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# Editor's Note

*Dr. Andrea Flores Sánchez*  
*Secretary of Newsletter*



Dear LMHI members,

the 76th Congress of the International Homeopathic Medical League has just been held in Bogota. The arduous organization of the congress by the Colombian homeopathic physicians was excellent and the presentations of the speakers were of great quality. There was a large participation of attendees from all over the world and in particular from Latin America.

We all felt like brothers and sisters and returned home with new ideas and knowledge to continue working for homeopathy in our countries and in the world.

And since I was in the land of the incomparable writer and Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez, I could not miss

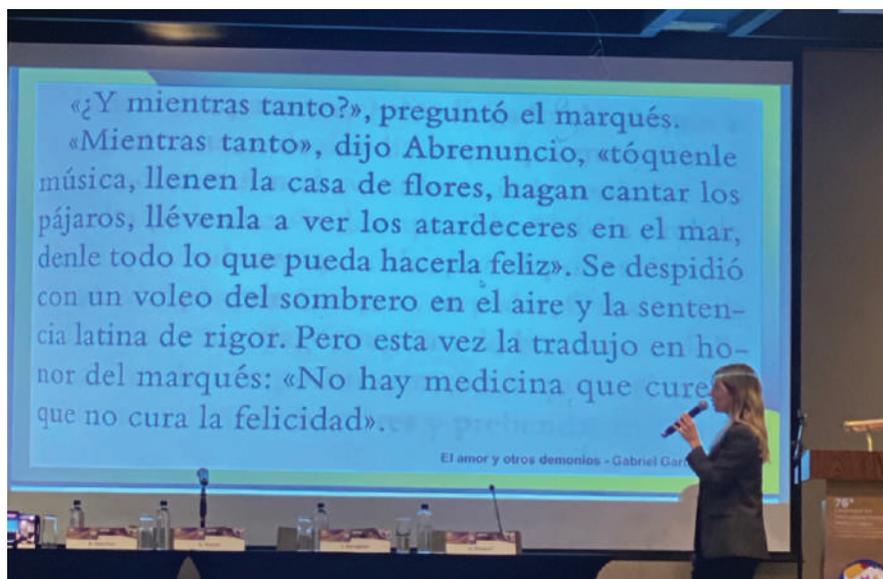
the opportunity to quote him in my lecture with this phrase he wrote in his novel "Love and other demons" that I share with you too:

"There is no medicine that cures what happiness does not cure".

This is what I wish you in your practice and in your life.

Warm regards,

Dr. Andrea Flores Sánchez  
Secretary of Newsletter





*Dr. Altunay Ađaođlu*  
*President of the LMHI*

After the resounding success of the 76th LMHI World Congress in Bogota, my heart is brimming with gratitude. Together, we delved into the rich tapestry of homeopathy, exploring its philosophical roots, clinical applications, and the pivotal role of research and education.

A heartfelt thanks to the dedicated presenters who added depth to our understanding and the tireless organizing committee whose unwavering efforts ensured the triumph of the congress. My hopes extend to the ongoing prosperity of homeopathy in Colombia after such a wonderful congress.

LMHI's strength lies in the unity of its members, and I warmly encourage each one of you to actively participate in our projects for continuous growth. As an organization, we are committed to fostering global collaboration and introducing exciting initiatives, including research webinars and student exchange programs.

Our unity serves as our greatest strength, and I invite everyone to partake in our collective journey.

## LMHI President's Message

In addition, I want to emphasize the importance of our social media presence. In today's interconnected world, following LMHI on every social media platform is crucial. It's a powerful way to stay updated, engage with our community, and amplify the voice of homeopathy. We are as strong as we are together, and your active participation on social media platforms contributes significantly to our collective impact.

In conclusion, I look forward with great anticipation to the historical congresses in Spain and the Netherlands in 2024 and 2025, respectively, marking the centenary of LMHI. A special acknowledgment to the executive board, working groups, participants, and sponsors for their invaluable contributions. May the spirit of homeopathy light our path into the future. As President of LMHI, I am filled with optimism for the promising future of homeopathy. Thank you from the depths of my heart.

Warm regards,

Altunay Ađaođlu  
President LMHI

# International Council Meeting

76th Congress of the International Homeopathic Medical League  
in Botoga, Colombia held in October 24, 2023



## *Dr. Altunay Ağaoğlu* *President of LMHI*

### **Dear Esteemed Members,**

I am delighted to share with you the outcomes of our recent International Congress (IC) meeting held on October 24, 2023, in Bogota, Colombia. This gathering witnessed the participation of 16 National Vice Presidents (NVP) from diverse regions, with a predominant representation from the South American continent. The meeting transpired in a distinguished venue, fostering a productive atmosphere marked by substantial engagement and valuable contributions.

During the initial segment of our session, we delved into a comprehensive review of LMHI's undertakings over the past year. Monika Kölsch, our esteemed treasurer, presented a meticulous financial report, sparking insightful deliberations on LMHI's fiscal standing and potential initiatives. Subsequently, the active involvement of NVPs enriched our discussions on

strategic considerations, the political landscape affecting homeopathy globally, and the overarching challenges confronting our field.

In my capacity as President, I provided a succinct overview of LMHI's initiatives from the preceding year. This period has been characterized by dynamic change, aligning with our commitment to ensuring LMHI's enduring relevance and sustainability.



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## Strengthening Membership: A Pillar for Progress

The vitality of LMHI is intricately tied to its membership. Over the past year, we have undertaken concerted efforts to elevate our professional standing and accessibility. Initiatives include the initiation of proactive public health projects, optimization of membership processes, and the introduction of e-certificates and badges. Additionally, my active participation in online congresses and attendance at the World Homeopathy Day celebrations in South Africa aimed to foster a sense of unity among our esteemed members.



## Embracing Global Trends: A Strategic Approach

Acknowledging the influence of global megatrends, LMHI has engaged in purposeful meetings with diverse stakeholders worldwide. Dialogues with industry leaders and the collaboration with patient organizations underscore our commitment to advancing homeopathy on a global scale. Plans for regular meetings with influential groups exemplify our dedication to collaborative and strategic initiatives.

## Leveraging Online Resources: Reaching Beyond Boundaries

In an era dominated by digital communication, LMHI has

judiciously harnessed online platforms for knowledge dissemination. Online webinars organized by our research secretary, Ashley Ross, have served as valuable forums for knowledge exchange, accessible through the LMHI YouTube channel. Furthermore, we made the decision to organize another colloquium in the future.



## Harnessing social media: A Vital Outreach Tool

The dedicated social media team at LMHI has played a pivotal role in disseminating ethical homeopathic information across various platforms. This strategic use of social media ensures that our activities receive visibility and engagement from a diverse audience. Our Social Media team, Suyasha and Sashya, made an online presentation about the developments on social media and the future plans.

## Amplifying Patient Voices: A Collaborative Approach

Recognizing the integral role of patients in our mission, LMHI has actively engaged with patient organizations. This collaborative approach seeks to foster meaningful relationships and explore opportunities for joint efforts to enhance the impact of homeopathy.

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## WHO Benchmarking and Beyond:

LMHI is fully committed to the WHO Benchmarking project, considering it of paramount importance in our initiatives. Raj Manchanda's participation in the WHO summit in India has marked the commencement of fruitful collaborations with the organization. Concurrently, we are actively engaged in collaborative efforts with various stakeholders to establish comprehensive education benchmarks for homeopathy, facilitated by the establishment of a dedicated working group.

## Nurturing Our Library: A Treasured Resource

The Hahnemann House library in Köthen, housing a significant collection of classic homeopathic books, stands as a valuable resource for enthusiasts. A dedicated working group, led by our past president Gustavo Cataldi, is actively exploring avenues to open the library to our members and establish connections with other homeopathic libraries.

The meeting was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the achievements and challenges faced by LMHI, both financially and strategically. I am grateful for the active participation and thoughtful contributions of the NVPs, which enriched our discussions and laid the groundwork for future endeavors.

Hope to meet you all in the next International Council Meeting in Seville, Spain.

Dr. Altunay Ağaoğlu  
President of LMHI



# Report of the 76th Congress of the International Homeopathic Medical League in Bogota, Colombia

*Dr. Paolo Pifferi*  
*NVP of Italy*



Greetings! I've just returned from the 76th LMHI World Congress in Bogotá, and I'm eager to share my experiences. While I could delve into the intricacies of travel challenges, I'll skip that part and jump straight into the heart of the matter.

My primary mission was to represent Italian homeopathy on the global stage, contributing insights and gaining knowledge from the diverse array of professionals present. Bogotá, with its unique charm and a touch of chaos typical of bustling metropolises, provided an excellent backdrop for this intellectual and cultural exchange.

This marked my second LMHI Congress, and unlike the first one in Istanbul where I had the support of seasoned colleagues, this time, I navigated the event solo. The absence of familiar faces, including illustrious figures like Renzo Galassi and others, was notable. However, the

enthusiasm and richness of content in the abstracts, covering methodologies from South America to India and Germany, kept the spirit high. All, of course, rooted in the teachings of the great Master Hahnemann but interpreted diversely.

Let's talk about the human aspect of this congress—the warmth extended by everyone I encountered, from President Altunay to colleagues like Bernardo, Mona, Evin, Ashley, Bianca, Lisa, Augustin, and many others whose names may momentarily escape me. The reception went beyond mere professional pleasantries; it was a genuine pleasure to reconnect, fostering a true spirit of camaraderie.



*Evin Turkay, Paolo Pifferi, Mona Kölsch and Altunya Agaoglu*

## Report of the 76th Congress

The Congress kicked off with preliminary meetings, including the Executive Council Meeting, International Council, and discussions within various working groups focusing on education, newsletter, and research. In my role as NVP for Italy, I actively participated in the International Council and the Newsletter group, steered by the fantastic Andrea Flores and featuring colleagues with profound knowledge and experience.

Collaborative projects for the LMHI Newsletter were on the agenda, and decisions were made to translate it into Italian, with the IRMSO School of Rome taking charge. The e-newsletter is also set for a redesign. The other working groups invested effort in implementing joint projects, fostering a sense of shared purpose.



*With Dr. Gloria Feighelstein*

The Congress featured a myriad of compelling presentations, making it challenging to rank them. Every speaker brought their best, sharing knowledge and skills. For those who couldn't attend, the proceedings of the congress will soon be available for a more in-depth exploration.

Beyond the professional insights, I want to highlight the warm and enriching human connections fostered during this congress. I had the pleasure of engaging with colleagues from around the world, sharing moments, and enjoying the Gala dinner with stalwarts like Farokh Master and others.



