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# 67<sup>th</sup> Congress LMHI 2012

Nara, Japan

# Call for Elections: LMHI Elects New Executive Committee

On the occasion of the 68th LMHI Congress in Quito, Ecuador, elections of the LMHI Executive Committee will take place.

The procedures for the Elections of the LMHI Executive Committee are defined as follows:

- 1) The Call for Elections shall be made at the International Council Meeting in the year prior to the International Council Meeting at which the elections will take place and shall be published in the next issue of *The Liga Letter*. (This Call occurred at the recent International Council Meeting in Nara, Japan, and is hereby published in this *Liga Letter*.)
- 2) Three months prior to the Elections, the candidates for posts on the Executive Committee must send in writing to the LMHI General Secretary their *curriculum vitae* and their reasons for standing for the post. (These documents should be sent to LMHI Prime General Secretary Dr. Thomas Peinbauer at [thomas@peinbauer.at](mailto:thomas@peinbauer.at) by 28 February 2013.)
- 3) The Prime General Secretary of the Liga shall distribute the list of Executive Candidates to all of the members of the International Council with the Agenda that is mailed one month prior to the International Council Meeting.
- 4) The Elections shall take place during the International Council Meeting that coincides with the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis Congress.
- 5) By means of a written ballot, the Elections shall be carried out by a secret vote in which each *International Council member* is entitled to participate.
- 6) It is advisable that the candidate for a post on the Executive Committee has been a member of the Liga in good standing for three years.

## ARGENTINA

*Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, NVP*

Homeopathic training in Argentina is guaranteed in high-level courses for medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians and pharmacists by institutions that follow the educational standards suggested by the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis (LMHI). Teachers from Argentinean institutions are frequently requested in different countries of the world because of their level of excellence. This shows that Argentinean homeopathy is still valid since the times of Dr. Tomás Pablo Paschero, who was a well-known President of the LMHI. The Federación de Asociaciones Médicas Homeopáticas Argentinas (FAMHA, or Federation of Argentinean Homeopathic Medical Associations) unites prestigious educational institutions that keep the legacy alive.

## ARMENIA

*Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtzyan, NVP*

The "Armenian Association of International Homeopaths," directed by Mariam Gharabaghtsyan, and "Nor Arev," the Association for the Promotion of Classic Homeopathy, directed by Sabine Zimmermann, organized our 4th International Homeopathic Congress, 21-24 May 2012. The speakers were the following: Dr. med. Johann Loibner (Austria), Dr. med. R. S. Pareek (India), Dr. med. Alok Pareek (India), Dr. med. Herbert Pfeiffer (Germany), Dr. med. Dario Spinedi (Switzerland), Dr. dent. Alberto Mazzocchi (Italy). About 100 homeopathic doctors from Armenia, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, and Italy participated in the Congress, as did their patients, and students from medical university, who listened with great interest. Through "Nor Arev" we continue the homeopathic treatment of children at an orphanage in Yerevan. In October, Ms. Sabine Zimmermann visited Yerevan to conduct a seminar for Armenian homeopathic doctors.

# Your Liga Link: The National Vice President

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

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

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

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

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

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*LMHI Statutes*

## AUSTRIA

*Dr. Christina Ari, NVP*

A constantly rising number of pupils guarantees a high level of qualification in Austria's field of homeopathy. Presently 265 medical doctors, medical students, pharmacists and veterinarians attend the basic education programs. In order to respond to the LMHI-ECH accreditation regulations, both societies provide additional training of 250 hours. ÖGHM and ÄKH show major interest in moving toward a standardization process as proposed by ECH. All four societies desire to cooperate concerning difficult and profound discussions in public. A media team with members of each society was founded in December 2011. The Peithner Award 2011 went to Anna-Theresa Zorzi for her diploma project. A multicenter prospective study by Christa Gründling was published in 2011 in Wiener klinische Wochenschrift: "Real-life effect of classical homeopathy in the treatment of allergies."

## BANGLADESH

*Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, Contact Person*

Many homeopathic medical colleges have been established during the 40 years since independence. The Bangladesh Homeopathic Board was established in 1972. Private homeopathic colleges were established many years ago. The first government medical college and hospital was established in Bangladesh in 1989. The government permits two courses. The Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine & Surgery (BHMS) is under Dhaka University. The Diploma in Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (DHMS) is under the Board of Homeopathy. The BHMS course is available in three colleges; the DHMS course is available in 44 colleges. There are 1,200 BHMS registered physicians and 30,000 DHMS registered physicians. Regarding the authorization of new colleges: Six new private homeopathic medical colleges and hospitals have been approved in several districts. More than three colleges await approval.

# LMHI Governance Meetings

## Actions of the Executive Committee and the International Council

- Minutes of LMHI International Council Meeting in New Delhi, India, 12/11: accepted.
- Treasurer's Report: accepted
- Upcoming Liga Congresses: approved:
  - 2014 Paris, France 17, 18, 19 July 2014
  - 2015 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
  - 2016 Buenos Aires, Argentina
- International Homeopathy Day – 2013 Bogota, Colombia, April 10 or 12: approved
- Seat of LMHI to be moved to Koethen: approved
- *Guidelines for Clinical Verification of Homeopathic Symptoms*, 2nd Edition: approved
- Guidelines for Liga Book Project, Expansion of Titles: approved
- Guidelines/Procedures for Members of Honor/ President of Honor: individual to proposed by 2 LMHI members: approved
- *Guidelines for Congress Organization*, 2nd Edition: approved
  - Dentists & pharmacists full members
  - Dentistry and pharmacy must be included in the Congress
  - Reduced fee for LMHI members for Congress Registration



International Council Meeting



International Council Meeting

### BELGIUM

*Dr. Léon Scheepers, NVP*

In June 2011 the Belgian Healthcare Knowledge Center reported that, for safety reasons, only medical doctors, dentists, and veterinary doctors should practice homeopathy. Between October 2011 and November 2012 there were meetings of the chambers and the commission with equal representation of acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, and osteopathy from universities and practices, and the Minister of Public Health. On March 20, 2012, the chamber voted that the practice of homeopathy will be reserved exclusively for medically trained doctors. This vote was communicated to the commission of equal representation, which will advise the minister of Public Health before 30 November 2012. The minister can deny this advice (unlikely when the advice is taken at great majority and well-motivated). The representatives of each discipline have the right to attempt to influence the Minister's decision.

### BULGARIA

*Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP*

The Working Group of experts finished the project "Changes in Health Law, Chapter 6 Alternative medicine." Most of the discussions were about whether the practice of homeopathy would be limited to MDs only (current law) or NMQPs as well. No agreement on that subject was reached and the project was transferred to the Ministers in the Ministry of Health. There followed an open discussion on the Ministry's website. There is more public interest in homeopathy. The Association of Homeopathic Physicians in Bulgaria (AHPB) organized Homeopathy Week in Bulgaria 29 March – 6 April 2012, "How to create and raise healthy and happy children". There have been free consultations about homeopathy in 13 Bulgarian towns and lectures in different towns for GPs, which were attended by more than 200 doctors.



Executive Committee



International Council

## CANADA

*Prof. Bhupinder Sharma, MD(Hom.), Contact Person*

Ontario is regulating the profession of homeopathy. The Registrar and the Transitional Council of Homeopaths of Ontario (TCCHO) are developing regulations that will place the college among the regulated health professions. At present, the TCCHO is developing tools to assess the skills and qualifications of homeopaths. They have created the "Competency Profile for Entry to Practice Homeopaths Practicing in Ontario" and the "Performance Indicators for Homeopaths Practicing in Ontario," enabling eligible homeopaths to register with the TCCHO legally to practice homeopathy. The pre-registration of homeopaths for the new College of Homeopaths of Ontario is anticipated in 2013 and the proclamation of *Homeopathic Act, 2007*, by 2014. The 2nd Annual Canadian Homeopathic Conference, jointly organized by the entire homeopathic community of Ontario including Quebec, was held in Toronto in October 2012.

## CHINA

*Prof. Steve A. Xue, Ph.D., M.S. of Chinese Medicine, NVP*

We continue to increase the public awareness of homeopathy via website and books, to collaborate with mainstream medical institutions for comparative studies of homeopathy/traditional Chinese medicine, to lobby Chinese health organizations for establishing and completing legislation for homeopathic practices, and to recruit doctors and other health professionals to join LMHI-China. Specifically, we continue to use the LMHI-China website ([www.heliayixue.com](http://www.heliayixue.com)) to update the activities of Liga and research reports. A book on comparative studies of homeopathy and classical Chinese medicine and a concise guidance on commonly used homeopathic remedies was published by Shanghai TCM university press with Dr. Steve Xue as the chief editor. Several meetings were conducted with administrators of China Medicine and Health Development Foundation in Beijing regarding the integration of homeopathic medicine in poor and remote regions.

