, stressed the importance of homeopathy associating with CAM [Complementary and Alternative Medicines] to help strengthen the health of Europe and the world.

Paul Lannoye emphasized the difficulty and necessity of following the rules related to experiments on humans, specifically in Belgium; but closely related to requirements in other countries.

Gilles Chaufferin presented a well-organized study of the on the "Cost Effectiveness of Homeopathy." A new health policy would allow homeopathy to meet several goals.

Maria Goossens again emphasized the difficulties, expensiveness and bureaucracy in starting new homeopathic studies.

Jean-Michel Longneaux pointed out a major difficulty CAM practitioners have when having to work in hospitals where conventional physicians display skepticism and may be over critical.

Patricia Le Roux said that Evidence Based Homeopathy is an important way to dismiss some of the accusations claiming that homeopaths are a sect and not really scientific.

Abdul Qaadeer Gayoom demonstrated another perspective on the rising pressure on homeopathy in the West by giving some examples in Pakistan of the current tide of doubts of the effectiveness of homeopathy.



Ton Nicolai

## Computers' Help to Homeopathy 1, 2

There is no doubt that computers used diagnostically, as data base for research, comparisons of various clinical approaches, drug proving, *etc.*, in homeopathy are here to stay. Wednesday delineated some of the newest information on this essential tool for homeopathy.

Tarkeshwar Jain presented a wonderful bit of research on computer program approach called "Kenbo" that provided a cure or significant improvement in 72% of 25 analyzed cases, while it was only 40% in 25 cases when taken the traditional way.

Jawahar Shah declared that Hahnemann would be delighted to see the improved case taking with computers.

Josef Hackl declared it is very essential that Homeopathic Drug Proving [HDP] is done online to make it ongoing, keep it complete, amass relevant data, and improve our *materia medica*.



Frederik Schroyens

Frederik Schroyens illustrated the ability of computers to repertorize provings more quickly and easily through the process of using the computer's storage and retrievability capacity and its facilitation of communication.

Carlo Rezzani enumerated an important tool for the collection of significant clinical data project called CLI.FI.COL [CLINICAL FILE COLLECTION]. This project allows physicians all over the world to work together.

## Belgium

Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, NVP

The main activity of the last year was the preparation of the congress in Oostend, for which the Wednesday morning session was accepted for accreditation in Ethics and Economics. We have exceptional financial support from the National Fund for Scientific Research. The establishment of an independent organization of pharmacists was effected. Our members prescribe  $\leq 75\%$  antibiotics compared to their allopathic colleagues (survey 2003). The government was not interested in these figures. We will do a new survey based on figures from 2006 in another attempt to convince the government. The Royal Arrest about the recognition of the organization of the NMQP's was contested before the Council of State; the result is still pending. Because homeopathic remedies are registered in Belgium, we cannot accept these registered remedies being prescribed by NMQP's.

## Brazil

Dr. Matheus Marim, NVP

Homeopathy is expanding and is definitely part of the Public Health System, supporting the National Policy for Integrative and Complementary Practices. In May 2008, the 1<sup>st</sup> International Seminar for Integrative and Complementary Health Practices took place. A report will be completed by participant Dr. Corrado. We decided to utilize cyberspace by strengthening the works developed by the BVS-Homeopatia -Virtual Library in Homeopathy Health, which is an integral part of the network. BVS-Ho provides access to scientific and technical information, unabridged

texts, and research information. An analysis and evaluation of BVS for the 5<sup>th</sup> BVS Regional Coordination Meeting took place in Rio de Janeiro on September 14-16, 2008, just before the 8<sup>th</sup> Regional Congress of Health Sciences Information – Rio de Janeiro, September 16-19, 2008.

#### **Bulgaria**

*Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP*

A new Health Law with a chapter for regulation of CAM has been in effect since 1st January 2005. For nearly a year a working group, formed by the Ministry of Health, prepared suggestions for changes in the CAM chapter because of criticism from national CAM organization. The chairperson of AHPB was invited to take part in the working group.

AHPB works very actively with Friends of Homeopathy Society in Bulgaria.

We are developing a third procedure for equalizing basic and continued education of practicing homeopathic physicians with ECH standards.

One of the projects also is to establish real collaboration with our colleagues from neighboring countries. For that purpose a Conference of AHPB was organized in October 2008. The first ECH diplomas will be officially presented at the conference.

#### **Chile**

*Dr. Ewald Finsterbusch,  
Contact Person*

Homeopathy was legally approved by the Health Ministry in 2006. There are about 150 homeopathic physicians and four laboratories; medications are available in some pharmacies in all of the major cities. Few universities offer homeopathic courses or lectures at their Medicine and/or Pharmacy

Michel Van Wassenhoven considered retrospective “Likelihood Ratio” [LR] studies to be the first line medicine. It is the use of statistical and traditional verification. He mentioned specifically the study of 2,148 patients in a retrospective LR study based on 16 years of computerized homeopathic practice. He encouraged all of us to take advantage of the internet site [CLIFL.COL](http://CLIFL.COL) [CLINICAL FILE COLLECTION] and contribute more data.

### **POSTERS**

All posters will be unique at this Congress in that they were submitted electronically and were on display during the whole Congress on computers at the Delvaux Hall.

### **CLINICAL STUDIES 1, 2, 3**

Frederique Honegger spoke on an important and frequently seen problem with recurrent vaginal yeast infections. He delineated 20 women with excellent results, most frequently prescribing *Psorinum*, *Medorrhinum*, *Sepia*, *Candida*, *Helionas* and *Endbometrol*.

Nicolae Naghiu presented a study on Autism and Asperger Syndrome involving 118 children, ages 1½ and 15 years. These children were followed from 6-24 months, examining five main parameters were examined: Socialization, Language Skills, Motor Function, Cognitive Abilities and Self-Care. Eight children showed remarkable improvement. The others demonstrated improvement more slowly as was outlined in her paper.

Francesco Macri is a Pediatrician and Allergist from Italy who tackled a difficult and complex study on Allergic Disorders in Children. The conventionally treated group A did better in general, but group B demonstrated improvement to a significant degree in asthma and allergic rhinitis; but not very well in atopic dermatitis. It is of note that the second criterion for evaluation was the lowering of conventional medicine in group B by at least 50%.

Elena Radtzig gave an interesting successful study on different voice disorders including: 30 patients with vocal nodules, 30 with acute laryngitis and 30 with mutation dysphonia with a combination homeopathic medicine, *Homeovox*.

Ana Paula Maia explored thoroughly 279 patients in Brazilian clinic using homeopathic medicines with Cerebral Paralysis. There was also given Organotherapeutic Drugs for the specific area(s) of the brain involved: *e.g.*, cerebellum, thalamus, *etc.*

### **Dentistry 1**

Jussara Diffini Santa Maria studied 90 children with respiratory disease [45 treated with homeopathy and 45 with conventional medicine] and found that those treated with homeopathy had fewer problems with salivary secretions and, therefore, fewer problems with their oral health.

Luc Uyttenhove examined 300 cases over the last 25 years of patients with pain, *etc.* with wisdom tooth eruptions and found that many did well with *Cbeiranthus cbeiri*. There was also evidence of effectiveness in chronic conditions of bony structure loss with *Heckla lava* and *Silicea*.



*Gloria Feighelstein*

Gloria Andre Feighelstein delivered her usual enthusiastic information on homeopathy aiding in oral surgeries and injuries. She listed some of the main medicines used with general trauma: *Arnica*, *Hypericum*, *Staphysagria* and *Calendula*; in bone trauma: *Ruta graveolens* and *Symphytum officinalis*.

### **Provings 1-2**

Luc Uyttenhove pointed out an important subject of standardization of “Proving Methodology” which he has worked in conjunction with the ECH for several years.

Matheus Marim expounded his enthusiasm on confirming the Provings of *Stannum metallicum*, *Brosimum gaudichaudii*, *Bothrops jararacussu* and *Bryophyllum pinattum* in clinical practice. He also in later talk gave a synopsis on the re-trial of the proving of *Helleborus niger*.

David Riley detailed a plan for a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled homeopathic proving using a cross-over design.

Jean Pierre Jansen did a pilot study to determine if the placebo requirement for Provings [ECH, HCPUS] were really needed. He found that there were a very low number of similar relevant symptoms in both groups [placebo and verum].

However, he suggested more data was necessary for firmer conclusions.

Didier Lustig delineated a proving of *Neptunium muriaticum* made with 19 provers and 5 on placebos. The proving produced 464 repertory rubrics included in the *Synthesis*.

#### Clinical Studies 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Houda Arjoun developed a very a propos report on the Respiratory Syncytial Virus [RSV] with 20 infants treated with homeopathy and 20 infants with conventional medicines. The study demonstrated the efficacy and low costs of homeopathy. Other homeopathic medicines were used to prevent more episodes of bronchitis during the following year. In the next five months after the initial treatment, 60% of the conventional medical treatment had recurrence of bronchitis as opposed to 35% with homeopathic treatment, a statistically significant result.

Ana Maria Damasceno presented another study in Federal Brazilian Homeopathic Clinic of Neurological and Developmental Diseases on Cerebral Paralysis with 275 infants during a 9-year period. Twenty-six homeopathic medicines were used according to differing considerations.

Fabio Balognani also worked in the FBHCND with 54 children with Muscular Dystrophy that showed very good results. He also used organotherapy from various tissues of the brain in 6C potency.

Hassen Derbel presented a research trail on a very practical and frequently seen problem with children, rhinopharyngitis. There were 25 children from 2 to 12 years old who were followed for two years of whom 88% showed improvement. Soescu Sorina shared a study of some women who did well with homeopathic treatment to aid becoming pregnant. Homeopathy could be an important help in the area of infertility.

Daniel Rusev, who is Chair of Pediatrics at the University Hospital in Sofia, Bulgaria, delivered an excellent research study on giving *Sulfur iodatum* in a15C potency to children for Fever of Unknown Origin or having a fever for more than 8 days without known etiology [FUO]. The SI group consisted of 24 children and the placebo group was 12. Seventy-nine percent of the SI children had no fever in 8 days. All of the children of the placebo group STILL had fevers.

Roxana-Alina Mateescu presented a thorough discourse on 15 children treated for ADHD with homeopathy. She had an 80% improvement in 10 children and virtually cured 5.

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Research from Proving to Double Blind 1



Claudia Witt

Claudia Witt stated that "Outcome studies" evaluate the complex system of homeopathy as a whole, whereas "randomized controlled trials" [RCT's] often focus on the drug specific effect. She presented specifically a study on atopic eczema including designs and results of different types of research. Peter Fisher gave an intensive well-outline paper on "Research in Homeopathy." He stated that all of the four comprehensive reviews

of randomized controlled trials [RCTs] have concluded that, overall, homeopathy probably differs from placebo. They are broadly positive in childhood diarrhea, influenza, osteoarthritis, post-operative ileus, seasonal allergic rhinitis



Peter Fisher

faculties, and, generally, on an informative and elective basis only. Medical insurance, both obligatory and private, does not cover homeopathy. Research is performed by a small number of physicians and pharmacists on an independent basis; the main purpose is the development of potencies, which act stronger and faster in the cure of chronic diseases. In general, Chilean society has become more open minded towards homeopathy and alternative medicines in recent years.

#### Costa Rica

Dr. Alejandro Brenes-Valverde, Contact

The Fundación Médica Homeopática Costarricense (FMHC) has worked since 1986 on a project to integrate homeopathy into the public health services. Between 1986-1999, it worked principally in the medical dissemination of homeopathic medicine in the National Medical Congresses. We had detected an increasing interest in homeopathy by lay people, students, and health professionals. Since the year 2000, the National Recertification Medical Committee accepted the FMHC as a homeopathic continuing medical education entity. Twenty-nine physicians and three nurses completed a three-year program of "Homeopathy in General Medicine" in 2007. Currently, one social security clinic is interested in homeopathy and is evaluating the experience of homeopathic consultation in the educational program to decide how to integrate homeopathy in medical services.

