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RIODEJANEIRO, BRAZIL

National Vice President Reports

ARGENTINA

Dr. Silvia C. Mercado, NVP

The Argentinian senate is studying a draft bill on regulation of medicines not included in the conventional medical system. The main homeopathic institutions were consulted, and we had representatives in the first debate. In this regard, there is no news at this moment.

The Center for Hahnemannian Homeopathic Medical Studies from Cordoba will celebrate its first 40 years teaching our medical art, and will give a seminar ("Advancements in Homeopathy") from 18 to 20 September.

The main homeopathic organizations are categorised in the Federation of Argentinian Homeopathic Medical Associations. Their members can get a register, which gives credit to be a Hahnemannian homeopath.

We have two scientific magazines: "Homeopathy" (by AMHA) and "Acta Homoeopathica Argentinensia" (by EMHA), and one publicly available magazine:

"Homeopathy for everyone" (by AMHA).

From 24 to 27 August 2016, Argentina will host the 71st LMHI Congress in Buenos Aires City.



AUSTRIA

Dr. Claudia Garn, NVP

The Higher Administrative Court confirms homeopathy to be legal for medical practitioners only. In 2013 380 (ÖGHM) / 90 (ÄKH) Austrian Medical Doctors hold an additional diploma in Homeopathy and are members of a homeopathic association. About 150 (ÖGHM) / 47 (ÄKH) MDs, medical students, pharmacists and veterinarians are regularly following the basic educational program. Austrian patients consider homeopathy a very popular method of cure. Still there are heavy attacks against homeopathy in public media and repeatedly events against homeopathy are organized by Sceptics. Both associations ÖGHM and ÄKH answer critically and a common PR – campaign for Homeopathy is being planned and worked on. The initiative "Homeopathy helps" for a better cooperation between conventional medicine and homeopathy spreads information via the patient association VHG, homepages and presentations. The Peithner Award in 2013 went to Jörg Hildebrandt for "Vergleichbarkeit von Arzneimittelselbsterfahrungen".



ARMENIA

Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtzyan, NVP

As we indicated in our last-year report Dr. Pfeiffer's seminar called "Neurological disorders in children" was held in Yerevan in autumn 2013. Many homeopaths from Armenia, Germany, Russia participated in the event. This year as usual we attended different seminars in Germany (Dr. Pareek), Italy (Dr. Spinedi).

Sabine Zimmermann was in Yerevan on her regular visit this year in spring to conduct a five-day seminar for the Armenian homeopaths. Homeopathy tends to gain high interest in the Armenian society, which is testified by numerous invitations to take part in medical programs on different TV channels. Several of these programs featured Mariam Gharabaghtzyan and had wide resonance.

This autumn we look forward to the traditional visit of Dr. Pfeiffer with his seminar in Yerevan.

On April 30 - May 3, 2015, the International Homeopathic Congress will take place in Yerevan which is already the 5th one in Armenia.

We are hopeful that it will be as interesting and productive as the previous ones.

We have the pleasure to invite all those who are interested to attend the event and look forward to welcoming them in Yerevan.



BANGLADESH

Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, NC

The year 2015 is very important for the homeopathic development of Bangladesh. Specially the arrival of LMHI President Dr. Renzo Galassi & Treasurer Dr. Altunay Agaoglu along side the 4th International Homeopathic Scientific Conference organized by CASH (6th Feb, 2015. Dhaka) helped Bangladesh to reach in a higher standard in Homeopathy. The President and the treasurer also attended a get together meeting with all the Bangladesh homeopathic organizations and also Bangladesh Homeopathy Board Chairman which was organized by Dr. Rezaur Rahman Homeopathic Foundation (DRRHF). This is the first time in the history of Bangladesh that 108 BHMS (Bachelor of Homeopathy Medicine & Surgery) doctors have been appointed as the Medical Officers in Public (Govt.) Medical Hospitals. To give medical treatment in a very cheap way to the general people, 6 more Homeopathy Medical College & hospital has been established. The Organizations of Homeopathy in Bangladesh celebrated 50 years of the approval of DHMS (Diploma in Homeopathy Medicine & Surgery) course in 2015. To make LMHI famous in Bangladesh, the Homeo Darpan Newspaper has agreed to publish the Liga News.



Your Liga Link

The National Vice President

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

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

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

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

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

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LMHI Statutes

BELGIUM

Dr Philippe Devos, NVP

The Royal Decree about the practice of Homeopathy in Belgium was signed on 26-03-2014.

It was published in the Belgian Gazette (*Moniteur Belge*) on 12-05-2014, and became effective on 22-05-2014.

From that date, **only medical doctors, dentists and midwives are entitled to practice homeopathy; dentists and midwives** only within their competence.

From that date, the medical doctors could ask to the government **to be registered as doctors-homeopaths**. This could be done until 12/11/2014. Since 11 October 2014 there is a **new Government in Belgium** and also a **new Minister of Public Health** (Maggie De Block)

The application of this Royal Decree is in stand-by for the moment.

Indeed, some group of doctors have asked to the Council of State to cancel this Royal Decree. The Unio Homoeopathica Belgica, with the help of its lawyer, has been jumping in to bring arguments in favor of this Royal Decree, helping in such the Belgian State. So, we have to wait for about a year to see what happens. We think that those groups have no chance to succeed in their demand. Let's be patient.



BRAZIL

Dr. Francisco Vargas de Oliveira, NVP

Since 1980, the Homeopathy is recognized in Medicine legally in Brazil by their respective government representatives.

Since 1988, The Homeopath is recognized as a medical specialty by CFM (Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine)

Since 1988, also, we have a Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association, Institution that represents all Homeopathic Doctors in Brazil.

During the subsequent years, in the same way, the Pharmacy, Veterinary, and more recently had being obtained the recognition for Dentistry, which in a very near future will also conquer the specialty in its area. Brazil is a country of great continental dimension, which makes it easy the economic part, but makes it difficult at the transport and communication. In spite of Homeopathy is a medical specialty since 1988, there are still few courses that offer homeopathy at the medical graduation. On the other hand, there are currently two hospitals offering Medical Residence in Homeopathy. What is part of our conquests! All this recognized by AMHA (Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association), holding a council of training entities, which discusses and determines a minimum curriculum for all schools, and require annual proof to approve and give titling for new homeopaths.



LMHI Governance Meetings 2015

Actions of the Executive Committee (EC) and
of the International Council (IC)
Rio De Janeiro, 25-29 Aug 2015



IC Meeting



EC Meeting

BULGARIA

Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP

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CANADA

Prof. Bhupinder Sharma, MD (Hom.), NC

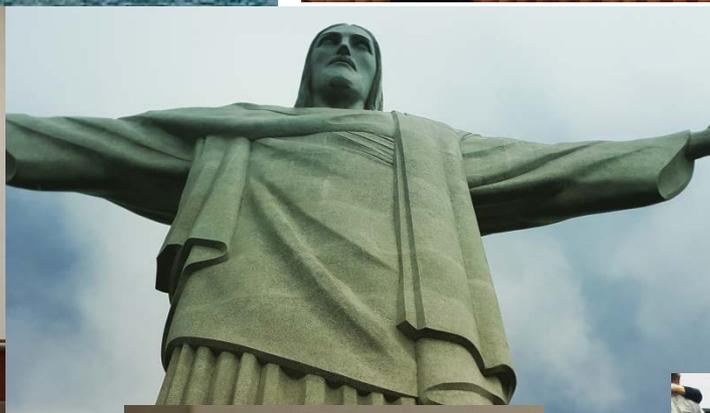
On April 1, 2015, Ontario became the first province in Canada to legally regulate Homeopathy when the Homeopathy Act 2007 came into effect. This sets out the terms for establishing homeopathy as one of 28 self-regulated health professions in Ontario. It implies that from April 1, 2015 onwards only those who are registered with the College can use the title "Homeopath." The criteria to get registered to the college is mainly through Individual Assessment Exam based on the competency profile for entry to practice homeopaths in Ontario. The registered homeopaths will henceforth come under the purview of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 and are accountable to the College of Homeopaths of Ontario to provide safe, competent and ethical practice.

An interesting feature of this development is that it is global regulation and any qualified homeopath from any part of the world can become registered homeopath of Ontario by meeting the entry requirements of the college. A move for amalgamation or forming a coalition with more than 16 provincial/federal homeopathic associations into one national Homeopathic Association in Canada have been mooted recently from to create a single united voice for homeopathy in Canada. For more information please visit the college website at : www.collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca





Rio Othon Palace



CHILE

Dr. Ewald Finsterbusch, NC

Although homeopathy is legally approved by the Health Ministry, the number of homeopathic physicians is still low. They work mostly independently and there are no important associations. Medications, produced by four laboratories, are available in several pharmacies in all major cities. Most prescriptions are made "over the counter" by pharmacists or their assistants. Regulations allow both MDs and non MDs to practice homeopathy. The situation is confusing, as patients are not aware of the difference, which depends on therapeutic success. Some private universities offer courses as a part of the curriculum of the Natural Health Practitioner's degree, but there is no homeopathic teaching at regular medical schools. Despite these facts, Chilean society is increasingly becoming open minded towards alternative therapies.



CHINA

Dr. Steve A. Xue, NVP

With the dedication of a few homeopathic association members, we achieved the following: Publication of the first homeopathic materia medica in Chinese. Dr. Steve A. Xue was the chief editor of the book. Representing Liga-China, he conducted a round-table meeting with administrators of Shanghai Chinese Medicine University (SCMU), showing the necessity of establishing a research institute on comparative studies of homeopathy and classical Chinese medicine. With technical support from LMHI Dr. Fruzsina Gabor, the Chair of Pharmacy Committee, we completed the translation of Kent's Repertory and began the translation of Boenninghausen's Repertory and Materia Medica. An introductory seminar about homeopathic history and principles was conducted at a large health-training center near SCMU. We developed a proposal to build an international natural medicine museum in Mount Wu Yi, to include homeopathy.