# Brief Summary of the 67<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

14-17 September 2012, Nara, Japan

Richard Hiltner, MD, DHT, and Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHT  
(the Editor and her Working Group partner were unable to attend every presentation)



Nara Prefectural New Public Hall



Inside the Conference Hall

The 67<sup>th</sup> LMHI Congress was held in the extremely picturesque Park at the Nara Prefectural Hall, Nara, Japan, with friendly deer abounding and being petted by all with a backdrop of ponds, streams, shrines, temples, verdant hills, and mountains. Nara was the capital of Japan from 710 to 784 when Emperor Shomu moved there. It still remains the home of the Japanese peoples' hearts. At his behest one of the world's largest wooden structures, the great temple of Todaiji with a statue of Buddha 15 meters high and weighing 360 tons, was built. The temple was only about a five-minute walk from the Congress Hall.

There were 318 delegates present from 32 countries with 93 presentations. The Japanese Physicians Society for

## COLOMBIA

*Dr. Carles Riveros-Gomez, NVP*

Following a long process of evaluation the National Ministry of Education now recognizes the "Fundación Universitaria Escuela Colombiana de Homeopatía "Luis G. Páez" (FUNHOM)" as a university. This is the first step in creating a homeopathic program that will be legally recognized as a formal medical specialty. Currently, the "FUNHOM" is working on the curriculum, taking into account the program of the LMHI. Other homeopathic schools are undergoing the same process of evaluation and approval. Last year the "Asociación Médica Homeopática Colombiana" was created, to support and promote the practice and teaching of homeopathy. We will celebrate the centenary of the Fundación Instituto Homeopático Luis G. Páez in 2014, and will host World Homeopathy Day in April 2013 in Bogota. We invite all members of to participate in this event.

## COSTA RICA

*Dr. Alejandro Brenes-Valverde, NVP*

We continue to work for the integration of homeopathy into the social security system. In 1997 the Social Security Board (CCSS) appointed a commission to evaluate homeopathy as an alternative. They received input from Drs. Madeleine Bastide and Jennifer Jacobs. From 2000 to 2007 a homeopathic teaching program for health professionals was held in San José, to promote homeopathy. In 2011, the Costa Rican Center of Biological and Integrative Medicine at the Hospital Clínica Bíblica, in San José, the oldest private hospital in the country and rated among the 10 best in Latin America (2010), was inaugurated through the coordination of Fanny Rojas, a cardiologist and homeopath. It has specialists who provide homeopathic medical consultation. In October 2011, there was a nationwide video conference organized by the CCSS.

Homeopathy was started only in 2000 and has 441 members: 240 MDs, 115 Vets, 3 Dentists, and 19 Pharmacists. That is quite remarkable in such a short time and in spite of unfortunately [so what's new?] some negative press.

The theme of this Congress was "WA" or "**HARMONY**" indeed, Harmony in all aspects: Health, Conventional and Homeopathic Medicine, the East and West, Universe, People, Environment, etc. Or in other words, **Moderation** is the key to Medicine and Life.

*The reporter wishes to concentrate on the highlights of the Congress especially in regard to the relationship of Japanese philosophy and medicine. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend all of the presentations.*

The President of the LMHI, **Dr. Jose Matuk**, presented the Keynote address, stating that the LMHI represents 70 countries with approximately 10,000 members. He listed many specific countries and their use of homeopathy.

**Dr. Obitsu**, President of the Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy and Executive Director and Founder of the Obitsu Sankei Hospital, spoke on the role of Homeopathy in "Anti-Cancer Strategy." Dr Obitsu emphasized the holistic and integrative approach towards Cancer and all illnesses.

**Dr. Atsumi** is a cardiac surgeon and started artificial heart research in 1959. In the 1990s he began promoting integrative medicine. He gave credit to modern Western medicine for its triumphs over a number of illnesses in the 20th century. However, he related that modern Western medicine has shown weaknesses in coping with chronic diseases such as metabolic syndrome, mental illness, stress, etc. Homeopathy and other disciplines in Integrative Medicine augment the natural healing potential that is inherent in humans to maintain health, prevent disease and further to aid in medical treatment. Its characteristics are the following: 1] Individualized medical care, 2] Holistic medical care taking into account not only the body, but also mental, social, and spiritual aspects, and 3] Emphasis not only on treatment, but also on preventing disease and promoting health.

One of the most important psychological therapies in Japan is **Morita Therapy**. This approach is not very well known

in the West and, therefore, needs some elaboration to understand the deeper aspects of Eastern thought.

**Dr Shomo Morita** developed this therapy in the 1930s. **Dr. Katanishi** gave the main presentation at the Congress on its relationship to homeopathy. Also **Dr. Obitzu** and **Dr. Itamura** spoke on Morita in various ways. Homeopathy and Morita look at the whole person: body, emotions, mind and spirit [nature]. The influences of Buddhism and the four Noble Truths including the



Ryoichi Obitsu, MD, PhD



The Buddha in the Todaiji Temple, said to be the largest bronze in the world.

## CROATIA

*Dr. Jelka Milic, Contact Person*

The Complementary Medicine Working Group (CMWG) of the Croatian Medical Chamber (CMC) presented its conclusions, which were adopted by the Executive Committee of the CMC and published in its official journal. They decided that complementary medicine is defined as treatment procedures supplementing official medicine practiced by physicians and other academic medical staff; that complementary medicine procedures includes homeopathic medicine procedures; that the education standards for each defined complementary medicine should be proposed by their respective vocational societies. Following those proposals, the CMC should act as the advisory body to the Ministry of Health and Social Care to include the new chapter about complementary medicine into the existing healthcare law. The CMC has sent adopted conclusions of the CMWG to the Ministry of Health and Social Care with no response.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

*Dr. Eliška Novotná, NVP*

Homeopathy, as well as other complementary medical therapies, has no legislative statute in Czech Republic; therefore, it is not covered by any health insurance. Homeopathic remedies can be prescribed by any practitioner. As a result, homeopathy exists in the non medical, commercial sphere with quite high interest among many non medical organizations, schools, and non medical individuals, while the interest from practitioners stagnates. There is still no interest on the part of medical or state authorities to take progressive action and initiate positive changes in the field of complementary medicine.

suffering of Birth, Illness, Aging, and Death, and the Noble Eightfold Path affect the lessening of these sufferings in life and certainly has influenced Morita Therapy.

Wikipedia states that *Morita Therapy directs one's attention receptively to what reality brings in each moment – a focus on the present, avoiding intellectualizing. Simple acceptance of what is allows for active responding to what needs doing. Most therapies strive to reduce symptoms. Morita therapy, however, aims at building character to enable one to take action responsively in life regardless of symptoms, natural fears, and wishes. Character is determined by behavior, by what one does. Dogmatic patterns of collapse are replaced with the flexibility to call upon courage and empowerment. Decisions become grounded in purpose rather than influenced by the fluid flow of feelings.* There is less emphasis on the selfish ego and more on unselfish nature [Spirit]. The anxieties, depressions, etc., of life are expected to some extent. For example, if one gives a public talk, it is normal to be anxious. Or if someone close to you dies, it is normal to be depressed. In other words, life has its pain in various ways that many times are unavoidable. So one needs to see the larger, universal, "nature" picture and develop strength of purpose and approach the larger picture of nature, such as in walks in natural surroundings and exercise to bring in the universal harmony for balance, etc. **Qigong** [or "Life Energy Cultivation"] is a good example of this universal, natural energy entering us to bring harmony and may be used in Morita Therapy.

**Dr. Fukunaga** again emphasized the homeopathic concept of knowing the whole person that is quite complementary to his main area of expertise "Psychosomatic" Medicine or Mind, Emotions and the Body.

The first major randomized, double blinded, placebo-control homeopathic trial done in Japan was presented by **Dr. Hozawa** in *Homeopathy for Japanese Cedar Pollinosis*. About 25 % of Japan suffers from an allergy to the Japanese Cedar Pollen and spends an average of about \$ 200 a year for anti-histamines, etc. The national cost per year is about \$ 765 million.

