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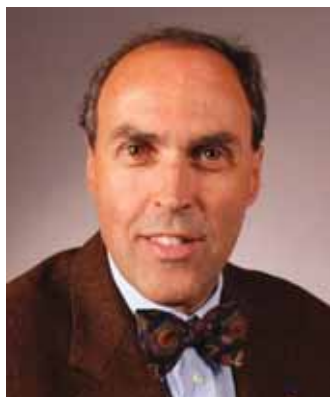
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"WHO warns against homeopathy use"

LMHI Statement to the WHO

At the beginning of June 2009, the UK pressure group "Sense about Science", acting on behalf of the lobby network "The Voice of Young Science" (VoYS), sent an open letter to different departments of the World Health Organization (WHO) about "Homeopathy and serious diseases in the developing world".

The group called on the WHO ... *to condemn the promotion of homeopathy for treating TB, infant diarrhoea, influenza, malaria and HIV.* The British organization later claimed that several directors of WHO departments had responded to their letters by saying that *current WHO guidelines do not recommend the use of homeopathy* and that *there is no place for homeopathic medicines for serious diseases such as HIV, TB, and malaria.*



LMHI-President Ulrich D. Fischer „Some pilot studies demonstrate that homeopathy can be effective in treating epidemic diseases

In mid-August, the same pressure group distributed a letter to Health Ministries around the world in which they affirmed that *WHO has published official advice against homeopathy in this matter.* The media published this news as "Homeopathy not a cure, says WHO", "WHO warns against homeopathy use", "WHO Sounds Alarm on Homeopathy".

The LMHI, the world's largest organization of homeopathic medical doctors, expressed concern about this development in a letter that LMHI President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer sent to WHO Director General Dr. Margaret Chan in late September. He called on Dr. Chan to specify the WHO's position on homeopathic medicines and to take a position on the claims made by "Sense about Science". Fischer emphasized that several pilot studies demonstrate the effectiveness of homeopathy in treating epidemic diseases but

Dear LMHI-Members, Dear Readers,

Once more, homeopathy has come under attack. This time, the World Health Organization (WHO) itself has been involved by falling victim to a ruthless and persistent campaign that has used a well-respected organization to discredit homeopathy. The fact, however, is that homeopathic medicine is used within an official and legally recognized framework by licensed physicians in 17 countries of the world and is in current use in more than 80 countries.

Nonetheless, global networking is becoming an essential and indispensable factor of ever growing importance. It is the cooperation of homeopathic physicians worldwide that will contribute to the LMHI's mission of taking an active part to maintain and improve the health of human beings across national borders. This commitment has been clearly demonstrated at the meetings of the LMHI governing bodies in Warsaw/Poland which took place prior to the 64th World Medical Congress 2009. Global collaboration requires a constant process of coordination and readjustment of common goals. The LMHI is well-prepared to meet this challenge.

A date for the next LMHI reunion has already been determined: Redondo Beach, L.A./USA, May 18-22, 2010.

Kind regards,
Christoph Trapp

also pointed to the fact that much more research is needed in order to increase the amount of evidence proving the efficacy of homeopathic treatment of diseases such as HIV/ Aids, malaria and TB.

Homeopathy Complements Available Conventional Treatment

In his letter, Fischer stated explicitly that it is not the policy of any homeopathic organization in the world to advise patients against the use of conventional medicine – in contrast to networks like Sense about Science that try to discredit homeopathy by using a well-respected organization such as the WHO. Homeopathic medicine is

used within an official and legally recognized framework by licensed physicians in 17 countries of the world, and it is in current use in more than 80 countries. Moreover, national medicine authorities in Europe are working together to harmonize the registration procedures for homeopathic medicines. The WHO itself is represented in the meetings of the “Homeopathic Medicinal Products Working Group” (HMPWG) that is supervised by the European “Heads of Medicines Agencies” (HMA).

Download the full version of the LMHI letter to the WHO at www.lmhi.net, Section “In Focus”.