#### Croatia

Dr. Jelka Milic, Contact

Homeopathy is not regulated within the national health

system. There are few homeopathic doctors and some homeopathic remedies are available in the pharmacies. In 2005, The Ministry of Health and Social Care established the legal framework to regulate homeopathic medicinal products. Since the request for the registration of the Society of Homeopathic Doctors within the Croatian Medical Association was refused in 2006, homeopathic doctors started to organize themselves independently (NGO). On the May 10, 2008, the Constitutional Assembly of the Croatian Homeopathic Medical Society was held. The main goals of the Society will be the following: active promotion of professional homeopathy within the medical community, informing the general public about homeopathic medical services, professional support of the members of the Society, and establishment of courses of homeopathic education.

### Czech Republic

*Eliska Krejcová, delegate on behalf of Dr. Martina Nosalová, 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.

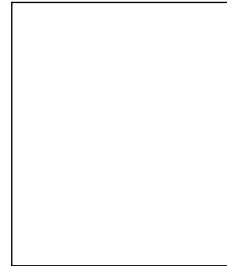
### Egypt

*Dr. Hanna Shams, Contact*

Homeopathy started in 1994 by a small group of mostly non-medical individuals. Various entities in the UK conducted courses over the years. Subsequently,

and rheumatic diseases. There is replicated RCT evidence that homeopathy may be effective in childhood diarrhea, fibromyalgia, influenza, migraine, osteoarthritis, otitis media, vertigo and seasonal allergic rhinitis.

There is also evidence from individual RCT's that homeopathy may be effective in chronic fatigue syndrome, premenstrual syndrome, post-partum bleeding, sepsis, stomatitis, symptoms related to cancer treatment and ADHD. Controlled, but unrandomized, cost-effectiveness and observational studies show universally positive results; often in difficult-to-treat "effectiveness gap" conditions. The main barrier to the scientific acceptance of homeopathy is its use of very high "ultra-molecular" dilutions. The leading hypothesis to explain the effects is storage of information in aqueous solutions in the preparation process. Christien Klein-Laansma informed the Congress of a *Phase 1* pilot study in order to design a semi-standardised homeopathic protocol for PMS Premenstrual Syndrome. There was also information on a *Phase 2* study on feasibility.



*Miriam Sommer*

Miriam Sommer worked with 70 patients with Dengue Fever in a Brazilian hospital for three months in 2007 using a classical homeopathic approach with good results. A previous RCT done with a combination homeopathic medicine did not obtain better results than a placebo. She suggested another RCT using the classical approach. U. C. Adler did a pilot RCT with 59 patients in Brazil on use of homeopathic medicines versus fluoxetine in depression and demonstrated that homeopathy was not inferior to the use of fluoxetine in acute depression.

Michael Frass offered a compromise between conventional treatments of cancer in 90 patients by adding homeopathic medicine to the picture. He evaluated the "Quality of Life" [QoL] and found that homeopathy and other forms of complementary medicine could well augment the conventional treatment.

Dietmar Payrhuber presented in detail 6 cases of cancer, which responded well to homeopathic treatment. Each was well analyzed and explained.

Farokh Master presented 15 cases treated by *Tuberculinum avis* and 9 cases treated by *Bacillinum Burnett*.

Gabriela-Ana Margineanu offered very practical help to a common problem seen in medicine, "Functional Heart" disease. She outlined 9 patients which included in some cases also thyroid disease, menopausal syndrome and anxiety depression.

Fabio Bolognani reported that 22 out of 33 patients diagnosed with ADHD had high levels of Zinc in their urine. This led to a therapeutic approach, which gave better clinical results after a reduction of urinary Zinc levels.



*Dietmar Payrhuber*

### Veterinary 1

Marie-Noëlle Issautier outlined a placebo control study done on 187 cows with subclinical mastitis [an increase in the leukocyte count without actual mastitis] that were given PVB Phytolac™. The cows were divided into two groups: 101 were given Phytolac and the other 86 were given placebo. There was a high statistical [p < .05] lessening of the leukocyte count in the homeopathic group compared to the placebo. The lowering of the count lasted for 6 months.

Luiz Pinto gave a fascinating and thorough paper on the spontaneous elimination of a vaginal leiomyoma in a dog after 8 months of homeopathic treatment.

Mary-Ann Sommer explored an area about which apparently not much knowledge is available, namely the epidemiological investigation in pigs. 40 sow herds were selected and the results were not totally in at this time.

Marie-Noëlle Issautier gave another study involving the Guinea fowl. An illness called Cold Intolerance Enteritis has affected the Guinea fowl with morbidity of almost 20%. A single blind study of homeopathy versus standard treatment was used with two groups of 5,320 animals. It was clearly demonstrated that the severity and mortality were less prominent in the homeopathically treated group than the untreated.

## Dentistry 2

German Dario Benitez did some research on patients taking *Arnica* 7C as compared with Naproxen in pain relief associated with an extraction of the third molar. He found that *Arnica* had similar effectiveness as Naproxen.

Gloria Andre Feighelstein presented a study with 455 children to demonstrate that there was a positive relation between the prevalence of dental fluorosis and the prevalence of “constitutional fluoric homeopathic characteristics”.

Hilton Tiba spoke on a common problem is faced not only with dentistry but general practice, Temporomandibular Joint Disorders and Pain. Twelve patients were analyzed and all had improvement with homeopathic medicines.

Gloria Andre Feighelstein discussed a very practical and important concept in homeopathy called the “Constitutional Type.” This term is especially associated with Nebel, Vannier and Eizayaga [“Genotypical Type”]. The constitution is the least changeable part of the human and is certainly strongly related to the heredity and miasmatic background.

## Pharmacology

Martine Goyens demonstrated an inscription pharmacology session.

### Research from Proving to Double-Blind 2

Michel Van Wassenhoven delineated a keynote concept he wished to be clear, the “Likelihood Ratio” test [LR]. He used 2148 patients in a retrospective study, which have been compiled internationally for 16 years. In this specific study he chose *Phosphorus*, which was given as a prescription 1,660 times for 902 symptoms coming from 36 repertories. He felt that 91 symptoms were relevant, but only 28 were especially significant in reference to the LR. He gave *Phosphorus* a level III, a high level of statistical credibility.

Gustavo Dominici spoke about a very interesting paper dealing with the proving of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [Hydrogen Peroxide] *Hydrogenium peroxidatum*. Sixteen provers were used and given potencies of 30C, two were given 200K. When symptoms similar to those produced in the proving were detected in a patient—human or animal—they were administered 30 to XM potencies. He gave examples of 6 dogs and 12 humans who did very well with this medicine.

Lex Rutten developed more fully some examples of the Likelihood Ratio [LR] and the Bayesian algorithm in determining the probability of a homeopathic medicine being effective for a patient and whether it should be included in the repertory. Medicines with a ratio lower than 1 should not be in the repertory. Erik Stolper continued work on the Likelihood Ratio [LR] with a group of Dutch physicians [including Lex Rutten] over the last 9 years collecting data on cured cases and developing LR for 33 medicines. Phillippe Servais is a member of a “Homeopathic Unicist Study Group” that has examined 11 clinical cases of *Petroleum* and found a verification of 220 symptoms of this medicine.



Phillippe Servais

## Pharmacology

Amarylis de Toledo Cesar and Jack Hendrickx delineated a number of reasons why there is a pharmaceutical session at this Congress.

To name just a few:

- European and international legislation.
- Good preparation practices for official preparations.
- Traceability and reproducibility in homeopathic preparations.
- Manufacturing of dilutions Q or LM, etc.

Emiel van Galen presented some of the latest information on the Homeopathic Medicinal Products Group, which is important in Europe.



Amarylis de Toledo Cesar  
LMHI Secretary for Pharmacy

two 3-year courses were taught by an Egyptian colleague. A second course was conducted by another colleague for about a year. The number of medical homeopaths is small, but in the past two years more doctors have joined. It is not legal to practice homeopathy and the Ministry of Health does not approve of it, but we still practice. As for me, I practice in a hospital, appear on T.V. shows talking about homeopathy, and have been interviewed in many magazines and newspapers, and am planning to publicize the LMHI activities and goals so that maybe next time your support will extend to holding a Congress in Egypt.

## Estonia

Dr. Saima Tisler, NVP

In 2007 the founder, long-time president and, later, honorary member of Estonian Homeopathic Union (EHU), Dr. Toomas Kangur, passed away (see obituary in this issue). In other aspects, the development of homeopathy has been steady. Neither the number of homeopaths nor the members of LMHI has changed significantly. The first exams for acquiring occupational standards occurred. EHU is planning to open its website to announce general events of homeopathy and the events of EHU. EHU meetings and patients' discussions occur regularly.

Among the various schools that have influenced Estonian homeopaths, the Belgian-Russian, Finnish and Mr. Vithoulkas' (Greek) schools are the most important, having had a great impact on locally practiced homeopathy. Recently, an English school has become more popular. Homeopathic physicians have attended courses in Bulgaria, Russia, and Dr. Pareek's



course in February in India.

### France

Dr. Philippe Servais, NVP

Last year, I told you that French classic homeopathy was shaping up within the new-born French Federation of Classic Homeopathic Doctors (FFMHC). I take this opportunity to relaunch the LMHI-France society, i.e., the French representation at the League. With great excitement, some fellow-homeopaths have joined me and, on April 5, 2008 we were able to set up a genuine general assembly of the society. This meeting resulted in a new board elected for three years. Statutory provisions of the society and house regulations have been updated. Each role has been defined for France so as to be in a position to take up its duties within the League.

### Georgia

Dr. Nikoloz Gujabidze, NVP

After the loss of some members of LMHI in the last year, our organization was increased and we have 21 members now. In 2007 we started offering the course of homeopathy in Tbilisi State Medical University. More than 400 students attend this course. The visits in Georgia of Holland homeopaths from HWB were continued in this year, as well. During their visit, they gave consultations and seminars in Tbilisi and other regions. They suggest that the Georgian homeopaths join the HWB. We do our best for the legalization and registration of homeopathic remedies, but with no marked success. There have been no changes in homeopathic organizations.

## Dermatology

Marie-Noelle Issautier stated that veterinarians in the mid-fifties found that several species of animals that ingested St John's Wort, *Hypericum perforatum*, and were exposed to the sun developed skin eruptions.

Philippe Marijnen further expanded on the above information on *Hypericum perforatum* and designed an observational study sponsored by Boiron with 105 people, mainly women who had a history of skin eruptions from exposure to the sun. Improvement was seen in 85.7%.

Thierry Dugler gave an impressive study sponsored by Boiron of patients who had flushes of the cheeks not associated with menopause. Eighty-seven patients were enrolled in this observational. Eighty-seven percent showed improvement or complete disappearance of their flushes.

## Satellite Symposium by Heel

Dr. med. Ulrike Keim, who is a specialist in Internal Medicine, Homeopathy and Naturopathy led a symposium on the synergy between classical and combination form of Homeopathy.

## Methods

Marie-Luc Fayeton presented the results of eight physicians of the group AFADH who carried out a proving of the spider *Latrodectus tredecimguttatus* in July 2006. Bart Lambert presented the "Bombay Method of Sankaran" which again explores from a different angle the various kingdoms in which one can discover the patient's remedy through the intersection of vital sensation and the miasm.

