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LMHI Congress highlights contribution of homeopathy to sustainable healthcare



Homeopathic doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians and researchers from all over the world met for the 2018 Congress of the Liga Medica Homeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) in Cape Town from the 5th to the 8th of September. Our South African colleagues achieved a rich programme under the lead of Prof Ashley Ross, chair of the Scientific Committee, with the support of Dr Danny Pillay, chair of the Organising Committee. The welcome address was given by Mrs Ela Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's grand-daughter.

The Congress included as main speakers Prof Paolo Bellavite, who gave a presentation on Evidence of Homeopathy in Basic Sciences, Ms Rachel Roberts, who updated the audience on the legal challenge to the Australian HMRC report, Dr Nestor Campora, who presented cases of serious chronic conditions, Dr Geoff Johnson, who lectured on cancer in animals and Dr Michel van Wassenhoven, who summarized the latest findings of the DYNHOM project.

A provings workshop, prior to the Congress, was jointly organised by the LMHI and the ECH Subcommittee for Provings, under the supervision of Dr Jean Pierre Jansen its coordinator. The Congress also highlighted homeopathy as an affordable and environmentally friendly medicine that contributes to a more sustainable healthcare.

More information: <http://www.lmhi2018.org.za/>

56% of Germans use homeopathy

75% of Germans are in favour of integrative medicine. This is the cooperation of conventional medicine and complementary therapies such as naturopathy and homeopathy. This is the conclusion of a representative survey by the opinion research institute Kantar TNS on the topic of homeopathy and complementary medicine commissioned by the DHU.

According to the survey, 56% of Germans have experience with homeopathy or homeopathic medicines and use them, especially for everyday problems for themselves or others. In addition, 60% of Germans reject the restrictions on the reimbursement of homeopathic medicines by health insurances. More information: <https://www.presseportal.de/pm/59441/4047043>

French deans of medical and pharmaceutical colleges support homeopathy teaching



The French associations of university presidents, medical deans and pharmaceutical deans have made a public statement in favour of homeopathy being taught at university level. They have decided to set up a university observatory, to reassess the university qualifications and promote training and research in alternative and integrative medicines.

This statement came as a response to the request by some skeptics to remove homeopathy from university courses. More information: <http://www.cpu.fr/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/CP-Hom%C3%A9opathie-formation-1.pdf>

German Health Minister considers that insurances should offer homeopathy

The German Minister of Health, Jens Spahn, gave an interview to the Stuttgarter Zeitung in which he referred to homeopathy. He mentioned that the benefit of homeopathy cannot be scientifically proven. However, Spahn is in favour of patients' freedom of choice in their medical treatments. The Minister also proposed that health insurances should be able to offer their members homeopathy as additional benefit or through optional premiums. More information: <https://www.stuttgarter-nachrichten.de/inhalt.spahn-zum-umgang-mit-valsartan-wir-haben-unverzueglich-informiert-page1.04a31683-0ab5-4ff1-ad75-3b633569d377.html>

Farmers learn homeopathy



Farmers in United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland are going back to school to learn homeopathy. The course "Homeopathy at Wellie Level" is being taught by homeopathic vets to farmers that want to decrease the use of antibiotics, reduce costs and increase animal welfare.

More information: <https://hawl.co.uk/>

NHMRC report on homeopathy is not scientific



Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) has admitted that its report on homeopathy did not use accepted scientific methods. The admission of NHMRC is part of its reply to the questions put forward by Australian Senator Stirling Griff. The NHMRC report concluded that there are no health conditions for which there is reliable evidence that homeopathy is effective.

More information:<https://www.yourhealthychoice.com.au/news-features/science-fact-or-fiction-nhmrc-admits-they-did-not-use-accepted-scientific-methods-2/> and

<https://www.alternativesante.fr/homeopathie/homeopathie-la-contre-attaque>



Release the First Australian Report. Please, sign!

Colleagues in Australia have launched the campaign 'Release the First Report' which the European Committee for Homeopathy would like to encourage

members to sign. The Australian Government research Institute, NHMRC, made headlines with their 2015 report declaring homeopathy to be ineffective for any condition. What NHMRC never told anyone was that the report they published was not their original findings. It was a SECOND attempt. The FIRST report they produced was completely buried. Then they did the whole thing again and published the SECOND report.

Please join the growing number of people around the world calling for the NHMRC to release the FIRST report. Full story:<https://releasethefirstreport.com/the-full-story> Please sign the petition: <https://releasethefirstreport.com/join-the-campaign>



ECH and IAVH Symposium and Research and Proving Workshops in Sofia, 15-18 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/>



HRI Conference, London, 14-16 June 2019

HRI's biennial research conference will be held at the Tower Hotel, London in 2019. ECH members can avail of a special price:

<http://homeopathyeurope.org/hri-research-conference-14-16-june-2019/>

Magic pills screenings



Screenings of the film "Magic Pills" are planned in several European cities. More information: <http://magicpillsmovie.com/>



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