69th Congress of the
Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

Minutes of the
International Council (IC) Meeting 2014

In Paris, France

Place: Palais des Congrès, 2 Place de la Porte Maillot, 75017 Paris, France

Time: **Tuesday, July 15th 2014, 09.00 a.m. - 08.00. p.m.**

Participants:

Executive Committee:

President: Dr Renzo Galassi, Italy
Immediate Past President: Dr José Matuk Kanan, México
Prime Vice-President: Dr Alok Pareek, India
Treasurer: Dr Yves Faingnaert, Belgium
General Secretary: Dr Jelka Milić, Croatia
Secretary for Archives: Prof. Dr Martin Dinges, Germany
Secretary for Dentistry: Dr Gloria Feighelstein, Brazil
Secretary for Education: Dr Gustavo Cataldi, Argentina
Secretary for Pharmacy: MPharm. Amarilys Toledo César, Brazil
Secretary for Research: Dr Raj Kumar Manchanda, India

Special Committees:

Samuel Hahnemann Library Foundation: Dr Cesar L. Cremonini, Argentina
Committee for Provinces: Prof. Dr Ashley Ross, South Africa

LMHI Secretary:

Ms. Evin Turkyay, Turkey



National Vice-Presidents (NVP), National Contact Persons (NC), LMHI Working Groups Members & Guests:

Armenia:	Dr Mariam Gharabaghtsyan (NVP)
Argentina:	Dr Silvia Cristina Mercado (NVP), Dr Rafael Munoz (Samuel Hahnemann Library Foundation)
Austria:	Dr Claudia Garn (NVP)
Bangladesh:	Dr Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman (NC), Dr Mohammad Kamaruzzaman (Gen. Secretary HMCTS, Bangladesh)
Belgium:	Dr Philippe Devos (NVP)
Brazil:	Dr Francisco Vargas de Oliveria Villela (NVP)
Bulgaria:	Dr Dora Pachova (NVP, Member of the Education Working Group)
Croatia:	Dr Jelka Milić (NC by proxy)
European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH):	Dr Helene Renoux (ECH General Secretary), Dr Thomas Peinbauer (ECH President)
Estonia:	Dr Saima Tisler (NVP)
France:	Dr Philippe Servais (NVP), Dr Yves Maille (Member of the Education Working Group)
Georgia:	Dr Katevan Shavgulidze (NVP)
Germany:	Dr Cornelia Bajić (NVP)
India:	Dr S.P.S. Bakshi (NVP), Dr Sandeep Kaila (Secretary), Dr N. Srinivasa Rao (Member of the PR Working Group), Dr Aditya Pareek (LMHI Website)
Italy:	Dr Francesco Marino (NVP)
Iran:	Dr Marziyeh Shenavar (NVP)
Japan:	Dr Ronko Itamura (NVP)
Latvia:	Dr Inese Joksta (NVP)
Luxembourg:	Dr Levent Buda (NC)
Mexico:	Dr Antonio Sánchez Caballero (NVP), Dr Antonio Sanchez Carballo (President de Homeopatia de Mexico A.C.)
Netherlands:	Dr Hetty Buitelaar (NVP)
Poland:	Dr Tomasz Kokoszczyński (NVP)
Romania:	Dr Atena Ioana Antonescu (NVP)
Russia:	Dr Nikolay Zamarenov (NVP by proxy)
South Africa:	Dr Danny Pillay (NVP)
Spain:	Dr Antonio Marqués Arpa (NVP)
Switzerland:	Dr Franziska Bläuer (NVP)
Turkey:	Dr Altunay Agaoglu (NVP)
UK:	Dr Russell Malcolm (Faculty of Homeopathy)
USA:	Dr Todd Hoover (NVP)

Agenda:

LMHI President's opening

LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi opens the meeting at 9.27 am welcoming all participants.

Minute of silence for the colleagues who passed away since the last congress

LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi reads the names of the colleagues who passed away since the last LMHI Congress in Quito 2013: Dr Katarina Velikonja (Slovenia), Dr Fernando Flores Villalva (Ecuador), Dr Mahiuddin Ahmed (Bangladesh), Dr Soares Carneiro Izao (Brazil), and Dr Proceso Sanchez Ortega's wife, Sra. Rebeca (born Caballero Cuevas).

Welcome of the LMHI 69th congress organizers

LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi gives the word to Dr Philippe Servais, the President of the 69th LMHI Congress. Dr Servais thanks to everybody who came to the Congress shortly describing the hard work and preparation for the Congress hoping the Congress will at the end be very good souvenir for all participants.

Short meeting of the countries of the same continent

Representatives of the countries of the same continent gather together for the short discussion about important and problematic issues in their regions. Following are the reports of the moderators:

Dr Raj K. Manchanda (Armenia, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Turkey):

"We had very good meeting. We have been discussing how LMHI can help to our countries: LMHI President could send a letter to the Ministry of Health of each country with the request to put homeopathy into right place in each of those countries. Education: there is a need to raise a level of the homeopathic education in some countries. In India, Pakistan and Bangladesh there are university courses and there is a need for the university level of homeopathic education in Iran, Armenia, and Turkey. We have document about it at the web pages of Indian Government, and I have copy of it here with me to give you the idea how to improve homeopathy. We have to write extensively to the Ministry of Health of Japan, Armenia, Turkey etc. to show them our plan for the development of homeopathy. Recently in India we also have a problem with the sceptics who try to scatter homeopathy. We must have a sound body of research. Politic movement protecting homeopathy inside the country must continue. We are worried regarding the letters of the sceptics." Dr Renzo Galassi thanks to Dr Raj K. Manchanda.

Dr Gloria Feighelstein (Latin America):

"The main problem is that contemporary young people and students are much different than when we were young, the world is changing. In Latin America we have big economic and financial crisis, everything is difficult. There are lot of postgraduate students, but there is a demand for specialties which brings more income, not for homeopathy. It is not easy for us homeopathic doctors to survive, but we must find a way to bring homeopathy into society. What is missing in homeopathic communities? Homeopathic societies must be strong, members must be united. We must act fast and homeopathy needs time. Then we also have a problem that members of the Working group didn't meet and work last year except that one colleague offered a homeopathic seminar for free to the younger colleagues." Dr Renzo Galassi thanks to Dr Gloria Feighelstein.

Dr Todd Hoover (North America):

"Listening to all these problems, I have to say they are looking similar. One of these problems is the position of homeopathic physicians; less and less young colleagues come for homeopathic courses. Then there is a new law in California, it is now possible to prosecute manufacturer for some homeopathic product. Heel was prosecuted. It is a significant threat in USA. Then, the other problem is the clarification of the role of the NVP in LMHI. We have national membership to foster communication among members, to help resolve local problems in the country. So in LMHI we have to develop the product which we will bring back to our countries – the description of the LMHI's job at the international level in order to promote homeopathy. The last, we have promoted comradeship, we have created electronic interface among members, so colleagues exchange experiences and problems among themselves and it helps a lot. Dr Srinivasa Rao (India) comments: "Every country has its specifics; people are paranoid when we speak about product. NGO is a way to approach to the governments."

Dr Renzo Galassi thanks to Dr Todd Hoover.

Dr Danny Pillay (South Africa):

"In SA, homeopathy is regulated by an Act of the SA Parliament (act 63 of 1982). A statutory council was formed in terms of this act to register and regulate homeopaths and other CAM practitioners. The Council formed in terms of this act, is the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa. (AHPCSA) Any person wishing to practice any of the CAM professions in South Africa must first be registered with the AHPCSA.

CAM is only utilized in the private sector. 18% of the population has private health care and it is this sector that mainly accesses CAM practitioners. Depending on the medical aid providers and schemes offered, homeopathic services are reimbursed by the private health care sector

In 2013 the medicines act was amended to include CAM medicines. The act previously only regulated allopathic medicine. In essence CAM medicines will now be regulated and recognized as medicines under a separate category under this same act.

We have over 600 homeopaths, registered with The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa. The Durban University of Technology and the University of Johannesburg offer undergraduate homeopathic education. It is a five-year full time Masters Degree.

The problem we face is that we are not recognized by the public health sector and would like to become part of National Health.

Southern African countries that are our neighbouring states have few registered homeopaths. In Namibia there are 8 homeopaths. Namibia is following the SA model of education. Botswana has 4 homeopaths, Zimbabwe will also follow SA mode. This region usually takes the lead from South African legislation." Dr Renzo Galassi thanks to Dr Danny Pillay suggesting to try to gather other countries in Africa and ponder over what the LMHI can do for the African continent.

Dr Russell Malcolm (European countries):

"In Romania there is a growth of membership, in some countries there are fewer members as the consequence of financial crisis. In Poland there are a lot of sceptics. There is a great diversity of the needs of different LMHI member countries for the solidarity and political support from LMHI. LMHI could support specific progress of small national organisations through the work of the Working groups, sharing of expertise, division of labour. To keep all these components, to keep presence in the media and all other activities, every task is a challenge for the small organisation. Organisational structure of the ECH and LMHI is such that they could act as the umbrella organization with the well-developed platform for actions." Dr Renzo Galassi: "We hope that in the following years the LMHI will act as the umbrella organisation for many national associations. The LMHI has different activities: research, education, we collaborate with the European country members, but I also wait for some concrete suggestion from their side. We wait for their ideas for managing LMHI; we have all together to manage LMHI. Do you want that continent representatives meet with the LMHI office bearers during the congress?" Dr Claudia Garn (NVP, Austria): "There is the impression that some European LMHI country members pay to the LMHI more than other LMHI country members. Although Austrian GDP is among high ones, we pay 50 Euros of membership fee for ECH and LMHI altogether, so we think it is not fair that some countries have many members and pay a lot and some other countries have also a lot of members and pay less." Dr Renzo Galassi: "The LMHI treasurer will present today a new membership fee system, from today on, everything will change, there will be no more possibility that some countries pay and others not. It is not fair that some countries support the LMHI with their shoulders. Today we have prepared the list of country members with and without voting rights, but I want to say you that today everybody will be granted voting rights; and from today on, everything will be changed."

President Dr Renzo Galassi is slightly changing now the order of the original Agenda shifting immediately to the point **25 of this Agenda (Resignation of Secretary for PR Dr Sara Eames and Election of the New Secretary for PR)** with the explanation that he wants firstly to complete the LMHI Executive Committee Board. Dr Renzo Galassi continues explaining to the participants the reasons of the withdrawal of Dr Sara Eames, UK from her post saying that LMHI Executive Committee received only one application for this free post and that is the application from Dr Antonio Marques Arpa from Tenerife, Spain. Dr Franziska Blauer (NVP, Switzerland): "I am against; I think this is not a democratic process because the invitation for this post was not publicly announced beforehand." Dr Renzo Galassi: "It was publicly announced but we have received only one application". Prof. Dr Martin Dinges (Secretary for Archives): "Maybe we should hear the applicant and his working programme so we can decide easily". Renzo Galassi gives then word to Dr Antonio Marques Arpa. Dr Antonio Marques Arpa: "I think that the most important thing is to work as a team. If I will be elected to this post, I will promote the team work inside the PR Secretary as well as inside the PR Working Group. There are 30 homeopathic organisations in Spain, they split up 7 years ago. I was involved in the work of creation of the document "Topics about/against homeopathy". We have a big problem with sceptics in Spain. During the last International Homeopathy Day (2014), President Renzo Galassi visited the University in Tenerife and the Parliament too and we have talked about medical homeopathy. We have to learn English, to study Materia Medica, but we have also to fight against sceptics. So we have to continue to work and create the most update version of the document "Topics about/against homeopathy" which will help not only Spain, but all countries in the world. We have to work very hard.

I think that the future of the LMHI belongs to the quality work in the Working groups. It is not important if I am PR Secretary or not, but the LMHI future is important and the future belongs to the LMHI Working Groups. Elections are open, so if someone thinks this is not democratic process, I am ready to give up immediately, so that other candidates can apply too. But if I will be elected for this post, there is one condition and that is that PR Working group must exist, and must work and must gather colleagues from all continents. Besides, I want to invite young colleagues. The future belongs to young people. How many colleagues 25 years old and younger we have here? We have to work toward and with young colleagues. Together with the LMHI NVPs we have to work to include younger colleagues into LMHI's work. And then also, the very important thing is the work with media. Maybe Dr Sara Eames could help us with this kind of work. The other important issues are to increase LMHI activities and membership. In Spain we also promote the work of the associations gathering patients and friends of homeopathy. I think this is enough." Dr Renzo Galassi: "Antonio has lot of ideas, he is like a volcano, and I saw him in Spain and I felt his capacity for work. And about democratic process – it is not democratic when you have no response from other people..." Dr Gustavo Cataldi (Secretary for Education): "Why is this not democratic, we will vote now?" Dr Renzo Galassi then invites for the voting. After the voting process by raising the hands, which showed 1 vote against (NVP Switzerland), 0 votes abstained, and all others in favour, Dr Renzo Galassi declared that Dr Antonio Marques Arpa is elected new Secretary for PR with one vote against. He then continues congratulating to Dr Antonio Marques Arpa saying he is open for the future LMHI work.

Approval of the Minutes of the International Council Meeting in Quito/Ecuador 2013 (attached to this Minutes)

Minutes have been sent by electronic post to all the IC Members beforehand. After short discussion, correction of small errors and voting, the document is approved unanimously.