Jan Scholten has developed more fully the periodic table with his special form of classification. He particularly explored examples through his new book *Secret Lanthanides* about a relatively new discovery in the periodic table with his unique approach.

Spiros Kivellos gave knowledge on an observational study done on migraine headaches at a hospital in Athens with the classical approach of Vithoulkas. There were 42 patients involved over a 6 to 12 month period.



Jan Scholten

## Micro-immunotherapy II

Maurice Jenaer is the person most known for developing the principle of *Micro-immune Therapy* about 40 years ago. Micro-immune therapy is based on the use of endogenous molecules administered in a micro diluted dose that acts on a specific point in the immune system. Micro-immune modulation uses various resources for the immunological system [Cytokines, growth factors, etc.] Immunogenetic regulation is achieved through the use of specific nucleic acids, use of specific parts of the oligonucleotide genome, important for reestablishing normal physiology in pathogen micro-organisms and/or altered cells. Cytokines, growth factors and specific nucleic acids are administered diluted and homeopathically reinforced.

Gerhard Hubmann uses micro-immunology [MI] along with constitutional homeopathy and homotoxicology to treat cancer patients. Homotoxicology originated with Dr. Rekeweg in 1948.

Cesare Santi also pursued MI as an add-on to conventional cancer therapy.

Ursula Bübendorfer and Gilbert Gladly expanded on the concepts of the Bio-holistic approach and introduction into medical practice of Micro-immune therapy.

Lourdes Reig, Marce Rogerfoid and Jean Clumps explored more fully the use of Micro-immune therapy in Multiple Sclerosis.

Maurice Clercq applied MI to periodontal diseases.

Etienne Capioux expanded on a placebo-controlled study with a complex MI medicine, 2LALERG, in 41 persons [21 verum, 20 placebos] with Allergic Rhinitis over about 3 months. The improvement in the homeopathic group was highly significant  $p < .0001$ .

## Hahnemann—Boenninghausen Method

D.P. Rastogi explored the concept more fully of the time tested Boenninghausen method of obtaining the correct homeopathic medicine.

### Miasm Concept

Maria Gloria Alcover Lillo examined a case of depression as an example of the eight principles of Hahnemann's *Organon of Medicine*. These eight principles were systematized by the Mexican School in the early 1900s. The case was viewed in the light of the miasmatic theory as developed by her master Dr. Proceso Sanchez Ortega who developed the Hahnemann Miasm Theory .

Marc Brunson presented a historical study of the concept of Miasms from its origin to present day thoughts.



Maria Gloria Alcover Lillo

### Sensation [Sankaran] Method

Ashley Ross delineated a "Family Group Analysis" [Sankaran] evaluation of a triple-blind proving of *Erythrina lysistemon* [African Coral Tree].

François Bernaerts illustrated in a video an eczema case using the Sankaran method.

François Depoorter developed a mineral case with the Sankaran approach.

### Pharmacology

Amarilis de Toledo Cesar showed the correct preparation of Q/LM potencies.

### Proving 3



Leon Scheepers

Leon Scheepers expanded on the proving of Gallium aparine [Catchweed] with 8 provers.

Jacques Imberechts spoke on the proving of Hecla lava, which was carried out in different countries from 2000-2008. Comparisons with some clinical cases treated with Hecla lava were performed.

Jean Pierre Jansen presented a paper on a multi-center, prospective, double-blind proving on Potentilla anserine [Silverweed] in 10 provers [4 placebos, 6 verum].

### Micro-immunotherapy IV

Alberto Baroli revealed some patients helped with MI who had auto-immune thyroid pathologies.

Rigobeto Lopez presented a case of psoriatic arthropathy helped with MI.

Serge Pevenage gave a number of veterinarian cases of tumors improved or cured through MI, constitutional and/or homotoxicological homeopathic approaches in about 70% treated animals.

Thierry Glaizot found that 60% of the Rheumatoid Arthritis [RA] patients are able to discontinue their anti-inflammatory medicines with his MI and constitutional, diet, *etc.* approach.

### Basic Research

Beatriz Costa presented a well-organized *in vitro* study on *Candida albicans*.

A 30DH potency of *Candida albicans* was placed *in vitro* with yeast and found not to have any effect on the growth of the fungus.

### Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Research and Practice

Rene Halm delivered a tribute to the famous Dr. Madeleine Bastide, who was a Professor of Immunology at Montpellier University, France, who died in 2007. In 1980 she began her research on homeopathy and soon after published her work on *Thymuline* [ a regulatory neuropeptid]. Many research models were published that were elaborated by Prof. Bastide and results" confirmed by other global

## Germany

Dr. Karin Bandelin, NVP

The Deutscher Zentralverein Homöopathischer Ärzte is constituted from 11 Landesverbänden (federal state associations). Work concerning the individual members and homeopathic education is taking place on the federal level; also, many interesting seminars are organized by the Landesverbände. Work on the central level (Zentralverein) consists of political lobbying and collaboration with other homeopathic or political organizations. One major achievement in 2007 was the expansion of the "Verträge für integrierte Versorgung mit Homöopathie" (contracts with over 100 primary insurances who pay for homeopathic treatment). In Köthen the ancient building next to Hahnemann's house will be the site for a library and for the Master Study Project which, in collaboration with a German university, will be starting in 2009 and enhancing the level of research and education in homeopathy in Germany.

## Greece

Dr. Dinos

Dardayannopoulos, NVP

A Master of Science in Homeopathy has been established by the Ministry of Education on Syros since 2007, through the University of the Aegean. The International Academy for Classical Homeopathy on Alonissos is involved with the running of a program taught by Professor George Vithoukias, who shares knowledge gleaned from 40 years of experience. The University of the Aegean, in cooperation with the International Academy for Classical Homeopathy, offers training for

medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians and pharmacists. In 2006, the Thessaloniki Medical Institute decided that homeopathy was regarded as a medical practice by the state and may only be practiced by medical doctors trained in this method. The government decided to harmonize legislation with the relevant European laws on the institution of rules for homeopathic pharmaceuticals for human use.

### Hungary

Dr. Zsófia Hidvegi, NVP

The MHOE has received the accreditation of the ECH so this year about 60 Hungarian homeopaths are to be presented the European Homeopathic Diploma issued by the ECH. We work on the obtaining the acceptance of these diplomas by the Hungarian authorities. This year the Medical College of the Semmelweis University in Budapest has started to organize the teaching of homeopathy throughout a semester. This is an optional course, ending with an exam. A few teachers of MHOE wrote a book on homeopathic treatment of some common ailments for advanced non-professionals and for homeopaths. (Homeopátia Kézikönyve, Püedlo Kiadó, Budapest 2007) The book is very popular and successful among the lay public and professionals alike.

### Italy

Dr. Federico Pietro, NVP

The Italian Parliament has not approved laws regulating homeopathic and non-conventional medicine. In November 2007 F.I.A.M.O. organized a congress with Brazilian homeopathic medical doctors who informed us about the Brazilian homeopathic situation and

research teams.

Christian Endler delineated his results on a study with frogs and the effect of *Thyroxin* 30X. Frogs treated with the *Thyroxin* 30X solution metamorphosed more slowly than the control animals. The effect did not occur when the *Thyroxin* 30X solution was exposed to a field of an early built microwave oven or the mobile phone.

Louis Rey stated that Nuclear Para magnetic Resonance was one of the first techniques demonstrating that ultra-high dilutions had a special structure which looked to be specific of the original substance used for their preparation.

Calorimetry and electrical conductivity confirmed these findings. Lo-temperature thermoluminescence equally reached the same conclusions.

Paolo Bellavite found that mice exposed to stress, to novel environments [open field test], to unfamiliar aversive places [elevated plus-maze], or to the light/dark choice did better with *Gelsemium sempervirens*.

Lyudmil Peychev gave a report on a study on rats learning and memory after long term treatment with placebo, *Anacardium orientale*, *Baryta carbonica*, *Kali Phosphoricum* and *Phosphoricum acidum* in 30CH potencies. The results were positive.

### Lanthanides Dr. Jan Scholten 1-4

Jan Scholten began an all day seminar on the 17 *Lanthanides*. He is well-known for his ideas on the periodic table with the classification of remedies by rows, or series, and columns or stages. He gave the basic information on these and then proceeded to a lesser-known classification of the *Lanthanides*. His book, *Secret Lanthanides*, delineates the key rubrics or essence of this virtually unexplored area in medicine.

Other presenters on the Lanthanides included: Sonja Obbink, Maria Klompe, Gerard Wiringa, Anton Krammer, Annemiek Klitsie, Mary van der Steur, Alex Leupen and Marguerite Pelt.

### Clinical Studies 13

Joyce Frye described a U.S. National Health Interview Survey in 2002 comparing users of homeopathy under a practitioner, with self-care and non-users. 520 recent users of homeopathy were analyzed from a variety of views: Area of the country, education, races, insurance, chronic or acute ailments, why they chose homeopathy rather than conventional medicine, psychological health [K6], etc. Purnima Shukla spoke about 288 cases of breast lumps diagnosed at a homeopathic research center in India from 2000 to 2006. The cure rate was best for fibrocystic disease with 75.4%; fibroadenosis 55.9%; fibroadenoma 51.6%; inflammatory [mastitis] 44.4% and 1 case out of 4 cancers showed some improvement.



Joyce Frye

Vincenzo Rocco revealed a compiled study in Italy of about 7,212 protocols from 1997 to 2007. The protocols obtained: the medical doctor, patient, pathology, number of patient visits and administered remedies. Some of the data included that psychological disease was the most common reason for visits. The polychrests were the most often prescribed, *Sulphur* being number 1. Most of the patients seek homeopathy after conventional medicine fails. Hamid-Reza Adhmi and colleagues analyzed articles from two famous electronic databases: Medline/PubMed and ISI Web of Science in order to find homeopathic articles. They found a total of five categories from both databases [Medline/PubMed 1987-2006] and [ISI from 1994-2006]. The largest amount was Review Articles 451; Clinical Trails 216; Comparative Study 185; Case Reports 152; and Case Series 28. There has been a general increase since 1998.

### Pollutions and Calamities

Camila Siqueira stated that the present nosode for influenza is *Influenzinum*, which is prepared from the influenza vaccine. She and others wanted to use a "biotherapeutic" form of the virus H3N2, which she found to be affective in 30CH potency in a 10% solution against the virus *in vitro*.

Mourad Ketata evaluated the treatment of 6 patients with allergic asthma to acarina and house dust. They were treated with very good results with the

appropriate homeopathic medicines. A reactional mode of psora or psora-sycotic was noted.

Walter Glueck gave a fascinating presentation on the aspects of food as homeopathic healing agents. He described a few cases in which food in a homeopathic potency appeared to fit the case well.

Sonia Badulici presented a study with 61 patients working in a company in Bucharest, Romania, who had orthoergic dermatitis [dermatitis from exposure to irritants in a work place]. This study with a statistically positive result was a placebo controlled randomized trial with *Homeoplasmine*®.

### Exchange of Opinions

Floarea Giulvezan gave 3 cases of women with Post-Partum Depression. She used *Sepia*, *Pulsatilla*, *Staphysagria*, *Natrum mur.* and *Aurum met.* She wished to emphasize her experience of the importance of homeopathy in this type of depression.

Modesto Roca delivered a well-written report on 16 cases of Prolactinomas



Delveaux  
Original Wallpainting at  
the Congress site

[Pituitary Tumors affecting the production of Prolactin]. She found that the addition of *Lac caninum* in 30CH given thrice weekly and the constitutional medicine had excellent responses.