**Methods:** 125 patients were randomized into intervention and control groups and given either Japanese Cedar Pollen [JCP] 30C or placebo.

**Results:** There was a statistically significant reduction of anti-allergic medicine consumption of the patients with the JCP with  $p < 0.01$ . The JCP group showed the tendency of drop in allergic symptom scores compared to the control group without significant difference.

**Dr. Hozawa** delivered a sad and very valuable speech on *Homeopathy in the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake*. The catastrophic earthquake and tsunami devastated north-eastern Japan on March 11, 2011. He actually was very close to this and his prefecture was seriously damaged. 12,000 people were either dead or missing. Many people lost their family, friends, house, and /or jobs and have suffered from repeated aftershocks and radiation. He feels from several symptoms collected that the genus epidemicus was *Zincum iodatum* and was given in a 30C potency. *Zincum iodatum* showed remarkable effects on the relief of psychological and physical symptoms, such as anxiety, fear, numbness, abdominal pain, chest pain, palpitations, insomnia, poor appetite, dizziness, etc.

## Social Activities

There was a **Welcoming Party** outside of the Hall among the green hills and trees on Thursday, September 13.

After the daily lectures on Friday, September 14, a Traditional Japanese Drama [**Kyogen**] was expertly performed in colorful garb demonstrating an ancient form of the arts.

On September 16, Sunday, a **Gala Dinner** was enjoyed at one of the oldest and most picturesque hotels: Nara Hotel. There was a joyful exposure to ancient Japanese music and instruments along with the vibrant, colorfully adorned costume of a warrior dancing his way through obstacles.

There were three daily sessions of **Qigong** taught by **Dr. Obitzu** in the mornings on the lush, verdant park grounds before the Congress speeches. The artistic movement of Qi [Energy] from the earth and the universe into the attendees

### ECUADOR

*Dr. Xavier Godoy Jaramillo, NVP*

The Ecuadorian Homeopathic Medical Society (SOMHE) is a private, non-profit institution, recognized by the health ministry in 1983, whose members are professional doctors. The Ecuadorian Medical Federation recognized homeopathy as a specialty in April 1998, granting our doctors acceptance and prestige. For more than 15 years SOMHE has remained a popular resource for consultation, education, and service for people lacking resources. The last constituent assembly recognized homeopathy in particular and alternative medicines in general as legal medical practices that must be promoted by the universities and public and private health services. Subsequently, the Samuel Hahnemann Foundation was created, recognized by the health ministry in 1998. The Society and the Foundation cooperate to accomplish common objectives. We invite all to the LMHI Congress 2013 in Ecuador. Please see the complete announcement elsewhere in this issue.

### FRANCE

*Dr. Philippe Servais, NVP*

Since the acceptance in New Delhi of our application to organize the LMHI Congress in 2014 in Paris, we have been very busy. We have assembled a small but capable team and have informed the French homeopathic community of this great event. The central theme of this congress will be "Homeopathy on the move: Strategies and Criteria of Healing." I want this Congress to be primarily oriented to clinical research. This could be an opportunity for everyone to reflect on this subject and share their own experiences. Are there different levels of healing? Can they be different from those used in allopathy? What are the strategies used in your practice? In all probability, the Paris Congress should be attended by between 1500 and 2000 participants. We count on you to support this exchange.



was hopefully invigorating physically and psychologically.

**Dr. Steve An Xue** delivered a stimulating presentation on *Integration of Homeopathy with Classical Chinese Medicine [CCM] and the Chinese Health Care System*. He has been a professor of natural medicine at the University of Hong Kong, China, and is the current LMHI National Vice-President for China. Comparative studies of “warm” [Yang] and “cold” [Yin] herbs and clinical associations with homeopathic “warm” and “cold” medicines were shown to have positive correlations. The Chinese Health Care System is an extremely important area for the future of homeopathy. The holistic, natural approach of CCM and homeopathy demonstrate the need of both to provide an inexpensive way to aid in the health of the Chinese people. **It is very long overdue.**

**Dr. Itamura** presented a study using *Homeopathy for 31 Depression Cases Using a Three-Step Indication Recovery*. The first step was to reduce difficulties in everyday life; second, reduce and stop antidepressants; third, reduce and stop homeopathic medicine. The results were generally very encouraging.

**Dr. Charles Lee** gave a fascinating speech on *Finding Effective Remedies in Clinical Practice by Auriculohomeopathy*. In other words, by placing on a cotton bud various homeopathic medicines in areas in the ear using the French System of ear acupuncture points, one is able to determine improvement of symptoms [e.g., Pain] within about three minutes.

**Dr. Kawahima** reported a study on *The Effect of Rhus tox. on Restless Leg Syndrome in Dialysis Patients*. Ten patients were chosen in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-crossover investigation. *Rhus tox.* 30C was given. The results were not clear.

**Dr. Peter Fisher**, Clinical Director and Director of Research, Royal London Hospital for Integrative Medicine imparted his usual excellent summary of some of the most valuable areas of research in homeopathy. He again clarified the controversial 2005 Shang, et al. article in *Lancet's* meta-analysis revealing that 12 of the 26 reviews were positive



Congress Organizers with guest



Traditional music performance at Gala Dinner: Declaration



Dr. Ryoichi Obitsu leads a class in Qigong.

## GERMANY

*Dr. Cornelia Bajic, NVP*

During the last year, Germany has experienced a certain stagnation in the field of medical homeopathy for the first time. Previously homeopathy in Germany has always been a growing factor, but now it seems to have reached saturation. This development is observed in several countries all over the world. For the German Association of Homeopathic Physicians (*Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte, DZVhÄ*) this indicates a need to pause for a moment and to reflect on the past years of intense activity. Our task for the future now is to stabilize the achieved aims – for example, to preserve the high quality standard of homeopathic education, to continue developing and promoting scientific research in homeopathy in cooperation with our scientific society “WissHom,” and to consolidate our position in the German health system.

## HUNGARY

*Dr. Fruzsina Gabor, NVP*

The Hungarian Homeopathic Medical Association (MHOE) organizes seminars on classical homeopathy for healthcare professionals, seminars with international teachers, and a teachers' training course twice a year. MHOE's education programs are accredited by ECH. The Ministry of Health is working on a medical law with the Council of Complementary Medicine. Guidelines should be written by the Council based on evidence and scientific publications. This is a very strict condition, as not all homeopathic clinical data has been published in scientific literature. A study about homeopathic research was completed. Our second Homeopathy Day was organized in April 2012. There are courses for patients throughout the country. The Homeopátiás Gyógym. vérszeti Társaság has a 4-year training program for nonmedical persons. Homeopathic companies have a basic course for pharmacists and assistants and medical doctors.



Drs. Chase, Hiltner, Itamura, Faingnaert, and Obitsu at the Gala Dinner.

for homeopathy, eight inconclusive, and six negative. He quoted some data from the largest immunization nosode investigation with the dramatic reduction of *Leptospirosis* infection in Cuba with 2.3 million people. Much more could be listed but space does not allow.

**Dr. Michael Van Wassenhoven**, Secretary of Research for the LMHI, delineated the *Clinical Verification of Homeopathic Symptoms using Evidence Based Homeopathy*. He applied the Bayes Theorem in the verification of the link between the presence of a symptom and treatment efficacy using the examples of *Natrum* and *Kalium* salts. The conclusion was that the Likelihood Ratio method made it more possible to differentiate the various salts.

**Dr. Alok Pareek** expounded on a number of malignant brain tumors. The recurrence time was much improved and in many cases absent.

**Dr. Namita Chatterje** also spoke on treatment of breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy while continuing with homeopathic medicine. Many patients benefited from this approach.

**Dr. Shaikh Rahman** spoke about 106 cases of lipoma treated with homeopathic medicine. *Thuja* was the most useful. There were eight others with good results.

## Veterinary Section

**Dr. Shelley Epstein** reviewed a number of clinical trials primarily emphasizing the herd or flock aspect. Studies done on mastitis, enteric pathogens, reproduction and parasitism were discussed. For small animals, a clinical sample in canine pruritus was delineated.

**Dr. Peter Gregory** spoke on *Harmony and Chaos: The Cancer Miasm and Carcinoma in Animals*. The Cancer miasm has only been discussed in the last 12 years. The keywords are "Control" and "Perfection." There is often an underlying fear of abandonment, especially in strays that have been in rescue kennels. There is a desire to please their owner and a sense of perfection likewise. Therefore, there is a strong control of emotions that at times may lead to loss of control with fleeting aggressiveness. The miasm may also appear when the owner is too strict; again, demanding too much perfectionism. Other medicines that may correspond to the cancer miasm include *Lac Caninum*, *Staphysagria*, and *Natrum Muriaticum*.