Reports of the LMHI Executive officers (attached to this Minutes)

Reports have been sent by electronic post to all International Council Members beforehand. Besides that, Executive officers are reading their reports to the participants. After short discussion and voting, all reports are approved unanimously. Three (3) IC Meeting Participants (Dr Philippe Devos, Dr Franziska Blauer and Dr Raj Manchanda) signed the financial report for validation.

Reports of the LMHI Secretaries for Archives, Dentistry, Education, Newsletter, Pharmacy, Public Relations, Research and Special Committee for Provinces and Samuel Hahnemann Library Foundation (reports attached to this Minutes)

The Reports have been sent by electronic post to all the IC Members beforehand. Besides that, Secretaries and Chairperson of the Special Committees are reading their reports to the participants, except Dr Sara Eames who resigned from her post before Paris IC Meeting and Dr Richard Hiltner who is absent because of the problem with his passport. After short discussion and voting, all presented reports are approved unanimously.

LMHI Membership fee proposal (the final version attached to this Minutes)

The LMHI Treasurer Dr Yves Faingnaert presented the proposal for the future LMHI Membership fee. After the short discussion and suggestions, Dr Renzo Galassi proposed to include suggestions into the current proposal which should be then sent to all the LMHI Member Countries for on line voting. This has been done until December 2014. The final version of the LMHI Membership fee proposal has been accepted by majority of the LMHI Member Countries through on line voting and shall start to be implemented from January the 1st 2015.

LMHI Working Groups – state of the affairs (Agenda of the Working Group Meetings attached to this Minutes)

The LMHI Vice President Dr Alok Pareek invites all Working Groups Coordinators and Working Group Members for the Working Group Meetings which will be held tomorrow, presenting to all the Agenda for the Meetings.

New Working Group on Solidarity and Cooperation

The LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi presents the idea and objective of the establishment of this new Working Group. After the short discussion and voting, the proposal is adopted unanimously.

LMHI congress 2013 in Quito / Ecuador – review

As Ecuador NVP is absent, this point of the Agenda is skipped.

LMHI Congresses: 2022, 2023, 2024 - a state of affairs and new applications

New applications: 2022: Bangladesh; 2023: Romania; 2024: India

After short discussions and voting, all proposals are approved unanimously. After that, Bangladesh NVP shortly presents to the participants why they shouldn't miss the LMHI Congress in Bangladesh 2022.

International Homeopathy Day (IHD) 2014 in Spain - review and IHD application for 2015

IHD 2014 in Spain: "The International Day celebrated on the 10th of April in Spain was a very important institutional success and also a success in participation. It was specially addressed to doctors (to get more collaboration and commitment) in order to progress and obtain more official regulation. Throughout this day and during the previous week and the following days, activities were carried out in twenty two districts, and about thirty acts, by twenty medical, pharmaceutical and veterinary associations. Moreover, twelve departments collaborated in the Medical Colleges and the program was spread to ten Autonomous Communities. The activities carried out with the international representatives were in Seville, Barcelona, Madrid and Tenerife." For more information about this event, the reader can find in the Liga News section at the LMHI web site. IHD 2015 Applications: no candidates for the central joint LMHI celebration. President Dr Renzo Galassi proposes to extend the call for the IHD 2015 application until December 2014. Only one country applied until December 2014: The Republic of Cuba.

LMHI Procedures: state of affairs, amendments to the LMHI Procedures (attached to this Minutes)

The LMHI General Secretary Dr Jelka Milic presents the new Amendments to the LMHI Procedures document made by the LMHI Executive Committee members. After a short discussion and comments received from the participants, it is decided by majority of the votes to include some of the new comments into existing document and to send the new document draft to all the LMHI IC Members for further on line discussion and on line voting. Online discussion was successfully done until December 2014, but not also the on line voting, so the updated version of this document will be present at the next LMHI IC Meeting at the occasion of the LMHI congress in Rio de Janeiro 2015.

Amendments to the LMHI Congress organisational guidelines (COG) (attached to this Minutes)

The LMHI Past President Dr Jose Matuk presents the new amendments to the COG. After the short discussion and voting, the new COG document is adopted with two (2) abstentions, no votes against and all other in favour. In addition to the COG, Dr Renzo Galassi suggests to not organize the future LMHI congresses at luxurious places under the high prices, because "we want to share ideas and not luxury", continuing "we didn't put that into COG but we do suggest it".

LMHI Office in Izmir: state of affairs

“The LMHI office was successfully moved from Berlin to Izmir where we currently have a new assistant which has fulfilled its functions in great shape.” These were the words of the LMHI Past President Dr Jose Matuk. The LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi then introduces to the participants the LMHI new Secretary Ms. Evin Turkyay saying that our Secretariat is indeed in good hands (applause), continuing that running of the LMHI office in Izmir will cost less but with the same good work quality.

LMHI Website: state of affairs

In order to decrease high costs of managing the LMHI website, the LMHI Executive Committee brought the decision to move the LMHI Websites to servers in India. Dr Aditya Pareek presents the work on the current construction of the new website (applause), asking for more ideas and suggestions to be sent directly to him. The completion of the new website is expecting in the following months.

Definition of the homeopathic remedy – presentation by the Secretary for Pharmacy – Dr Amarilys de Toledo Cesar (attached to the Minutes)

LMHI Secretary for Pharmacy Dr Amarilys de Toledo Cesar informs participants that she will send to everyone the document after tomorrow’s meeting of the Pharmacy Working Group proposing to vote about it the next year. She also stresses that there are about 100 pharmacists from Brazil as LMHI members at the moment, inviting also colleagues from other countries to join LMHI Pharmacy Working Group and LMHI.

LMHI Guidelines for a Homeopathic drug proving (HDP) – state of affairs by the Chairperson of the Committee for Proving (attached to this Minutes)

Chairperson of the LMHI Committee for Proving, Prof. Dr Ashley Ross presents the work around the homeopathic proving. The report is available with the other documents in the attachment under the point No. 8 of this Agenda. Homeopathic Proving Guidelines 2014 document harmonized by LMHI and ECH one can find at the appropriate section of the LMHI website.

LMHI Guidelines for Clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms - state of affairs by the Secretary for Research (attached to this Minutes)

The LMHI Secretary for Research Dr Raj K. Manchanda presents the work on clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms; the details are included into the LMHI Secretary for Research Report together with the other documents in the attachment under the point No. 8 of this Agenda.

LMHI Accredited Schools: state of affairs (the LMHI Accreditation regulations and the LMHI Diploma regulations documents attached to this Minutes)

The LMHI Secretary for Education Dr Gustavo Cataldi elaborated this topic together with his annual report (No. 8 of this Agenda). Presented documents –the LMHI Accreditation regulations and the LMHI Diploma Regulations were adopted unanimously.

LMHI - ECH cooperation / Working Group

After the short discussion, the proposal arose to communicate objectives as well as to propose possible members of this working group by e-mail communication after Paris congress.

LMHI new membership applications

Dr Helene Renoux – the ECH General Secretary expresses the wish of the ECH for the official collaboration and communication with the LMHI, so the ECH would like to apply for the associate LMHI membership. There is the idea of the ECH to organize the ECH congress every second year, especially when the LMHI congress is organized far away from Europe that particular year. The request of the ECH for the LMHI associate membership is accepted unanimously.

Reports of the National Vice Presidents

The Reports circulated by electronic post among all the IC Members beforehand. After the construction work of the new LMHI website will be finished, the reports will be uploaded to the member section for the further reading and studying for all interested LMHI members.

Proposal for the LMHI President of honour – Dr Ulrich Fischer

Dr Renzo Galassi presents the LMHI Executive Committee proposal for the LMHI President of Honour – Dr Ulrich Fischer. Dr Ulrich D. Fischer introduced new management system of the LMHI; he moulded new structure of LMHI as a modern medical world organization. He contributed to the development of the new LMHI web pages; he visited 23 countries securing political support of LMHI to the countries in need for it, every time supporting it with his inspiring and knowledgeable lectures about homeopathy. The most important travels were to India, Russia, Nepal and Thailand. He participated also at the IHD 2010 in Slovenia and 2011 in Croatia and undertook many more other activities. After the voting, the proposal was accepted unanimously.

Miscellaneous

The LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi in the presence of the LMHI Treasurer Dr Yves Faingnaert announces stepping down of Dr Yves Faingnaert from the post of the LMHI Treasurer. Dr Yves Faingnaert withdrew just recently from his post because of personal and family reasons. Dr Renzo Galassi continued saying that this sad news struck the LMHI Executives who had to react fast finding the new person willing to take this responsible task of managing the LMHI finances *ad interim* until voting on the occasion of the next elections in Buenos Aires 2016. Taking into consideration that the LMHI new office moved to Izmir, the best logistical option was to nominate Turkey’s LMHI NVP and President of the Turkish Homeopathic Society, Dr Altunay Agaoglu. Dr Renzo Galassi continued saying that he personally visited Turkey for the occasion of the celebration of the International Homeopathic Day 2012 and witnessed very professional, structured and dedicated work in the Turkish Homeopathic Society with friendly relationships among its members. Dr Yves Faingnaert will continue to support Dr Altunay Agaoglu in her transitional period of taking this responsibility. After the short discussion and voting, Dr Altunay Agaoglu is unanimously approved for the post of the Treasurer *ad interim*. After the acceptance, Dr Altunay Agaoglu thanked to all participants saying that Dr Yves Faingnaert have done great job hoping she will follow his steps with the help of all IC members.

Closing of the meeting

The LMHI President Dr Renzo Galassi officially closed the IC Meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Dr. Philippe M. Servais
Former Vice President for France
Paris 2014 LMHI Congress Report

In 2014, France was entirely devoted to organizing the international LMHI Congress in Paris. This was for us both a great honor to welcome representatives from more than 60 countries and a huge preparatory process that left us somewhat exhausted! We are thrilled to have been able to fulfil this mission. We are also happy to have received many compliments and a lot of positive feedback, as much on the organization itself (along with, of course, some criticism—justified and unjustified!) as on the scientific quality and diversity of the presentations.

How can we summarize this event? What observations can we make? What pitfalls should be avoided in the future?

Organization

The organization was completely dependent on the financial factors. All decisions were conditioned by the enormous costs of all the services.

To start with, given that we were expecting at least 1,200 participants, we had no other real choice in terms of where the congress would take place (Palais des Congrès). No other site of equivalent size featured the conditions required by our specifications: a central, international place accessible to all, surface area, multiple conference rooms, a meeting hall adapted to exhibitors' needs, technical possibilities, interpretation booths, nearby restaurants, etc.

Considering the exorbitant prices asked by Paris City Hall, we nonetheless had to forgo many options, including on-site catering, a streamer on the façade of the Palais, free technical services for the exhibitors, etc.

Financial factors

The financial aspect was one of the major problems we had to face. Until shortly after the congress, we, who were in charge, lived in constant worry, as we knew from the start that the French schools and associations (which have no financial reserves) could not possibly cover potential deficits and that we were perhaps running into huge subsequent difficulties! In the final months before the congress, the organizing company, Medicongress, considering the insufficient number of registrations, progressively removed certain services such as translation in the six rooms, free Wi-Fi, a number of ultramodern GPS and tablet transcription systems, etc. Indeed, according to our forecasts, there were to be between 1,200 and 2,000 participants, given the attraction of Paris. Our budget had been initially built on these figures. We were ultimately 880 and we had to imagine various forms of (frankly excessively) reduced registration rates to get this many participants! The global economy was bad, and for us, the consequences were heavy. Not many participants came from Spain, for example, and France itself was very disappointing as there were only half as many participants from France as initially projected. The main difficulty in organizing the congress was thus financial, and, we have to admit, it was thanks, among others, to the "military" rigor of Medicongress (which exasperated some but reassured the president of the congress!) that we avoided bankruptcy. The cost of renting the rooms alone amounted to € 110,000 and the budget of the congress itself to more than € 600,000! This explains why we were often irritated by the endless demands of many participants, both material and financial. The participation of some of the most important countries, for instance, produced a negative balance.