Marques Arpa delineated a marvelous 2 case study with successful treatment of *Arnica montana* in sepsis after an initial causation of trauma. Both of these patients were in the ICU and their chance of surviving was considered extremely small. One was a 79 y/o woman who had abdominal trauma leading to sepsis. She was given LM1 and LM3 *Arnica*. The other was a man 50 y/o who developed sepsis after a tooth extraction. He also was given LM1 and LM3 *Arnica*.

Ashley Ross presented a rare, often terminal, case of a 2½ y/o boy with “Megacystis Megacolon Hypoperistaltic Intestinal Syndrome [MMHIS]. This is probably congenital and associated with chronic constipation and a megacolon. He often had difficulty emptying his bladder even when obviously distended. She gave him *Opium* 10M and followed with LM 3 *Opium*. The child did need to have a colostomy, but generally improved remarkably with the homeopathic treatment.

### Pharmacology

Martine Goyens pointed out that “Good Pharmacy Practice” [GPP] rules are paramount to guarantee the best quality of the remedies. As a result of the European directives, such rules are being developed in many countries.

### Research and Practice

A and N.C. Sukul related that UV-VIS spectrophotometer, NMR spectrometer and FTIR spectrometer show a significant difference in spectral pattern, position of peak and intensity of absorbance of potentized drugs from those of their mother tinctures and their diluent’s medium.

Carolina Lessa Aquino has continued her research with ultradiluted solutions [UDS] of *Euphorbia tirucalli lineu* [Aveloz®] to modify the glycolytic metabolism of non-tumoral melanocytes [Melan A] and human breast cancer cells [MCF-7]. She

the official recognition by their government. A decrease in the number of students has resulted in the reduction of the number of Italian homeopathic schools. The fall off in student body size is occasioned by the inability to match the teaching to student need. Strong objection on the part of Italian government and Institutions to non-conventional medicine, in general, and homeopathy, in particular, has also contributed to the lowering of student numbers. However, homeopathic events continue to be included in Continuing Medical Education wherein the differences between homeopathy and conventional medicine and their potential and limitations must be specified.

### Japan

Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

In last 10 years, homeopathy has gradually become known, with an increasing demand for homeopathic consultation. However, homeopathic medicines are not recognized by the Ministry of Welfare and Medicine. Most complementary therapy is not covered by health insurance. There are no legal controls to prevent people from practicing homeopathy without certification. We have made progress in promoting homeopathy and have achieved encouraging results in our patients. We hope to consolidate our position and lobby the government for homeopathy’s official recognition. We are honored to have the chance of holding the LIGA Congress in Nara in 2012, which is a beautiful city near Kyoto with high-class facilities for seminars, conferences and after-conference entertainment. We look forward to providing an excellent environment for a first-class productive

learning experience in Nara.

#### Latvia

Dr. Marina Afanasieva,  
NVP

Ten years ago Latvian doctors first joined LMHI. During this period, a diplomatic struggle between "traditional homeopathy" (use of multiple remedies) and classical homeopathy occurred. The years 2007-2008 marked a turning point in Latvian homeopathy. In October 2007 we were asked to prepare postgraduate curriculum for the Riga medical university, Rigas Stradina Universitate. This 3-year educational course for medical doctors will lead to a higher level of recognition of homeopathy, assisting us in the opportunity of making homeopathy a basic medical specialty within a few years. This year the new board of the Latvian homeopathic association, elected in March 2008, is editing homeopathic documents ("Regulations on homeopathic doctor specialty", "The medical technology of classical homeopathy") in accordance with the principles of Hahnemannian homeopathy. Preparation of the 66<sup>th</sup> congress of LMHI in Riga continues.

#### Lithuania

Dr. Laimis Akramas, NVP

The first homeopathic drugstores began in Vilnius in 1864 and in Kaunas in 1884, when the societies of homeopathy followers were starting. The first Lithuanian book about homeopathic treatment was issued in 1907. A drugstore of Matulaitis and Mačius existed in Kaunas from 1920-1984. In 1989 the museum of medicine and pharmacy established a homeopathic laboratory,

found some interesting data that ethanol dynamized at 30CH and water dynamized at 15CH induced significant decrease in PFK-1 [an important regulatory enzyme in the glycolytic metabolism necessary for tumor cells to function] activity in Melan A [~50%, p<0.05] and MCF7 [~30%, p<0.05].

#### Gynecology

Jean-Luc Chiche developed an observational study of 24 mothers between 2003-2005 who had cervical dystocia [painful cervix during birth] and found the treatment of taking *Actea racemosa* 30CH within 30 minutes to be affective in 83% of the mothers.

Aurelie Colas stated that there was positive results from her use of *Luteinum* [Progesterone] 15CH for pregnant women with nausea.

Max Tetau related that from various research and current works on *Hormesis* [a dose response phenomenon characterized by low dose stimulation, high dose inhibition] can demonstrate scientifically pharmacological effects on the similitude's reality.

#### Clinical Verification of Symptoms

##### [Cured proving symptoms are referred to as verification]

Carl Rudolf Klinkenberg outlined 7 criteria for verification of cured proving symptoms:

1. Only symptoms can be verified, *i.e.* perceptible, pathological changes.
2. Only characteristic symptoms and intense symptoms [§67 footnote *Organon*].
3. The symptoms must have clearly and permanently disappeared.
4. Use of only a single drug. If more than one drug has been administered sequentially reasons must be given why the verification is valid.
5. No other therapies [*e.g.* acupuncture, diet, *etc.*]
6. No other factors in life, *e.g.* morbid influences, change of life situations, *etc.*
7. Acute diseases must heal more quickly than the natural rate of cure.

Jacques Imberechts emphasized an important point: How does one determine a *Characteristic Symptom*? He analyzed some of the ideas of Constantine Hering in order to come to a clarification.

Anna Pla described some interesting symptoms from the proving of *Salix fragilis* [Cracked Willow] and two cases.

Claudio Araujo gave a beautiful lengthy description of the essence of *Anacardium orientale* in a number of patients.

Llya Tiraspolshiy developed an artificial algorithm on a homeopathic medicine selection through analysis of 92 clinical cases by Kent.

#### Exchange of Opinions

Rinaldo Octavio Vargas gave a scholarly paper on "Method, Science and Medicine" delineating the various philosophies in the conventional Cartesian approach with the broader holistic view.

Mariyan Ivanov discussed recurrent cystitis in the context of four principal groups: Symptomatic, Patho-anatomical, patho-physiological or pathogenic, Etiology and circumstances associated with the cystitis, The reactional mode or miasm, sensitivity type, and the constitutional type.

Baudouin Caironi gave a fascinating talk on "Quantum physical and quantum chemical aspects of the reacting pattern in homeopathic medicine.

#### Ultra-High Dilutions Effects

Karin Lenger gave what could be a historical presentation on how homeopathic medicines work. She stated that homeopathic potencies are photons with different resonance frequencies in the MHz region. This fact could be proved by two magnetic-resonance methods, which confirm each other reciprocally: by the Tesla-coil method and by the modified photomultiplier-method. High homeopathic potencies have at least two different resonance frequencies.

Naoual Baujedaini related that *Gelsemium sempervirens* is



Karin Lenger

known for its sedative, anxiolytic and analgesic properties. Various studies have demonstrated that neurosteroid allopregnanolone has analgesic effects. The aim of this study was to prove that *Gelsemium* mediates its analgesic and anxiolytic effects by regulating the secretion of allopregnanolone. Anisur Rahman Khuda-Bukhsh delivered an important comprehensive set of studies on a variety of village people who were exposed to arsenic contaminated drinking water. The *Arsenicum album* in 30C, 200 C or LM 3 [0/3] was given with quite convincing results. Lilian Rangel de Castilhos delineated a study done at the Goat Production Area at the Federal University of Lavras, Minas Gerais, Brazil, for 3 months in 2006. She used *Arnica Montana* 200CH [to decrease the stress or injury of weaning goats from their mothers] followed by *Medicago sativa* 6CH and *Calcarea phosphorica* in Saanen goat kids. This was a randomized, double-blind, controlled trial separating 12 kids into *Sulphuric* and *Phosphoric* types. Overall, there was an increase in the feed consumption [ $p < 0.01$ ] in the verum; but did not increase weight gain. Luiz Pinto spoke about a trial done with 19 rats fed a poisonous plant, *Palicourea marogravii* which is a plant that poisons about 500,000 cattle a year in Brazil. The idea was to give 6C or 30C in the control study to see if it would decrease the toxicity. There was no effect with the homeopathic medicines.

### Biotherapies

Leon Scheepers, Maria Goossensm, Yves Faingnaert discussed the link between modern science and the homeopathic miasmatic approach that is made through “epigenetics”—hidden influences upon the genes. The homeopathic community is facing serious problems in the manufacturing of nosodes because of stricter governmental regulations as to viral safety. This report gave a number of philosophical, scientific studies to suggest that nosodes could have an effect on the epigenetic or hidden genetics aspects which homeopathy tries to address.

### Pharmacology

Steve Xue has training in Classical Chinese Medicine [CCM] and homeopathy. He spoke of the exciting and extremely important relationship between CCM and homeopathic approaches and the future of homeopathy in China.



Steve Xue

### Provings

Carmen Sturza presented an important proving of one of the Lanthanides, *Ytterbium nitricum*. The proving was performed in the frame of the *Ars Medica Homoeopathica* School of Homoeopathy, by the school members. There were 13 provers who were aware of the remedy. Some of the keynote symptoms were: Autonomy/Dependence, Dissociation, Central Nervous System Coordination, Hierarchy and Treason. There was one case given. Guido Mortelmans described some of the symptoms of the Proving of *Insulinum humanum* 30K with 7 provers and 262 symptoms. He mentioned eight pitfalls with provings. One was: do we include the toxicological symptoms of insulin? He said yes; even Hahnemann did this. Michael Teut discussed a proving with 15 volunteers [11 verum, 4 placebos] on *Galphimia glauca* [*Thyrallis glauca*]. The provers main symptoms were: exhaustion, weakness, lack of concentration, feeling of confusion, disturbance of muscular coordination and control, dryness of mouth and throat, hoarseness, lachrymation and burning of eyes.

### Nosodes—Biotherapies 2

Jamshed Randeria gave a good history of the Bowel Nosodes with Dr. Bach and his study of homeopathy with Dr. Charles Wheeler of London. There was emphasized *Proteus Co* [Bach] which had many symptoms of anger that would make one think also of *Chamomilla*, *Hepar sulph.*, *Nux vomica*, etc.

which supports scientific and research work, the improvement of doctors and pharmacists, and stores homeopathic literature. In 1992 the Association of Lithuanian Homoeopaths (LHA) was set up, the predecessors of which are the societies of Vilnius homeopathy followers and supporters of homeopathic treatment. In 1996 LHA organized courses for doctors. In 1999 the specialization of doctor-homeopath was legalized. In 2002 the League of Medical Homeopathy was set up and joined the ranks of LMHI.