*Newsletter Working Group members*

Integral to the discussions were topics related to integrative and integrated medicine, a discourse on the WHO report on complementary medicines, and insights into the challenges faced by homeopathy in different countries. One particularly striking account came from my Brazilian colleague Gloria Feighelstein, shedding light on the Public Service of Homeopathic Dentistry in Brazil since 1999. This initiative brings free homeopathic dental services to the most remote corners of Brazil. A stark contrast to the gradual disintegration of the National Health Service in Italy.



*Dr. Farokh Master*

## Report of the 76th Congress

A special mention goes to the LMHI Social Media team, particularly Sashya and Suyasha, who did an exceptional job across various platforms—Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube—disseminating information about homeopathic medicine and LMHI events.

Now, let's dive into the more lighthearted side of the congress, from the Gala dinner with its exquisite buffet and lively dances to the coffee breaks that provided opportunities for old and new friends to connect, exchange thoughts, and capture memories through souvenir photos.



*Gala Dinner*

While I'm not particularly fond of being photographed, the overall atmosphere of well-being, friendship, and sharing convinced me to set aside my reservations. I've shared some photos and videos on LMHI's social media platforms.

I encourage you to join their Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn groups to witness the vibrant community in action. Additionally, do check out the official LMHI

website ([www.LMHI.org](http://www.LMHI.org)) for a wealth of documents detailing various activities, webinars, and more, accessible with your credentials.



*Social Media presentation*

In conclusion, attending the next LMHI Congress in Seville (October 2-5, 2024) promises to be an incredibly interesting, creative, and engaging experience from all perspectives. It's a fantastic opportunity for intellectual and cultural enrichment, scientific exchange, and human connection.

Best regards,  
Dr. Paolo Pifferi  
NVP of Italy



*With Dr. José Luis Jiménez, NVP of Spain, and Dr. Kavita Chandak from India.*

# Interview with Dr. Cámpora

## Special speaker at the 76th Congress of the International Medical League in Bogota, Colombia



Dr. Carlos N. Cámpora

### Dr. Sandra Massry

This interview was conducted by Dr. Sandra Massry (Mexico) within the framework of the 76th LMHI Congress in Bogotá, Colombia. On October 27, 2023, we met with Dr. Carlos N. Cámpora in the hotel lobby, who traveled from Buenos Aires and delivered the opening lecture of the congress. After his lecture, Dr. Cámpora was granted the distinguished title of Professor Emeritus of the University Luis G. Paez of Colombia. He was accompanied by his wife and baby, whom we had the chance to see throughout the congress.

**Why did you choose homeopathy, what resonates with you in homeopathy?**

*Actually, my preference for homeopathy emerged after an investigation of different treatments that could help people without harming them, that would be innocuous. This is a sentiment shared by many homeopaths of my generation whom are concerned with "Primum non nocere" (first, do no harm). To avoid performing an intervention that would be harmful to others and also the pursuit of true curing, because conventional treatments often only suppress a group of symptoms in the patient, they don't cure, and they often neglect what happens with the person, their human and spiritual dimensions.*

**Did you have allopathic training?**

*Certainly, I am a medical doctor, a specialist in Internal Medicine, with a focus on Critical Care Medicine and Cardiovascular Recovery. I started my allopathic specialty with the awareness of my desire to practice homeopathy. While deepening my homeopathic training, I simultaneously pursued conventional medical training.*

**How did you encounter homeopathy?**

*I first encountered homeopathy as a patient at the age of 6 when I was treated homeopathically for a condition for which surgery had been recommended. Fortunately, my parents took me to consult with a homeopathic physician, and I never needed the surgery.*

**What difficulties have you encountered in practicing homeopathy, and how have you overcome them? What strategies can others learn from how you've faced difficulties?**

*I believe the most important aspect for the training of young homeopaths is to understand that graduation is just the starting point of their journey. Obtaining a diploma, getting the title, does not imply a lifelong right. It does not mean that you are a homeopathic doctor for life. The true journey begins after obtaining that diploma. I think the real path is to work towards self-improvement. To achieve this, one must seek the most suitable places that offer opportunities for continuous homeopathic education. Moreover, the content taught should primarily be practical in nature through case-based education involving live clinical cases. Homeopathy, like medicine, is learned with and from patients, not through theoretical classes or books.*

**How can we, as homeopathic physicians, unite more and foster greater international agreements and**

## Interview with Dr. Cámpora

collaboration among different groups?

*I believe we need to refer to paragraph 1 of the Organon, where Hahnemann states that the mission, highlighting the only and highest mission of the physician, is to cure. If this is the mission, we have a clear parameter to refer to, which is curing, i.e., obtaining results. Different homeopathy groups linked to the league should all focus on improving our results and comparing them, instead of defending certain theories or ideas without putting them to the test of verification. Hahnemann was a great empiricist, and he made it very clear in paragraph 1. The LMHI plays a transcendental role in bringing together various homeopathy groups and schools. Collaboration among all is important. Working on critical analysis of proposals and validating results with honesty and humility is key to increase the agreements and*



*Dr. Carlos N. Cámpora at the 76th Congress of the International Homeopathic Medical League in Bogotá, Colombia*

*understandings within our community.*

How can we preserve what fundamentally makes us homeopaths in the future and the essence of homeopathy?

*It is essential to recognize Hahnemann as an extraordinary researcher who continued experimenting and researching until the last days of his life. This allows all of us and opens the door to what is called Hahnemannian Homeopathy. If it is Hahnemannian, we all have the opportunity to continue researching, to deepen, to give another volume, another systematization to the knowledge that Hahnemann left us. However, caution is necessary, preserving Hahnemann's central teachings: individualization, experimentation on healthy volunteers, etc., which represent the core of Hahnemannian homeopathic knowledge.*

*Preserving the knowledge of the old masters and expanding it through careful research consistent with the methodology of our time is part of the essential process*



*Dr. Cámpora was granted the distinguished title of Professor Emeritus of the University Luis G. Paez of Colombia.*

## Interview with Dr. Cámpora



*Dr. Blanca Julieth Carreño, Rector UNIPAEZ, Dr. Dairo Melo, UNIPAEZ professor, Dr. Carlos Nestor Cámpora, Director Fundación Médica Homeopática VITALIS- Argentina - Professor emeritus UNIPAEZ, Gina Dr. Cristina Guayacán Mora. NVP for Colombia LMHI*

*for the recognition and future projection of homeopathy. What has been done in your country to make homeopathy accessible to everyone?*

*I believe it is super important to make the maximum effort so that people from all social levels can approach homeopathy and enjoy its benefits. This is also part of homeopathic professionalism.*

*One of the commitments is to treat people of all economic levels equally by providing treatments of identical quality. In the Medical Homeopathic Foundation Vitalis, we offer homeopathic consultations with fees much lower than those charged in private offices of homeopathic doctors, allowing many people to have access to homeopathy. Moreover, for the past 23 years, we have implemented a special service for people in need who are lacking resources, and in situations of indigence that have no possibility of accessing paid treatment.*

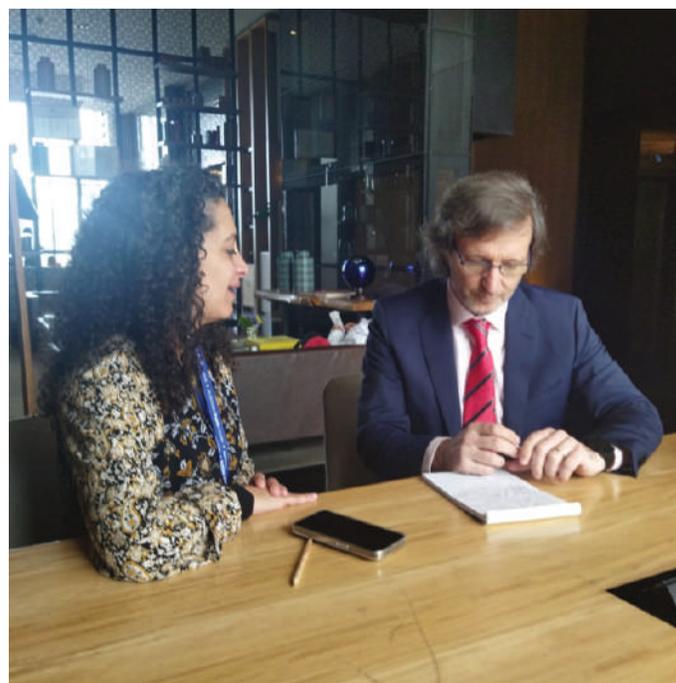
*We have six monthly offices where the foundation teachers, along with graduates and students, participate in attending these patients. Additionally, for the last 10 years, patients have received their homeopathic medication absolutely free of charge.*

*It is a tremendous effort by participating doctors to try to*

*bring homeopathy to these patients who need it so much. The project is developed in the City of Buenos Aires, in different neighborhoods of the city, and we have formed alliances with various NGOs that provide physical space and promote the invitation to people from the community with fewer possibilities who require the service.*

**Do you have a special message for young people choosing a specialty or starting their studies in homeopathy?**

*Homeopathy is the most exciting medicine you can imagine. You will have the opportunity to change the lives of many people and your own because it will involve personal growth and knowledge that you would hardly obtain in another medical specialty. Perhaps you won't be the richest doctor, surely you won't be, but you will be closer to achieving a life with a sense of purpose and transcendence. So, without a doubt, I recommend studying homeopathy!*



*Dr. Sandra Massy interviewing Dr. Carlos N. Cámpora*

# Homeopathy Institute of Korea

## *Dr. Bernardo Merizalde* *LMHI Vicepresident*



On May 10, 2023, I paid a visit to Dr. Young Goo Kim, in his office in Seoul, Korea, where he holds regular meetings with fellow homeopaths and others who are interested in learning more about homeopathy. Unfortunately, homeopathy is not yet broadly known or used in Korea, but there is a lot of excitement and will. The group has not yet formed a formal national homeopathic association of professionals and we hope this will happen in the future.

I had the opportunity to introduce the group to the LMHI, its history, mission and vision for homeopathy around the world, and the discussion showed great interest on the part of the participants. We were honored with

delicious food and an evening of poetry, song, and traditional Korean music which was exceptionally beautiful and moving, closing what was a delightful evening.

I hope the visit and information sharing will encourage our Korean colleagues to form a cohesive group and join the LMHI family!



### Homeopathy Institute of Korea (HIK).

Opening his private clinic in August, 1999, Dr. Young Goo Kim (former radiologist) began to practice homeopathy in Korea. Since July, 2001, Dr. Kim has been teaching homeopathy to the students and medical professionals in the Graduate School of Integrative Medicine, CHA University, Korea.