**Dr. Keiji Mori** also outlined some animal patients whose lives were prolonged or were completely cured.

**Dr. Minako Kuroda** gave two cases of dogs having epilepsy. She emphasized the importance of **Satellite Symptoms**; for example, "walking aimlessly" or paralysis, etc. One dog received *Stramonium* and the other *Belladonna*. Each did very well.

## Dental Section

**Dr. Geraldo Ribeiro Brown** addressed the aspects of inserting homeopathy in Community Oral Health Clinics that started in 1988. He also expounded on the association of Electro-Acupuncture anesthesia along with homeopathy with dental implant surgery. The results demonstrated less infection, inflammation, less implant loss, pain and bleeding than the conventional approach.

**Dr. Gloria Feighelstein** lectured on the homeopathic Constitutional Types in children and cases with

### INDIA

*Dr. S.P.S. Bakshi, NVP*

After many years, we are again trying to establish LMHI in India as LMHI (Indian Chapter). There have been tremendous advancements in homeopathic science in India. We have 672 members of LMHI. The 66th Congress of LMHI was held in New Delhi (1-4 December 2011), attended by over 2000 delegates, including 170 from 33 countries. Over 300 research papers were presented. India pioneers in popularity and practice of homeopathy, which is included among its national systems of medicine. We have 186 undergraduate and 33 postgraduate colleges conducting a 5½-year Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (BHMS) course and a 3-year Post Graduate, MD, (Hom.) course. There are also 223 homeopathic hospitals. To boost research in homeopathy, the existing Central Research and Regional Research Institutes in Homeopathy may become national institutes.

### ITALY

*Dr. Federico Pietro, NVP*

Homeopathy's situation suffers from the economic crisis that has hit the country. Laboratories have noticed a drop in sales of homeopathic medicines and homeopaths have seen a decrease in the number of visits per year. The government has not made progress toward recognizing the validity and effectiveness of homeopathy. The hostile campaign of the health authorities against homeopathy continues, supported by the important newspapers. The political parties represented in Parliament are seeking to develop a bill to regulate homeopathy. The Italian LMHI Vice President completed a survey on homeopathy for adults and children organized by Euroconsumer. The spread of homeopathy is continued by FIAMO, FOI, LUIMO, and SIMO through teaching, learning, and political lobbying. They try to interest the authorities in the introduction of rules for the manufacture of homeopathic medicine.

good results of dental patients treated for Periodontal Disease.

**Dr. Fusaji Kou** also presented a case of periodontal disease that responded well to *Hepar sulph.* and *Sepia*.

**Dr. Hiroshi Fukuoka** expounded on a survey of 263 patients who received Integrative Medicine combined with homeopathy during the course of Oral Implant Treatment. Preoperative care included: massage in neck-shoulder areas and foot reflexology along with homeopathy. Intraoperative care consisted of TEAS or Transcutaneous Electrical Acupuncture. Postoperative care involved finger pressure along with Qi application on the patient by the practitioners. Homeopathic treatment consisted of *Arnica*, *Hypericum*, and *Symphytum* [to enhance the bone healing]. The results demonstrated less pain, swelling. Also there was less tension/anxiety and a stronger trust relationship between the patient and practitioner.

## Conclusion

I am sorry that space does not permit expanding more on all the other outstanding presentations. It has been very difficult to do the proper justice to all the presenters.

The 67th LMHI Congress was indeed historical in a variety of areas. The setting for this Congress was truly one of the most majestic, scenic, heart-fulfilling, natural surroundings of the past Congresses. The Japanese people have a sensitive, strong, polite, sophisticated ancient character that has developed through many trials and tests of character, such as the recent earthquake disaster. There is certainly a respect for homeopathy in a truly holistic sense of the larger picture of a person as well as the universe. The sense of integration with other medical disciplines is sound and reasonable. Yes, the *Wa* or harmony of all nature is a basis of Japanese life. Hopefully, this Congress will give great impetus to the nation and other surrounding nations, such as China, to give their people the wonderful, safe, natural and inexpensive medicine they deserve.



Kogen dramatic presentation



Nara park



The sacred deer populate the beautiful Nara park.

## JAPAN

*Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP*

The current status of Homeopathy in Japan is still far from a situation in which patients can enjoy its benefits with a feeling of security. Two years ago, it was revealed that unregistered homeopaths who were not medical doctors had caused a number of deaths due to the abuse of homeopathic process. Since then, Homeopathy-bashing has continued in Japan. As the only organization consisting of only medically certified members, JPSH is apprehensive about these incidents and making every effort to spread proper knowledge of homeopathy as a medical treatment. The 67th Congress of the LMHI in Nara 2012 is the very first to be held in East Asia, we would like to introduce Japanese homeopathy to the world, and world homeopathy to Japanese doctors.

## KAZAKHSTAN

*Dr. Yelena Zyukina, Contact Person*

Homeopathy is officially recognized; doctors can legally prescribe homeopathic remedies. Twenty years ago the Kazakh Homeopathic Association was registered by the Ministry of Justice as a Public Association. Homeopaths are officially recognized but must pass the exams of the Medical Institute for Postgraduate Education, Department of Non-Traditional Medicine.

We have more than 100 homeopaths. Kazakhstani homeopaths recently participated in a live professional development video conference organized by the University Druzby Narodov, School of Medicine. In 2012 homeopaths took part in the 3rd General Assembly of the National Medical Association, called "Ecology, Health, Rehabilitation."

We invite all LMHI members to the Jubilee Homeopathic Conference on September 28, 2012, in Almaty. You can expect excellent weather, the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of Zailiski Alatau Mountains, our modern city, and Kazakh hospitality.

# Reports of the Executive Committee 2012

## President

*Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan, Mexico*



The President's office works every day, taking care of each situation occurring in the Liga, as well as being attentive to decisions that are made together for the successful functioning of our organization. This year we worked together to define our future. At the Congress of New Delhi, I perceived that we have

many members scattered around the world interested in our organization, but lacking the right information.

After that Congress, I made some necessary reports and letters, under the recommendation of Dr. Manchanda, to various authorities of the Indian government that enabled us to recover part of the membership fees from the previous administration.

I attended the Executive Officers Meeting in Madrid, Spain, where we coordinated the relevant aspects of LMHI regarding program activities of new members, certifications, future Congresses, the foundation, assessments and future planning. We were very productive, and grateful for the hospitality of the "Instituto Homeopatico y Hospital de San Jose." We accepted and approved the representation of the LMHI of Dr. Ulrich Fischer to the Congress of South Africa in April 2012.

International Homeopathy Day took place in Izmir, Turkey, in April 2012, after a meeting with the members of the Health Ministry in Ankara where the exercise of our profession was legally approved. We thank Dr. Levent Buddha Mainly, Dr. Altunay Soylemez, and to Dr. Gamze Arpacı for valuable and extraordinary coordination at this event attended by over 100 participants. We had the assistance of Dr. Renzo Galassi and of

Dr. Ton Nicolai, President of the European Committee for Homeopathy. Izmir, Turkey, may be a future site for a Liga Congress.

I visited Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July 2012, to attend a meeting organized by Dr. Gloria Andre Feighelstein, who achieved a conclave with leading associations of homeopaths of Brazil (see the full report), gaining the integration of a new National Vice President, and including the Brazilian Federation of Homeopaths as members of LMHI. It has been proposed that the city of Rio de Janeiro should be the site of the 70th Congress of LMHI in 2015.

We attended the National Congress of Homeopathy in Oaxaca, Mexico (August 2012), where the participation was strong and included representatives of the official authority of the city and the health authorities. We hope it served to encourage various Associations of Oaxaca and other Mexican cities to become members of LMHI.

During this period, there have been almost daily communications with the official members of the LMHI Committee as we work with intensity to solve situations that arise. Among these situations is the monitoring of the updating of the *Guidelines for Congress Organization*, following the request of Dr. Geraldo Brown and Fruszina Gabor, to modify Congress Guidelines, and add Dentistry and Pharmacy to the future developments for Congresses of the League.

In this past year, as Prime Vice President Dr. Renzo Galassi has been working on the implementation of the Working Groups affiliated with each of the General Secretaries and their respective areas of responsibility within the Liga, we have mutually supported each other.