### Malaysia

Dr. Nik Omar, Contact

Most practitioners agree that homeopathy was introduced here in 1940. Members of homeopathic societies numbered about 100 between 1960-1980. In 1977 Dr. Nik Omar returned from homeopathic studies in London and started the first modern, well-equipped homeopathic clinic. In 1979, he began teaching, laying the foundation of ‘The Faculty of Homeopathy Malaysia’ FAHOM. Additionally, there are four Faculty of Homeopathy training centers throughout Malaysia. Since bogus institutions caused much harm to homeopathy, a group of qualified homeopaths formed The Registered Homeopathic Medical Practitioners Association, prompting the government to pass a decree uniting all qualified homeopaths in one society. In 1979, Dr. Omar formed ‘Homeopathic Doctors without Barriers,’ whose members volunteered services to more than 100,000 people in humanitarian activities in Sri Lanka, Thailand, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

## Nepal

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

The Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training inspected the Bhaktapur Homeopathic Clinic to start a Homeopathic Health Assistant course. Much hope has been placed on this milestone of homeopathic development. The government-run Pashupati Homeopathic Hospital has openings for a doctor, 3 nurses and 2 computer assistants. Fifteen beds will be added to the inpatient ward. His Holiness Buddha Maitreya and the Healing Center at Swayambhu have extended services for the poor of Bhaktapur since May 2008. Homeopathic doctors are serving the community of Jhapa. Dr. Devkota has presented papers on the development of homeopathy and case presentation on pain management with *Rhus toxicodendron*. The 5<sup>th</sup> Nepal German International Medical conference was held in May 2008 with 300 delegates from 11 countries and more than 15 Nepalese homeopaths.

## The Netherlands

Dr. Hein van Berkel, NVP

Our former institute for homeopathic education of physicians closed its doors in 2007 due to financial problems. We started a new institute in 2008 with a new education program giving more attention to clinical homeopathy in the first year. Our regular professional medical organization has formulated new rules for practicing non-regular medicine. They are stricter than the old rules, forbidding physicians from practicing non-regular medicine without a regular diagnosis. With the purpose of working more together, for example in Public

## Gala Dinner

The day was well climaxed by a dinner and dance in the city of Bruges at the Belfy. This historic, majestic stone building with high ceilings and arched rafters overlooking canals allows one's imagination to return to the Middle Ages and



Belfy Tower, Bruges

Renaissance and take pleasure in the classical beauty of those days. There was a band playing the 1940-50s swing music, which tested the younger generations dancing expertise.

## Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>

### Humanitarian Actions - Data Collection

Catherine Gaucher discussed the use of homeopathy in public health situations. Carlo Rezzani went again into the previously discussed data accumulating project of *Chi.Fi.Col* and other state-of-art computer information.



Carlo Rezzani

Michele Serrand especially addressed the importance and economic benefit that homeopathy could give to the poorest populations. Flavio Dantas brought up the importance of having a central project for collecting data on influenza, which could be a multi-center for randomized control trails.

### Clinical Verification

Roberto Petrucci delivered an excellent presentation on the clinical verification of the proving of *Falcon Peregrinus Disciplinatus* which was conducted by Misha Norland in 1997.

Leon Scheepers discussed the Belgian proving of *Lobelia cardinalis* D6 with 7 provers, non-randomized, double-blind and non-controlled.

Ashley Ross delineated the proving and clinical verification of *Sutherlandia frutescens* ["Cancer Bush"] which grows in South Africa and has a reputation in its material form for treating some cancer ailments. It also has some reputation for treatment of AIDS.



Roberto Petrucci

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P. Seldova, I. A. Leneva, A.S. Laptitskaya demonstrated more evidence of the effectiveness of *Oscillocochinum* in protecting against influenza and acute respiratory viral infections [ARV].

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**ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Update of the LMHI website review of the Hermes Project and introduction of the LMHI/ECH – Media Team. Proposal for the corporate design of the LMHI. Accepted unanimously.

Liga Letter made available as PDF to be determined on a case-by-case basis. Such option is only possible for consideration to Homeopathic Physician National Associations that are LMHI Institutional Members.

Common Curriculum LMHI-ECH (in the hands of Fischer/Nicolai).

Representatives from Thailand and Moldavia invited to make a presentation at the International Council Meeting.



*Representatives from Thailand speak at the IC Meeting about their plan to introduce homeopathy into their country.*



*Ton Nicolai as LMHI Member of Honor*

**ACTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

Vote: Minutes of the International Council in Puebla, Mexico. Approved. Adopted.

State of affairs concerning the LMHI website/Hermes Project, the corporate design of the LMHI and Hope project (“Homeopathy for poor people and environmental protection”).

Common curriculum LMHI/ECH, also as an answer to the proposal of the WHO.

Membership criteria for Individual and Institutional members. To receive the status of institutional membership at least 15 individual members are required. Adopted.

Ton Nicolai as LMHI Member of Honor. Adopted.

Moldavia and Turkey as new members of the LMHI. Accepted unanimously.



*The International Council Meeting*

**Closure**

Tomasz Kokoszczynski, the National Vice-President to the LIGA from Poland aroused enthusiasm to attend the 64<sup>th</sup> LMHI Congress in Warsaw, Poland on August 26-30, 2009. The theme is *The Timeless Quality of Homeopathy* and some of the invited speakers include: Dr. A. Geukens, Dr. Tinus Smits, Dr. Luc De Schepper, Dr. Sehgal and others.

Michel Van Wassenhoven outlined the objective of this Congress to present an overview of the homeopathic literature and update this review to answer the question: Did this Congress lift up the level of evidence in homeopathic medicine? For each presentation during this Congress, a consideration was given to determine whether it would increase the original paper of Evidence Based Homeopathy given at the beginning of the Congress. A final updated document was available after the Congress.

Ulrich Fischer, the President of the LMHI, congratulated the Congress President and organizing committee and others for all the work done to make this a great Congress. ■

Relations affairs, our homeopathic organization and five other CAM-organizations for physicians entered a cooperative agreement. Until 2008 homeopathic physicians were exempted from payed VAT over their consultations. Our government tried to make us pay VAT in 2008. Together with other CAM-organizations we tried to prevent this, and have succeeded thus far.

**Pakistan**

*Dr. Khalid Masood Qureshi, NVP*

Under the auspices of the Society of Homeopaths Pakistan, a two-day workshop was arranged at Lahore. A large number of physicians from far and wide, LIGA members, and staff and students of Pakistan Homeopathic Medical College, Lahore, were present. Dr. D. P. Rastogi, former Principal Nehru Homeopathic Medical College, Delhi, Chairman Indian National Council for Research in Homeopathy, Delhi, and member, European Commission of Homeopathy from India, delivered lectures on the following: Case taking in Chronic Disease, Repertorization and Follow Up of the Case. Dr. Rastogi presented each subject in a scholarly manner and supplemented his lectures with clinical cases in video presentation. He explained in detail the method of case taking in chronic cases and the art of repertorization and follow up in the light of Dr. Hahnemann’s teachings.

**Poland**

*Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczynski, NVP*

The author of the report, Tomasz Kokoszczynski, was nominated as new LMHI NVP for Poland. He is a medical doctor trained in classical homeopathy and has worked in his own



homeopathic practice for ten years.

As to the legal situation of homeopathy, it is not officially recognized, but doctors can treat homeopathically without any interference. In Poland only medical doctors are allowed to treat patients. Polish homeopaths are associated in a few legal homeopathic associations. On 4 April 2008 Poland's Supreme Medical Council adopted a resolution disapproving homeopathy and calling it unethical. The resolution seems to be inconsistent with the Polish and European Pharmaceutical Law, which accepts a Pharmacopoeia with homeopathic remedies. The resolution aroused many protests from homeopaths and homeopathic companies.

#### **Romania**

*Dr. Atena Ioana Antonescu, NVP*

Last September, at the XXII National Congress, a new interim team was elected to lead the Romanian Homeopathic Society. The new president is Dr. Doina Pavlovschi. Changes in the Statutes have also been proposed and voted upon, and the new Statutes are in the process of gaining official recognition as per Romanian law.

The National Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (formerly the National Center for Homeopathy and Acupuncture) was established in October 2007. In elegant new headquarters, it should become the leading force in research and education in the Romanian CAM fields.

The practice of homeopathy is legal and clearly regulated since 1981: only medical doctors can lawfully practice homeopathy after completing the 3-year course and passing the full license examination.

#### **President's Report**

*Dr. Ulrich Fischer, Germany*



The most important goal of the LMHI is and will be the strengthening of homeopathy worldwide by doing the utmost to join energies, knowledge and qualities of all homeopathic physicians in the world. In practice it means that we are bringing together the working committees and the activities of all homeopathic experts of LMHI, ECH, GIRI and of other international homeopathic organizations, whenever needed and wherever it makes sense. Only this way we will be able to guarantee the highest impact of our concerns when we have to express them and only this way we will be able to ensure that the best qualified colleagues or homeopathic researchers are included in the tasks we have to put in practice. One important working project in this past year was the development of the LMHI - ECH curriculum. Yves Maillé and Ton Nicolai from the ECH, Carles Amengual (Secretary for Education) and myself from LMHI have been working on this common curriculum. This curriculum will be put in practice not only as a fundamental for our discussions with WHO, but much more it will be the one and only program we as homeopathic medical community will offer in the future.

As LMHI President I was involved especially in the following working areas: LMHI website and Hermes project; LMHI / ECH curriculum for the WHO; the minutes of the IC and EC meetings in Puebla; the answer to the *Lancet* Publication; the coordination of common and overlapping projects between LMHI and ECH; the preparations for the LMHI congress 2009 in Poland; supporting letters to national associations or NVP, and in the communication with WHO concerning the different WHO -LMHI projects.



#### **Immediate Past President**

*Dr. Corrado Bruno*

The main activity during 2007 was the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Brazil-Italy Homeopathic Symposium held in Rome from 16 to 18 November 2007. The goal was the exchange of experiences and the presentation of the path through which Brazilian homeopathy has gone in the past 20 years and its actual situation. The Brazilian model is considered by many an example to be followed. The central subject was how pluralist and unicist doctors can relate and coexist, both of them represented corporately and politically in medical associations and governmental institutions. Other discussed topics were the following: Homeopathy as a medical specialty; Participation of homeopathic therapy in public health, conventions and universities; Medical homeopathic educational structure; Homeopathic specialist title; Homeopathic research in Universities; Usage of homeopathy in poor neighborhoods (slums); Clinical cases (I.T.C., pediatric, juvenile transgressors).

We were glad to find the presence of many Italian school and association representatives, and some LMHI and ECH Executive Officers who helped enhance the Symposium and brought more emphasis to the encounter. The contribution of such an event is the power of globalization with its attendant social and economic pressure brought to bear in the review of the concept of classical homeopathy. A Second Brazil-Italy Homeopathic Symposium is being prepared. It will happen during the XXIX Brazilian Homeopathic Congress in São Paulo, Brazil, from 17 to 21 September 2008.

It is important that this kind of symposium, wherein two different countries can exchange their own experiences, takes place in other countries with the possible support of LMHI.

#### **Prime Vice President**

*Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan*

The Official Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Congress of LMHI for the Executive Council Meeting and the International Council Meeting in Puebla were developed and distributed to them by e-mail and post.

An updated EC/IC *Directory* was developed in close supervision



with the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer to insure accuracy and relying on our Prime General Secretary's searching for correct data by writing letters and e-mails.

The e-mail list with information of the members of the Committee was updated with the help of the Executive Committee.

The LMHI webpage has been maintained with changes and updates.

We assisted in publicizing the 63rd Congress by linking the LMHI page with the Congress page.

We worked on projects and proposals for document distribution among the members of the Executive and International Committee, allowing each member to access them as some of our members do not have the means of sending and receiving large documents electronically. The documents will be available on the website with restricted access.

Review of the Conference Search is ongoing with a few Congresses remaining to be done.

It is proposed that all works of the official Congresses have the pre-authorization of the organizers to allow them publication on our webpage despite the copyright. Many times we have delivered the works and I think it is the responsibility of the organizers to provide them to the webmaster to facilitate access by all members in a timely manner.

I will continue to support as necessary all the Secretaries in coordination with our current President.