LMHI Website www.lmhi.net

Up-to-Date Information and Communication Platform

In its first six months of operation, the new LMHI-Webseite www.lmhi.net has not only become a well-accepted platform for providing up-to-date information on current homeopathic topics, but also thanks to its interactive content management system the webpage has been lively used as a forum for questions related to LMHI-specific issues. On the one hand, there were numerous requests for LMHI membership, in particular from India, as well as subscriptions to the electronic newsletter. Another homeopathic doctor from India has asked the LMHI for help in developing an organization in Orissa, which is the poorest state of India. On the other hand, the organizer of the 67th LMHI Congress in Japan in 2012 used the contact form for questions concerning LMHI Congress organization. Other interested parties are seeking specific information on homeopathic topics. For example, the head librarian of the Medical Library University of Zurich, Switzerland, was looking – on behalf of the Professor for Alternative Medicine at the University of Zurich – for a paper published in the *Proceedings* of the 49th LMHI Congress, 1995, New Delhi. Such e-mails requesting specific information are always forwarded to the responsible members of the LMHI Executive Committee.

“P.S. Your new website looks really wonderful – very nice work”

Todd Hoover MD/DHt/CCH, President of the American Institute of Homeopathy, sends his compliments for the new LMHI website.¹

¹ Quotation with consent of the author

In addition to the standard publications of the LMHI, such as the statutory documents, the annual *Liga Letter* and the biannual electronic newsletter, the following up-to-date scientific documents and political statements are currently available on the LMHI-Website:

- **Evidence Based Homeopathy: Scientific Framework of Homeopathy**

This booklet analyzes all important aspects of the scientific framework of homeopathic practice including ethical questions, the application and evidence in daily practice and the level of scientific evidence of each of these aspects.

- **Epidemic Diseases: LMHI Guideline for Clinical Data Collection**

Historically, homeopathy always acts very well in pandemic situations. To confirm this fact in these times, homeopaths have to collect the clinical data of their influenza patients.

- **Swine Flu: LMHI-Position Paper on H1N1 FLU 2009 and Influenza Guidelines for Clinical Data Collection**

Since the outbreak of H1N1, all national and international health organizations, governments, and the worldwide population have been concerned about the progress of this disease. Homeopathy offers a good alternative to the conventional treatment. The LMHI has gathered the experiences documented by Mexican homeopathic colleagues in the treatment of H1N1 in a bulletin and provides guidelines for the collection of clinical data. Thus, the LMHI wants to contribute to the application of homeopathic medicines in this pandemic and to fulfill its mission to participate actively in maintaining and improving the health of human beings.

Request for Liga Congress Proceedings:

The LMHI Secretary for Archives is urgently looking for samples of the following proceedings to keep the Heritage of the Liga:

1 st Paris	1926	8 th Madrid	1933	20 th London	1956	27 th Barcelona	1963	32 nd Paris	1968
3 rd Stuttgart	1928	13 th Nizza	1938	23 rd Florence	1959	29 th London	1965	33 rd Rome	1978
5 th Rome	1930	16 th Den Haag	1952	24 th Athens	1969	30 th Hannover	1966	36 th Rome	1981
7 th Paris	1932	19 th Stuttgart	1955	25 th Vichy	1970	31 st New Delhi	1967		

Please contact: Dr. Fernando Darío Francois-Flores, archives@lmhint.net

LIGA on the Summit

LMHI President hoists LMHI Banner on Kilimanjaro

Together with a group of homeopathic doctors from Freiburg/Germany, LMHI President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer realized a long existing dream: They made a successful trip to the Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) and reached the Uhuru Peak, Africa's highest point where they hoisted the LIGA Banner. "It was for sure an exhausting adventure but also a very exciting one, walking and climbing through rain forest, heath- and moorland and alpine desert", Fischer said. He rejoiced that the LIGA and its purpose of connecting all homeopathic medical doctors of the world – as well as Homeopathy with all her „timeless qualities“ – were taken exactly where they belong to: To top of the events and on the summit!