The traditional *Directory of Members of the Executive Committee and the International Council of the LMHI* has once again been produced and distributed. The LMHI will assist in future activities such as the Centenary of the Foundation of the "Escuela Libre de Homeopatia de Mexico,"

### MEXICO

*Dr. Antonio P. Sánchez Caballero, NVP*

In 2012 the Free School of Homeopathy Mexico celebrated 100 years of training of homeopaths. Many teachers of homeopathy emerged from this institution, such as Leonardo Jaramillo, Conrado Medina, Eulalio Dario Flores, David Flores Toledo, and Proceso Sanchez Ortega. The celebration culminated in a homeopathic International Congress in Mexico City, with guest speakers from Germany, Argentina, Ecuador, Brazil, and Mexico. The National Homeopathic Hospital will reopen soon. Homeopatía de Mexico met in the city of Oaxaca in August, to discuss philosophical study and testing of new remedies. One of our greatest problems is training homeopathic graduates in states without medical training or adequate homeopathic teaching. In October 2012 we held the XXXIII National Congress of Homeopathic Medicine in Puebla Atlixco. All schools, associations, institutes and colleges continue to promote homeopathy.

### MOLDOVA

*Dr. Tatiana Bolbocean, NVP*

Homeopathy has been practiced in Moldova since World War II and was legalized in 1998. Medical doctors can receive certification in homeopathy. The Association of Homeopathy in Republic of Moldova was founded in 1994 and became a member of the LMHI in 2008 at the 63rd Congress. Currently, we have 35 members. Homeopathy has been taught since 1999 at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu" Chisinau. During the last year there were a number of courses of specialization and improving in homeopathy, covering such areas as preserving health, pediatrics, and certification level courses. Since September 2008, monthly homeopathic seminars attended by 30-40 homeopaths meet and share information about cases, remedies, and news about homeopathy. Moldavian homeopaths also attended international conferences, seminars and congresses.

## Immediate Past President

Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer, Germany



- 1) **LMHI Foundation:** Promotes and supports research and education of medical homeopathy. The *Statutes* of the LMHI Foundation, a "trustee" foundation connected to and future seat of LMHI, are practically finished.
- 2) **Change of the LMHI seat (Geneva, Switzerland); LMHI as a non-profit-organization**  
To achieve non-profit status, several contacts and negotiations with a Swiss lawyer occurred in 2011. Swiss tax offices refuse to provide LMHI with non-profit status. The possibilities of transferring the LMHI seat to Germany have been evaluated. Once LMHI is dissolved in Switzerland, it can be re-founded in Germany, which will provide non-profit status. Alternatively, Belgium will be investigated as a possible seat. The EC has discussed the steps and costs required for this change.
- 3) **I participated in the LMHI officers meeting in Madrid, April 2012**
- 4) **Representation of the LMHI at the Congress of the Homeopathic Association of South Africa (HSA) in Capetown, in late April.** In my presentation, I emphasized the enduring qualities and global character of homeopathy and introduced the structure and purposes of the LMHI. I also lectured at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) about the Organon of Samuel Hahnemann.
- 5) **2nd Edition of LMHI document *Guidelines for Congress Organization*.** In collaboration with the Executive Committee and NVPs, we made significant additions to the 1st Edition, especially in pharmacy and dentistry.
- 6) **Regular contact and work with LMHI officers and EC colleagues**
- 7) The LMHI Treasurer and I and ECH have been the contact persons for common projects regarding the future of LMHI and ECH.

## THE NETHERLANDS

Dr. Hetty Buitelaar, NVP

The Association of Physicians for Integral Medicine (AVIG) has been founded and members of VHAN, all doctors for homeopathy, and the association for doctors for naturopathy, among others, have joined. A committee of quality will safeguard the title homeopathic doctor and the requirements for registration as such. VHAN will either liquidate or change to a funding organization to promote homeopathic training and research. We have a decrease of homeopathic medical doctors due to lack of interest from new doctors and aging of current members. We still have concerns about the availability of homeopathic remedies. The government has accepted the reregistration for physicians in the Law on Medical Profession (BIG). By 2018 every medical doctor must reregister by a declaration of having worked as a medical doctor for 8 hours weekly, excluding homeopathy.

## Prime Vice President

Dr. Renzo Galassi, Italy



The Prime Vice President participated at the LMHI officers meeting in Madrid, April 2012 and at the IHD in Turkey, April 2012. This involved one day in Ankara for a meeting with the officers of the Minister of Health, four days in Izmir for the public conference at the Hilton Hotel, and 2 days to give a seminar to the colleagues of the Turkish Homeopathic Association of Izmir. Every detail of the organization of such events was perfect, and I could appreciate the high quality level of the work of our young Turkish colleagues. They are a hope for the future of Hahnemannian Medicine.

I had regular contact and work with LMHI officers with discussion and continuous exchange of emails about the administration of LMHI and the preparations for the LMHI Congress in Nara/Japan.

I also had regular contact with LMHI President Jose Matuk Kanan in order to support him and give advice for his very important and difficult job.

There was a continuous exchange of email among several members of the LMHI Working groups with the aim of advancing the activity and the achievement of the goals of this important project. In Nara we had a second meeting of the members of the working groups.

## SERBIA

Dr. Lazar Trifunovic

We have 43 individual Members of LMHI. Among our homeopathic organizations are the Section for Homeopathy of the Serbian Medical Society and Homoeopathic Association for Classic Homoeopathy "Hahnemann." There is a School of Classical Homeopathy for Physicians in the Section for Homeopathy, Serbian Medical Society, Belgrade. We also have the School of Classical Homeopathy in the Homeopathic Association for Classic Homeopathy, "Hahnemann," Novi Sad. Both associations have active websites. Recent Publications include "The Very Low Dose of Drugs, Placebo Effect and Treatment of Syncope," by Milovanovic Branislav, Milos Popovic, Mutavdzic Slavica, Radivojevic Vera, Simic marija, Milovanovic Anita, 25-26 April 2012; and "The Ultra High Dilution of Drugs in Water and Treatment of Disease," by B. Milovanovic, M. Popovic, V. Radivojevic, A. Milovanovic, S. Mutavdzic, M. Simic, 5-7 July 2012.

## Prime General Secretary

*Dr. Thomas Peinbauer, Austria*



The following activities have required my attention:

- Documentation of EC and IC meetings at the LMHI Congress 2011
- Organization, preparation and documentation of the LMHI Officers' meeting Madrid/Spain, 22-23 April 2012
- Organization and preparation of the

EC and IC meetings of the LMHI Congress 2012

- Main contact person for questions of the LMHI office in Berlin (Caroline Geiser; Angelika Henne, Stefanie Wenzel since March 2012) concerning administration, inquiries of members, and of other interested persons; the Liga News (coordination of topics within the EC)
- Main contact person for UBS (Swiss bank), Fidinter AG (Swiss tax advisor)
- Main contact person for issues related to cooperation between LMHI and DZVhÄ (LMHI office, IPAH/website).
- A new cooperation agreement between LMHI and DZVhÄ, April 2012
- Cooperation with my fellow Executive Officers concerning their projects:
  - International Homeopathy Day 2012 in Turkey;
  - Visit of the Past President to South Africa;
  - LMHI Congress 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016;
  - Founding of the LMHI seat within the European Union;
  - Hermes-Project;
  - International Homeopathic Foundation;
  - Guidelines/Procedure for Advertisement;
  - Guidelines/Procedure for Member/President of Honour;
  - Changes of the statutes concerning the LMHI seat and the status of pharmacists;
  - LMHI working groups;
  - Healthy future ECH and LMHI and the future of LMHI.
- Cooperation with the Secretaries concerning their projects:
  - Various LMHI guidelines
  - Inquiries concerning LMHI accreditation for homeopathic schools.

## Treasurer

*Dr. Yves Faingnaert, Belgium*



1. Financial management: For the financial year 2011, we had total gross income of CHF 107.103,90 with expenses of CHF 83.986,55, giving us the positive result of CHF 23.117,35. Eighty-seven percent of this income is generated in Europe. For the year

ending August 2012, we foresee a total income of CHF 86.680,28, from 36 institutional members, 12 individual members, and 3 associate members, with a total of 5,853 members. The total projected expenditures are CHF 88.358,46, resulting in a loss of CHF 1.678,18 (After Nara Congress costs). Analyzing our total equity and liabilities, one sees a constant decrease. Adjusting membership fees has never been considered. Rising expenses are to be strictly controlled, while the Treasurer should endeavor to obtain a good income. We have to adapt our subscription rates annually, for cost of living, price increases, and inflation. Our total capital amounts to CHF 183.883,63.