### **Prime General Secretary**

*Dr. Renzo Galassi (Italy)*

According to the *Statutes* of the LMHI, during the last year I worked to have continuous contact with all the National Vice Presidents and Associations of most of the countries affiliated with LMHI. It was a difficult because some National Vice Presidents do not communicate their changes of e-mail or address, so that I had to work as a detective to find them. For this reason, I propose to let decline the people that do not collaborate with us after a term of months. Our group is a working group, and we need people that like and want to work for the Liga and not to take their appointment to write it in their letterhead.

I traveled to Friberg in March for a meeting with the officers and I realize that a lot of good ideas are rising from our group. I hope for the welfare of our Medicine that we will carry out such ideas. For this, still we need to keep in touch. Thanks to the courtesy of Dr. Matuk Kanan we have a new updated *Directory* with the additions that I could make. There you will find the names of the newly elected NVP and Contacts.



### **Report of the Treasurer**

*Dr. Thomas Peinbauer*

The membership dues of our 70 LMHI member countries have decreased to the amount of 66.273 CHF, about 11% less than 2006. With that income we are able to meet the running costs, but with little reserve. We have fixed assets of CHF 106.973 which have increased in that year by 3,5%. There are current assets of CHF 146.817. The most important expenditures in 2007 are the administrative costs (30 %), the *Liga Letter* (28 %), the Liga Congress in Puebla (25 %) and the HERMES-Project (10%).

HERMES – IPAH – International Website-project for Medical Homeopathy

In 2007, after the start up of HERMES at the Liga-Congress 2006 in Lucerne, LMHI and ECH jointly became members of IPAH, a non-trading private company founded in 2003 by our Swiss and German members. Its main objective is to create a net of international websites for medical homeopathy supported by a common content-managed-system (CMS). This project is open to all national and international medical homeopathic organizations. At the Puebla Liga-Congress a working group for HERMES was created. From June 2007 until January 2008 the four members of IPAH have met four times in Bonn/Germany. The first presentation of the new LMHI-website occurred at the Oostende Liga-Congress. We hope to finish the project by the end of 2008.

Next National Congress will occur in October 2008.

### **Russia**

*Dr. Tatiana Kisseleva, NVP, and Dr. Irina Bouriakova, Assistant NVP*

Recently, three Congresses involving social institutions and the Ministry of Health were held. In October 2007 the 3<sup>rd</sup> All Russian Homeopathic Congress was organized by the Federal Government Center of Traditional Medicine and Homeopathy, Russian Homeopathic Association, and Russian Homeopathic Society under the patronage of Ministry of Healthcare, resulting in the following resolutions: arrange a working group with the Ministry of Health, FGC of Traditional Medicine, Institute of Pharmacy of Medical Academy of Sechenov with Council of MDHD from Russian Homeopathic Association, and Russian Homeopathic Society; conduct the All Russian Congress of the Homeopathy every 2 years. Membership of L.M.H.I. now is 120. The Union of Russian's Manufactures of Homeopathic Remedies was organized five years ago. We have no Russian Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia. Our medical students can study homeopathy in medical schools.

### **Serbia**

*Prof. Dr. Sci. med. Milo Popovic, NVP*

HOMEOPATHY IN SERBIA HAS BEEN LEGALIZED! The Health Law, and Regulations about Specific Conditions, the Ways and Procedure of Using Methods of Traditional Medicine from December 14, 2007, enables all qualified medical personnel to use such methods. Homeopathy is reserved

for licensed Doctors of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacists according to their licensed practice, with various levels of necessary education. The Commission of the Ministry of Health has issued the first individual certificates, which enable the legal use of homeopathy. There is a problem of a deficiency of reliable homeopathic products in this country, which points to the need for introducing some respectable foreign homeopathic manufacturers into the Serbian market.

#### **Slovenia**

*Dr. Irena Gorisek, NVP*

The Slovenian Homeopathic Society was established in 1992 to promote the development of homeopathy and to educate its members. In our courses, the classical homeopathic method is taught and our school was accredited by ECH in 2006. We have our own magazine and the first book on homeopathy by a Slovenian author was published last year. The Healing Act, introduced in 2007, established the status of homeopathy, stating that only a person with a medical degree can practice homeopathy. But in the General Practitioners Services Act adopted in 2008 there is a statement saying that a medical doctor who wishes to practice homeopathy must renounce his/her license. So, through this great contradiction of the two laws, practicing homeopathy is still illegal for a medical doctor.

#### **Spain**

*Dr. Xavier Cabre Playa, NVP*

The union among the main Spanish Medical Homeopathic Societies has accomplished the following: the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Homeopathic Congress by the SEMH held in the

LMHI Corporate Design. During the work on Hermes it became clear that we need a new design, not only for the website, but also for all the other fields where LMHI presents itself. So the project LMHI Corporate Design was started. The proposals will be presented at the Oostende Liga-Congress.

#### **Secretary for Archives**

*Dr. Fernando François Flores (Mexico)*

I have added eight more LMHI Congress proceedings to our archives in Stuttgart, as follows: London 1927, Arnhem 1934, Glasgow 1936, Berlin 1937, Bordeaux 1957, Salzburg 1958, Amsterdam 1961, and Mexico 2007. Seven of them were also digitalized as a donation for our website (2849 pages). Also included in this report are the following: a summary, in items, of the decisions that had been taken by the Executive Committee and by the International Council since 1985; the homeopathic journal index; two collections of 34 homeopathic journals (magazines) donated for the L.M.H.I. archives. To be used in our new website using the ECH and LMHI information, we prepared a Thesaurus (Dictionary of Homoeopathic terms) with 680 definitions and a Documentation Center Index with 60 centers in 24 countries. Thanks to Dr. Carles Amengual we have 1 act, 4 agendas, 1 world-wide yearbook, 2 contracts, 479 letters, 9 faxes, 7 shipments of appointments, 21 curriculums, 15 directories, 20 documents, 16 pamphlets, 4 triptychs, 46 photocopies, 13 lists of doctors, 3 programs, 29 reports and 9 requests from the Prime General Secretary between 1988-1995.

#### **Secretary for Dentistry**

*Dr. Gloria André Feighelestein (Brazil)*

Regarding the introduction of rules to qualify the homeopathic dentist/doctor, we have not obtained Federal Council recognition, but in June it was discussed by the State Councils, the National Associations, the State Associations and the Educational Entities. Those rules must be applied to qualify the homeopathic dentist doctor with the officially approved certification by the Dentistry Federal Council. But we would like to be integrated into the Government Program of Integrative and Complementary Practices of Oral health of the Brazilian Public Health System together with the General Doctors, Veterinary Doctors and Pharmacists.

In the academic field, I continue to be the Titular Professor of Homeopathy in one of the Universities of Rio de Janeiro. I was invited also to be the pharmacology, histology and embryology professor, thereby having the opportunity to spread the seeds of homeopathy to future doctors.

At the 63<sup>rd</sup> Congress, we had many distinguished speakers from Belgium, Spain, and Brazil in the Dentistry program, resulting in an increase of interest among homeopathic dentists.

Currently, we have two Latin American speakers confirmed for the LMHI Congress in Poland.

In June I will be the homeopathic speaker at the National Forum to regulate homeopathy in dentistry. We worked to construct education rules, the methodology to introduce homeopathy into the Academics Dentistry Graduation Courses and also into Post-Graduate courses. This will be one of my greatest responsibilities in homeopathy and in my life.

In September 2008 the IX Brazilian Congress of Homeopathy in Dentistry was held with the Brazilian Congress of Homeopathy in Sao Paulo.



#### **Secretary for Education**

*Dr. Carles Amengual (Spain)*

#### **Recognition of Homeopathy, Comments to the draft WHO Educational Guidelines**

Making an international core homeopathic curriculum is under negotiation with WHO. Although a very positive goal, several points should be very clear.

1. LMHI and ECH agreed to a joint curriculum to present to WHO, a very important fact as they represent medical homeopathy worldwide.
2. The homeopathic program should be very high quality, because the physician's

knowledge is an ethical duty and a legal imperative.

3. In officializing a medical specialty, a standard minimum training time is needed.
4. LMHI resolution on Homeopathy says: "supports the development of high-quality homeopathic training . . . the LMHI is to establish minimum training standards." (2000, point D)
5. LMHI minimum training standards were adopted in the year 2005.
6. Homeopathy nearly disappeared in the USA when by law it was forced to raise the quality of medical training.
7. Medical homeopathy is official in 16 countries.
8. Homeopathy is defined by the LMHI and ECH as a medical method.
9. LMHI states (200, e): "Homeopathy is unique and must be clearly distinguished from related branches of non-conventional medicine, such as homotoxicology, anthroposophic medicine and herbal medicine." Different types of homeopathy should not be distinguished: classical homeopathy, "scientific" (pluralist) homeopathy, complex homeopathy, homeopathy for physicians, domestic homeopathy for non-physicians, etc. This is nonsense.

### Secretary for the Newsletter

**Dr. Carmen Sturza (Romania)**

The LMHI Newsletter is a very complex and meaningful project of the Liga, containing a briefing of the activities of the Liga and of homeopathy in general worldwide, an update of the projects and connections of the Liga inside and outside of the homeopathic world. It is an important instrument of the dialog inside the diversity of the medical world, speaking about the extension, value and interest of this form of medicine. It is a wonderful tool in the hands of the doctors approaching homeopathy in areas of the world where it is at the beginning or did not arrive yet and a valuable means of developing the personal consciousness of each Liga member about the dignity of belonging to the *Corpus Medicorum Homeopaticus*.

As planned on the occasion of Peubla LMHI EC Meeting, *the Liga Letter* continues to be edited in Dr. Sandra Chase's office, USA, and printed and mailed from the office of the LMHI Newsletter Secretary, Romania. This proved to be quite a challenge and in the same time made us realize that *the Liga Letter* is a promoter of tight links between members of the Liga.

One of the best news for this year was the offer of Dr. Raul Gustavo Pirra de Buenos Aires, Past NVP, to provide the Spanish translation of *the Liga Letter* in the form of the "T. P Paschero" School of Homeopathy. Ultimately, the translation was done brilliantly by Dr. Miriam Garcia de Vallerotto, the Argentinian NVP and her equally committed colleague Dr. Myriam Sorbera, de Cordoba. To them goes the acknowledgement and congratulations of us and of all Spanish reading Liga members.

The collaboration with the DTP specialist Gabriel Ungureanu and with the Herris Publishing House was excellent. The whole mailing process was voluntary performed by ArsMedica, Romania, LMHI Institutional Member.

### Secretary for Pharmacy

**Dr. Amarylis de Toledo Cesar (Brazil)**

*International Journal of High Dilution Research (IJHDR)* is a free electronic journal specializing in the multidisciplinary field of studies on high dilutions, with an international peer-review team of experts. We invite you to register at <http://www.feg.unesp.br/ijhdr> to read the journal, and also as an author, to submit your papers.

LMHI received *LUIMO Proposition for the definition of homeopathic medicine*, from Dra. Alma Rodrigues, and she proposed to work on the homeopathic remedy definition as a guide for international commissions and governing bodies. She thinks it is essential to preserve homeopathy from damage caused by lack of



*Dr. Carmen Sturza  
and Dr. Tatiana Bolbocian (Moldavia)*

Faculty of Medicine of the University of Valladolid, the publication of the journal *Revista de Medicina Homeopática*, the joint opposition to the project of the Ministerial Decree for homeopathic medicines issued by the Ministry of Health. The President of the National Assembly of Homeopathy represented the interests of the medical homeopaths on April 14, proposing legislation similar to that in Germany and France. On June 2007 the Supreme Court of Justice suspended the articles demanded by the Academia Médico Homeopática de Barcelona, supported by FEMH, SEMH, Dr Ulrich Fischer, and Dr Ton Nicolai during the legal process. At present, the decree is pending a final decision.