Scientific aspects

The many congratulations we received from all sides regarding the scientific quality and the diversity of the presentations were very comforting. We had wished to facilitate maximum sharing and discussion, to take account of the multiplicity of practices and points of view, and, it seems, we succeeded in this. We were able to reach a proper dosage in the share of theoretical or doctrinal conferences, and those on epidemiologic research or clinical practice. We would have liked to facilitate even more clinical discussions, where for example the same cases would have been approached according to different methodologies. We realized, however, that the practical conditions of such a major congress did not really allow for this kind of organization, rather more suited for small work meetings. It seems to us that in the future, it should be possible to plan this type of reflection and discussion groups within the LMHI congress.

National level

When preparing this international congress, we had intended, from the start, to mobilize all the homeopathic forces of the country, all schools and modes of practice included. We partially succeeded in this. As you know, France is divided between pluralist and unicist homeopaths. We thus very deliberately worked on a rapprochement between representatives of these two types of practice, so as to be united vis-a-vis our foreign colleagues. Many were favorable and willing to do this. The consensus proved however to be rather "weak", solidarity turning out to be more on the surface than real. This is not specific to France: many other countries experience the same problems.

In France, we had also hoped to motivate, for the congress, many more participants. We realized, however, that international exchanges are only of interest to a limited number of doctors, the majority being perfectly satisfied with national or even regional relations. Homeopathy, individual medicine; homeopaths, individualistic doctors!

International level

The congress generated among some of us a cosmopolitan momentum, which, we hope, will bear its fruits in the future. Following the example of globalization in the most varied fields, homeopathy today, more than ever, has a great need of unity and international solidarity. Transcending national interests has become capital. Vis-a-vis the financial firepower of official Western medicine, we will be able to continue to exist only if we combine our forces and forget our small conflicts of "territory." So hats off to all those among you who are volunteering to work on developing the International League. Hats off, in particular, to the Executive Committee and those in charge of the various committees. In France, we are working on stirring, among the young homeopaths, interest in international affairs.

We would very much like to thank all those who helped us to organize the Paris 2014 Congress (especially our Belgian and Italian friends, who were of great support to us). I would like to address our very particular appreciation to President Renzo Galassi, always there for us, efficient, and friendly, with whom, for many months, we were constantly in touch.

Dr. Philippe Servais

2014 LMHI Meeting, Paris, France



Participants of the IC Meeting 2014



Executive Committee



Highlights of the 70th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

25-29 Aug 2015, Rio, Brazil

By Todd A. Hoover, MD, DHT



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National Vice President Reports

COLOMBIA

Dr. Carlos Riveros-Gomez, NVP

Homeopathy in Colombia continues to achieve great accomplishments. This year the Fundación Universitaria Escuela Colombiana de Homeopatía-Luis G. Páez (FUNHOM) was recognized by our Ministry of Education. The Fundación Instituto Colombiano de Homeopatía-Luis G. Páez (FICH) will celebrate its centennial in 2014. Our homeopathic medical associations include the Federación Médica Homeopática Colombia, Asociación Colombiana de Homeopatía, Asociación Médica Unicista de Santander, la Fundación Hahnemann de Colombia, and the Instituto Hahnemanniano Dr. Juan de Dios Pinzón. Our 2013 celebration of "World Homeopathy Day" in Bogotá was honored by the presence of LMHI President Dr. José Matuk, LMHI Secretary for Archives Dr. Edgar Godoy, our LMHI National Vice President Dr. Carlos Riveros Gómez, directors of homeopathic medical associations, and a group of Colombian homeopathic physicians. We hope to host a future LMHI Congress.



COSTARICA

Dr. Alejandro Brenes-Valverde, NVP

Homeopathy is legally recognized since 1921 and is regulated by the Colegio de Médicos y Cirujanos de Costa Rica. In 1985 the University of Costa Rica for the first time revalidated a specialty diploma in homeopathic therapeutics. From 1990 to 2007 there was a significant demand for medical doctors to study homeopathy, both in the field of integrated general practice of homeopathy and homeopathy as a medical specialty. In June 2013, in the Unit of Health Services at the University of Costa Rica, began the homeopathic medical consultation to students, academics and staff, as adjunctive therapy, which turned this university as the first public entity of the country to offer this type of medical service. It is reported that the most common disorders that have been attended are urinary infections, anxiety, depression, asthma and chronic diseases, such as hypertension.



Opening Ceremony for the 70th LMHI Congress (2015) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil included a warm welcome by the General Secretary of the Congress Dr. Gloria Andre Feighelstein. Informative and inspiring speeches were delivered by Dr. Francisco Vargas de Oliveira Villela (President of the Congress), Dr. Renzo Galassi (LMHI President), Dr. Alok Pareek (LMHI Vice President), and Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan (Immediate Past President). They each praised the organizing committee for their hard work and many hours of service to help make this congress successful. A special presentation was made by the LMHI delegates from Russia to the congress organizing committee. A formal copy of a painting from a famous Russian artist painted in the 1800s as commissioned by Tsar Nicholas. The painting was an allegory showing how homeopathic medicine as represented by heavenly figures including Hahnemann and Hippocrates are looking down upon a representation of the horrors of allopathic medicine of the day. The original of this painting remains in the museum in Russia, but this official copy presentation was a very touching gesture for the organizing committee members and was kept on display throughout the congress.

Dr. Alok Pareek from India presented on a variety of severe pathological cases from a case of Stroke with comatose patient that responded to Arnica montana to cases of advanced cancer showing response to a variety of therapies including Cadmium sulphuratum, Hydrastis, and Phosphorous. The main take away message from Dr. Pareek was to consider a specific medicine for the patient with advanced pathology (especially cancer) where the vitality of the patient is significantly reduced. Reserve stronger Anti-Psoric therapies (constitutional prescriptions) for the time when the patient is improved and demonstrates readiness for stronger support to their vitality. Early use of antipsoric therapies in such patients can prove to be detrimental to their clinical outcome.

Dr. Fabio de Almeida Bolongnani from Brazil presented a retrospective study of Cerebral Palsy cases where individualized homeopathic therapies including 26 medicines were used in a combined fashion. A total of 275 patients were included in the study. All patients were evaluated according to the severity, and outcomes were measured for communication, attention, motor skills, and frequency of seizures. Other conditions such as infections or other aspects of health were also considered. Five groups of medicines were used according to reasons for selection: Etiology-based medicines, mental state medicines, constitutional medicines, and neuromuscular or seizure specific medicine.

Evaluations by family members and physiotherapists were both collected. There was a remarkable correlation between these two sets of evaluations. In addition, the results showed dramatic improvements ranging from 45-100% in all categories evaluated. Specifically, seizures were rated at 50-60% improvement, with very little or no progression of seizure activity observed in the population.

Dr. Farokh Master of India presented a case of a female patient with Dilated Cardiomyopathy. Her ejection fraction was 20% at presentation with a weight loss of 30 kg during the past several months. She had mild mitral regurgitation and moderate pulmonary hypertension with impairment of right and left ventricular function as global hypokinesia. The case also included a well-developed clinical picture from mental emotional to physical general symptoms. Natrum muriaticum was used with a gradual increase of potency when needed. All allopathic medications were removed after 2 years of homeopathic care. Ejection fraction improved to 40%, global dilation of heart returned to normal and overall heart kinesis improved at the evaluation at five years.

Dr. Francisco Xavier Eizyaga from Argentina presented on the method for describing that is used at his medical training institute. This method was devised by his father and has been in use for 50 years. This method was developed through international homeopathic interactions by the senior Dr. Eizyaga and based upon classical homeopathic prescribing. Some principles include: the first prescription is the most important, the first question is whether the case is acute or chronic, diagnosis is important to the prescription discernment of acute and chronic, clinical diagnosis alone is rarely helpful, avoid mixing acute and chronic symptoms, the acute case must be complemented by treating the chronic case afterward, and the caution in treating elderly patients with longstanding chronic diseases based upon selection of mental symptoms alone will be associated with high frequencies of aggravations. The analysis is broken into four categories of symptoms: (1) constitutional symptoms (as described by Joannay), (2) fundamental symptoms (biographical symptoms especially of the mind), (3) local symptoms (organ and modalities), and (4) miasmatic symptoms (used when well-chosen remedy fails to act). The analysis is conducted using these first three categories both separately and in combination. He presented a number of short cases to help illustrate these principles of case-taking and analysis.

CROATIA

Dr. Helena Jovicic Karre, NVP



ECUADOR

Dr. Xavier Godoy Jaramillo, NVP



Dr. Altunay Ağaoğlu from Turkey presented information on the recent LMHI project team that went to Liberia to provide care for Ebola victims. The integrated planning involved many resources ranging from the German Consulate creating an introduction to Liberian authorities to Andre' Saine providing treatment guidance to several pharmacies providing medicines. The team arrived on October 14th to Liberia. First, the team completed their training for complete protection to be used in the Ebola Treatment Units. Unfortunately, these ETUs were under the control of the World Health Organization whose leadership refused the use of homeopathic medicine in the Ebola patients. The Liberian government however welcomed the LMHI team to provide treatment to patients at the Ganta United Missionary Hospital. A number of patients with acute and severe diseases including meningitis and septicemia were treated successfully with homeopathy. In addition, the team was able to treat some patients who had previously survived an infection with Ebola virus but had entered a post-infection state of chronic ill health. In the wake of the volunteer effort, many attacks to this noble volunteer effort were placed into a number of media sources.

Dr. Martien Brands from the Netherlands presented a talk on the homeopathic treatment of malaria in Kenya. Dr. Brands reported on their humanitarian organization operating in Ghana, Benin, Uganda, and Kenya. They focus on training local medical care workers in basic homeopathic principles and treating particularly trauma, fever, and diarrhea. As time goes on, additional training is given to help those professionals manage more complex and chronic cases. Typical remedies included Belladonna, China, China sulph, and a number of nosodes. In most cases, a single remedy was used. Fever and back pain were the most frequent symptoms seen. The work has led to a case control study which reflected a significant effect of homeopathic treatment with 96-100% elimination of parasites on follow-up in populations from various countries.



Dr. Klaus-Henning Gypser from Germany presented information on how a variety of mistakes have gradually entered into the primary homeopathic tools of Repertory and Materia Medica. Grading of symptoms was initially established based upon the proving that was conducted and followed by the clinical verifications added to the initial findings. Minor symptoms that were not present in the proving can be taken into the repertory without identification as such. This has occurred in many instances within Kent's repertory. While this information may be of value, we must look to our failures as an indication of the quality of the tools we use in clinical practice. He recommended the use of Boger's and Kent's repertory and Boenninghausens "Therapeutic Pocket Book" to help improve the accuracy of rubrics and understanding of case analysis through the inclusion of polarity data. In the author's experience of 30 years practice, greater than 50% of prescriptions are from 7 remedies including Sulphur, Sepia, Calcarea carbonica, Phosphorous, Natrum muriaticum, Lycopodium, and Nux vomica (all of which are described by Boenninghausen). For the past 30 years, the author has been working with a team of colleagues to produce a Revised Materia Medica (MMRH) using a review of a large selection of published cases as primary source material for the confirmation of symptoms. For example, Hepar Sulphuris Calcarea has been updated using over 500 cases for evaluation. 50 Monographs of different remedies have been completed confirming over 67,000 symptoms. The process continues in the development of this new Materia Medica containing only primary source material.