Credibility of our organization depends on a sound financial reserve; therefore, the amount of capital should be approximately equal to yearly expenses.

2. Monthly oversight of LMHI accounts and current payments to the Executive Officers.
3. Meetings: participation at the LMHI officers' meeting in Madrid April 2012.
4. In cooperation with our Past President, as ECH and LMHI Treasurer, many contacts occurred between ECH and LMHI concerning future projects: changes in the structures, membership fees, moving the LMHI seat, and the re-foundation of a non-profit organization in an European country, subcommittees or working groups, common administration. The aim is to become more effective and more economic.

### SLOVENIA

*Dr. Irena Gorišek, NVP*

The legal status of homeopathy in Slovenia did not change in the last year. According to the Act of Healing Practices, only medical doctors can practice homeopathy; but, if they do so, they can lose their license to practice conventional medicine (Medical Doctors Service Act). We are trying to change this absurd situation. We are waiting for advice from the Ombudsman for Human Rights to whom we send much material about our activities to change the status of homeopathy—materials about the status of homeopathy in Europe and in the world. The Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices issued 5-year permits for 62 homeopathic medicines since March 2011. Only pharmacies with homeopathically educated pharmacists can sell them and medical doctors are not allowed to prescribe them according to the MDSA.

### SOUTH AFRICA

*Dr. Neil Gower, Contact Person*

LMHI institutional membership of the Homoeopathic Association of South Africa (HSA) (representative of registered homoeopaths in SA) was ratified at the LMHI meeting in December 2011. The profession awaits 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. The Medicines Control Council of South Africa (MCC) has proposed requirements and guidelines for registration of proprietary CAM products and we await their final publication along with guidelines for scheduling. The HSA bi-annual national Congress was successfully held in April 2012 entitled, "Medicine for the 21st Century."

## Secretary for Archives

Dr. Edgar Godoy, Ecuador



The Secretary of Archives has maintained and continued the policy of our institution for collection and archiving documents generated through our annual activities.

The reports, proposals and work of the countries, President, Vice President, Past President, Executive Committee members and their respective secretaries have also been stored for shipment to Stuttgart. At the same time, minutes of the various meetings that have taken place this year have been correctly registered and archived.

The proposals of the study groups from the doctors, as well as the Secretaries of Dentistry, Pharmacy, Education, etc., have also been collected and filed, as have the economic reports from our Treasurer.

Thanks to the information provided by Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, the Secretary of Archives was able to contact Mrs. Maria Neus Lorenzo Galés, granddaughter of one of the founders of the LMHI, Dr. Juan Bertran. Mrs. Lorenzo sent us important information and photographs about the early Congresses of the Liga that took place in the first decades of the last century. We are in constant communication with her and expecting to receive more documents of that time that are of great importance for the history of our institution.

We also saved and archived the preliminary documents from the Congress in Japan in 2012 and from the Congress in Ecuador in 2013.

The reports and documents collected in India were already sent to Dr. Martin Dinges Stuttgart for its respective file.

Details of all these efforts are available in the full report on the LMHI website.

## Secretary for Dentistry

Dr. Geraldo A. Brown Ribeiro, Brazil



The following relevant activities are worthy of note:

1. We are supporting the recognition of homeopathy as a dental specialty by the Federal Dental Council of Brazil. Every opportunity is employed to insert LMHI into that struggle.
2. We also support the recent agreement between the Brazilian Homeopathic Federation and the National Health Research Institute/Brazilian Sports Ministry to give homeopathic support to 4,000 Brazilian athletes in all orally treatable conditions for which conventional treatment could be considered doping. It is a pilot project for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
3. We are working with the Secretary for Pharmacy on a survey for mapping the worldwide situation of homeopathy in both fields. It was distributed to the NVPs, associations and professionals in general.
4. We are beginning a project with the Liga NVPs, associations and professionals, in general, to invite homeopathic dentist researchers to submit their papers for analysis and publication in a scientific webpage linked to the Liga News.
5. An excellent Dental Session was held during the India Congress, with good representation.
6. An introductory text of "Homeopathy in Dentistry" to be published in the *Liga News* and the *Liga Letter*, was accepted by the LMHI Executive Committee. This is a first step toward developing a guideline for introducing homeopathy into contemporaneous dentistry.

Thanks for all the support from the Executive Committee and the International Council. Homeopathy in Dentistry can be considered news in the scientific world and that support is indispensable for its consolidation.

### SPAIN

Dr. Antonio F. Marqués Arpa, NVP

A higher participation is promoted in the Medical Colleges, besides periodic meetings of coordination in the head office of the Medical College Spanish Organization (OMC). All Spanish associations keep united through the National Assembly of Homeopathy with a Congress periodically. Broadcast departments and communication courses are promoted in some cities, and some investigation projects are being carried out. In spring of 2013, a Scientific Days of Discussion are organized in OMC's (Madrid) office and an International Congress of scientific works in Barcelona. The associations appealed against an unfavorable report from the Spanish Health Ministry (December 2012). Some advances have been obtained for the Official Remedies Registration. In April 2012 a meeting took place in the Hospital of S. José (Madrid) of LMHI-ECH, which stimulated Spanish homeopathic doctors.

### SWITZERLAND

Dr. med. Barbara Bichsel-Altherr, NVP

In the past year, the Compulsory Basic Health Insurance began reimbursing for medical CAM therapies such as homeopathy, anthroposophy, traditional Chinese medicine, and phytotherapy. This is a big advantage for the patients. At the last Swiss homeopathic teachers' meeting, we brought experienced physicians practicing homeopathy for many years to meet with young students recently graduated in homeopathy or assistant physicians in order to share experiences. There were many questions about our daily work as family doctors practicing homeopathy. As a consequence of the positive vote for the so called referendum for CAM 2009, the universities are obliged to introduce some lectures about CAM in all academic health professions. At the universities of Lausanne, Berne, Geneva, and Zurich there are already a few lectures, mostly in the context of internal medicine.

## Secretary for Education

Dr. Carles Amengual, Spain



1. **Medical homeopathic educations standards:** LMHI and ECH, representing medical homeopathy worldwide, adopted in 2009 a common program on education standards. Implementation of this program should be a must in the future.
2. **Acreditation of hmeopathic schools**

Several schools from Peru, Turkey, and Spain asked for accreditation to the LMHI.

### 3. The Liga Book project

No applications for the year 2012. Some amendments to the 1997 procedure document were discussed at the Nara Congress.

### 4. World Homeopathy 2012

Many thanks to the following representatives who have already sent information: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay and USA.

We require urgently of the other representatives one e-mail with:

- a letter in English from the NVP with the detailed **legal situation of homeopathy AND**
- a copy of any **legal document** regarding homeopathy in your country.

The information will be collected in a document/report and will be sent to all LMHI National Vice Presidents. Please note that we rely only on your kind collaboration to include your country's homeopathic information. We collected 530 pages in the last document WORLD HOMEOPATHY 1998. WORLD HOMEOPATHY 2012 will be useful as technical information for the political and academic authorities. Please be aware of the importance of your prompt and effective collaboration by sending the required complete information.

## Secretary for the Newsletter

Dr. Sandra M. Chase, USA



It is gratifying to see the wonderful job that is being done by our Liga Secretariat, particularly Caroline Geiser, in producing *the Liga Letter* from the voluminous text and selected pictures that my office generates in its creation. Published also in Spanish since 2001, it has also been

translated into Russian for the first time.

As Secretary for Newsletter I have focused on its uninterrupted, continued preparation. It serves the vital function of being the one tangible benefit of Liga Membership and the one direct link of the Executive Committee to each Member.

My commitment remains to the direct providing of each issue of *the Liga Letter* to each Liga member for dissemination of information, facilitation of communication, engagement of each member, mutual support of members and the homeopathic community, and maintenance of our medical discipline's rightful place in the world.

A Reader's Survey of the entire Liga Membership, 1997, revealed that 92 % of respondents read all or some of the newsletter; with the favored topics ranked in this order: 1) Congress Reports, 2) National Reports, 3) Meeting Reports. A survey of the Austrian recipients, 2005, revealed that 80 % of respondents wanted to continue to read it.