### Sri Lanka

**Dr T. C. Peiris, NVP**

The Homeopathic Medical Council registered five more qualified homeopathic practitioners during the past 3 years. Nearly 224 hours in-house orientation courses were scheduled for practicing homeopaths. Three new homeopathic clinics were opened in several parts of the country including terrorism-affected areas, in addition to four other existing outpatient clinics. Government Homeopathic Hospital was expanded to accommodate twenty patients with added OPD units, attended by a Homeopathic Medical Specialist once a week. There was a 100% increase in the number of patients seeking in homeopathic treatment in the hospital and in several peripheral clinics. The Indian Government has offered Sri Lanka ten Scholarships to Sri Lankan students to follow a six year course of study in Calcutta University. The minimum standards required for homeopathic hospitals have been formulated as guidelines.

## Sweden

Dr. Karin Dutina, NVP

In Sweden we are still struggling with the new rules on registration of homeopathic medicinal products, which also affects the access of the products for the practitioners. The only way to treat a patient when the homeopathic remedy is not registered or on a "free list" (on the market before 1993 and until now not registered), is to tell the patients which remedy they need so that they can buy it abroad or on the internet for personal use. This is not a secure way to treat the patient. Karin Dutina and ECHAMP arranged the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nordic meeting for ECHAMP in Stockholm in October 2007. All parts of the Nordic market were invited to a discussion about the situation in the Nordic Countries and ECHAMPs management met with Swedish authorities.

## Switzerland

Dr. med. Barbara Bichsel, NVP

Next year there will be the vote on the initiative "Yes to Complementary Medicine," which has a real chance for acceptance. For more information see <http://www.ja-zur-komplementaermedizin.ch>. The same unsatisfactory situation exists in regard to CM therapies excluded from basic health insurance; only acupuncture is accepted, while the other CMs including homeopathy, anthroposophical medicine, neuraltherapy and phytotherapy are covered by private insurances. Many patients, especially those with chronic diseases, cannot obtain private insurance without an exclusion of their known diseases. Since the beginning of 2008 the criteria for acceptance by basic health insurance have

understanding regarding what a homeopathic remedy is and, consequently, to correctly promote research, education and fund raising; the international homeopathic community should be alert to the risk of the improper use of the homeopathic remedy as a "drug" in a conventional mode; there are too many improperly called homeopathic medicines around the world. A group is appointed to work on this paper until the next LMHI congress.

There were three days of pharmaceutical sections in the 63<sup>rd</sup> LMHI Congress, in Oostende, with practical and theoretical presentations. I want to thank the Organizing Committee of this congress, especially Michel Van Wassenhoven, Martine Goyens, Pieter Sollie and Jack Hendrickx, who made this wonderful program possible. I hope the next congresses will also offer such a rich exchange between homeopaths interested in homeopathic medicines. Tell your pharmacist friends about this new presentation in the LMHI congresses.

## Secretary for Public Relations

Dr. Sandra M. Chase (USA)

Duties defined:

My service in the office of Secretary for Public Relations is focused on the uninterrupted continued preparation of *the Liga Letter*.

Philosophical underpinnings

*The Liga Letter* serves the vital function of being the one tangible benefit of Liga Membership and the one direct link of the Executive to each individual Liga Member.

Organizational imperative:

My commitment remains to the direct providing of each issue of *the Liga Letter* to the individual Liga Member...

For the dissemination of organizational information,

For the facilitation of international communication,

For the engagement of each member,

For mutual support and to insure our medical discipline's rightful place in the world.

History of *the Liga Letter*

Initiated October 1995, mailed directly to members

Published semiannually 1996-2004

Published annually 2005 - present

Published regularly in Spanish, too, since Fall 2001

Goals for 2008-2009

Continue regular publication of *the Liga Letter*

130 word summary paragraph to be provided by NVP/Contact

Email of summary facilitates incorporation into *the Liga Letter*

Achieve two month turn around time

Schedule regular communication in publication process

## Secretary for Research (newly elected)

Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven (Belgium)

Since Puebla, the preparation of the 63<sup>rd</sup> LMHI congress, which was totally dedicated to research for Evidence Based Homeopathy (EBH), was a first priority.

Because the LMHI congresses are the "windows" of the LMHI to the world, the scientific quality of each congress is of essential importance.

The WHO document "Homeopathy: Overview and Analysis of Clinical Research" is not yet published and could be "forgotten." To avoid losing the advantages of this publication we ask each country to write a letter or to find some national authorities willing to write a letter asking for its prompt publication.

The contact person at the WHO will be Dr Margaret Chan - Director General World Health Organization - Avenue Appia 20 - CH - 1211 Geneva 27 - Switzerland

ABOUT DOCUMENT: Homeopathy: overview and analysis of clinical research

The WHO has taken no further action in regard to its *Guidelines for Quality Control for Safety of Homeopathic Products*. A working group will develop a much-needed



Badge of the LMHI Research Committee

good definition of the homeopathic product.

We represented the research subcommittees of the LMHI at the first EU Homeopathy Day in Brussels on 10 April 2008 entitled: Homeopathy for a Healthier Europe.

Today, 100 million European citizens use homeopathy in their everyday healthcare. Homeopathy plays an important role as part a healthy lifestyle, leading to healthier citizens all over Europe. It also plays an important role in health prevention. April 10 is World Homeopathy Day and indeed the birthday of Hahnemann. In two sessions our experts will discuss the evidence base for the effectiveness of homeopathy as well as the history and tradition of homeopathy in Europe.

### Secretary for Veterinary

*Dr. John Saxton, MB, BS, FFHom, MRCS, LRCP, DRCOG*

Veterinary homeopathy continues to be under attack in a number of countries, although in others it is accepted as a specialty. Also, the scale of homeopathic activity and dedicated veterinary training varies widely from country to country, ranging from nil to a number of specialist courses in particular countries. There are also a number of separate national qualifications. In the English speaking world, the training and qualification is essentially under the auspices of the Faculty of Homeopathy UK. In addition the Cert IAVH is used in a number of countries. The IAVH continues to develop into a broader based organization than previously. The impact of national and international regulations, both existing and projected, requires careful monitoring.

### Special Committees:

#### “Samuel Hahnemann” LMHI Library (Cordoba, Argentina)

*Dr. Cesar Cremonini, Coordinator*



*Dr. Jorge Bufa and Dr. Cesar Cremonini*

They received several publications in donation. Cataloguing and classification of thematic resources. Elaboration of Statistics of the offered services. Development of Inventory, updated Bibliographical Report and patrimonial Balance and to your disposition.

The institutional promotion through the disposition of Stand in seat of National and international Congresses; Diffusion of informative pamphlets referred to Areas and Activities of the Library.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Reprinting of the book *Symptoms characteristic of the Medical Matter for the Pocket*, of Dr. T. F. Allen (Published in 1894)

Reprinting of First Edition of the Organon, *Organon of the rational art of healing according to the laws of the Homeopatia*, (Samuel Hahnemann – 1913)

#### Project / Proposal:

At the present time we have deepened the work to the aims to materialize the challenge drawn up as it is: the translation of the *Second Edition of the Organon*. We propose, on the other hand, to the set of countries that compose Eastern Europe, the printing of the *Organon* in their mother language, previous delivery of the original one on the part of the country that therefore requires it. The costs of the same one will be in charge of the Foundation.

### Proving Committee

*Dr. Jacques Imberechts*



been changed and complex therapies are excluded, including homeopathy. The SVHA (Swiss Association of Homeopathic Physicians) and the Union of Association of Swiss Physicians for Complementary Medicine are demanding that the ELGK create criteria for these treatments.

### Turkey

*Dr. Altunay Soylemez Adaodlu, NVP*

The Ministry of Health still has not passed an act regulating Traditional and Complementary Alternative Medicine. Therefore, homeopathy is not legally recognized, but physicians preserve the right to treat their patients with all means, including the use of homeopathy. One of the main problems we battle is the inconvenience of the inaccessibility of homeopathic remedies and homeopathic text books in Turkish. The association has 90 members consisting of medical doctors, dentists, and veterinarians though only nine medical doctors and one veterinarian physician have completed their proper training and are full time practicing classical homeopaths. At this year's LHMI congress, which was held in Belgium, The Turkish Classical Homeopathy Association was accepted as a full member.

### Ukraine

*Dr. Oleksandr Petrovich Ivaniv, NVP*

Despite its 170-year history, homeopathy's development progresses slowly. The number of educated homeopaths decreases. Thanks to speeches in the mass media, a greater number of patients and doctors refer to homeopathy. But pharmacies cannot offer qualitative domestic mono- and complex

homeopathic medicines. Two dissertations on homeopathy and homeopathic pharmacy were defended. Fourteen seminars, two conferences, one Collegium, XII Hahnemann's Readings, and advanced training courses were conducted last year. The international cooperation on training and purchasing raw material for medicines continues. New publications of the Ukrainian homeopathic journals are published. Two books are being prepared for publication. A majority of homeopathic doctors work with complex remedies. The condition of homeopathy, despite all efforts of individual experts in nine regions out of twenty-seven, is poor.

#### United Kingdom

*Dr. Raymond Sevar, NVP*

The GMC recognizes the Faculty as the relevant organization to advise them on the homeopathic practice of doctors as it continues to work with the GMC to develop its role in appraising physicians for re-licensing. Faculty CPD counts toward those needed for revalidation. CPD activities over the past year included David Lilley's Seminar in London on the Gastro-Intestinal tract. Another highly-praised seminar was that of Massimo Mangialavori arranged by AdHom in the Glasgow Homeopathic Hospital. The Faculty was well represented at the Luzerne LIGA Congress and the Heidelberg Links Congress. Preparations are underway for our Congress in 2008 in Harrogate. Nine doctors passed the MFHom exam in 2007: Catherine Mary Bidwell, Elizabeth Cohen, Sue De Lacy, Elvire Feeney, Keriann Mah-Lee, Patricia Muirhead, Jennifer Sudder, Erna Schimpf-Burwell, and Kamani Wijeyesekera.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Kurt-Hermann Illing** (28. April 1925 – 12. July 2008)

*By Dr. Ulrich Fischer*

Dr. Illing studied medicine from 1946 until 1951 in Jena and Düsseldorf, Germany. Between 1960 and 1964 he settled down as homeopathic doctor, contracted by the public insurances. In 1964 he took over a homeopathic private practice in Kassel. Encouraged by his homeopathic teachers Jost Künzli, Pierre Schmidt, and Rudolf Flury he developed himself to be a real adept of the Organon and Materia Medica, prescribing also high potencies. From 1967 onwards he offered courses and seminars for homeopathic continuous education and worked as a teacher in the homeopathic training program for homeopathic MD's in the German Homeopathic Medical Association. Between 1982 and 1992 he had the first teaching assignment for homeopathic medicine at a German faculty for medicine. In April 1990, after the fall of the Berlin wall, he was the first one offering homeopathic courses in Eastern Germany. Besides many functions he carried out in the German Association of Homeopathic Medicine, the Presidency of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis was the highlight of the professional life of Dr. Illing. He was President of the Liga from 1982 – 1985, in a time where this world organization experienced important changes. Due to his always objective, down to earth and well-founded arguments he could prevent the break-up of the Liga. Being a devout Christian, he was a living example for Christian values. He will always be a shining example in his love towards homeopathy, in his modesty and humility as well as his magnificent achievements in all areas that are of importance in human life.

**Dr. Benita Limba** (1931 – 2008)

*By Board of LHA*



After a long illness, on 21 January 2008, doctor, neurologist, and homeopath, president of the Latvian Homeopathic Association, Benita Limba died at 77.