Dr. Ronko Itamura from Japan presented a lecture on depression in Japan. Her experience of 228 adults shows that 94% had already received conventional treatment prior to seeking homeopathic care. In this particular study, she reports on 13 patients who were treated with homeopathy for chronic depression who showed improvement over the past 2 years. She uses a three stage improvement assessment: (1) reduction of difficulties in everyday life (2) reduction or elimination of antidepressant therapies (3) reduction or elimination of homeopathic therapies. Progress is measured as patients move from stage 1 through stage 3. Remedies used include Thuja occidentalis, Aurum metallicum, Magnesium muriaticum, Causticum, Arsenicum album, Staphysagria, Rhus toxicodendron, Calcarea sulphurica, Phosphorous, Sepia, Carcinocin, and Aurum-sulphuricum. Arsenicum album was the most frequently used medicine. To measure clinical improvement Dr. Itamura used the Zung self-rating depression scale.

ESTONIA *Dr. Saima Tišler, NVP*

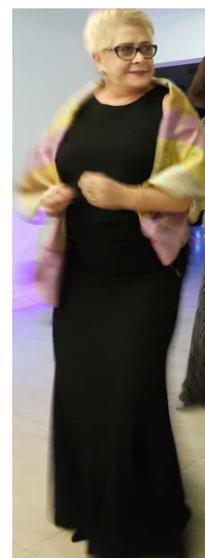
The development of EHU (Estonian Homeopathic Union) has been stable, meetings and patients' discussions have been held regularly. The number of LMHI members and the number of general members within EHU have decreased due to financial implications. However, those still active, have been regularly participating in the union's activities. Different homeopathic unions have organised several seminars and courses. While considering different schools that have influenced homeopaths in Estonia, the Belgian-Russian, Finnish, Mr. Vithoukaskas' (Greek) and British schools have remained the most dominant. Since 2008, Estonian Qualification Authority has yielded 14 Homeopathic Qualifications. Further information on the Homeopath II and III qualifications can be found on the Estonian Qualification Authority's website:

<http://www.kutsekoda.ee/en/index>

The Estonian Qualification Authority also provided comments on the professional standard for the services of medical doctors with additional qualification in homeopathy, proposed by CEN.

Prof. Carlos Moacir Bonato of Brazil gave a talk on homeopathy in agronomy. Early work in homeopathy and plants was through Lili Kolisko under the supervision of Rudolf Steiner. The early works did show some beneficial results. Currently, in Brazil, there are four universities that sponsor research in agricultural homeopathy. The serious problems with depletion of soil and the use of fertilizer which is an energy demanding resource as well as significant toxin to humans and to the environment are reasons to consider the use of homeopathy in agriculture. Homeopathic use in agriculture has shown increase in plant growth, improved active principles in medicinal plants, better water absorption in plants, and improved soil structure. He presented research showing Phosphorous improving water absorption with increased root production with progressively higher potencies of phosphorous. The plants showed a 73% increase in phosphorous content of plants using Phosphorous 30c on the plants. Nux vomica was shown to decrease the toxic effects of aluminum on soy plants. And Pulsatilla in potency up to 30CH was shown to decrease the effects of stress and aging in plants as shown through decreased free radical production.

Dr. Renzo Galassi (LMHI President) made his closing speech with the wishes to gather again at the next year's congress.



FRANCE

Dr. Yves Maillé, NVP



As is true in many countries in Europe, medical professionals are facing retirement, as are Homeopaths. In front of this situation, we have made a big effort to create a basic training program for all homeopaths, classical homeopaths as well as pluralists.

One of the roles of the Homeopathic Learned Society (SSH) is to regulate the educational requirements needed to become a homeopath. We believe that this is important because we are convinced that ignorance in homeopathic practice can be dangerous and the main source of misunderstanding. The SSH requires 350 hours of training, after which one takes an exam. Once the exam is passed, this allows the practitioner to become certified by the Homeopathic French School EFH. This accreditation is then accepted by the Order of Doctors in France. In addition to this, we must consider the fact that France is the primary producer and distributor of homeopathic remedies in Europe - sales were €320 million in 2010. In 2004, 39% of the population was using homeopathic drugs, versus 53% of those surveyed in 2010. (Study Patients, IPSOS, 2010). With the French LMHI branch, we hope to convince our colleagues that the best guarantee for the future is the pooling of all our strengths and all our experience throughout the world. LMHI is the perfect organisation to allow us to share and distribute information based on the irreplaceable work of the LMHI as well as the ECH.

KAZAKHSTAN

Dr. Yelena Zyukina, NC



It is 23 years now that Kazakh Homeopathic Association stands guard protecting health of the people of Kazakhstan. On 29 September, 23 years ago Kazakh Homeopathic Association was registered by the Ministry of Justice as a Public Association.

Homeopath in Kazakhstan can only be qualified doctors. Homeopaths are officially recognized and can only practice after studying and passing the exams in the Medical Institute for Postgraduate Education, department of non-traditional medicine which includes homeopathy. Also homeopathic doctor must obtain a certificate that allows him to work as a homeopath with or without a "category". In order to certify he or she has to prepare "Report on the work", publish articles in medical journals, and participate in conferences on homeopathy and other areas of medicine. In 2015 homeopaths took part VI General Assembly National Medical Association of The Republic of Kazakhstan. The topic was: "Evraziyskiy bridge health - 2015." Almaty, 11-16 may 2015.

National Vice President Reports Continue

GERMANY

Dr. Cornelia Bajic, NVP

In May 2015 the DZVhÄ General Assembly elected a partly new / old board. President: Cornelia Bajic; Deputy President: Jörg Albrecht; Management: Christel Albrecht; Finances: Mona Kölsch; Education: Alexandra Schulze-Rohr. The donation campaign for homeopathic research together with the homeopathy foundation "Homöopathie-Stiftung des DZVhÄ" and the Scientific Society "WissHom" goes on successfully. More than 900 German homeopathic doctors participated in this campaign last year and thus it was able again to collect a considerable amount of donations to support homeopathic research projects, The attacks from the sceptics are going on, in print media as well as on TV. As president of the DZVhÄ Cornelia Bajic was invited several times to participate in talk and radio shows. Through this broadcasting, homeopathy could be presented to the public as an important and scientifically serious medical method and the popularity of homeopathy in Germany is still increasing. To face this challenge better in future the DZVhÄ plans a media work shop for potential interview participants. The DZVhÄ as editor for homeopathic education has placed the high education standards as it is also favoured by ECH and LMHI.



ITALY

Dr. Francesco V. Marino, NVP

The Italian homeopathic community was partially successful in negotiating the registration costs of our medicines currently on our market. The present costs are: € 800 (unitary remedies) and 1,200 (Complexes). Although markedly reduced, the costs are still high. An increasing number of medicines has been disappearing from the market. Another big problem concerns the "dossiers" accompanying each medicine, whose costs are still prohibitive.

FIAMO celebrated both the XII National Congress (Florence, March, 28th-30th), with more than 180 attendees, and Hahnemann Day all over Italy (April). In July the Italian Ministry of Health recognized the necessity to distinguish Homeopathy as separate from Antroposofic Medicine and Homotoxicology.



INDIA

Dr. S.P.S. Bakshi, NVP

Overall the year 2013 had been a good year for LMHI India. We are trying our best to get as many doctors as possible under the banner of LMHI. Sincere efforts are being made to strengthen the LMHI roots in India. We have been successful in spreading awareness about LMHI in the country, but still lot needs to be done. Main associations of the country are been approached to be the member of LMHI. Three meetings mainly attributed to this agenda had been held so far. The first one was held in Agra under the chairman ship of Dr Alok Pareek and the other two were held in Delhi. Major associations have agreed to ask their members to become members of LMHI, but they have few apprehensions which we are going to discuss during our meeting with executive body of LMHI in Paris. During this year 201 new members have been added, out of which 50 are life members. The total strength of Life members is 148. With the awareness campaign, I am sure we will be able to get many more Homoeopaths from Indian fraternity under the umbrella of LMHI.



JAPAN

Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

The situation of the homeopathy in Japan is still very severe, the legal restrictions about homeopathy do not exist in Japan. Moreover, the homeopathic medicines are not recognized as medicines by the Japanese Ministry of Welfare and Medicine. After several medical accidents that was caused by the homeopaths who were not medical doctors, the Science Council of Japan made a statement that there was no scientific ground for effects of homeopathy. Homeopathy-bashing has continued in Japan. The population of people who know homeopathy is only about 0.5%. As the only organization consisting of only medically certified members, the JPSH would like to concentrate further efforts on the spread and development of homeopathy in Japan correctly.



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President

Dr. Renzo Galassi, Italy

After the congress of Paris-July 2014, there was an intense activity for the preparation of new issues of the LMHI newsletters (N. 13-14-15) with many articles of clinic, history, research and homeopathic news.

With the outbreak of the Ebola epidemic there was, together with the board of the DZVhA, intensive work to send our volunteers in Liberia. There was a huge effort to coordinate and make possible their trip in a period of great emergency in that part of West Africa. 4 volunteers reached the Ganta Hospital and thanks to the coordinated work of wonderful people everything had a positive and safe result.

In November I travelled to Cyprus for an important congress of pharmacists who asked me to give a *Lectio Magistralis* about Homeopathy.

On 2nd of January I flew to Berlin to try to solve the problem of the Bank account. As a world Non Profit organization we had unbelievable difficulties to have an account inside Europe, due to the new rules for the anti-terrorism strategy. We were refused by all the banks contacted over the months. For this reason I had to go personally to visit some banks in Berlin where at the end we had a positive agreement and acceptance by the Deutsche Bank of Berlin.

In February I visited our member country Bangladesh, as chief guest at the 4th International congress, organized by the CASH-Center for Advanced Studies in Homeopathy. In those days I visited the government college of Homeopathy and the Homeopathic Hospital of Dakha and I had a meeting with all the board of the college and the Principal. Thanks to the coordination of our NVP for Bangladesh Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, we also were able to have a meeting with most of the people responsible for the different associations and colleges of the Country. I was accompanied on this trip by our Treasurer Dr. Altunay Agaoglu.

In March I was in Milan for the Italian Congress of Homeopathy. The Italian colleagues wanted me as President of the congress and I could show them the importance of the work we are doing, especially in the field of solidarity.

In April, I went to Cuba for the Hahnemann Day celebration, visiting two groups of colleagues and patients, in La Habana and in Matanzas region, in the small village of Indio Huathey. I was accompanied by our secretary for PR, Dr. Antonio Marques and together we gave impulse to the partnership of this country, that has very good perspectives for the future. We visited the national library and we had contact with the directors in order to support the colleagues with the Liga book project. We will send books to be used by our colleagues that in Cuba have no possibility to buy the titles of our literature....

I am in continuous contact with some colleagues of Africa, where we should like to open our first project on solidarity and Co-operation. We will send teachers to poor countries, the first one will be Ghana.

Over the year I have continually supported our friends from Brazil in the huge work to organize the upcoming 70° LMHI world congress of Rio de Janeiro.

Also for this year, as part of my contribution to the finances of the LMHI, I haven't asked any reimbursement for all the activities and travels described.

LATVIA

Dr. Inese Joksta, NVP

Homeopathy enjoys a special status in Latvia. The Latvian Homeopathic Association has been recognized by the Latvian Medical Association as a member. Currently, we have 140 homeopathic physicians who hold valid certificates and are actively practicing homeopathy. Homeopathic doctors are private practitioners in Latvia. Only physicians are allowed to practice homeopathy. We are in the process of developing a residency program in homeopathy. Its accreditation is scheduled to take place in summer 2013 and the training is to be started in the autumn. The residency program is being developed in cooperation with the Latvian University. Recertification of homeopathic physicians takes place every five years. The Latvian Homeopathic Association also organizes international training programs and is responsible for the ongoing training, certification, and recertification of homeopathic doctors.



