A Homeopathic Odyssey: 200th Anniversary of the *Organon*

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The motto of the congress is "A homeopathic Odyssey". What associations does this have? (What idea is behind this motto?)

The main theme for the 65th LIGA Congress is 2010: A Homeopathic Odyssey which draws from the famous epic poem of Homer in the sense that Odysseus must undergo many trails and tribulations in order to obtain his triumphs—so with homeopathy. There are few sciences that have had to endure such tremendous ordeals as homeopathic medicine. However, there is another reason why this theme was chosen which centers more on the place where this Congress will be held—California, Redondo Beach in the Los Angeles area and the international home of movie entertainment. There was a famous movie called *2001: A Space Odyssey* and a sequel done with the year 2010. This "play on words" again has a theme of tests and challenges, but also a sense of the Future and the exploration of the unknown knowledge in this universal, harmonious and natural approach to medicine. It is another emphasis on the universal LAW OF SIMILARITIES or the LAW OF ANALOGY which is an important law in the understanding of the universe. Also, since it is a law of the universe, the universe supports or backs it with its immense strength. Thus adding an extremely optimistic quality to homeopathy and its future of universal proportions.

What – do you think – is special about the upcoming LIGA 2010 Congress in California?

It is the 200th Anniversary of the *Organon*. WE ARE HOPING TO GIVE COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL 5TH EDITION OF THE *ORGANON TO ALL ATTENDEES.* IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, CENTRAL AND MUCH ENTERTAINMENT, ART, CULTURE AND OCEAN VIEWS. CALIFORNIA HAS A TRADITION OF PROMOTING IDEAS THAT LEAD TO GREATER AND MORE INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS AND HEALTH.

Where do the speakers come from?

GLOBAL AND USA. Speakers who have been invited include: Carlos Campora [Argentina], Anton Rohrer [Austria], Andre Saine [Canada], Josef Schmidt [Germany],

Didier Grandgeorge [France], Sadhna Thakkar [India], Farokh Master [India], Roberto Petrucci [Italy] Klaus von Ammon [Switzerland], Peter Fisher [United Kingdom], Iris Bell [USA], Roger Morrison [USA], Richard Moskowitz [USA] Todd Rowe [USA], and others.

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

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

THIS CONGRESS IS EXCEPTIONAL ON THE EXTREMELY LOW FEE OF 310 EUROS OR $445 FOR THE ENTIRE CONGRESS WHICH INCLUDES THE GALA DINNER AND DANCE. WE HAVE TRIED TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE GLOBAL STRESS ON THE ECONOMY AND ALSO TO COUNTRIES HAVING MORE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. THIS FEE IS GUARANTEED UNTIL MARCH 15, 2010. ATTENDEES CAN REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE [LIGA2010.ORG] OR MAIL THEIR INFORMATION TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

Do you expect many participants from overseas?

IT SHOULD BE LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A FAIRLY LARGE AMOUNT OF PARTICIPANTS FROM OVERSEAS. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF REASONS FOR MY OPTIMISM: IT HAS BEEN ALMOST 10 YEARS SINCE THE CONGRESS FEES HAVE BEEN SO LOW. ALSO, THIS CONGRESS HAS WORLD CLASS SPEAKERS AND TOPICS. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEACH AREA ALONG WITH THE WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. ARE JUST A FEW OF THE REASONS THAT MAKE THIS CONGRESS APPEALING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *ORGANON.*

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

THERE WILL BE VARIOUS MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS INCLUDING ARIAS, PIANO AND OTHERS. THE DINNER AND DANCE WILL BE FRIDAY NIGHT. TOURS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE HOTEL FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC FOR WHICH THE LOS ANGELES AREA IS WELL KNOWN.

When will the final program be released?

THIS IS NOT CERTAIN AT THIS TIME SINCE ABSTRACTS, ETC STILL NEED TO SORTED OUT. HOPEFULLY BY MARCH/ APRIL 2010.

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