He practiced homeopathy in the center for integrative medicine in the CHA hospital (2001-2003). He founded the Homeopathy Institute of Korea (HIK) in 2005 and has

# Homeopathy Institute of Korea

kept holding many seminars and courses of homeopathy. The HIK has been supported by The Other Song Academy (TOS), Mumbai. HIK invited many Indian teachers including a renowned homeopath, Dr Rajan Sankaran and held seminars in Korea.

TOS has also provided HIK with a lot of educational materials (cured cases, lecture videos, etc) since 2014. HIK hosts a study group twice a month. About 10 people gather and study the cases/materia medica. There are several study groups in Korea, but no National Association yet.

Behind: Dr. Jaeyeon Gong (psychiatrist), Dr. Kyungjoon Roh (gynecologist), Mr. Kyungho Song (musician). Ms. Youngsun Eun (voice actress, studying in UK school), Mr. Kiho Bae (homeopath, studied in India), Ms. Eunyong Park (teacher), Second row, Dr. Jinju Jung(dentitist), Dr. Bernardo Merizalde, Dr. Younggoo Kim(director) Dr. Taeguk Ha (family physician). Front: Ms. Lena Choe (trade business, studying in UK school).

Bernardo Merizalde MD, DHT, ABIHM  
Vice-President  
Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis



Here are the names of participants on the photo: from left to right.

# HOMCON 2023

## 9th National Homeopathic Conference

2nd and 3rd September 2023, Venue: Grand Mercure, Agra, INDIA

Organisers: Indian Society of Homeopathy  
and Hahnemann Educational & Development Society

*Dr. Aditya Pareek*



*Hon'ble health minister, Dr Ramjee Singh, Dr Alok Pareek and others on the stage during the inauguration*

Organising Chairman: Dr Aditya Pareek MD  
Organising Secretary: Dr Ashok Chauhan MD  
Organising Convener: Dr Pankaj Tripathi MD

### Inauguration

HOMCON 2023 was inaugurated by the union Health Minister of India, Mr S P Singh Baghel in the presence of several homeopathic stalwarts on Saturday 2nd September 2023 at Agra, India. The Hon'ble minister shared his personal experiences of homeopathic treatment and stated that Homeopathy is already the mainstream medicine and this fact needs no re-iteration. He congratulated the organizer and assured

continuous patronage from the government of India. The guests of honour were LMHI Past President Dr Alok Pareek and Homoeopathic Medical association of India President Dr Ramjee Singh. The formal opening of the congress was marked by lighting of the lamp and garlanding the statue of Dr Hahnemann.



*Congress President Dr Aditya Pareek lighting the lamp for official inauguration*

### Scientific Sessions

There were 23 speakers over 2 days with a total of 11.5 hours of lectures. Invited speakers included Dr S K Tiwari (ex director- National Institute of Homeopathy), Dr S M Singh, Dr J D Daryani, Dr Girish Gupta and others. Dr Tiwari's talk was on Maternal and Fetal care during

# HOMCON 2023

pregnancy. The sessions were on the following subjects – Homeopathic psychiatry, Homeopathic gynaecology, Homeopathic Research, Methodology, Case reports, Applied Homeopathy and Speciality homeopathy.



*Scientific Session attended by 400 delegates*

## Exhibition

The expo area had 10 stalls from leading homeopathic pharmaceutical companies of India namely, Schwabe India, B Jain pharma, B Jain books, SBL, Dr Reckeweg & Co. etc.

## Attendance

The congress was attended by 400 delegates which included 320 homeopathic physicians and 80 students. The delegates were from 12 different Indian states as well as Nepal and Sri Lanka.

## Closing and Valedictory Ceremony

The Chief guest for the closing ceremony was Dr R S Pareek who completed 70 years in Homeopathic practice in 2023 and the valedictory ceremony was performed by Mrs Hemlata Diwakar, the honourable Mayor of the city of Agra wherein 20 eminent homeopathic practitioners were felicitated. The National President of Indian Society of Homeopathy Dr Aditya Pareek and President of HEDS Dr Shibli Mazhar gave the vote of thanks.



# XXXII Congress of Homeopatía de México in 2023

## *Dr. Rosario Sánchez Caballero*



Our last Congress of Homeopatía de México, number XXXII, took place in the Auditorium of ISSSTE (Instituto de Seguridad Social para Servicio de los Trabajadores del Estado), a government organization presided over by Dr. Pedro Zenteno Santaella. Dr. Pedro Zenteno Santaella is a homeopathic doctor graduated from the Instituto Politécnico Nacional and a supporter of Homeopathic Medicine. He generously supported the celebration of our Congress in that institution. Before the Congress, a Continuing Education Course was held, as is traditional in our School.

The event took place on August 3 and 4 of this year, with the attendance of representatives from various associations, colleges, and schools from most states of the Mexican Republic and two countries in South

America. The topics covered were related to Homeopathic Methodology: Aspects of modern methodology that correspond to our philosophy, and Clinical aspects with all considerations in case-taking, the study of symptom semiology, as well as the consequences of the pandemic in our country.

One of the special guests on this occasion was Dr. Karina Acevedo Whitehouse, a doctor in immunology, who spoke to us about COVID-19 inoculations and their consequences.

Two new books were presented, one on "Perversion," addressing the syphilitic miasm, and the other on "Emergencies in Homeopathy," detailing their approach with examples of cases.

An atmosphere of great cordiality and fraternity was evident, as all attendees have graduated from our School of Homeopatía de México and have founded similar organizations or branches of orthodox Homeopathy in their countries.

We have been making progress in the study and application of the Miasmatic Theory left by Hahnemann, and our Master, Proceso Sánchez Ortega, clarified and developed it for application in clinical practice.

# XXXII Congress of Homeopatía de México in 2023



*Dr. Juan Carlos Campos Contreras, representative of the National Homeopathic Hospital; Dr. Antonio Sánchez Caballero, technical director of Homeopatía de México; Dr. Pedro Zenteno Santaella, director of ISSSTE; Dr. Rosario Sánchez Caballero, director of the Postgraduate School of Homeopatía de México; Dr. Gabriel Amcheridam González, Director of the Escuela Libre de Homeopatía de Mexico and Dr. Marco Antonio Martínez Silva, director of the Escuela Nacional de Medicina y Homeopatía of Instituto Politécnico Nacional.*



## II International Congress of Classical Hahnemannian Homeopathic Medicine in Rome, Italy

*Dr. Paolo Pifferi*  
*NVP of Italy*



It was held in Rome on November 10, 11, and 12, the II International Congress of Hahnemannian Homeopathic Medicine, organized by the IRSMO School. The Congress aimed to bring together teachers and students of the school in person. The event was a great success, allowing us to communicate in the universal language of homeopathy taught by our Master Samuel Hahnemann.

The congress started with the opening speech of Dr. Renzo Galassi, one of the eminent masters of Homeopathic Medicine and former President of LMHI. Following Dr. Galassi's presentation, a video message from the President of the LMHI, Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, was broadcast, encouraging us to continue our training and dissemination efforts in unity with the worldwide homeopathic community.



*Dr. Renzo Galassi*

The days were filled with dense and interesting activities, including great lectures and valuable interpersonal interactions. These interactions, lost during the Covid period due to the suspension of live classes, were reactivated, fostering connections between professors, students and even those from other schools. Presentations included clinical cases from students and graduates, master classes from renowned teachers such as Pietro Federico, Renzo Galassi, Pietro Gulia and Gustavo Dominici.

The lectures, which covered diverse topics, were captivating, and the students presented papers rooted in a solid foundation of homeopathic knowledge, testimony to the method taught by our teachers: the constant study of Materia Medica and classical authors.

## II International Congress of Classical Hahnemannian Homeopathic Medicine



*Dr. Pietro Federico*

An atmosphere of great friendship and collaboration permeated the Congress, reinforced by the contributions of friends of the Mexican Homeopathic School, including Dr. Rosario Sánchez Caballero, Dr. Andrea Flores Sánchez and Dr. René Torres. Their virtual presence added a global perspective, emphasizing the continuing learning potential of this esteemed School.

The convivial moments added to the camaraderie, making these three days an enriching experience of participation, interaction and friendship. The event concluded on a positive note, and we extend our thanks to all participants and organizers, especially Paola and Sonia, the historic secretaries of the IRSMO School, without whom this would not have been possible.

We hope to have the opportunity to relive events as interesting as this one in the future.



*Virtual lectures of Dr. Rosario Sánchez Caballero, Dr. Andrea Flores Sánchez and Dr. René Torres from Homeopatía de México, with simultaneous translation by Gabriella Rocco.*



*Dr. Pietro Gulia and his wife*

# XXXVI GIRI Meeting

## “Groundbreaking Science: Homeopathy and the Future of Global Health”

*Jay Yasgur, Pharm., M.Sc.*



During the third weekend of October 2023 three organizations came together to jointly sponsor a research conference, “Groundbreaking Science: Homeopathy and the Future of Global Health,” dealing with homeopathy and ultra-high dilutions (UHD).

The American Institute of Homeopathy (AIH; USA), The Faculty of Homeopathy (FOH; U.K.), and the Groupe International de Recherche sur l’Infinitésimal (GIRI -International Research Group on Very Low Dose and High Dilution Effects <<https://giri-society.org/>>) hosted the first large-scale homeopathic research conference in the USA, the host country. It was the 36th GIRI Meeting since that organization’s founding in 1985 and held at UCONN Health, a major medical school and teaching hospital located in Connecticut.

This event featured leading research scientists and physicians from around the world presenting the latest basic science, pre-clinical and clinical research in homeopathy. Approximately 100 persons were in attendance with nearly 400 virtual attendees participating from over 25 different countries. There were seven booths set-up in the exhibition hall by various homeopathic organizations and companies. Keller Auditorium, the meeting hall, was quite

comfortable and a perfect size to hold such a congress. Attendees were from across the spectrum; lay, medical professionals and neophytes. One of the reasons why it was so well attended was because the organizers (Peter Gold of Gold & Partners, LLC, was the main coordinator) somehow managed to keep the price of the entry ticket low -60 USD! I could have chosen the word ‘cheap’ to describe this special price but if I did, you might think that the quality of programming was such, which it was not.

Ronald Whitmont, Raj Manchanda, Leoni Bonamin, Laurie Grossman, Richard Moskowitz, Francisco Eizayaga, Lee Kayne, Todd Hoover, Kim Elia, Flavio Oliveira Dantas, Rachel Roberts and Paolo Bellavite, were some of the luminaries who attended this important conference in person.