MEXICO

Dr. Antonio P. Sánchez Caballero, NVP

The School of Homeopatía de México A.C. has been accredited by LMHI as a Learning Center.

August 10 is celebrated 120 years of the Gral. Porfirio Díaz, President of Mexico made Homeopathy an official medicine in Mexico.

Graduate school of "Homeopathy Mexico AC" has received accreditation by the LMHI as a Teaching Center.

From 06 to August 9 took place the XXI Meeting of Foreign Groups of Homeopatía de México AC in the city of San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, attended by 150 medical graduates of Homeopatía de México AC with the themes: Obstacles for healing, miasma Correlation between yesterdays and today and Materia Medica. One hard pre congress was held two days earlier.

It will take place from 22 to 24 October, the XXVI National Congress Homeopathy in the city of Tequila, Jalisco.

All the schools, associations and groups continue working normally.



Immediate Past President

José Matuk Kanan



During this period my activity as immediate past president has changed. My priority assignment, of course, was helping and advising our president Dr. Renzo Galassi. But, I also took over on the next important tasks.

1- The supervision of the web page of LMHI. This task turned difficult because different opinions rose, so Dr. Altunay Ağaoğlu (our treasurer) and Dr. Pareek took control over the page making new modern changes. I hope that this work continues and that the web page will improve more in content and design as well. Let me tell you that the increasing of the maintenance costs of the Indian supplier made our treasurer to look up other alternatives around Europe to lower these costs without compromising any information and performance of our page.

Furthermore, I have to remind you that when the hosting supplier was in Mexico City, I helped to complete the payment that the LMHI was not able to pay.

2- The new domains of the LMHI. One success history is that the last year, we rescued the lmhi.org domain and to avoid problems we bought also the *.com*, *.net*, and *.int* domains. We have a lot of work of making these resources useful because they are not being used today.

3- In respect to E-mails. According to the country and positions of the LMHI, all the e-mails of the executive and international committees have been redirected to your daily ones. So, if there is any change on your e-mail, please notify to the Dr. Jelka Milic or me, and one of us will take care of it.

4- Another thing was the update the address book of the LMHI. Every year we update the address book of the LMHI according to the new changes inside the organization.

MOLDOVA

Dr. Tatiana Bolbocean, NC

Homeopathy has been practiced in Moldova since World War II, it was legalized in 1998. The 37-member Association of Homeopathy in Republic of Moldova (AHRM), founded in 1994, became a LMHI member organization in 2008. In Moldova, medical doctors can receive certification in homeopathy. Since 1999, it has been taught at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu" Chisinau. In 2013, there were a number of courses in homeopathy, as follows:

- 1 month – preserving health (156 hours)
 - 1 month – pediatrics (156 hours)
 - 1 month – general improving (156 hours)
 - 2 months – certification level courses (468 hours)
- We organize a monthly seminar of homeopathy, where 30-40 homeopaths meet and share information about cases, remedies, and news of homeopathy, nationally and internationally. Moldavian homeopaths also attended international conferences.



5- Finally one of the hardest labors of this year was the search of benefactors to the LMHI. Many donators and companies have told me two important things to consider when donating: 1] Why and 2] For What do we need the money? So we have to consider these factors with clear and useful projects to make these happen. I have the idea that major contributions should be rewarded with a special mention to keep the intrinsic motivation of the donators. Let me remind you that the LMHI, never in its history, has participated on selling advertising to labs or other companies because we always had have the autonomy to lead and speak to ourselves as a leader world-wide institution.

One recommendation is to make working groups to expand the homeopathy with donators (remember doctors, that this is a work of every one of us).

To finish this point I make a general call to all of our members to make an extra effort in this difficult time and donate to LMHI according to your possibilities. Remember that you can deduct this contribution because we are a non-profit organization by law. I am convinced that the major contributions to the LMHI will come by the member's that love homeopathy and this institution.

Sincerely

Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan

Immediate Past President LMHI

NEPAL

Dr. Ambika Prasad Gyawali, NC

Practiced for over 60 years, homeopathy is a recognized system in the Nepalese National Health Program. There is one government six-bed homeopathic hospital. The Health Ministry of Nepal is considering opening four regional homeopathic hospitals and forming a comprehensive council to regulate alternative health systems. Approximately 100 homeopathic doctors are practicing homeopathy. The Nepal Homeopathic Medical College in the eastern part of the country will close this year. Bhaktapur Homeopathic Medical College, offering a Diploma Level Course in Homeopathy, is in its sixth year, but it struggles without governmental support. This college has planned to offer a 5½-year BHMS degree course. Nepalese Homeopaths had participated in Dr. Rajan Sankaran's seminar in India in January 20 13. Dr. Resie Moonen of Netherlands conducted a seminar at Bhaktapur Homeopathic Medical College in April 2013.



Prime Vice President

Dr. Alok Pareek



The Past year was a very good year for the LMHI. It was good because we got the opportunity to improve on many of our procedures, to move towards greater consensus, to work at rectifying our problems and good because it required all the Executive Officers to give their best efforts. We no, that it is in trying times, that the best often comes out.

As the Prime Vice-President of the LMHI, the points I could work constructively towards were:

In order to improve the presence of LMHI in South East Asia, I contacted several countries like Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia etc. We have received an application from Malaysia and are studying the status of homeopathy in the country. I am also in touch with the colleagues in Singapore.

In order to make the functioning of the Working Groups more constructive, I have suggested a systematic Agenda presentation for each group before the annual meetings. This being the first instance, I took the initiative myself and it was followed by support from the various secretaries. I have also suggested proper follow-up of each meeting and writing of the minutes. We shall also be presenting certificates to our Working Group Members from this year onwards.

The Working Groups were active around the year and several discussions yielded good results. Here, I would especially like to mention the Education Working group for the work on the LMHI Diploma; The Pharmacy Working group for the Remedy definition; The PR Working group for the Document "Advantages of being an LMHI Member"; The document "Advantages of being an LMHI Member was a perfect example of the great potential the Working groups hold and how effectively we can use the online platform to yield fast and effective results.

The LMHI Website: It was difficult to start from scratch, the LMHI website in a new place, INDIA. However, we decided to go for it and make the most out of this situation. The new LMHI website took 3 months of designing and development. It was done in a way, that all future changes, feature additions etc are possible on this very platform. It was done in a way that the entire LMHI office can be administered online from any part of the world through the website. The list of the new features available to us through the website is extensive and I would leave it to the relevant point in the agenda for today's meeting..

In India, I called a meeting in February inviting all the Homoeopathic Associations to help the LMHI gain more Institutional members from India. The meeting was very well received and saw representations from most of the big associations in India.

THE NETHERLANDS

Dr. Hetty Buitelaar, NVP

AVIG together with the CAM stakeholder group continues the fight against the VAT and the possibility for reregistration as a medical doctor working with homeopathy within the register of the Law on Medical Profession (BIG).

Foundation VHAN organised a Congress 'Homeopathy and Holism, Chronic diseases, understanding illness and Cure' April 2015.

We still have concerns about the availability of homeopathic remedies in the Netherlands



General Secretary

Dr. Jelka Milić



I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you again for the confidence shown in me and in my work for our association.

Monthly oversight of LMHI accounts and current payments to the Executive Officers. During the last year I was participating in the daily e-mail communication with the EC, Secretary Officers and LMHI office, actively partaking in the team work of the daily management and activities of LMHI. The process of understanding and analysing various challenging situations in the management of LMHI as well as trying to bring solutions was very much needed, but time and energy consuming process. So, I would like to thank to all LMHI EC officers, Secretaries and Special Committees, especially to our alert Mr. President for their steady, dedicated and relentless every day work for LMHI, work which was much unseen, but continuously happening, as someone recently beautifully wrote, "in the silent everyday hours of his/her own room".

During this period of time, I was also maintaining communication with some of the NVPs and NCs, some of it were successful, the other not so, mostly due to the lack of the response from some NVPs and NCs.

My other tasks since June 2013 were participation in the creation of LMHI Membership advantages brochure and in the revision of the new edition of the LMHI Procedures 2014. Then, I prepared the Agenda and Invitation for the EC and IC 2014 Meeting and I was also participating in the organisation of these annual meetings. I was collecting and distributing various documents to EC, Secretaries and Special Committee Members as well as to NVPs and NCs. I was helping to update the LMHI address book.

We need LMHI, but LMHI needs us more!

PAKISTAN

Dr. Khalid Masood Qureshi, NVP



LMHI is being coordinated and introduced in Pakistan through the Society of Homoeopaths (SH), an organization set up by Dr. Muhammad Masood Qureshi in 1935.

Since its formation, the Society has continuously held seminars and workshops to bring homeopaths on one platform.

Various homeopaths from Pakistan and India have been invited to deliver lectures on various topics on homeopathy in these seminars. In addition, the Society has published many articles and presented research in the seminars in the monthly Homoeopathic Magazine. Moreover, it has also published various books on homeopathy that have been highly appreciated by the homoeopathic community all over Pakistan.

At present, the Society has more than 300 members; hence, it can act as a sister concern of LMHI for promoting the objectives of LMHI in Pakistan.

Treasurer

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, Turkey



The financial state of the LMHI comes from the annual membership fees of the institutional members, the individual members and the associates. The net result of the year 2013 was negative but the balance for the 2014 financial year was a surplus. Especially by moving the secretariat to Turkey reduced our expenses very much. In the year 2014, 47 institutional members have paid and 11 members payment are yet to be received. We have 4910 active (fully paying) members as of 2014.

We realized this income thanks to the support from our institutional members, individual members and associate members.

Due to the procedures of our old bank, we needed to change our bank and we had to deal with many problems such as being a world association in Europe and income outside of Europe. After huge efforts and visits to several Banks, we finally able to get an account in Berlin at Deutsche Bank in March with our President.

I coordinated the Ebola Relief Action with DZVHA as to send volunteers to Liberia, to visit Ganta Hospital with a group of experts from all over the world. We had much support from our members with their donations. Even we were not allowed to enter the ETU and see Ebola patients, our volunteers were able to treat several patients with chronic diseases and gain trust in homeopathy.

In February I visited Bangladesh for the 4th International Homeopathic Scientific Conference 2015 of CASH-Center for Advanced Studies in Homeopathy where our President Dr. Galassi was the main guest. We had meetings with the authorised persons of different homeopathic associations and colleges and government representatives. Thanks to our Bangladesh NVP Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, it was a very fruitful visit. I haven't asked any reimbursement for my trip to Bangladesh.

After our new dynamic web page started to work, I became the responsible person for the web page administration and coordination with the web programmer. There are many documents and data, which needs to be uploaded, like the proceedings of the congresses.

POLAND

Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczynski, NVP

Homeopathy in Poland is officially not recognized but could be legally practiced by medical doctors. Since many years homeopathy comes across strong opposition in Supreme Medical Chamber. Officially it started with the 2008 statement of the Chamber stating, that homeopathy is unethical. Legal status of homeopathic remedies is regulated by the EU directives, which are fully recognized in Poland. The case went to State Consumers Agency, which imposed penalty to Supreme Medical Chamber. This year the Silesian Medical University, supported by Polish Association for Clinical Homeopathy, opened [postgraduate faculty in homeopathy in alternative medicine for pharmacists and doctors](#). Sceptics called it right away: [Silesian Magical University and Hogwart](#). President of Supreme Medical Chamber, ignoring the previous penalty, stated again against homeopathy. His voice was associated by unofficial position from vice-minister of health, which said that homeopathy is not banned, but people seek magic. There were some hot debates in media (TV, Radio, press). Supreme Medical Chamber set up from medical professors, but no one with homeopathic practice and education in the subject a scientific committee to verify [proofs for homeopathy](#). The Committee has not yet announced it's conclusion.