Report about the meetings of the Executive Committee and the International Council

LMHI Governing Bodies meet in Warsaw

Prior to the 64th LIGA Congress in Warsaw/Poland, the LMHI's governing bodies met on 25-26 August 2009 to share impressions, ideas, and proposals about the policy and the future of the LIGA. At the meeting of the International Council, about 25 countries were represented by their National Vice Presidents, India being represented even with three delegates and various assistants. The atmosphere was friendly and constructive with a lot of impulses for the future of Homeopathy in the world. The upcoming congresses in Redondo Beach, California/USA (May 2010), in Riga/Latvia (May 2011) and in Nara/Japan (2012) were planned and the Executive Committee welcomed the opportunity to meet with all three national organizing teams. Important topics were discussed and adopted during the political meetings, such as the LMHI/ECH Curriculum (Medical Homeopathic Education Standards) through which the recognition of a common worldwide educational curriculum by many homeopathic schools and medical associations worldwide will be possible. The new Guidelines for Liga Congress Organization, adopted by both the Executive Committee and the Inter-

national Council, will help to improve the quality of future LMHI Congresses even further. A position paper on the definition of the homeopathic remedy has been discussed and returned to the Secretaries for Research and for Pharmacy for further discussion. It was also decided that, from now on, a Homeopathy Day will take place each year – organized by the LMHI and ECH as well. LMHI and ECH will be present with their Executive Committee for support, lectures and talks with authorities. The Homeopathy Day will take place – each year – in a different country, starting in April 2010 with Slovenia.

Intensive talks and discussions took place between the Executive Committee and the delegates of the most important Indian medical homeopathic associations. The results are positive and will improve the communication and collaboration of our Indian colleagues with the LMHI. For the first time a meeting of the Executive Committee with the Presidents of the National Homeopathic Medical Associations took place during the Warsaw Congress. The members of the Executive Committee presented their respective working areas. It was also a good occasion for

many representatives of homeopathic associations to describe the situation of homeopathy in their countries and to express suggestions and proposals for a better presence of the Liga in their respective countries.

Considering that the communication between the National Vice Presidents and the National Homeopathic Associations as well as with the Executive Committee of the LMHI is not always free of disturbances, this meeting offered a good occasion to improve the relationship between LMHI and the member countries of the LIGA.



Committed and target-oriented – the International Council meets in Warsaw/Poland on 26 August 2009

Official LMHI Announcement

CALL for ELECTIONS

On the occasion of the 65th LMHI Congress in Redondo Beach, California, USA, 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 Warsaw 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. Renzo Galassi at renzogala@libero.it by 18 February 2010.)
- 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.

New European Library for Homeopathy in Köthen (Anhalt)/Germany is celebrated by renowned international homeopaths

“This building is meant to become the heart of Homeopathy in the world.”

The opening of the new European Library for Homeopathy was celebrated in the German city of Köthen on October 9, 2009, in the presence of the renowned international homeopaths Dr. André Saine (Canada), Dr. Carlos Néstor Cámpora (Argentina) and Dr. K. S. Srinivasan and Prof. D. P. Rastogi (India). Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homeopathy, lived and practiced in Köthen from 1821 to 1835. Dr. Srinivasan announced that he will donate about 200 dissertations from India to the literary stock of the library and stated that “This building is meant to become the heart of Homeopathy in the world.”

The reconstruction of the neo-classical library building, constructed in 1829 as the Monastery of the Merciful Brethren and situated close to Hahnemann's former residence, is the most important project of the International Building Exhibition (IBA) 2010 in Köthen. Under the title „Homeopathy as a Healing and Developmental Force in Urban Planning“, Köthen has developed a strategic profile that backs health-care as an economic factor of growing importance and takes up the city's crucial role in the history of homeopathy. Convinced that the principles and teachings of homeopathy can also be applied to urban planning and development, an interdisciplinary team of homeopathic doctors and city planners have been working on theoretical and empirical studies on this theory. The homeopathic doctors are interested in discovering the extent to which their methodology may be transferred to other complex systems such as those of the city.