*Drs. Bellavite, Dantas, Eizayaga*

The conference came to an end early Sunday afternoon with a presentation of awards for the best poster talks, an announcement of the next GIRI conference (Slovenia, November 2024) and concluding remarks by conference leaders, Carla Holandino, Gary Smyth and Alex Bekker.

This abbreviated report is only meant to pique your appetite, as abstracts and more for the entire conference can be accessed on the web. (1)

## XXXVI GIRI Meeting



*Dr. Raj Manchanda at the coffee break*

The following posters were awarded prizes as they were deemed to be of particular interest:

- 1) Basic Research: 'Biological effects of *Viscum album* mother tinctures and dynamizations in kidney proximal tubule cells: an in vitro study' by Rodrigo Duarte.
- 2) Physicochemical Research: 'Nature and Structure of NTA Traditional Homeopathically Manufactured Medicines' by Michel Van Wassenhoven.
- 3) One-Health Research: 'Recovery of fire-damaged "cerrado" area treated with homeopathic preparations in slow dispersion devices - a descriptive study', by Monica Souza.
- 4) Clinical Research: 'Findings from clinical, historical, and educational research conducted the HOHM Foundation office of research', by Alastair Grey and Denise M. Straiges, and 'Occurrence of mastitis before and after homeopathic treatment of dairy cattle, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. By Gleyce Moreno Barbosa

1) Visit these websites:

<https://www.facultyofhomeopathy.org/articles/joint-research-conference-2023>

<https://homeopathyusa.org/conference-bios-and-abstracts-2023/>

<http://hri-research.org/>

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*Dr. Gary Smyth*

# Homeopathy at a Glance: Colombia

**Dr. Gina Guayacán**

**National Vice President of Colombia**



Homeopathy made its way to Colombia from Europe in 1885, and since then, various educational institutions have played a role in its development. However, its official recognition as a legitimate medical practice came with the enactment of Law 35 in 1992.

Currently, Colombia boasts two accredited entities for the specialization in Human Homeopathy and Veterinary Homeopathy at UNIPAEZ University. Moreover, the National University of Colombia offers a Master's program in Homeopathy. These programs adhere to credit standards set by the Ministry of National Education and are endorsed by the Ministry of Health for medical or veterinary specialization and for the master's degree, respectively. These institutions have forged agreements with three public hospitals in Bogota for clinical practices.

A total of 193 doctors have graduated as specialists in Human Homeopathy in Colombia, including 11 from Ecuador and 2 from Venezuela. Additionally, 118 doctors hold a Master's degree in Homeopathy, and 42 veterinarians have specialized in homeopathy. These professionals are dispersed across more than 15 cities nationwide.

In addition to formal education, six other universities offer non-formal education programs, featuring short courses in complex homeopathy, pluralistic homeopathy, and homotoxicology. Sponsored by pharmaceutical companies or organized informally by individuals, these courses have trained around 4500 health professionals. The duration varies from 3 to 6 months, with training intensities ranging from 100 to 120 hours of homeopathic information.

Furthermore, an Alternative Medicine and Plant Pharmacology program, including 100 hours of education in homeopathy, contributes to the educational landscape.

The credibility of these programs in Colombia has prompted some health service providers to incorporate Alternative Medicine, including Homeopathy, into their premium or VIP service offerings. Notably, high-complexity hospital centers, both in the public and private sectors, allow outpatient homeopathic consultations for their users.

# My Experience with Homeopathy

*Dr. María Isabel Ramírez López*  
*Colombia*



My experience with homeopathy began before I came to this world, since I am the daughter of a pure homeopathic doctor as my mother Luz Marina Lopez is. Some of you may have heard of her, who consulted with me growing up inside her and when I was born, she had my crib in her office, so I could say that "I have been doing homeopathic consultation since before I was born".

As I grew up, I witnessed how amazing homeopathy is and its results in all kinds of pathologies. I remember several of my mother's patients with oncologic pathologies that had already been given up and years later they were still her patients and I witnessed how grateful the patients and their families were with her, so I fell in love day by day with what today is my most precious profession.

I grew up, went to medical school, graduated as a physician in 2018 and started my specialization in alternative therapeutics and simultaneously in homeopathic medicine.

My first patient treated with homeopathy, suffering from advanced cancer, made me experience the same

gratitude that I witnessed before. This experience made me more aware of my role with my patients and their families.

Nowadays I realize that the more I learn about homeopathy, the more beautiful it is. Becoming a source of opinion or support to my allopathic colleagues and having the tools to show them that homeopathy is the medicine of the past, present and future is and will always be a challenge.

I share with you a photograph taken at the recent LMHI 76th congress held in Bogota, Colombia. At this congress I had the honor, like my mother, of presenting an oral presentation of unpublished work.

Thank you very much.  
Dr. María Isabel Ramírez López M.D.  
Bogota, Colombia.



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## *Afghanistan*

*Dr. Obaidullah Hashmi, NCP*

The Afghanistan Homeopathic Medical Association (AHMA), a non-governmental and non-profit organization, has been actively working to promote and integrate homeopathy in Afghanistan. As a registered institutional member of LMHI International, it collaborates globally and has official representatives in various countries. Despite homeopathy not being a statutory medical system in Afghanistan, AHMA has made significant strides in raising standards and advocating for its recognition. The association engages with government officials, including the deputy health minister, to discuss the integration of homeopathy and the issuance of temporary licenses for homeopathic clinicians. Collaborations with the Afghanistan Cricket Board and a visit from a foreign delegation in 2022 demonstrate AHMA's efforts to extend the benefits of homeopathy beyond medical recognition, including healthcare services and surgeries. The association appeals to international homeopathic organizations for support in areas such as integration, education, awareness, standard practice, development, drug regulation, and availability of homeopathic medicines.

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## *Argentina*

*Dr. Agustin Salinas, NVP*

In the last year we continued with the purpose of carrying out a census to establish an approximate number of schools and practitioners of homeopathy in the country. It has been partially successful because many school graduates do not stay in contact with them and, despite writing different emails, no satisfactory

response has been obtained. Contact by social media was also implemented. Contact was established with NVPs from neighboring countries and actively collaborated with the organization of the 76th LMHI Congress in Bogota.

The five main schools in the country have offered their courses as usual. Federacion de Asociaciones Medicas Homeopaticas Argentinas (FAMHA) joins 3 institutions: Escuela Medica Homeopatica Argentina "Tomas P. Paschero" (EMHA), Asociacion Medica Homeopatica Argentina (AMHA) y Centro de Estudios Hahnemannianos de Cordoba. Outside FAMHA there are two other schools: Fundación Medica Vitalis and Candegabe University, the latter offers only online courses.

There are approximately 150 members (although we had issues with the payment system).

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## *Australia*

*Dr. Isaac Golden, NVP*

Whilst there has been no significant regulatory improvement supporting homeopathy in Australia in 2023, there has been an encouraging recent development.

In Brisbane on the 4th and 5th of November, the Australian Homeopathic Association held its first face-to-face national conference since the Covid lockdowns. The keynote speakers were Kim Elia and Dr Gustavo Bracho. It was heartening to see the much larger number of new professional members and new students at the conference.

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Even though there is only one new institution teaching an Advanced Diploma course in Australia at the moment, many of the other students are accessing accredited overseas courses and travelling to do clinical work.

On a state level, the branches of the Australian Homeopathic Association each are holding regular gatherings of members, both online and face to face, which most members find very supportive. And the LMHI newsletter which is now distributed to members is appreciated by many.

So, there are signs of hope for the future for homeopathy in Australia despite the persistent negativity from the Pharma dominated health bureaucracy.

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## *Austria*

### *Dr. Bernhard Zauner, NVP*

Homeopathy has been existing in Austria since the discovery of homeopathy by Hahnemann. In Austria, homeopathy is allowed to be used only by medical doctors. In 1994 homeopathy was recognized by the Austrian Medical Association with the ÖAK diploma. Currently about 500 Austrian doctors use homeopathy in their practices, which corresponds to about 3% of all Austrian doctors. Not all of them are members of any homeopathic associations in Austria.

Although around 70% of patients choose homeopathy as their preferred complementary medicine method.

Three homeopathic associations, ÖGHM, ÄKH and ÖGVH (Veterinary homeopaths), offer continuing education programs and cooperate in continuing education. Continuous efforts in research, publications and public relations promote the dissemination and establishment of homeopathy in Austria.

The homeopathic companies joined forces and started to reorganise their public relations work with a professional PR and marketing expert.

The aim is a better integration of homeopathy in the Austrian health- and assurance-system.

In September an annual meeting of our three homeopathic associations (ÄKH, ÖGHM, ÖGVH) took place in the castle of Goldegg in Salzburg with more than 100 participants.

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## *Bolivia*

### *Dr. Mario Jaime Ortiz Moreno, NCP*

Since 2015, I've been tirelessly advocating for the inclusion of Homeopathic Medicine in Bolivia's Unified Health System. Despite facing challenges such as a fragmented health system and the socio-political crisis in recent years, my efforts aim to bring about positive change and provide comprehensive healthcare for the people of Bolivia. While the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed vulnerabilities in health systems globally, Bolivia's situation is no exception.

Despite a memorandum of understanding signed with India in 2019, progress in implementing homeopathy has been slow. I stress the urgent need for regulation in the practice of homeopathic medicine in Bolivia, an essential step for its recognition and integration into the healthcare system. Despite challenges, academic training programs exist, and I've engaged in spreading awareness through talks and television interviews, contributing to the promotion of homeopathy in Bolivia. There is work to be done, and I am committed to advancing the cause for the benefit of the Bolivian people.

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## *Brazil*

### *Dr. Paulo Cezar Maldonado, NVP*

In Brazil, homeopathy has gained prominence with increasing acceptance in the population due to its evident clinical results. Notably, Brazil stands out as the only country globally to have medical doctors, pharmacists, veterinarian doctors since 1980, and homeopathic dentist doctors since 2015. Despite agronomy not being a recognized specialty, research in this field is encouraged in homeopathic schools, contributing to the establishment of organic culture worldwide. Brazil, a major global food producer, sees a growing interest in agriculture that avoids pesticide use, aligning with the rising awareness of organic farming's health benefits.

Homeopathy is integral to the National Program of Integrative and Complementary Practices, a part of Brazil's Unique System of Health (SUS), the world's largest free healthcare system covering the entire population. However, there are political challenges to its inclusion in this program. Recent attacks against homeopathy, notably by a microbiologist in a major newspaper, have questioned its scientific validity and called for its removal from the health system. In response, the Federal Council of Medicine (CFM) has defended homeopathic professionals, emphasizing its recognition as a specialty with rigorous practices.