My goals include the continuation of regular publication of *the Liga Letter*. To accomplish this, we require a 130-word summary from each NVP/Contact and a 250-word summary from each Executive Officer. I hope to Work with Richard Hiltner, MD, DHt, National Vice President, LMHI, USA, my Working Group partner of several years and who has agreed to stand for election as the next Secretary for the Newsletter.

### TURKEY

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, NVP

We celebrated International Homeopathy Day in 2012, organized by the Turkish Classic Homeopathy Association (TCHA), and attended by Drs. Jose Matuk, Renzo Galassi, and Ton Nicolai. During a visit to the Health Ministry, we learned that homeopathy will be defined and regulated under complementary medicine therapies, thus limiting the practice of homeopathy to physicians only. Up to this time, homeopathy has not been legally regulated and there are many lay practitioners. The National Drugs and Pharmacies Department has passed an act regulating homeopathic remedies. The TCHA will offer courses to pharmacists. Because of the increased interest in homeopathy among physicians, our association hopes to add additional educational programs. We have applied to LMHI for the homeopathic diploma.

The veterinarian practice of homeopathy is very well defined and regulated.

### UKRAINE

Dr. Zoya Dergachova, NVP

The Association of Homeopaths of Ukraine became an institutional member of LMHI on November 30, 2011. In December 2011, a delegation of Ukrainian doctors took part in the 66th Congress of LMHI in New Delhi, India. In May 2012, Ukrainian homeopaths participated in International Congress of Homeopaths in Yerevan. On 9-11 November 2012, the VI Congress of Homeopaths of Ukraine will be held and a collection of articles will be published. The NVP is going to be elected at the Congress. On 12-13 November 2012, an Andre Pellegrini seminar will be conducted. Also in November, *The Journal of Homeopathic Medicine*, the magazine of the Association of Homeopaths of Ukraine, will be published. The Association is cooperating with the Ministry of Public Health for Homeopathy to obtain the legal status.



## Secretary for Pharmacy

Fruzsina Gábor, PhD, Hungary



The plan for last year was to get closer to full membership for pharmacists in the LMHI; to help pharmacy sessions during the ongoing LMHI Congresses; to discuss the quality of homeopathic remedies and the definitions; to collect and share dissertation subjects;

to promote wider and more fluent communication; to work on the educational standards of pharmacists of LMHI; to learn the status of pharmacists and homeopathic remedies in all countries.

The question of full LMHI membership for pharmacists is on the agenda of EC and IC meeting, prior to presentation for decision by the members. The changing will require a change in the LMHI *Statutes*.

LMHI should encourage organizers to offer pharmacy sessions at congresses. The situation is the same for dentists, so we initiated a discussion with Dr. Geraldo A. Brown Ribeiro, the Secretary for Dentistry, and the congress contract document of LMHI was changed after the decision among Secretaries and EC members. Sessions for dentists, pharmacists, and veterinary doctors are supported by the LMHI and they are obligatory.

To continue this work on definitions of production of homeopathic remedies, we began a discussion about the definition list from the WHO documentation for production of homeopathic remedies.

To collect and share dissertation subjects from experts is important in order to help the communication between experts and assist in the work of younger experts.

To get more details about the status of pharmacists and homeopathic remedies in different countries, Dr. Ribeiro and I compiled a survey. The survey is still open: <http://homeonet.blogspot.hu>.

## Secretary for Public Relations

Dr. Sara Eames, UK



In India there was a Working Group meeting to appoint representatives to coordinate information and strategy. There were eight initial volunteers, but there have been few replies to emails since then. I spoke about working with the media in Nara, hoping to inspire more involvement and have been

involved with new media initiatives in the UK.

- 1) Employed celebrities who use homeopathy to support it publically. (Time consuming and expensive, but received coverage in national papers and magazines.) [www.celebhomeopathy.com](http://www.celebhomeopathy.com)
- 2) Established websites to improve Google rankings and provide information. New practitioners' website: [www.findahomeopath.org.uk](http://www.findahomeopath.org.uk). Website about problems with the UK science and technology commission report: [www.homeopathyevidencecheck.org/index.htm](http://www.homeopathyevidencecheck.org/index.htm). The HomeopathicAction Trust established a website for practitioners and patients with over 6000 Facebook followers ([www.facebook.com/HoWFMe](http://www.facebook.com/HoWFMe)).
- 3) Uploaded on 'YouTube' interviews with practitioners discussing why they use homeopathy. Social media is increasing in importance. A directory of quality sites to use as web links is a powerful tool.
- 4) Lobbied for right-of-reply to critical pieces about homeopathy in professional journals, thereby getting positive pieces published.
- 5) Produced materials to help practitioners and supporters speak in favor of homeopathy. Two of the more successful have been:
  - Media tool kit: basic facts and figures as well as 'do's and don'ts' and bullet points for media work.
  - Z Cards 'Homeopathy Works:' simple answers to frequently asked questions and criticisms.

We are seeing the benefits of this work. The challenge is to do similar work worldwide, and I look forward to discussing this both with EC members and the wider group.

### UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Sara Eames, NVP

There is an active group of detractors influencing the media in the UK. Homeopathy is available within the National Health Service (NHS) through homeopathic hospitals and those family doctors who wish to provide it. The future of homeopathy within the NHS is uncertain in light of major organizational changes. We work closely with all homeopathic organizations to raise the standard of homeopathy and to increase positive media coverage. We recently held our inspiring, successful biennial Faculty of Homeopathy Conference, 'Empowering the Individual.' Many critics of homeopathy around the world refer to the findings of the UK Parliaments Science and Technology Committee report. Compiled by a small biased group of politicians, this report was not a scientific review and was not accepted by the government. Please see [www.homeopathyevidencecheck.org](http://www.homeopathyevidencecheck.org) for more details.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dr. Richard Hiltner, NVP

The American Institute of Homeopathy [AIH] participated in the 1000-delegate International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health and presented at the 400-delegate Joint American Homeopathic Conference [JAHC], with keynote speaker Luc Mantagnier, PhD, discussing electromagnetic waves associated with homeopathic impressions on water. Ananda More, Canadian practitioner and filmmaker, spoke about a film she is producing: *In Search of Evidence*. Carol Boyce's film, *Homeopathy Around the World - Making a Difference*, debuted at the JAHC. Dr. Michel van Wassenhoven, LMHI Secretary for Research, has pursued more research on EEG changes with homeopathy by Iris Bell, MD, et al. [USA]. Homeopathy has the opportunity to be included in the Affordable Care Act.

## Secretary for Research

Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, Belgium



After each LMHI Congress, we update the LMHI-ECH document: *Scientific Framework of Homeopathy*. This booklet, aiming at better access to scientific publications, is published yearly with new results of homeopathic research. The 2011 version is on the LMHI website.

LMHI guidelines for clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms have reached a consensus on a second edition (see website).

We have worked out a list of documented homeopathic remedies to facilitate the registration of medicines and to indicate our research priorities.

An international survey on Quality of Life changes in new patients (adults and children between 1 and 6 year old) was finalized in six European countries and Brazil. The results show great patient satisfaction when using homeopathy.

We obtained a publication in a traditional journal (Med Health Care and Philos) discussing "Plausibility and evidence: the case of homeopathy," demonstrating that evidence for homeopathy is at least comparable to conventional evidence for the most frequent indication in daily practice.

We organized a survey about prior belief: "a homeopathic medicine does not contain any active principle." We can conclude that this idea is wrong. Nobody can exclude today that "molecular residues" in a majority of the homeopathic preparations are playing a role in the homeopathic information process.

We have obtained the publication in a conventional journal (*BMC Medical Research Methodology*) of a new methodology for auditing homeopathic literature. We have begun a new audit of homeopathic literature and are confident that the results will be more accurate. Publication of results is expected in 2013.

## Working Team: Library

### International Homeopathic Library Foundation of Samuel Hahnemann in Cordoba, Argentina

Dr. Cesar Cremonini, Chairman; Jorge Buffa; Rafael Muñoz



This year we decided, as a fifth book, to translate the fourth edition of the *Organon* in Spanish as well as printing the second edition of the *Organon* in English. We believe this work is significant, despite the difficulty that we are not remunerated for the library work that we have undertaken.

Many people in India asked us to do the translation of the second edition, and this will last until the fourth edition, in order that everyone can access these works of Master Meissen. With the intention of calling for improvements to benefit homeopathy, this Chairman of the Library Working Team questions the wisdom of reimbursing travel expenses of the Executive Committee of the LMHI. He wishes to see greater support of the Samuel Hahnemann Library, which exists under the oversight of the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis.