Secretary for Archives

Dr. Martin Dinges, Germany



For the international community the most important activity is our continuing effort to present the results of German speaking research in English language abstracts to the public. These Book-Abstracts can be found under <http://www.igm-bosch.de/content/language2/html/14173.asp>.

Titles are:

Samuel Vijaya Bhaskar Poldas, History of Homoeopathy in India. From its introduction up to the first official recognition in 1937

Victoria Vieracker, Nosodes and sarcodes. Introduction and development of two homeopathic material medica groups in the first half of the 19th century.

Stefan Mayr, The production of homeopathic drugs. From Hahnemann to Schwabe's pharmacopoea (1872)

Jens Busche, A homeopathic patients' network in the Dukedom of Anhalt-Bernburg. The von Kersten family and their surroundings in the years 1831-1835

Inge Christine Heinz, "Send medication, send advice!" Princess Luise of Prussia as a patient of Samuel Hahnemann in the years 1829 to 1835

Further abstracts are under <http://www.igm-bosch.de/content/language2/html/11296.asp>

Katrin Schreiber, Samuel Hahnemann in Leipzig. Supporters, opponents and patients: The social network of homeopathy between 1811 and 1821.

We plan to put abstracts of all 20 volumes of "Sources and Studies on the History of Homeopathic Medicine" on the web in short.

I recall at the occasion that the most recent biography of Samuel Hahnemann is also on the web since 2012 <http://www.igm-bosch.de/content/language2/downloads/SamuelHahnemannTheFounderofHomeopathy.pdf>

The most important event at the archives was the acquisition of 53 letters, which Samuel Hahnemann had written to a patient during the years 1817 and 1818. On the market of old manuscripts this occasion was absolutely exceptional, as letters of Hahnemann to patients are extremely rare as compared to letters of patients to Hahnemann. These valuable sources have been transcribed in the meantime and will be published with further material from Hahnemann's patients' journals at the institute and a historical and medical introduction around the end of the year (in German).

For the environment of the LMHI it is important to know that the papers of the ECH are now also hosted in the archives of the IGM in Stuttgart. They have been inventorized during the last year. A couple of interviews with the leading persons has been conducted and the text has been added to the papers. They are accessible under <http://91.103.114.166/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=IGM-Archiv%20%28Anmeldung%20%20C3%BCber%20Gastkonto%29&-loadframes> - just

"around the corner" of the LMHI-archives <http://91.103.114.166/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=IGM-Archiv%20%28Anmeldung%20%20C3%BCber%20Gastkonto%29&-loadframes>. The ECH has funded the writing of a text about the history of this organization (written by Ph. Eisele), which will be published in a book edited at the occasion of the 25 years of the ECH.

A couple of queries on various issues has been treated.

PORTUGAL

Dr. Francisco A.F. Franco Patricio, NVP

We are in process of legally forming a new homeopathic association comprised only of medical doctors to facilitate the inclusion of Homeopathy in the Medicine Faculty Teaching and obtain Medical Portuguese Order support. In March 2012, we organized, with the help of David Moreira in Portuguese Medical Order, the first Meeting of Scientific Investigation in Homeopathy, having invited our Brazilian colleague Marcus Zulian Teixeira, Professor of São Paulo Medicine Faculty University, with around 300 international medical publications and four published books about homeopathy. Recently, I had an appointment with the President of Medical Order, concerning the creation a Working Group in homeopathy therein, for achieving the same status as acupuncture with the creation of a Medical Competence in Homeopathy, to which he agreed. It would be the first step of changing the conventional Medical Portuguese paradigms - the introduction of Homeopathy in the University Medicine Faculty!



Secretary for Dentistry

Gloria Andre Feighelstein, Brazil



Every Congress, the demand for homeopathy in dentistry is growing and new colleagues arise interested by this effective therapy to view the man in its entirety.

In dentistry section of LMHI 69th Congress in Paris, France, we could observed that this homeopathy area is developing with its practice in dental clinics and hospitals, providing a better option for patients, and improving the homeopath treatment, a perfect professional interrelationship. In Brazil, we had conquered the Dental Homeopathy skill level – the title of specialty, which demands a great work of raising awareness in our society and in our government organs, which already are the first to claim the title of expert for dentists brazilian homeopaths, those could work in Health System, the Brazilian Public Health – it was a hard work to obtain this conquest level by the homeopathic Brazilian dentists with the support of the Homeopathic Brazilian associations (AMHB, ABCDH, ABFH and AMVHB). In Brazil, now we have the four homeopathic areas as specialties. This board of dentistry, at this Congress has taken a great responsibility, as General Secretary of the Congress in Brazil to give, with passion, a congress for everyone together with all the congress organization team. We had included the WGs in our first day congress, in our scientific program, in a warmly place, all together, where everyone can participate moving from one to another working group, to absorbed to their necessities the most of knowledge, discussing, giving their opinions, showing their ideas, so well coordinated by Dr. Alok Pareek and the WGs specific coordinators.

HOMEOPATHY AS SPECIALIZATION IN DENTISTRY

The homeopathy in dentistry in Brazil is a reality in the five brazilians regions, from North to South, and it is already regulated as a dental specialty by the Federal Dental Council.

Brazil is a big latin american country. You could imagine how difficult is to spread all our desires.

The LMHI secretary for dentistry was invited by the Brazilian Federal Council of Dentistry to elaborate the rules for the specialization course on homeopathy. The work to establish of rules is being done now.

To our next congress, in our friendly neighbors Argentina, I could say that this secretary could give all they need to be, also, a great LMHI congress, sincerely, please.

I, sincerely, only wonder your understanding. I sincerely hope you understand the great work we are doing for Homeopathy. No more, this is enough to realize our dream, sincerely yours,

SERBIA

Dr. Lazar Trufunovic, NVP

The Serbian Section for Homeopathy (SH) and homeopathy in general suffered a major setback with the death of founder and former president of the Section, Milos Popovic, M.D., Ph.D., in December 20 12. A new president was elected in May 20 13. Education, legislation, popularization of homeopathy, and standardization of homeopathic practice continues. Since 2003, the SH of the Serbian Medical Society educated 240 licensed physicians according to the program of DZVhA. The Section enjoys full support of the Ministry of Health (MH) and Council for Continuous Medical Education. The MH has issued 80 licenses for practicing homeopaths. Collaboration in the field of CAM therapies continues. In Serbian Medical Society, members conducted nine lectures. Dr. Farokh Master from India conducted a few, as well. Video lectures by George Vitoulkas were held monthly.



Secretary for the Education

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, Argentina



During the last year, the Secretary for Education has continued working with the accreditation of teaching centers and the issuing of Diplomas to graduates from these institutions. This far, there are five LMHI Accredited Teaching Centers and we are in the process to accredit 13 teaching centers (three from Argentina, two from Mexico and eight from Italy).

Apart from this work, we worked together with the ECH Education Subcommittee discussing the modification of the Medical Homeopathic Education Standards, to include e-learning methodologies in homeopathic training.

We continued coordinating the Education Working Group, were we discussed topics like E-learning and the project for the creation of a board of teachers to collaborate with the Solidarity Project Dr. Galassi is promoting. The Working Group also participates in the decision of the accreditation of teaching centers, analyzing each one of the applications.

Finally, as part of the Book Project, we are in contact with Dr. Mayra Riberón Garrote, NVP for Cuba, who asked our help to spread homeopathy in her country. This way, we are coordinating the shipment of some homeopathic books to La Habana, Cuba.

SLOVENIA *Dr. Irena Gorišek, NVP*

The legal status of homeopathy in Slovenia did not change since our last report, which means that medical doctors are still not allowed to practice homeopathy without losing their licence for independent work.

On January 27, 2014, we had consultation with the new Human Right Ombudsman. The ombudsman said that she will warn new health minister and the Slovenian Medical Chamber that our rights are violated. She might also request the Constitutional Court to review the constitutionality and legality of the Medical Doctors Service Act, or file a constitutional complaint about a rights violation. On 17 December 2014, the assembly of the Slovenian Medical Chamber called upon the Ministry of Health to change the restrictive regulations so that the licences of the doctors practising homeopathy would not get revoked. The decision to change the Medical Doctors Service Act, which threatens doctors practising homeopathy with a revocation of licence as a punitive measure, was passed with a 40–18 vote at the Assembly. A day before the assembly meeting the open letters were sent by the President of the LMHI Dr. Renzo Galassi and President of the ECH Dr. Thomas Peinbauer to all members of the Assembly, presidents of medical organisations, deans of medical schools, media and other high politicians and officials. The Ministry of Health has finally acquired the »historical permission« from the Slovenian Medical Chamber to change the restrictive and discriminatory regulations. This is the first step. Now, the Ministry of Health has to prepare new regulations, which need to be adopted by the National Assembly.



Secretary for Pharmacy

Dr. Amariyls de Toledo Cesar , Brazil



I am happy to tell that we increased the number of Brazilian pharmacists to 150 LMHI members this year.

The final text about the Definition of the Homeopathic Medicine is still under discussion. The Pharmacy Working Group Meeting has this subject and others like the expiry date of homeopathic sources and the International Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia.

The translation of Renzo Galassi Hahnemann's Day message to Portuguese was sent to colleagues and associations. Hahnemann's Day was also commemorated by the ABFH [Associação Brasileira de Farmacêuticos Homeopatas] in its Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Prescription Course; also by the Pharmaceutical Council of São Paulo State, Brazilian Homeopathic Dentist Association, pharmacist Javier Gamarra Junior (radio program), and Minas Gerais Instituto of Homeopathy.

ABFH congress will happen in Rio de Janeiro on the 25 and 26th of August, with translation: www.xcbfh.com.br

The pharmaceutical section in this congress will be on the August 26th, with presentations of Heike Gypser (the evolution of the high potencies and the history of homeopathic pharmacy), **Steven Kayne** (expiry date and stability of the potentized solutions), **Jack Hendrickx** (Bank Remedies), Gema Pons (Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Care), closing with a round table about the International Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia.

The LMHI Pharmacy Working Group will follow exchanging ideas and producing more results. We hope there will be a very good Pharmaceutical Section in the next LMHI congress in Buenos Aires, 2016 and offer our help. Our opinion is that homeopathic diluted solutions shouldn't have the same requests that conventional pharmaceutical medicinal solutions. We ask you to think about this in order to keep our homeopathic solutions in good condition in spite of the date they were potentized.



Dr. Antonio Marqués.

Secretary of Public Relations

Fruitless performances:

Joint organization LMHI – ECH of International Day of Homeopathy. When the idea came up, was already late. We will be initiated a organizative joint work from January, 2016.

Evidence need in Australia: a document of LMHI about hostile Governments. To carry on with the contribution of countries which have suffered recently similar problems.

Slowdown in the commitments of Paris 2014. The problem with Scepticals in Spain has slowed everything. It can be used the Congress of Rio to promote the Diary of Paris 2014. As methodology will be necessary to work with a survey and a invitation to the Working Group.

Activities carried out:

Days of Homeopathy Spain-Cuba and II Meeting Canarias-Cuba-Mexico: with lectures from 5 countries: Cuba, Mexico, Spain, Germany and Switzerland and acts in 15 Spanish cities.(november 2014).

Contribution of a draft document for the International Day of Homeopathy.