Despite facing opposition, the Brazilian Medical Homeopathic Association remains resilient, seeking political support in Congress and the Senate. Their efforts in universities aim to strengthen homeopathic knowledge among medical students, and a commitment to research underscores their determination. The association is poised to confront challenges and reinforce the importance of homeopathy in medicine, pharmacy, veterinary, and dentistry.

## *Bulgaria*

### *Dr. Dora Pachova, NVP*

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first homeopathic basic education course in Bulgaria, the Association of Homeopathic Physicians in Bulgaria and the European Society of Integrative Medicine organized an International Homeopathic Conference in Sofia. The event gathered 400 professionals, featuring international lecturers Professor Michael Frass from Austria and Menachem Oberbaum from Israel. A lecture on mental health by Dr. Dora Pachova and Dr. Svetla Stoeva resonated well with participants.

Dr. Dora Pachova presented the monograph "Homeopathy in Bulgaria" to ECHAMP representatives, showcasing the association's 30 years of achievements. The Bulgarian Association of Manufacturers and Importers of Homeopathic Medicines, a non-profit organization, was founded with the support of AlpenPharma Bulgaria (DHU), Boiron, and Heel Bg. It aims to disseminate good practices, conduct research, and promote fair competition.

The organization actively engages with public media skeptics, holding a successful press conference attended by 20 journalists. Despite challenges, including an anti-homeopathy book by a scientist from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the association published studies on patient and doctor satisfaction with homeopathic treatment. Educational initiatives include a new one-year course on "Homeopathy and Integrative Medicine" by the Center for Health and Education "Edicta." However, the availability of remedies faced challenges as DHU significantly reduced the list of imported mono remedies.

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## *Chile*

### *Dr. Sergio Castillo, NVP*

As of March 2023, 109 homeopaths and 78 holistic naturopaths who are also qualified as acupuncturists and homeopaths were registered in the Registry of Individual Providers of the Superintendence of Health. There are 133 homeopathic pharmacies out of a total of 4,835 private pharmacies (where also some sell homeopathic products). And as of April 28, 483 drugs are registered with the Institute of Public Health, of which 451 are direct sales and 32 by prescription.

Work is currently underway on the theoretical and practical examination of Homeopathy, with the contribution of experts. This will be the basic pillar for a better training of new homeopaths, where we develop this task two homeopaths with prescription capacity and two holistic naturopaths who are authorized to recommend direct sale products. For this, defined critical competences have been worked on, where some are transversal or generic that also involve naturopathy and acupuncture and others that are specific to homeopathy. This will obligatorily lead the houses of formation to improve their study programs, the subjects addressed and the mandatory and recommended texts.

Finally, we hope that in the future homeopathy can be assigned to public funding. This still requires several steps in the ministerial and legislative structure. We think it will be slow but we hope for sure. We appreciate the contribution especially of the Argentine homeopathic that like San Martín helped freedom.

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## *China*

### *Dr. Yvonne Fok Yuen Ying, NCP*

In China, including Hong Kong and Taiwan, homeopathy is not a statutory medical system, but there is increased governmental involvement in homeopathic research. Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic

lockdown, various communication, educational events, research projects, and social activities resumed in 2023. The Hong Kong Association of Homeopathy (HKAH) played an active role during the pandemic, publishing four papers included in the WHO COVID database.

Internationally, HKAH participated in the Homeopathic Research Conference in London in 2023, hosted Clifical Webinars, and is working on a 30-minute movie on homeopathy in France. Locally, the association engaged in research on trait and state anxiety in national elite athletes in mainland China, organized monthly seminars, conducted over 10 public seminars in different exhibitions, and hosted the 2023 Annual Dinner for Hong Kong and Macau homeopathic practitioners with over 700 attendees.

Publications include studies on homeopathic clinical features of COVID-19 patients in Hong Kong, findings from the Clifical International Clinical Case Registry on homeopathic treatment of COVID-19 patients, and exploration of the symptomatic expression of the Omicron variant in Chinese patients, among others. Additionally, weekly YouTube Live Shows for public education were conducted, featuring celebrities as guests. The text showcases a commitment to research, education, and public outreach in the field of homeopathy in the Chinese context.

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## *Colombia*

### *Dr. Gina Guayacán, NVP*

In 1992, Law 35 officially recognized homeopathy as a legitimate medical practice in Colombia, although its introduction dates back to 1885. Currently, two accredited institutions, UNIPAEZ and the National University, offer specialist training in Individualized Homeopathy, with agreements in place for clinical practice in three public hospitals in Bogotá. Additionally, there are non-formal education programs across six universities, offering short courses in various homeopathic approaches, often sponsored by

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pharmaceutical companies. Approximately 4,500 health professionals have undergone training, and two universities include homeopathy in their Alternative Medicine programs.

Legal measures, allowing practitioners without formal education to practice homeopathy, remain in effect in 2023, prompting efforts to reinstate educational requirements. Colombia boasts two scientific societies, ASMHOOC and ASCOHOM, comprising graduates from approved universities actively contributing to shaping alternative medicine and public health policies. The country has 193 specialist doctors, 118 with master's degrees, and 42 veterinarians specialized in homeopathy. Noteworthy is the acceptance of homeopathic consultations in major hospitals, with a growing number of health service providers incorporating homeopathic services. The Ministry of Health regulates the sale of homeopathic medicines with proper health registrations. Colombia hosted the LMHI International Congress of Homeopathy in 2023.

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### *Czech Republic*

*Dr. Tomáš Karhan, NCP*

There are currently 2 medical societies that are mainly devoted to classical homeopathy.

Czech medical homeopathic society, which is dedicated to teaching according to European technical standards and organizing professional seminars.

The Czech homeopathic club brings together senior homeopaths, organizes cultural events followed by seminars on, for example, historical and philosophical topics. Currently, the 5th year of spring organ concerts for CHK took place on the occasion of the World Day of Homeopathy. Both companies actively participate in the work of the ECH political subcommittee. Media activities for homeopathy are intensively blocked in the media by pseudo-skeptics. Nevertheless, we are preparing other activities in this sense.

### *Estonia*

*Dr. Saima Tišler, NVP*

The EHU (Estonian Homeopathic Union) has been active and has held regular meetings and patients' discussions. Since early 2022, in person meetings have resumed four times a year. The number of LMHI members and the number of general members within EHU has stayed the same. Those still active, have been regularly participating in the union's activities. Different homeopathic unions have organized several seminars and courses. In 2021/ 2022, seminars have been held in homeopathic unions Sternum, Ökobeebi, and Väike-Uba. In addition, homeopathic courses have been organized with company Heel.

While considering different schools that have influenced homeopaths in Estonia, the Belgian-Russian, Finnish, Mr. Vithoulkas' (Greek) and British schools have remained the most dominant. Articles have been published on the benefits of using homeopathy in different cases. Moreover, articles on veterinary homeopathy have been published on treating cats, dogs and horses. Since 2008, Estonian Qualification Authority has yielded 15 Homeopathic Qualifications. I participated Mr. Vithoulkas' online seminar in February 2021.

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### *France*

*Dr. Florina Carat, NVP*

During this year, LMHI-France inaugurated a new initiative called «LMHI-France WebMornings». The first Webinar took place on November 26th, 2022, focusing on three communications axes: Political, clinical, and scientific research aspects. The success of this Webinar has encouraged us to continue this experience with a second Webinar on April 22nd, 2023, featuring exciting guests from around the world.

We will continue this initiative on a regular basis (every

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4/6 months) to foster close communication with our members and promote an active sense of community.

At the request of LMHI, we tried to capture the complexity of the French homeopathic landscape into an overview of the French homeopathic world. About a dozen homeopathic schools offer a rather heterogeneous education in homeopathy (classical homeopathy and pluralist approach) for both beginners and continuing education. We note a recurring issue raised: recruitment difficulties, particularly among doctors, pharmacists, dentists, midwives, veterinaries, and concerns regarding the future and the rights to advise or prescribe homeopathy, if the latest CNOM (National Council of the Order of Physicians) text against “non-medical approaches” is approved. About a dozen of local associations provide only Continuous Education for practicing homeopaths through seminars/congresses. Additionally, there are Study Groups that give the opportunity to interested homeopaths in enhancing their training.

Created in February 2020, Homéo-France Association is the first multidisciplinary network allowing on the same platform to work together: patient associations, health professionals, teachers, researchers, drug manufacturers.

In spite of all obstacles, homeopathy remains very dynamic in France, with many high-level congresses and seminars.

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## *Germany*

### *Dr. Michaela Geiger, NVP*

In Germany, homeopathy faces challenges and changes in education, politics, and media. The additional title in homeopathy is held in four state medical associations, allowing selective contract billing. There's no permanent university with homeopathy research, and Ayurveda Medicine is gaining prominence. The health minister

aims to limit non-evident methods like homeopathy, impacting reimbursement. Efforts to clarify homeopathy's research status involve discussions with federal ministers.

A doctoral thesis suggests a new narrative that homeopathy is unethical. Media attention is decreasing, but the DZVhÄ (German Central Association of Homeopathic Physicians) is revitalizing its public appearance and engaging on social media. Despite opposition, homeopathy remains integrated into the national public health system through special contracts with about 80 health insurance companies. Two active patient associations, Hahnemannia and BPH “Bundesverband Patienten Homöopathie”, contribute to the ongoing presence of homeopathy in Germany. National congresses like ICE 2023 continue to shape the homeopathic landscape in the country.

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## *Greece*

### *Dr. Konstantinos Tsitinides, NVP*

After the national elections this summer we have a new minister of health. We prepared for making a new contact.

All 3 Societies (Hellenic Homeopathic Medical Society, Hellenic Association of Homeopathic Medical Cooperations and Homeopathic Academy) continue their training activities (introductory and basic courses, continuous learning, workshops etc).

This summer HAHMC organized in Aegina Island a face-to-face homeopathic seminar.

The Homeopathic Academy organized a visit to Korres factory of HMPs and the student had the opportunity to see and manufacture a homeopathic remedy.

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HHMS prepares the 19th Panhellenic Congress of Homeopathic Medicine in Athens from 24-26 November 2023 (the first after the covid-period), entitled "Developments in Homeopathic Education – Half a century of experience". There will be a round table about the various trends in Homeopathic Education, with international guest-speakers from Europe and India (some of them will attend and others will be connected through online platform). There will be another round table regarding genes and Homeopathy and topic for homeopathic dentists and vets.