A magnet for homeopathic literature and a new centre for homeopathy

The importance of the new Library for Homeopathy is intimately connected with its inventory of books that currently consists of nearly 6,000 volumes of homeopathic literature – including special rarities from the years 1796



Dr. Jutta Hübner,
Head of the EBH
with Dr. Srinivasan
in front of Hahne-
mann-Sculpture

to 1950. It combines expertise and European resources using duplicates and books from private and closed-down libraries. Dr. Jutta Hübner, head of the EBH, highlighted that „The European Library has already become a magnet for homeopathic literature, given the extraordinary amount of book donations by private people as well as by associations and institutions.“ The library offers room for a total of 12,000 volumes.

The European Library for Homeopathy is committed to tradition, bringing homeopathy back to where it started and thus "closing a historic cycle". At the same time, however, the European Library is turning towards the future

as it is part of a new centre for homeopathy. Along with the library, Köthen has established itself as a location for further education in the field of homeopathy. In cooperation with the University of Magdeburg, a Masters Course of Homeopathy will be offered starting in the winter term 2010/2011 – the first of its kind in Germany. The courses are held in the historic Lutze Clinic.

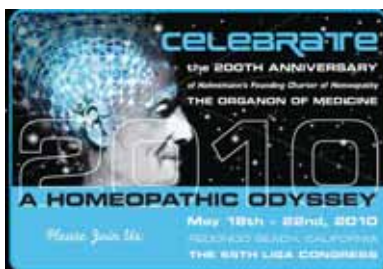
This lively exchange of homeopathic knowledge and experience is meant to be for the benefit of future homeopaths.

More information at www.homoeopathie-koethen.de

World Homeopathic Congress 2010

„A Homeopathic Odyssey“ – Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Organon of Medicine

65th LMHI-Congress
Redondo Beach, California/USA
18-22 May 2010



2010 marks the 200th anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann's Organon of Medicine. The 65th Congress of the LMHI – that will take place from 18-22 May 2010 in Redondo Beach, California/USA – wants to honor the past and the

marvelous ideals of Hahnemann, but also to emphasize the present and future. "Of course, Truth is timeless," says Richard Hiltner, the Congress Organizer and President of the Californian Homeopathic Society, "but one must hold on to ideals until a legitimate truth requires one to have the courage and wisdom to change." A copy of the original 5th edition of the Organon – with Hahnemann's handwriting – is planned to be given to all congress participants. Special topics will include: Miasms: What Evidence in Modern Medicine; Treatment of Cancer and Autoimmune Diseases. Pediatrics and Immunization Studies; Materia

Medica: The Snake Remedies; Evidence Based Homeopathy; Provings; Veterinary and Dentistry Homeopathy, and Open Topics.

The invited speakers include Carlos Campora (Argentina), Anton Rohrer (Austria), Andre Saine (Canada), Josef Schmidt (Germany), Didier Grandgeorge (France), Sadhna Thakkar (India), Farokh Master (India), Roberto Petrucci (Italy), Klaus von Ammon (Switzerland), Peter Fisher (United Kingdom), Iris Bell (USA), Roger Morrison (USA), Richard Moskowitz (USA), Todd Rowe (USA), and others.

The Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy will be holding its 13th Annual Conference in conjunction with the LIGA Congress.

Early registration fee prior to March 15, 2010 is \$445
The conference fee includes the full cost of the gala Friday Evening Dinner and Dance for each registrant.
All registrants must be licensed health professionals.

Detailed information on the registration procedure, the speakers and their topics, as well as on the social and cultural program is available at www.liga2010.org.

"The Southern California Beach area along with the wide variety of culture and entertainment are just a few of the reasons that make this congress appealing for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the ORGANON."

Interview with Congress Organiser Richard Hiltner, M. D.



The motto of the congress is „A homeopathic Odyssey“. What associations does this have?