## National Vice President/ National Contact Report Form

Name of the Country:

Summary of Report: One paragraph in length, in English (for use in the Minutes)  
**Duplicate 130-word paragraph to be submitted to Liga Letter Editor.**

Members: Number of members in his/her country.

Organization: Numbers, titles and addresses of the different associations.

Schools: Names of homeopathic schools or courses.

Program of Activities: The programs of the national congresses in the immediate past and the next year.

Publications: The names of the works given in the congress or meetings.

Magazines: The names and addresses of the publications and magazines.

# 68<sup>th</sup> Congress of Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

Quito, Ecuador – 2-7 June 2013



## Quito – Ecuador

From Quito, claimed as the first UNESCO World's Heritage Site and from the middle of the world, we would like to invite you, so we can gather and participate in the **68th Homeopathic Medical League Congress 2013**, to share our efforts, doubts and progress that have been achieved with a new paradigm. Nonetheless, we also invite you to enjoy a wonderful scenery that Ecuador and its capital offer to the world, as well from the modern luxury hotels to glimpse the beauty of the jungle, beaches and of course the Galápagos Islands.

**San Francisco de Quito**, better known as Quito, is the capital city of the Republic of Ecuador and its province Pichincha. Quito's city is known for being the head of the metropolitan area known as Metropolitan District of Quito. It is located above Guayllabamba valley on the eastern slopes of Pichincha Mountain, around the occidental area of the Andes. Its average altitude is 2850 meters making it the second highest city capital of the world (La Paz is number one). It is also the highest official capital of the world. Its population around the urban areas would settle through 1.5 million people and 1.8 million throughout the whole District. The city is divided into 32 parishes, which are subdivided into districts.

Since Quito is considered as the main political city in Ecuador, many important organizations, government agencies, national banks, culture departments and others have settled their principal offices inside the city, including foreign companies that have been operating in the country for years. It has been the first city declared (among Krakow, Poland) as a Cultural Heritage site for humanity by UNESCO on September 18, 1978. The union of South American Nations named Quito as its headquarters.

## Discover Ecuador

There are endless reasons to take a trip to Ecuador. You will be able to visit four regions in one small country, the Pacific Ocean, the Galapagos Islands, the Amazon rain forest and the Andes. Truly, it is a nature lover's paradise as classified by UNESCO as a mega-diverse country with many types of animals and flowers to enjoy. Also, it is the home of 17 distinct indigenous groups and 27 different



ethnic groups, many of which preserve their languages, traditions, and dress to a remarkable degree.

Quito, the Capital, is surrounded with historic haciendas, ethnographic museums, art galleries, and the "Middle of the World" monument, where you can be part of a fascinating historical legacy. In the other hand you don't want to miss the unique and delicious cuisine, were the mix of many local flavors gives you a wide variety of tastes.

Surely the most recognized place in Ecuador is the Galapagos Islands. Just a two-hour flight from Quito, it is the home of a stunning volcanic landscape, turquoise waters, and hundreds of unique species. At the east of Quito you can find the Amazon Region, within dense green vegetation were and an abundance of flora and fauna, along with an opportunity for an unforgettable adventure.

All this is part of an endless array of adventures were you visit Cotopaxi, the tallest active volcano in the world, or maybe enjoy kayaking the rapids in the Amazon rain forest, as well relaxing in Papallacta, a thermal volcanic bath. Ecuador is a true example of sustainable conservation and responsible tourism, where visitors have plenty of opportunities actively to participate in the culture.

If you want another reason, probably the eternal spring-like weather of Ecuador all year-round creates an ideal environment for the country's rich fauna and flora to flourish and its visitors to enjoy a laid-back experience. Ecuador has plenty to offer just about any type of traveler, from adventure seekers to eco-tourists, history buffs to honeymooners, families to those looking to learn Spanish in a comfortable environment – Ecuador and Galapagos has it all.

## Quito Tours, Hotels in Quito, Day Trips, Information

- Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve
- Ride the Rails in Ecuador with the Spirit of the Andes
- Otavalo Tours Ecuador indigenous market tour
- Ecuador Highlands, Cotopaxi, Antisana and Papallacta Tours
- Galapagos Cruises on board La Pinta Luxury Yacht
- Galapagos Island Tour, Santa Cruz Galapagos Cruise
- Galapagos Cruise Tours, Yacht Isabela II Galapagos
- Hotel in Galapagos, Finch Bay Eco Hotel
- Other

## Theme: The paradigm of Homeopathic Medicine

### Development:

#### 1. Quantum physics in Homeopathic Medicine

- Hahnemann and the Cartesian paradigm.
- Hahnemann and the Newtonian paradigm.
- Hahnemann, Albert Einstein and Relativity in Homeopathy.
- Hahnemann, Modern Quantum. The complex and chaos theory.
- Homeopathic Medicine of the XXI Century.

#### 2. Homeopathy and Modern Philosophy

- Homeopathy and Jung.
- Systematic Thinking in Homeopathy.

#### 3. Standards and legality in Homeopathic Medicine

- Complementary and Alternative Medicines and Homeopathy.
- Latinamerican Congress of Materia Medica

### Main theme:

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## Program

### Tentative schedule June 2-7, 2013

#### Business Meetings

June 2th – Meeting of the LMHI Executive Committee

June 3th – LMHI International Council Meeting 2012

#### Congress Sessions

June 4th – AM Registration\ Oral presentations - PM Oral presentation\Opening Event.

June 5th – AM Oral presentations. PM Oral presentations

June 6th – AM Oral presentations. PM Oral presentations And Gala Dinner

June 7th – AM Oral presentations \ Closing event.

Participation is limited to medical doctors, veterinarians, pharmacists, dentists and students only.

## Payment Methods, Confirmation, and Receipt

All participants are requested to register online in advance or on-site at the registration desk at the venue.

All presenters are required to register in order to make a presentation. The registration fee for Regular Participants includes: Session Participation, Conference Kit, Welcome Party, Coffee breaks, (Exhibition if due to schedule).

To qualify for the Early Registration Fee, the application must be received by the Secretariat and payment by Bank Transfer or Credit Card completed by no later than December 31, 2012. After registering through the website [lmhi2013.com](http://lmhi2013.com), all payments must be made in United States Dollars, by credit card or by bank transfer. Our representative will contact you to clear the payment method.

The Pre-Confirmation e-mail acknowledging your online registration will be sent to you with the registration details once your online registration is verified and complete.

A Confirmation email will be sent to you after the payment has been confirmed.

Please bring the printout of the Confirmation e-mail with you to the Congress.

If you do not receive a Confirmation e-mail from the Secretariat office within 1 month from your receipt of the Pre-Confirmation email acknowledging your online registration, please email the Secretariat ([info@lmhi2013.com](mailto:info@lmhi2013.com)).

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Receipt for your payment will be issued on the day of the Congress addressed to the applicant's name as registered.

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Category	Early Registration Until 31 December 2012
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LMHI members	\$400 USD
SOMHE members	\$300 USD
Medicine students	\$150 USD
	Regular or On-site Registration
Non members	\$600 USD
LMHI members	\$500 USD
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# 69<sup>th</sup> Congress of Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

Paris, France – 17-19 July 2014

## Central Theme of the Congress

For two centuries, thousands of Homoeopathic Medical Doctors have treated thousands of patients, all around the world, for most diverse pathologies. Thanks to the publications and the meetings among colleagues – at regional, national and international levels – a huge clinical experience has been and is still being gathered. Today, more than ever, this knowledge is circulated thanks to permanent exchanges among practitioners.

However, the distribution of this clinical matter seems often very heterogeneous, both in regard to the management and analysis of the cases described by colleagues and in the criteria taken into account for healing.

We would like the French Congress to be an opportunity to reflect on the question and to share experiences. Are there for you, Homoeopaths, various levels of healing? If so, which ones? Do they differ from the ones identified by allopaths?

A last but fundamental question is: which strategies are applied in your practice? They are manifold depending on the teaching you received, on the experience and on the knowledge you acquired, on the opportunities offered by your consultations, even on the ideology of some.

We rely on all of you for carrying on this debate and continuing to open the horizon of the future.

**The central theme of the Congress will therefore be:**

**Homeopathy on the move.  
Strategies and criteria for healing**

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## Calendar

2013	2-7 June, 68th Congress, Quito, Ecuador
2014	17-19 July, 69th Congress, Paris, France
2015	70th Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2016	71st Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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