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### *Italy*

#### *Dr. Paolo Pifferi, NVP*

The Italian Homeopathic Associations part of the LMHI are FIAMO and LUIMO. FIAMO can count on 16 LMHI accredited training schools, where training is provided for doctors, pharmacists and veterinarians, while LUIMO organizes training courses with its own school (training doctors, pharmacists and veterinarians). All schools follow the educational programmes set out in the LMHI guidelines.

In October 2022 was held in Rome the 18th National Congress FIAMO. In May 2023 was held in Florence the 19th National Congress FIAMO: on that occasion the board of directors of the association was renewed. It is scheduled for the month of March 2024 the 20th National Congress FIAMO. In April 2023 FIAMO celebrated the Hahnemann Day with many events (meetings with the population, conferences).

FIAMO publishes every 4 months the scientific journal "Il Medico Omeopata" and has a monthly newsletter that is sent online, and LUIMO publishes a newsletter entitled

"The doctor of the future today".

In Italy homeopathic medicine is experiencing, a difficult time because of the many obstacles put in place by traditional allopathic medicine; homeopathic schools are experiencing a significant decline in enrollment, especially by young professionals, both doctors and veterinarians and pharmacists.

As NVP Italy, I am trying to bring all Italian homeopaths closer to the life and activities of the LMHI, for many little known or even unknown. I am trying to promote the consultation of the LMHI site, that currently very few people visit, and I am sharing on all possible channels the activities (webinars, courses) and magazines (newsletter, THP).

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### *Japan*

#### *Dr. Ryoichi Obitsu, NVP*

The difficult situation for homeopathy in Japan has not changed at all in recent years. Following several medical accidents (since 2008) caused by non-physician homeopaths, the Japanese medical community has recognized that there is no scientific basis for the effectiveness of homeopathy, and this situation continues. The Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy (JPSH) works in collaboration with the Society for Integrative Medicine Japan (IMJ) as the only organization consisting solely of qualified medical professionals.

Unlike other countries, there is no legal regulation of homeopathy in Japan and homeopathic medicines are not recognized as medicines by the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare. However, the Japanese Government only allows doctors to provide medical treatment to patients, so non-physician healers cannot treat patients with homeopathy.

The 20th Annual Congress of the JPSH was held in October 2023. JPSH published "Homeopathic Medicine vol. 14" in June 2023.

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## *Kazakhstan*

*Dr. Elena Zyukina, NVP*

The Kazakh Homeopathic Association would like to express its gratitude to everyone who supported homeopathic doctors in Kazakhstan in 2019. The International Homeopathic League, the Russian Homeopathic Association, and patients who have experienced the benefits of homeopathy have all played a crucial role in ensuring that homeopathy continues to be officially recognized as a form of traditional medicine and has not been prohibited.

Article 132 of the Medical Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, titled 'On the Health of the People and the Healthcare System' (2020), stipulates that doctors certified in homeopathy and licensed in accordance with the laws of Kazakhstan have the right to practice in this field of traditional medicine and engage in homeopathic treatment.

The Kazakh Homeopathic Association, established as a permanent public association in 1992, currently has 46 practicing homeopaths, though not all of them are paying members. The association's activities are focused on enhancing the professional skills of its homeopaths, promoting homeopathy within the medical community, among patients, and across various sectors of society. The association actively collaborates with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, professional medical unions, organizations, and public associations.

In 2023, the Kazakh Homeopathic Association conducted several activities, including a specialized course titled 'Current Matters in Homeopathy' held from January 25 to February 4, 2023. Additionally, members of the association participated both in person and via Zoom in the Congress organized by the Russian Homeopathic Society in Moscow from January 27 to January 28, 2023. This Congress was dedicated to the

190th anniversary of Homeopathy in Russia. Members also actively engage in events organized by the Russian Homeopathic Society and the Russian Homeopathic Association. Moreover, they participate in webinars conducted by homeopaths from different countries, addressing various topics related to homeopathy.

Members of the Kazakhstan Homeopathic Association appreciate the collaboration between the International Homeopathic League and the World Health Organization. They welcome the participation of league members in the First World Health Organization (WHO) Global Summit on Traditional Medicine, held on August 17-18, 2023, in Gandhinagar, India. The association expresses its readiness to participate in research aimed at studying the clinical effectiveness of homeopathy.

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## *Mexico*

*Dr. Antonio Sánchez Carballo, NVP*

The Homeopathic Federation that gathers all the homeopathic colleges, schools and associations of the country has been legally constituted and continues working with weekly meetings.

On August 3 and 4, Homeopatía de México A.C. held its XXXII Assembly as an International Congress in the auditorium of the general offices of the ISSSTE in Mexico City. The opening was in charge of Dr. Pedro Zenteno Santaella, homeopathic physician, general director of said Institution, which is a federal health agency that provides care throughout the country.

The XLII National Homeopathic Medical Congress was held from October 5 to 7 in the city of Boca del Río, Veracruz, in charge of the College of Homeopathic Physicians of the State of Veracruz "Samuel Hahnemann" A.C., where topics such as Procedures for diagnosis and homeopathic treatment for pain,

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homeopathic therapeutics for autism, Homeogenomics from individuality, among others, were discussed. The following topics were discussed: World suppression, The method underlying homeopathy, Genomic medicine: suppression and incurability; as well as free topics of doctrine, Materia Medica and clinical cases.

Homeopathic publications, although they have decreased, continue to disseminate homeopathic medical articles.

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### *Moldovia*

#### *Dr. Tatiana Bolbocean, NVP*

Homeopathy started to be practiced in the Republic of Moldova since 1991 when a Department of Traditional Medicine (nowadays Alternative and Complementary Medicine) was founded within the Nicolae Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Republic of Moldova. The department offers graduate and postgraduate educational programs developed for specialists in alternative and complementary medicine, which varies from optional courses within the undergraduate medical curriculum, to full-time postgraduate diplomas with formal medical specialty status till 2008.

In The Republic of Moldova homeopathy can be practiced only by qualified and licensed allopathic physicians. Here exists a certification system – Republic Commission for Attestation and Merit Rating. Public health authorities certify potential candidates as having the requisite professional skills in alternative and complementary medicine (homeopathy included).

There is one unified professional medical association in the Republic of Moldova – The Association of Alternative and Complementary Medicine – that unites practitioners of medical acupuncture, homeopaths and

herbalists. The Association organizes seminars for doctors during the year, where homeopaths meet and share information about cases, remedies, news in homeopathy in our country and over the world.

In 2008, at the 63rd Congress, homeopaths from the Republic of Moldova became a member of LMHI. Now we have a total of 34 members. Moldavian homeopaths also attended international courses, conferences, seminars and congresses in Romania, Greece, India, Ukraine, Russia etc. In 2020-2022, our doctors had more opportunities to attend various events thanks to the online format. Our homeopaths participated in the LMHI Colloquium, webinars, etc. We need a further development of policies and regulations on CAM, a wider dissemination of alternative medicine methods.

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### *Netherlands*

#### *Dr. Beatrice Roldaan, NVP*

The education program at the Academy for Integrative medicine has a growing number of general practitioners and medical specialists. This year there is even a waiting list for new students.

There is an e-learning programme for homeopathy, developed during COVID time and is still a great tool. Our national homeopathy congress was held on September 22 and 23, 2023.

We have a fluid Network translated: Together for Homeopathy, where all professionals work together on strategy and come together in a congress once a year. Last year it was: cancer and homeopathy – we invited Jean Lionel Bagot. This year it will be homeopathy and chronic intestine inflammation.

Members of the Artsen Vereniging Integrale Geneeskunde (AVIG) (Physicians Association Integrative Medicine AVIG) are participating in the Clificol project.

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## *Peru*

### *Dr. Carlos Corbacho Orosco, NCP*

The only activities in the last year have been teaching in the Diploma of Complementary Medicine at the University of San Marcos and some talks at SPEMAC (Peruvian society of Alternative and Complementary Medicine) in order to promote the course of the Peruvian School of Homeopathic Medicine because we had to postpone it since many doctors' future students preferred to do it online and in my personal experience that results in bad homeopaths in the majority.

We have chosen to start the new School year in March 2024, hoping to have a minimum of 20 students. 3 promotions have already graduated from our school and are doing homeopathy in Puno, Cuzco, Arequipa, Chachapoyas, Trujillo and the majority in Lima, not all of them exclusively do homeopathy.

## *Romania*

### *Dr. Genoveva Nagy, NVP*

Romania recognizes homeopathy as a distinct therapeutic system, and both national and European Union legislation regulates its practice. Only doctors and pharmacists, completing accredited postgraduate courses, are permitted to practice homeopathy in Romania. The Romanian Society of Homeopathy (RSH), established in 1947, is the primary professional association, organizing congresses, competency courses, and collaborating with other medical associations. With 97 registered members, RSH conducts a rich program of events, including the XXXVI National Congress of Homeopathy and webinars with international doctors.

The Romanian Association of Clinical Homeopathy complements these efforts with projects, congresses, webinars, and regional symposiums, emphasizing

multidisciplinary approaches and complementarity with allopathy. The association also runs an e-learning platform [www.homeopatieclinica.ro](http://www.homeopatieclinica.ro) and an application [www.homeoandcare.ro](http://www.homeoandcare.ro), contributing to the development and dissemination of homeopathic knowledge in Romania.

## *Russia*

### *Dr. Leonid Kosmodemyansky, NVP*

Homeopathy in Russia continues to develop. More than 1000 doctors took part in annual homeopathic conferences and congresses in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk and other cities. The scientific program was full of interesting reports from Russian and foreign experts from all over the world. With the support of LMHI President Altunay Agaogly, on January 27-28, 2023, the International Homeopathic Congress was held in Moscow, which was held at RUDN University, which was attended by leading homeopathy experts from around the world.

Traditionally, in Russia in the month of October, the Day of Russian Homeopathy is celebrated; this year, on this occasion, a conference was held in Novosibirsk and Moscow, this event was timed to celebrate 190 years of official recognition of Homeopathy in Russia. It has become a good tradition for Russian homeopaths to take part in the work of LMHI congresses. The LMHI Congress in Bogota, Colombia was no exception. The role of LMHI in the development of international humanistic relations is also of great importance for Russian specialists. The round table on the important role of traditional and complementary medicine, including homeopathy, was held under the patronage of the Health Committee of the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

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The Ministry of Health, with the participation of experts from the Russian Homeopathic Society (RHS), developed and approved new regulations regulating the activities of industrial pharmacies, which included provisions for the production of homeopathic medicines. The Russian government attaches great importance to the provision of medicines to the citizens of our country.