Visit to Cuba during the International Day 2015. With our President Dr. Galassi and making it a success.

To brake skeptikals in Spain. We suffered hard attacks on Press, Radio, Internet and also in two public television broadcasters on time of high audience. We had a rectification and compensation after an official reclamation and after the visit of the Ombudsman. Also a medical discussion in Spanish medical association (OMC) on October 30, 2015.

To support the participation of Cuba on the 69 Congress of the Liga.

III. Projects to carry on soon:

To execute in Buenos Aires 2016, as much as possible, the aims of the Diary Paris 2014.

SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Danny Pillay, NVP

The profession continues to await the finalization of the internship program for its graduates, planned amendments to the scope of practice of homeopathy, and also the implementation of a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program from AHPCSA which is due on 01 July 2013. The proposed guidelines on the registration and scheduling of complementary medicines are understood to be at an advanced stage. The next HSA National Congress will be held in KwaZulu-Natal province in 2014.

SPAIN

Dr.med. Ute Fischbachl Sabel , NVP

Good news comes from Barcelona. The AMHB (Academia Médico Homeopática de Barcelona) has celebrated its 125th anniversary in April and has at the same time been admitted into the ACMCB (Medical Scientific Academy), a medical institution that seeks to promote the study and research in all fields of health, including now homeopathy. It was a hard work led by the President of the AMHB, Dr. Maite Bravo with the AMHB's group of experts. The academies all around Spain have been actively working to give seminars inviting important homeopathic personalities in Sevilla, Barcelona, Oviedo and Madrid. The National Assembly of Homeopathy has been promised to be able to celebrate a public discussion in the OMC (Headquarters of the General Medical Organisation in Spain) in October 2015. The opposition against the homeopathy sceptics is going on. In sight of certain attacks, we have complained to the public television and there was a rectification. We have contacted the Office of the Ombudsman in Madrid and Canary Islands and gotten some support. We have participated in media, public discussions, etc.

Secretary for Research

Dr. Raj Kumar Manchanda, India



Scientific Framework of Homeopathy 2015

The new version is available on <http://www.lmhi.org/home/article/the-new-revised-edition-of-scientific-framework-homeopathy-evidenced-based-homeopathy-2015>.

Clinical verification and validation of homeopathic drugs

Recently, to train the Indian research personnel on drug validation, Dr. Lex Rutten and Dr. R.V. Haselen were invited to India in February and May 2015, respectively. These workshops brought to surface the gaps in knowledge and discussed intricate aspects of clinical verification protocol, case reporting guidelines and need for uniform protocol for drug validation. Further, revised version of LMHI clinical verification guidelines and a CCRH protocol for drug validation will be discussed in the Working Group meeting.

Rebuttals

A paper published last year (*Gorski DH, Novella SP. Clinical trials of integrative medicine: testing whether magic works? Trends Mol Med. 2014 Sep;20(9):473-6. doi: 10.1016/j.molmed.2014.06.007. Epub 2014 Aug 20*), concluded that Homeopathy need not be further researched. Countering the opinion, a letter to editor was published (*Rutten LA, Mathie RT & Manchanda RK. Making sense of prior probabilities in research. Trends Mol Med. 2014 Nov;20(11):599-600. doi: 10.1016/j.molmed.2014.09.007. Epub 2014 Oct 29*). Additionally, a statement was released in a related report by *The Telegraph* (India). (http://www.telegraphindia.com/1140821/jsp/nation/story_18743298.jsp#.VY0u_fmqqko)

NHMRC, Australia, released a press statement that there is no good quality evidence to support homeopathy. An official rebuttal was released on 15th March 2015 after consultations. <http://www.lmhi.org/home/article/bias-and-flawed-methodology-in-the-nhmrc-report-on-homeopathy>.

Networking

A list of scientists contributing to homeopathy is being prepared, but I request more additions. Moreover, special budget needs to be considered for various research projects.

Future Projects:

Building links with researchers
Drug Validation
Meta-analysis of provings
Research workshops

SRI LANKA

Dr. T. C. Peiris, NC

The progress of homeopathy has slowed since 2009 due to the sudden dissolving of the homeopathic council by the ministry because of the ministers' understanding about several inappropriate practices of the then existing council. A new registrar was appointed and a new Board was nominated by the minister several times due to infighting among homeopaths. As a result, drug imports were hindered; however, the ministry continued to maintain the supply to the government Homeopathic Hospital and its peripheral clinics situated in different districts, including the eastern province. Thanks to the minister for instructing the officials of the ministry to continue the scholarship programs offered by the government of India to the National Institute of Homeopathy in Calcutta. I hope Sri Lankan homeopaths will stop the infighting for a better future for homeopathy.



Secretary for Newsletter

Dr. Richard Hiltner, U.S.A.



I hope that you have enjoyed the previous three LIGA NEWS (LN). I wish to give much thanks to our dynamic new President, Renzo Galassi. It would have been almost impossible to prepare these Newsletters without his enthusiastic help. Also, I want to commend Evin Turkey, LMHI Secretariat, for the wonderful assistance

and ideas she has given in their preparation. Furthermore, I need to personally voice my gratitude to Sandra Chase, Past Secretary, for her encouragement and support especially with the LIGA LETTER (LL). Moreover, of course, great appreciation and acknowledgment must be conveyed to all the authors of the various articles in the LN and LL, the Executive Committee and the International Council.

These Newsletters have tried to expand into new grounds the wonderful world of homeopathy. Specifically, each Newsletter will give more detailed articles on LMHI Congresses, clinical, research, history, pharmacy etc. and not just political information. They will also explore knowledge on the lesser-known countries in homeopathy. And, I trust that all of us have benefited from the inspiring questions in the quizzes.

There are two new propositions that I desire to present.

1) As we all know, the LMHI is having financial strain. I propose that the Newsletters be sent not only to LMHI members, but also, to non-members of the medical profession in all the countries with the request that a donation be imparted. This will not only distribute more to the world a better understanding of the LMHI and homeopathy, but also will lessen the LIGA's financial burden.

2) An attachment of a letter was given to the executive committee, which could be sent to those influential and prominent people in various countries to help support homeopathy. This, along with the accompaniment of the LMHI Newsletters would also be another incentive for both financial and educational exposure to homeopathy and the LIGA.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts. Hopefully, they will be of some interest and wisdom.

SWITZERLAND

Dr. Franziska Bläuer, NVP

The Swiss society of homeopathic physicians (SVHA) started to harmonize the education among the different locations of the Swiss Homeopathic Medical School (SHMS). This process intends to collect developed knowledge from all groups of SHMS teachers, to increase numbers of students again and adjust the numbers of teachers for future needs. A highlight is the new internet platform of the French-speaking part ESRHU (École Suisse Romande d'Homéopathie Uniciste). It inspires the German speaking part to create something likewise. Currently homeopathy by doctors with a Certificate of Capacity SVHA is paid by Swiss Compulsory Basic Health Insurance until 2017. By then, this political decision has to be revised. The current working agreement in this process is that CAM methods like homeopathy have a long tradition in therapy, education and research.



National Vice President/ National Contact Report Form

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From 2011-2013, we organized and co-organized standard education and continuing education for homeopaths and consumers. However, we faced the difficulty in arranging the third 2-year post-graduate course in homeopathy at the beginning of 2013. Therefore, the association took this opportunity to emphasize the strengthening of the development of homeopathy in Thailand and organize better training for our people. In year 2013, the legal status of homeopathy is progressing. The National Drug Committee has established the agenda of a meeting on homeopathic products. The Bureau of Health and Art of Healing, responsible for new licensing in Thailand, has instructed the committee to discuss homeopathy and the licensing of homeopaths. Henceforth, we will need to work very hard to support the best information as well as the best opportunities for homeopathy.



TURKEY

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The Turkish Health Ministry has released a draft on complementary and alternative Medicine regulation about 14 different approaches including homeopathy. Regarding this regulation only MD's and dentists can do homeopathy treatment. MD's must complete 500 hours (400 hr theory, 100 hr practice) and the dentists 300 hours (250 hr theory, 50 hr practice) and it needs to last at least 2 years. After completing 150 hours of courses on education, pharmacist can have a certificate as homeopathic consultant pharmacist. The content of the education program is not clear yet. The homeopathy courses will be organized only in universities which have CAM practice centers as part of the continued medical education program. The Health Ministry is going to make an exam to give the certificates. The selling, producing and importing of Homeopathic remedies are legal but the Turkish Medicines and Devices Agency didn't give any permission for a homeopathic remedy yet. The veterinarians are allowed to treat with homeopathy. Some Universities started with homeopathy courses for MD's.





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“Both in macrocosm and in the human microcosm, the life cycle that fulfill all the creatures and things tends to the disintegration which implies the reunification with the whole”

Tomás Pablo Paschero “Homeopathy” – 1973

Dr. Francisco Vargas de Oliveira Villela as president of the Congress and NVP for Brasil, with the support of the Brazilian Homeopathic Medical Association and Homoeopathic Institutions participants and on behalf of the Organizing and Scientific Committees congress, comes with engagement held in Brazil, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, the 70th Congress of the LIGA MEDICORUM HOMOEPATHICA INTERNATIONALIS, promoted by the Homeopathic Medical Association of the State of Rio de Janeiro. In the history of knowledge there is a rich tradition regarding the representation of man as a reflection of the Universe. Therefore, man is substantially a “small world” in its psycho-physical constitution and carries within himself the information of the three kingdoms. The disease is expressed in the human microcosm, which gives voice to the substance. Homeopathy is the therapy that uses substances from each kingdom and is capable of achieving the balance of the human microcosm.

During the 71^o LMHI Congress we will continue with the adventure of discovering the message from the different substances of the nature in the voice of the provers o in the diseases patients bring to our consults.

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In a wonderful city full of incredible places to discover, we will be waiting you from August 24th to share with camaraderie our knowledge and magnify our divine Homeopathy discovered by Samuel Hahnemann.

Best regards

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi

71^o LMHI Congress President



“We are an impossibility in an impossible Universe”.

Ray Bradbury



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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration called an Inquiry Meeting about Homeopathic Medicine in the U.S. on April 20-21. The meeting was titled *Homeopathic Product Regulation: Evaluating the Food and Drug Administration’s Regulatory Framework after a Quarter-Century*. Over the two days a series of presentations were given by the AIH, NCH, HPCUS and other homeopathic organizations and physicians. The hearing was well attended with 9 FDA staff members on the panel to hear the presentations and standing room only for the audience of over 200. The consensus of attendees and those who watched via live video feed was that the FDA panel was respectful, interested to understand the differences and similarities between homeopathic and allopathic products, and attentive to suggestions on any needed changes in regulation. Public comments were also submitted in written form by many organizations in the U.S. Input from the LMHI pharmacy committee was rapidly gathered by Dr. Amarelis Cesar and was very helpful in formulating information prior to the meeting. No official comment or outcome of the meeting has been published by the FDA as this was simply an Inquiry for the FDA to gather information from the community to help in their responsibility for regulating homeopathic medicines in the U.S.

The American Institute of Homeopathy has elected a new president, Dr. Ronald Whitmont. Dr. Whitmont has been a long time member of the AIH, is practicing in New York, and is a member of the faculty of the New York Medical College. He succeeds Dr. Irene Sebastian.

The AIH is hosting a year-long intermittent seminar with Drs. Praful and Ambrish Vijayakar from Mumbai, India. The seminar is in Newark, NJ and open to any licensed healthcare providers.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is hosting a workshop on September 21, 2015 to evaluate advertising for over-the-counter homeopathic products. The workshop will bring together a variety of stakeholders, including medical professionals, industry representatives, consumer advocates, and government regulators.



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