The main theme for the 65th LIGA Congress is 2010: A Homeopathic Odyssey which draws from the famous epic poem of Homer in the sense

that Odysseus must undergo many trials and tribulations in order to obtain his triumphs – so with homeopathy. There are few sciences that have had to endure such tremendous ordeals as homeopathic medicine. However, there is another reason why this theme was chosen which centers more on the place where this Congress will be held – California, Redondo Beach in the Los Angeles area and the international home of movie entertainment. There was a famous movie called *2001: A Space Odyssey* and a sequel

done with the year 2010. This “play on words” again has a theme of tests and challenges, but also a sense of the Future and the exploration of the unknown knowledge in this universal, harmonious and natural approach to medicine.

What is special about the upcoming LIGA 2010 Congress in California?

It is the 200th anniversary of the *Organon*. We are hoping to give copies of the original 5th edition of the *Organon* to all attendees. It is a beautiful place, central and with much entertainment, art, culture and ocean views. California has a tradition of promoting ideas that lead to greater and more innovative development of human consciousness and health.

What are the main topics of the Congress?

Topics will include: Miasms: What Evidence in Modern Medicine; Treatment of Cancer and Autoimmune Diseases. Pediatrics and Immunization Studies; Materia Medica: The Snake Remedies; Evidence Based Homeopathy; Provings; Veterinary and Dentistry Homeopathy, and Open Topics.

What kind of cultural/social program will be offered for congress participants and associates?

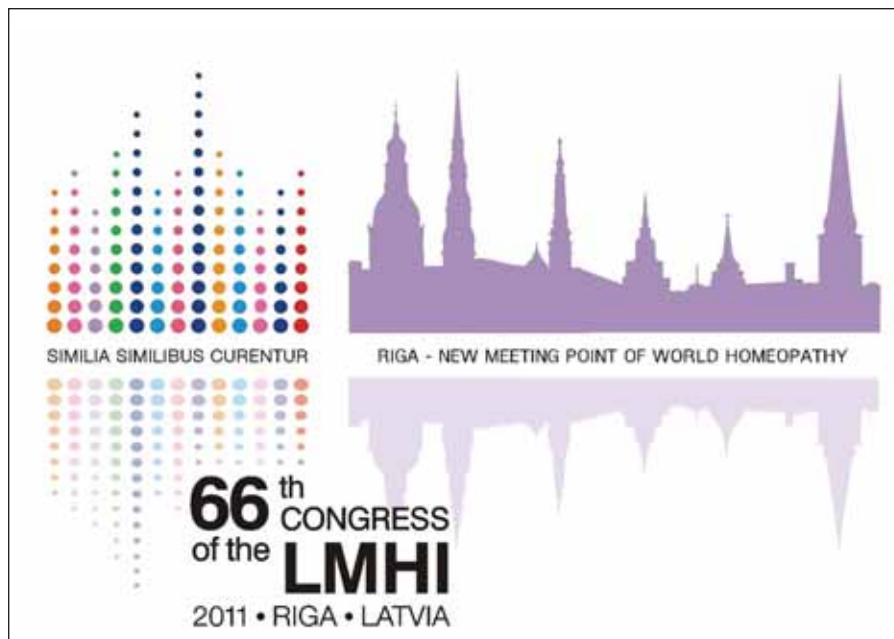
There will be various musical presentations including arias, piano and others. The dinner and dance will be Friday night. Tours and other transportation will be arranged through the hotel for a wide variety of arts, entertainment, etc. for which the Los Angeles Area is well known.

Do you offer an early-bird special? When and how can participants register?

This congress is exceptional on the extremely low fee of 310 Euro or 445 U.S.-Dollar for the entire congress which includes the Gala Dinner and Dance. We have tried to be sensitive to the global stress on the economy and also to countries having more financial problems. This fee is guaranteed until March 15, 2010. Attendees can register on the website www.liga2010.org or mail their information to the address listed on the website.

You can read the complete interview with Richard Hiltner at www.lmhi.net, Section “LMHI Congress”

Preview: 66th Liga Congress 2011



You are invited to become an “early bird” and express your interest to participate in the Congress to be held in Riga from 17 - 21 May 2011 by sending an email to info@lmhi2011.com. If you pay the registration fee by December 31st, 2009, you will be offered a 15 % discount.