Under the patronage of the Moscow Government, in the environmental protection zone, an ecologically clean area of the Moscow region, on the initiative of the Russian Homeopathic Society and the sponsorship of members of the Russian Geographical Society, the All-Russian Apothecary Garden was revived, in which more than 150 plants were grown this year using the principles of organic farming. Plants are processed in the production of homeopathic matrix infusions. We invite colleagues from all over the world to take part in the next International Homeopathic Congress, dedicated to the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the development of the ideas of the founder of Homeopathy, H. F. S. Hahnemann in Russia.

The Congress will take place on January 26-27, 2024 at the Russian Peoples' Friendship University named after Patrice Lumumba (RUDN University).

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## *Slovenia*

### *Dr. Irena Gorišek, NVP*

The legal status of homeopathy in Slovenia did not change since our last report. Only medical doctors with additional qualification in homeopathy are allowed to practice homeopathy, but they are not allowed to practice conventional medicine and their medical licence is revoked. They have to acquire “healer’s” licence. Physician cannot be degraded to “healer”

(“heilpraktiker”, lay practitioner), if he/she is, than she/he as a “healer” is not legally allowed treat patients, prescribes homeopathic or any other medicinal products for use in human medicine etc. This situation is absurd, unconstitutional and unlawful.

To change this unconstitutional situation the government has to prepare and the parliament has to adopt the (new) Act on complementary, traditional and alternative forms of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.

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## *South Africa*

### *Dr. Bianca De Canha, NVP*

The year 2023 has been a highlight for homeopathy in South Africa - from the success of the LMHI World Homeopathy Day Celebration and World Homeopathy Awareness Week celebrated through our land, to our growing number of followers now sitting at 16 975 on Facebook and 2658 on Instagram.

We were honoured with an invitation to the 2nd Presidential Health Summit where the discussion around NHI was conducted and connected with various political figures all open and welcoming of homeopathy and its potential contributions for public health care. We saw the opening of the much anticipated Khula Natural Health Centre in Ncera Village, Eastern Cape and we enjoyed monthly meetings and discussions.

We held a successful HSA Congress in Johannesburg with the theme ‘Practice Prosperity’ that left delegates enthused, connected and determined and we saw our membership grow both in numbers but in work force with numerous volunteers coming forward to help us move homeopathy forward!

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## *Spain*

*Dr. José Luis Jiménez, NVP*

The legal situation of homeopathy in Spain has experienced a notable and very positive change with the health registration of homeopathic medicines in the Spanish Medicines Agency (AEMPS). The Spanish Government has thus complied with the European Community Directive, which requires this, placing homeopathy in Spain at the same level as in the rest of the European countries.

Therefore, since last December 22, homeopathic medicines for people and animals are part of the Spanish pharmacopoeia, have an official registry and continue to be dispensed and kept only in pharmacy offices, which implies equality in medical prescription. with a guarantee of quality and safety like the rest of the medicines, with the same regulatory equivalence and thereby ratifying the biological effect of the homeopathic medicine.

In recent years there have been important attempts to disqualify homeopathic medicine by various interested sectors. However, with the effort of a joint response from professional and patient associations, it has been possible to transmit authentic, unbiased information about the reality of homeopathy, making known the therapeutic scope and the benefit it provides both at the level of individual and collective health in people, animals and plants, contributing considerably to the improvement of the environment.

And, although the credibility of homeopathic medicine has increased significantly, negative reactions continue to occur, such as the one carried out by the Minister of Science and Innovation, Doña Diana Morán, who through the widely distributed digital magazine "Redacción Médica", advises pharmacists not to

dispense homeopathic medicines in pharmacies, appealing to their ethical and professional responsibility. Faced with such an error, the National Assembly of Homeopathy and the Patient Associations have called for its rectification and filed a conciliatory lawsuit.

The celebration in our country of the next LMHI world congress in 2024 means great motivation in the different sectors involved in Homeopathy. The 77th World Congress of the LMHI, under the motto "United to continue advancing", organized by the ANH (National Assembly of Homeopathy that integrates different medical, pharmaceutical and veterinary societies and associations) aims first of all: "To honor the 100 years of the proposed constitution of the LMHI made in Barcelona in 1924."

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## *United Kingdom*

*Dr. Yubraj Sharma, NVP*

The Faculty of Homeopathy continue an active programme of homeopathic education through their accredited teaching centres, as well as increasing continual professional development resources for our members. We have currently active students going through training at the Centre for Integrative Medical Training (CIMT) in Dundee, National Centre for Integrative Medicine (NCIM) in Bristol, and Hyderabad School of Homeopathy in India. Our flagship peer-reviewed journal, Homeopathy, published by Thieme, has achieved an impact factor of 1.818.

Two specialist hospitals continue to provide homeopathic services. The Royal London Hospital for Integrative Medicine in central London is part of the University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Homeopathic medicines are dispensed here through non-NHS funded private prescriptions. The

Glasgow Centre for Integrated Care however allows homeopathic medicines prescribed under the National Health Service in Scotland to be available free of charge for all patients.

In addition, several charitable clinics, operated by the Homeopathy UK (HUK) and the Scottish Homeopathic Research & Education Trust (SHRET) charities also provide subsidised services, while other healthcare professionals such as nurses, midwives, physiotherapists, podiatrists and pharmacists can also prescribe homeopathy allowing increased accessibility and availability of treatment for patients.

There is continued recognition of homeopathic medicines made according to homeopathic manufacturing procedure by the UK Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD).

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### *United States of America*

#### *Dr. Lisa Amerine, NVP*

The USA has had a significant regulatory change: December 2022 the FDA released its new guidance entitled “Homeopathic Drug Products: Guidance for FDA Staff and Industry.”

This was based on FDA’s risk-based enforcement approach where the agency prioritizes compliance actions against drugs in the unapproved new drug category that have potential safety risks, lack of evidence of effectiveness or are health fraud products. Some homeopathic medicines have been pulled from the market based on this new guidance. Stakeholders in the US are meeting to discuss how best to respond.

The AIH recently co-hosted a Research Conference titled Groundbreaking Science: Homeopathy and the Future of Global Health. This conference was a hybrid conference, where participants could join in person or virtually. We had nearly 500 registrants from 24 different countries.

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***Karl-Heinz Gebhardt (1924 - 2023)***  
**German homeopathic clinician, author and**  
**administrator par excellence. He was 98.**  
**by Jay Yasgur, Pharm., M.Sc.**

“The one who has a long arm reaches the goal.”-Karl Heinz Gebhardt (1)

On October 18, 1924, just a few years before the world's Great Depression, saw the birth of Karl-Heinz Gebhardt, a seminal figure for the development of homeopathy in Germany.

Gebhardt studied medicine from 1947-1952 at the medical school in Halle/Saale, Germany and upon graduation served as scientific assistant at the First Medical University Clinic in Halle/Saale from 1954 to 1958. It was during this time that he received his initial training in homeopathy. From 1958 to 1959, he carried out a residency at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Schwaebisch Hall. At that time he joined the DZVhAe (Deutschen Zentralvereins homöopathischer Ärzte) and acquired his homoeopathic certification. Gebhardt served in a similar capacity, from 1960 to 1964, at the Medical University Clinic in Würzburg.

After the early death of his wife from cancer in 1963, he turned intensively to the study of oncology and, from

1964 to 1968, worked as senior physician at the 1st Medical Clinic in Karlsruhe and subsequently as head physician of the department for tumor patients and geriatrics. He served in a similar capacity in the internal medical department and as medical director of the Southwest German Rehabilitation Hospital in Langensteinbach (near Karlsruhe).

In 1971, Gebhardt established his own practice in Karlsruhe focusing on homeopathy and oncology. As you may know, this area of Germany is associated with several homeopaths of import, i.e., Ludwig Griesselich (1804-1848), who was intimately involved with the journal Hygea, and Heinz Schoeler (1905-1973) who helped the Allgemeine Homoeopathic Zeitung (General Homeopathic Newspaper/Journal) become firmly established. In 1972, he began serving as chief editor of the Allgemeine Homöopathische Zeitung. In 1975, he became first Chairman DZVhAe.

In addition to his clinical and administrative work and political activism, Gebhardt made contributions to the training of the younger generation of homeopaths, i.e., as a lecturer at the Medical Faculty in Heidelberg (1976-1986), as head of the course for homeopathy at the Medica Montreux (1983-1993) and homeopathy day during the Medical Week in Baden-Baden. He was also a member of the working group for homeopathy in Karlsruhe (1988-2012).

Furthermore, we owe to him a debt of gratitude for the purchase and restoration of the Hahnemann House in Kothen (with the help of the 'Förderverein für Homoeopathie') and the funding of the 'Materia Medica' project, which was initiated with the support of the 'Family Ernst Wendt Foundation,' 'Revisa Homoeopathiae.'

His achievements received appropriate recognition,

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when in 1987, he was awarded Germany's 'Federal Cross of Merit.'

"Anyone who knows Karl-Heinz Gebhardt will quickly notice his basic constitution, namely his openness to everything he encounters, coupled with tolerance, goodwill and a sense of humor that accompanied each of our conversations in the form of hearty laughter.

"His 90th birthday, which he celebrates in full mental freshness and health, falls on October 18, 2014; on this occasion we thank him extraordinarily for the care he has given to homoeopathy during his entire professional life up to the present day and wish him all the best for the future."—Klaus -Henning Gypser. (2)

Below is a partial list of many duties and contributions which Dr. Gebhardt made to our beloved art:

Chairman of the Baden Wuerttemberg Regional Association of the German Central Association of Homoeopathic Physicians (1969-1975)

Responsible editor of the Allgemeine Homoeopathische Zeitung from 1972-2006.

First Chairman of the German Central Association of Homoeopathic Physicians from 1974-1991; subsequently appointed Honorary Chairman.

Chairman of the Foerderverein fuer Homoeopathie e.V. since 1982.

In addition, he has championed the cause of homoeopathy with considerable success as:

First chairman of the Hufelandgesellschaft e.V. from 1975-2004 and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Familie-Ernst-Wemdt-Stiftung, founding member of the Nature and Medicine Foundation (2nd chairman from 1983-2012), corporate member of Hartmann-bund (1987-2004), of which he served as managing member for four years, First Chairman of the Medical Association for Experiential Medicine from 1992-2002, member of

the Federal Health Council, member of the Presidium of the German Medical Association (as representative of the DZVhAe), and expert in the 'Institut Arzneimittel in der Krankenversicherung.'

