



ECH Newsletter, May 2018

Athens Spring Meeting

An exchange of teaching methodologies took place at the ECH Spring meeting in Athens. This year the ECH Spring meeting included a workshop on “Sharing teaching experience” on the 14th April. Teachers from different schools accredited by ECH presented their strategies to teaching medical homeopathy. The presentations highlighted the importance of interactive teaching and included the design of educational activities to optimize learning and self-learning, including e-learning. Main speakers were Dr Jean Louis Smout, Dr Alain Pitel, Dr Stefan Kohlraush, Dr Leopold Drexler, Dr Gino Santini, Dr Vangelis Zafeiriou, Dr Athos Othonos, Dr George Papafilipou and Dr Russell

Malcolm.



Homeopathic medicines will continue to be reimbursed in France. The French Health Minister, Dr Agnès Buzyn, has publicly stated that homeopathic medicines will continue to be reimbursed by the French public health insurance. The Minister considers that homeopathic medicines reduce the prescription of drugs with potential dangerous side effects:

<https://www.lequotidiendumedecin.fr/actualites/article/2018/04/12/agnes-buzyn-continuera-de-rembourser-lhomeopathie-probablement-un-effet-placebo-mais-qui-ne-fait-pas-de-mal- 856990>

The British Prime Minister, Teresa May, acknowledged homeopathy at the Westminster Parliament.

During question time at parliament, Teresa May stated that homeopathy is prescribed both in and outside the National Health Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKKjIPxliuc>



Spain regulates homeopathic medicinal products. Spanish health minister, Ms Dolors Montserrat, announced that Spain will register homeopathic medicinal products as provided by European Union law. The registration fees will be charged for each homeopathic stock independently of the number of pharmaceutical preparations available in the market: <http://www.correofarmaceutico.com/2018/04/24/al-dia/salud-publica/visto-bueno-a-la-orden-de-homeopatia-pero-ccaa-recomiendan-reforzar-el-control>

Czech Health Minister welcomes European standards on medical doctors with additional qualification on homeopathy.

The Czech homeopathic medical associations, members of ECH, have presented the CEN standard on medical doctors with additional qualification on homeopathy to Mr Adam Vojtěch, Czech Health Minister. The standard could be the base of future Czech legislation on the practice of medical homeopathy.



Greek health minister has asked Greek Central Health Council to reconsider report critical with homeopathy.

Greek Health Minister, Mr Andreas Xanthos, has requested the Central Health Council to reconsider its critical opinion on homeopathy. The Greek medical homeopathic associations, members of ECH, have brought to the attention of the Minister that the report misrepresented the available scientific evidence.

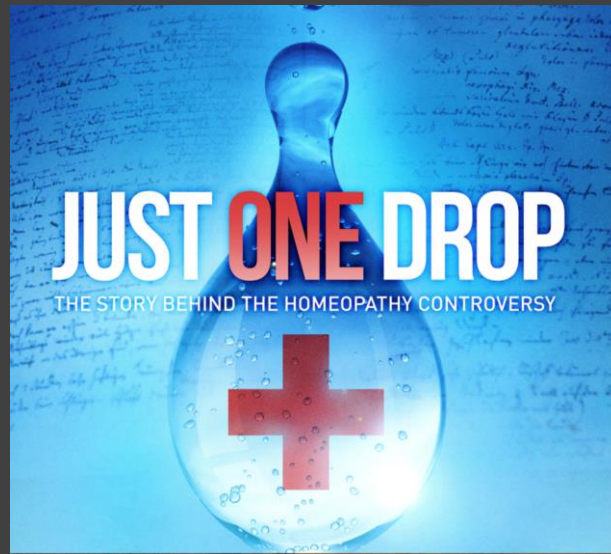
President of Bavarian Medical Council supports homeopathic training.

Dr GERAL Quitterer, President of the Bavarian Medical Council, has stated that even if conventional medicine is the basis for the treatment of patients, these may wish to receive complementary therapies, such as homeopathy. Dr Quitterer considers that homeopathy can be offered to patients through joint informed decision making. Therefore, he is hopeful that additional training in homeopathy will continue being provided:

https://www.aerztezeitung.de/politik_gesellschaft/berufspolitik/article/962014/landes-aerztekammer-bayern-abiturienten-per-se-qualifiziert.html

Just one drop film

The “Just One Drop” film on homeopathy is available for community screenings and home streaming. DVDs will be on sale soon: <https://laurel-chiten-pzrf.squarespace.com/>



ECH President attended conferences in Moscow and Istanbul.

Dr H el ene Renoux, ECH President, addressed the participants to the World Homeopathic Day Conference in Moscow together with Dr Alok Pareek, President of LMHI (Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis), and a

representative of the CCRH (Central Council for Research in Homeopathy) from the Indian AYUSH Ministry.

Dr Renoux gave also a lecture at the International Congress for Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Istanbul. This big Congress was organised under the patronage of the Turkish government with the active support of Mrs Erdogan, the wife of the Turkish President. The Turkish health minister stated to the Turkish media that herbal and homeopathic medicinal products will be registered and reimbursed in the coming years.



ECH General Secretary interviewed by Politico.

Ms Sarah Wheaton from Politico, the main online journal for European policymakers, interviewed Dr Jaume Costa, ECH General Secretary. Dr Costa underlined that homeopathy is a complementary and scientific medicine practised by 45,000 medical doctors in Europe, which is forecast to grow further. Dr Costa highlighted the European standards on medical doctors with additional qualifications on homeopathy and the contribution of homeopathy to fighting antimicrobial resistance.

ECH and IAVH Symposium and Research and Proving Workshops in Sofia from 15 to 18 November 2018.

The Symposium “Homeopathy in the 21st century. Integrating homeopathy in human, dental and veterinary medical practice” will take place in Sofia on 17 and 18 November 2018. Previous activities to the Symposium will be the Proving Workshop and the Research Workshop on 15 November and a Veterinary Seminar on 16 and 17 November. More information: <https://alhb.eu/en/>

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