Benita Limba was born on April, 18, 1930. In 1958 she graduated from Riga Medical Institute. She worked at first in Kuldiga (Latvia), and then in Riga (Latvia's capital) as a neurologist. She studied homeopathy independently by reading literature that was difficult to access during Soviet control. Historically, the situation for the development of homeopathic practice in Latvia was favorable. There is one of the oldest homeopathic pharmacies in Riga, which was founded in 1833 by German homeopaths when Latvia was part of the Russian empire. But the homeopathy practiced in Latvia was complex: few remedies were prescribed simultaneously. Such practice was supported by Dr. Limba and her colleagues in the Soviet years, too, when the materialistic oriented leaders tried to declare homeopathy as quackery. In the years of Perestrojka in the USSR after Latvia became independent, Dr. Limba was the initiator of the foundation of the Latvian Homeopathic Association (LHA) in 1991. She was president of LHA till the last day of her life. From the beginning of the existence of LHA, Benita Limba organized an annual homeopathic course, which included around 30 hours of lectures with subsequent one-year of practice, after which doctors were certified in homeopathy as an additional medical specialty. She participated in the writing of the Constitution of the LHA and the initial documents governing regulation and legislation of the activity of Latvian homeopathic doctors.

**Dr. Toomas Kangur** (1925 – 2007)

*By Dr. Saima Tisler*

The whole membership of the Estonian Homeopathic Union commemorates in great grief its long-time president Dr. Toomas Kangur, who died on his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, 26 September 2007. Due to his energy and involvement, the Estonian Homeopathic Union was created. Dr. Toomas Kangur was born in Narva, a small town in northeastern Estonia on 26 September 1925. During the World War II, he was arrested by the political department of German Security Police and confined in a rehabilitation prison. Dr. Toomas Kangur has published his memories from these difficult days in 'Mighty and Dark Battery Prison' ('Võimas ja sünged Patarei'), which is a collection of memoirs by various authors. After the war, Kangur graduated from Tallinn Technical University and worked as an engineer. Subsequently, Kangur graduated from Tallinn Medical School with honours. Dr. Toomas Kangur was the first to organize and set up the EHU in Tallinn that dealt with the dosage of drugs in accordance with the doctrine of the famous doctor and teacher of homeopathy, Hahnemann. Until 2006, Dr. Kangur was the president of the EHU.



**64th Congress of the LMHI  
Homeopathy – Timeless Quality  
26-30 August 2009, Warsaw, Poland  
Palac Kultury I Nauki  
[www.lmhi2009.com](http://www.lmhi2009.com)**

The Polish Homeopathic Society, founded in 1892, is honored to organize the 64<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Liga medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis.

The Timeless Quality of Homoeopathy attracts all of us towards this method of healing. But what really is this quality? Is there indeed only one similimum for each of us? Or may be one for a time? When to repeat the remedy and when to hange it? There are so many important questions so differently answered by prominent homeopaths! The task for all of us, whose hearts are beating for homeopathy, is deep understanding of it, as foundation of using its timeless quality.

There will be an exceptional occasion not only to hear about homeopathy but also to debate on it during the 64<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Liga in Poland. Prof. E. Malarczyk the President of the Congress, Dr. Ewa Czerwinska the Chairman of the PTH, Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczyński LMHI-NVP for Poland invite you cordially to turn the 64<sup>th</sup> LMHI Congress into an one-more-step forward in the world of homeopathy.

*Prof. E. Malarczyk  
President of the Congress*

*Dr. Ewa Czerwinska  
Chairman of the PTH*

Abstracts deadline: January 31, 2009

Additionally there will be a chance after the Congress to visit wonderful Poland and to feel its nature!

For more information, please go to the website [www.lmhi2009.com](http://www.lmhi2009.com) or contact our organizing committee: [organisingcommittee@lmhi2009.com](mailto:organisingcommittee@lmhi2009.com)  
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Prof. E. Malarczyk, member of GIRI, and Prof. M. Molski, Polish scientists are in charge of the Scientific Committee of the Congress.

Confirmed lecturers such as Dr. Gloria Alcover, Dr. A. Dymek, Dr. A. Geukens, D. H. Pfeiffer, Dr. Gerhard Resch, Dr. Luc De Schepper, Dr. Tinus Smits, Dr. F. Swoboda, Drs. Sehgal and many distinguished Polish homeopaths will take the floor. Your voice and your experience in homeopathy will be an important and welcomed part of the congress!

**Program: (not exhaustive)**

The topics encompass the following:

Classical approach to homeopathic treatment based on *Materia Medica* with computer applied repertories, as well as relying on spontaneous patient's behavior

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

LMHI in the USA 2010 will occur in California, May 2010, marking the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organon and the exciting Odyssey of Homeopathy. The original 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of Hahnemann's Organon of Medicine, currently in the University of San Francisco Library, shall be in Los Angeles for viewing by participants. For more information see the announcement in this Liga Letter.

The American Institute of Homeopathy (AIH) continues its restoration of the century-plus old Hahnemann Monument in Washington, D.C. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint North American Homeopathic Conference, emphasizing World Homeopathic Awareness, occurred in April 2008. The AIH, the New York Homeopathic Medical Society, and the New York Medical College sponsored the conference, "Systems and Symbiosis: The Bowel Nosodes," October 2008, the first homeopathic medical conference for which official CME credit has been obtained.

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

There are two homeopathic Associations in Uruguay: The Association of Homeopathic Medicine of Uruguay (AMHU) and the Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical School of Uruguay (EMHHU). They carry out regular homeopathic courses for doctors and veterinarians of 3 years duration. They also hold a monthly symposium and provide polyclinic assistance



for low-income people. Homeopathy in Uruguay is developed mainly in the private environment. The Ministry of Public Health, although permitting doctors to prescribe homeopathic medicines, does not recognize homeopathy as a medical specialty. Homeopathic medicines are legally recognized by the sanitary authorities of the country. One of the objectives of our Associations is to have homeopathy recognized as a medical act and integrated into university teaching.

### Venezuela

*Dr. Paola Galasso, NVP*

We are discussing the approval of a syllabus at the UPEL, a national experimental university, for a diploma program in registered homeopathy. It has very solid bases as all the teaching staff are graduates of the medical homeopathic school pursuing their master's degree in education. We are convinced that the patient's wellbeing through homeopathy depends upon our efforts to improve health policies. The main contribution is knowledge for achieving social and academic transformation; therefore, our short-term goal is the presence of homeopathy in universities, a priceless tool in promoting the humanistic knowledge of medicine. We want to foster education and research to extend homeopathy toward social service and health care, and are thankful in advance for cooperation from Liga, so that together we can give homeopathy its deserved recognition.

during the examination – individual experiences, observations and conclusions of homeopathic doctors; Homeopathy in clinical approach; Homeopathy in pediatrics and neonatology; Obstacles for homeopathic medicines' effectiveness; Research in homeopathy: concerning homeopathy effects, within the scope of serology and clinic; summing up of its most essential part scientific hypotheses, within the scope of possible working mechanisms of homeopathic diluted substances scientific research results explaining biological bases of diseases; Homeopathic pharmacology; Homeopathy in dentistry; Homeopathy in veterinary medicine; The complementary nature of medical thinking

### Congress Fees:

Early payment: (until 31 December 2008)

€ 400 for LMHI Membes

€ 450 for non-members

Late payment (after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009):

€ 000 for LMHI Membes

€ 000 for non-members

At venue:

€ 000 for LMHI Membes

€ 000 for non-members

One day Ticket: € 000



*Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczynski  
LMHI National Vice President  
for Poland*

### Methods of Payment:

Please transfer the registration fee by bank transfer. For other methods of payment, go to: [www.lmhi2009.com](http://www.lmhi2009.com)

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The Congress will be held between 26-30 August 2009 in the Palace of Culture and Science [www.pkin.pl](http://www.pkin.pl) in the center of Warsaw very close to the train and bus station and many hotels are located nearby.

Nature of Poland . . . lies between East and West

What really matters is the passion of people who can live in harmony with nature. Small example is Jelinowski Homeopathic Laboratory with its valuable and uncommon remedies.

Want to enjoy Polish Nature? Come to the 64<sup>th</sup> LMHI Congress! After the Congress there will be a chance to visit Poland's beautiful countryside.

And in the meanwhile, to arouse your eagerness, watch the series "The Saga of the Ancient Forest"—new dimension of nature films, you have never seen Poland's Nature shown with its passion...



*Forest nature reserve Grady nad Moszczenica, Poland*

**LMHI DIRECTORY**



**The 65<sup>th</sup> Congress  
of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis  
2010: A Homeopathic Odyssey  
Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organon of Medicine  
Redondo Beach, California USA  
May 18-22, 2010**

The main theme for the 65<sup>th</sup> LIGA Congress is **2010: A Homeopathic Odyssey** which draws from the famous epic poem of Homer in the sense that Odysseus must undergo many trials and tribulations in order to obtain his triumphs—so with homeopathy. There are few sciences that have had to endure such tremendous ordeals as homeopathic medicine. However, there is another reason why this theme was chosen, which centers more on the place where this Congress will be held—California, Redondo Beach in the Los Angeles area and the international home of movie entertainment. There was a famous movie called **2001: A Space Odyssey** and a sequel done with the year **2010**. This “play on words” again has a theme of tests and challenges, but also a sense of the **Future** and the exploration of the unknown knowledge in this universal, harmonious and natural approach to medicine.

A sub-theme is that of celebrating the **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organon of Medicine** written by Samuel Hahnemann. This, of course, has a sense of the **Past**. In other words, this 65<sup>th</sup> Congress wants to honor the past and emphasize the marvelous ideals of Hahnemann, but also simultaneously emphasized the **Present and Future**. Of course, Truth is timeless, but as the old Hispanic saying goes: “La Verdad no se casa con Nadie” or **Truth is not married to anyone**. One must hold to your ideals until a legitimate truth requires one to have the courage and wisdom to change. The original *Organon*, Sixth Edition, with Hahnemann’s handwriting, is presently in San Francisco in the University and will, hopefully, be transferred to the Los Angeles area for this special 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



*Crowne Plaza, site of 65<sup>th</sup> LMHI Congress*

The Snake Remedies; Evidence Based Homeopathy; Proving; Veterinary and Dentistry Homeopathy, and Open Topics.

Speakers who have been invited, but not all confirmed: Carlos Campora [Argentina], Anton Rohrer [Austria], Andre Saine [Canada], Josef Schmidt [Germany], Didier Grandgeorge [France], Sadhna Thakkar [India], Farokh Master [India], Roberto Petrucci [Italy] Klaus von Ammon [Switzerland], Peter Fisher [United Kingdom], Iris Bell [USA], Roger Morrison [USA], Richard Moskowitz [USA] Todd Rowe [USA], and others.

The Congress will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, which has a beautiful view of the ocean with bike paths for miles along one of the most majestic beaches in the world. The weather is warm, moderate and sunny for which Southern California is famous. It is strategically located only 5 miles from the International Los Angeles Airport and has a hotel shuttle, which usually takes about 20 minutes. Disneyland is a few minutes away and, of course, the world famous movie studio tours, art, music, theatre, museums, entertainments, *etc.*, for which this area is well known.

Please come, learn, enjoy and be empowered by this homeopathic adventure. For registration, information on admission of abstracts, *etc.*, please go to the Website: **LIGA2010.ORG**. Wishing you all the very best.

Other special topics will include:  
Miasms: What Evidence in Modern Medicine; Treatment of Cancer and Autoimmune Diseases. Pediatrics and Immunization Studies; Materia Medica:

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**67<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
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**68<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
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