Early in 2023, Dr. Carl Klinkenberg, a much younger colleague, wrote a laudatory and heart-felt letter to Dr. Gebhardt. It is reprinted here, with minor editing: "Dear Mr. Gebhardt, it is my hope that this letter will still reach you.

"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart: you have done extraordinary things for homeopathy in Germany. Your work for the central association and your dealings with political decision-makers are unprecedented and you have achieved a lot of good here in the long term. Many colleagues came to homeopathy through you; many have been trained you and nearly all have had an enormous positive influence on homeopathy. I know that I speak for many colleagues. "Last but not least, most of those colleagues recognized the importance of a materia medica revision and have helped fund projects to that end.

"Our bodies are perishable. Your charisma and your work have left a golden touch in this left behind world and rendered a great service to our wonderful art of healing. "My dear Dr. Gebhardt, I appreciate you as a loving, very open and warm, learned person. I will always keep your wonderful sense of humor in my heart also." -Carl Rudolf Klinkenberg, MD

Dr. Gebhardt crossed the threshold on August 16th, 2023.

NOTE:

1) Quoted from '90th Birthday Celebration of Karl Heinz Gebhardt' (Allgemeine Homoeopathische Zeitung, by K.-H. Gypser, 259.; 2014, p. 27.

2) *ibid.*

Mr. Yasgur acknowledges the assistance of Drs. K.-H. Gypser and Carl Rudolf Klinkenberg in assembling this obituary.

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### *Dr. Guillermo Pompilio Sánchez Caballero*

He was born in Mexico City on June 25, 1951, the 4th child of Professor Proceso Sánchez Ortega.

He studied Medicine at the Escuela Libre de Homeopatía de México. I.A.P. He graduated on June 5, 1980, with the thesis: Syphilis and its homeopathic medical treatment. He pursued his Specialty at the Postgraduate School of Homeopatía de México and his Master's degree at the College of Homeopatía de México, A.C.

He was a full-time professor of the Specialty and Master's studies from 1980 until his death. First president of the Medical College of Homeopatía de México, A.C. in 1982.

He was a founding member of the Homeopathic Physicians' College of the state of Hidalgo, Proceso Sánchez Ortega.

Professor of various subjects, excelling in Homeopathic Doctrine, Comparative Materia Medica, and Comprehensive Homeopathic Clinic, attending dispensary consultations at both the Escuela Libre de Homeopatía de México. I.A.P. and the Postgraduate School of Homeopatía de México.

He served as an advisor for several theses to obtain the degree of specialists in Homeopathy and as an examiner in numerous degree examinations.

He also conducted courses nationally in Mexico and internationally.

He was awarded the title of Master in Medical Homeopathic Sciences by the College of Homeopatía de México on October 7, 2013.

He was a devoted student of Hahnemann's Organon, amassing a large collection of the book in different languages.

On the bicentenary of this work, he published in 2010 "The Organon of Medicine of the Rational Art of Healing" by Samuel Hahnemann, with the aim that those who have it in their hands discover "how to be the best physician one can conscientiously become."

He published the 2nd edition of "Syphilis and its Homeopathic Medical Treatment" in October 2022.

He was always a great teacher, advocate, and promoter of the art of healing method.

We publish his last work, which he was about to finish writing: "Perversion," in August 2023.

He passed away at his home in Pachuca, Hidalgo, on June 7, 2023.

Rest in peace!

Dr. Rosario Sánchez Caballero

Director of the Postgraduate School of Homeopatía de México

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*Dr. Jacques Jouanny. Image courtesy of Didier Maillot, PhD.*

**Jacques Jouanny**  
**educator and clinician extraordinaire, passes at**  
**the age of 96**  
**by Jay Yasgur, Pharm., M.Sc.**

Born on the 27th of January 1927, this important French homeopathic clinician, researcher, educator and author, received his medical degree from the Paris faculty of medicine in 1952. He became an allopathic doctor of internal medicine and it wasn't until 1960 that an interest in homeopathy arose in him: it was in 1965, that he was introduced to and then mentored in our beloved art by, Dr Charles Rousson (1904-1974) and Jean Boiron, PhD (1906-1996), noted French homeopathic pioneers. They convinced him to study at l'Ecole française d'homeopathie whereupon he received certification in homeopathy in 1968. Shortly after he became a consultant homeopathic physician at l'hôpital St-Luc a Lyon and served in that capacity until 1980. He was succeeded by Jean-Jacques Jouanny (born February 11, 1954), his son, a physician and homeopath. Jouanny crossed the threshold on February 14, 2023.

Several of Jouanny's works were translated into English and published by 'éditions Boiron', i.e., Homeopathic Therapeutics - Possibilities in Chronic Pathology (1994) and Possibilities in Acute Pathology (1996) both with Jean-Bernard Crapanne, Henry Dancer, Jean-Louis

Masson, The Essentials of Homeopathic Materia Medica (1980; translated by Dany Clausen) and The Essentials of Homeopathic Therapeutics (1980; translated by Dany Clausen).

While studying with Rousson and Boiron, Jouanny must have become aware of the ideal -the classical approach, but Jouanny's aim seems to have been to garner a wider, perhaps skeptical, allopathic audience. Thus, his pen also spoke to that segment of the medical community. This doesn't mean his writings are of no use for the homeopathic community, for they surely are. I believe his goal was to lasso allopaths by making it simpler for them to understand some of the homeopathic viewpoints when framed in allopathic medical themes and terminology.

Dr. Jouanny was a proponent of pluralism which became and is still popular in France. It is often referred to as 'the French school' of homeopathy. Here, doses are given by prescription in cookbook fashion, for this or that condition. The remedy is usually given in low potencies (5, 9, 12 or 30C), frequently over a period of days or longer. Doses may also be administered with an intercurrent or nosode which would be given less frequently, perhaps monthly. He sometimes refers to chronic or terrain remedies as Basic Remedies, and from his opus, The Essentials of Homeopathic Therapeutics (1980, p. 276), he offers...

"These should be prescribed for patients who systematically suffer from spectacular edematous reactions each time they are bitten or stung by an insect or for those people who seem to attract insect bites. As they often are heard to say: 'If there is one mosquito or flea around, it's sure to get me!'

"These patients, who are prone to particularly severe cutaneous reactions and who attract parasites, usually have a psoric terrain.

"They are amenable to the remedies of this category and most particularly to: Sulfur, if they dislike heat;

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Psorinum, if they are cold-sensitive; Sulfur iodatum, if they display no particular sensitivity to temperatures. “These remedies should be prescribed in 15 or 30C potencies (one weekly or bi-monthly unit-dose tube).” Whether one follows the pluralist or classical methodology, much of the popularity of homeopathy in France is due to the former approach and perhaps the homeopathic community should be grateful for that. Nonetheless, it needs to be said that classical homeopathy is thriving in that country of 65 million.

“He was a fine doctor and a man attentive to others. Jacques was a good orator, presenting topics with great clarity; making good use of visuals in his presentations. We had excellent cooperation with him, Denis Demarque and Yves Saint Jean, for the 1997 book, *Pharmacology and Homeopathic Materia Medica*.”—Bernard Poitevin, MD, PhD (email communication, November 7, 2023).

In the summer of 2023, I emailed Didier Maillot to see if he'd care to offer any reflections concerning Dr Jouanny. He composed a 'Remembrance' based on his personal memories of Jacques and on Jouanny's 2015, unfortunately unpublished book, *Souvenirs d'un Generaliste - Reflections of a General Practitioner Who Became a Homeopath*. For clarity, I edited and shortened his narrative. I wish to thank and acknowledge Dr Maillot's contribution and assistance in preparing this piece.

“While undertaking the reading of materials [he was in his initial exploration of homeopathy] Jacques attended meetings at Saint-Luc Hospital where speakers continued giving conferences for 'experienced' homeopaths rather than training sessions for doctors wishing to learn. After reading in the *Materia Medica* of Pierre Vannier concerning the action of *Secale cornutum* (ergot), Jouanny prescribed it in the 5CH potency in granules to one of his patients. The result was perfectly positive for both significant pain and anatomical lesions. This lesson led him to consider the action of homeopathic medications in a more positive way.”

Eventually Jouanny became a disciple of Rousson and became his successor at Saint-Luc Hospital.

“Jouanny participated in training sessions for pharmacists so that they could help patients monitor their doctor prescribed treatments. Finally, he continued to devote a significant amount of time to transmitting his knowledge to the teams of doctors who gathered around him. He also spent a significant amount of time writing against the numerous deviations from homeopathy, unfavorable to its development and its acceptance by official circles. He retired on the 31st of March, 1992, without losing interest nor hope for the future of homeopathy.”

# Invitation to the LMHI World Congress of Homeopathy



## Dear professionals, patients, users and friends of homeopathy:

Commemorating the centenary of the proposal for the creation of the LMHI at the International Congress of Homeopathy held in 1924 in Barcelona (Spain), the National Assembly of Homeopathy ANH has made the commitment to organize the LMHI congress for 2024. The city chosen as the venue, Seville, has among other merits, being the birthplace of Dr. Prudencio Querol, pioneer of Spanish Homeopathy with its successful homeopathic treatments for chronically ill patients carried out in the hospital San Sebastian de Badajoz during the years 1832-1838 and during the cholera epidemic suffered in the city of Extremadura.

Under the slogan "United to continue advancing" we are organizing a congress that covers the various aspects of Homeopathy: research and science, regulation and rights, teaching and professionalization, clinical, theoretical bases and historical development, professional development: doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists. Other aspects related to homeopathy that will also be addressed at the congress will be agrohomoepathy and its contribution to public health by improving plant and animal production in achieving healthier food, reducing global pollution and improving global health within the ONE HEALTH concept.

Throughout the congress there will be an inaugural conference, round tables, papers, communications, posters, workshops, a stand of registered authors' books and a closing conference. Also, parallel activities will be developed by patient associations that will have an important space for participation. In addition to all this, the general public will be able to enjoy the Informative Exhibition on Homeopathy in the World. The development of the congress in the facilities of the Barceló-Discovery hotel in Isla Magica, and its surroundings will be the meeting point, where we will be able to enjoy four days of professional, cultural, gastronomic and recreational-festive coexistence. From here, we invite all interested people to participate in this congress that will mark a before and after in the proper perception of Homeopathy in Spain as a showcase of World Homeopathy. We are waiting for you in Seville, united to continue advancing.

Fraternal embrace,

Jose Luis Jiménez Sales.

NVP of the LMHI for Spain. General Coordinator of the Organizing Committee of the 77th LMHI Congress. October 2-5, 2024.

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