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Joint LMHI-DZVhÄ Opening Celebration on April 3, 2009

LMHI establishes permanent Secretariat in Germany

At the beginning of 2009, the LMHI established a permanent secretariat in Bonn, Germany. The office will be run by the German homeopathic association DZVhÄ (Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte). On April 3, LMHI President Ulrich D. Fischer celebrated the new location in a joint opening ceremony with the DZVhÄ executives Curt Kösters and Conny Bajic.



Starting in April, the DZVhÄ is in charge of both the LMHI's membership administration as well as public relations, focusing on media issues and publications in particular. At the opening ceremony on April 3, LMHI-President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer highlighted the new LMHI-DZVhÄ cooperation as a further step towards establishing a global network of national and international ho-

meopathic associations as well as elevating the professionalism of the LMHI. The newly created e-newsletter *The Liga News*, that we plan to publish twice a year, will be distributed not only to the LMHI members in 56 countries, but also to journalists, politicians, associations and public health authorities. All recipients are welcome to act as multipliers by sharing the information with fellow physicians, by integrating the newsletter on their own homepage or by forwarding it to a personal distribution list.

In addition, the LMHI is launching a new internet presence which will be presented at the end of May. The new website is a joint project of the LMHI, the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) and the two national organizations SVHA (Swiss Association of Homeopathic Physicians) and DZVhÄ.

Dear LMHI-Members, dear Readers.

The International Homeopathic Medical League LMHI (Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis) is breaking new ground in the field of public relations. From now on, the LMHI will inform its members, as well as the general public, about its manifold activities in many different countries of the world by using modern forms of communication. With this first e-newsletter, we have created a very quick, fast-responding and up-to-date medium that we plan to publish twice a year. Also new is the LMHI's website. Starting at the end of May, it will appear in a completely revised design, featuring new colours, an improved Content Management System, and even more information. Thus, the LMHI is improving its range of services. The new website has been realized in close cooperation with the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) and the German Homeopathic Association (Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte, DZVhÄ). We welcome your views on this newsletter and would be grateful to receive critical comments and constructive suggestions via e-mail. A selection of your ideas will be published in our next LIGA-Newsletter.

Kind regards Christoph Trapp



LMHI Public Relations

LMHI launches new website and new corporate design

In addition to the new Liga-Secretariat in Bonn, the LMHI has relaunched its website and corporate design. The new graphic concept includes a revised logo and a new range of colours (headlines/links: orange, text: anthracite, background colour: gray-blue) on website, letterheads and publications. This distinctive design and style are aimed at facilitating readability and recognition. The DZVhÄ's Press Office in Bonn is in charge of the new website's content management and of further LMHI publications. One of their first public relations initiatives is the present electronic Liga-Newsletter which is supposed to be published twice a year in addition to the traditional *Liga Letter*. The e-newsletter will provide up-to-date information on the latest developments in the field of homeopathy worldwide.

The new LMHI website is based on the accessible Content Management System *Papoo Software* and is in line with today's recommendations for accessible websites in order to assist web-users with disabilities. The software has been fully adapted to the special needs of an international organization such as the LMHI. Both backend and frontend administration are user-friendly, easy to handle and multilingual. Moreover, the flexible member administration integrated in the system will allow for an easy distribution of the electronic Liga-Newsletter to all registrated users. The contents of the new website have been rearranged and will gradually be expanded. The goal is to offer information that is accessible for users from anywhere in the



world not only about the LMHI itself, but also about homeopathy's political situation worldwide as well as about homeopathic education standards.

Contributions welcome!

For this purpose, we kindly ask you to supply us with reports and news from your country. Any piece of information is helpful and welcome! Please send your contributions to Christoph Trapp, LMHI liaison spokesperson in Bonn, Germany, at presse@dzvhae.de

"Timeless Quality Homeopathy"

The Polish Homeopathic Society announces the 64th Congress of the LMHI, 26-30 August 2009 in Warsaw, Poland





The Polish Homeopathic Society is looking forward to welcoming you to the 64th Congress of the *Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis* (LMHI) which will take place in Warsaw, Poland, from 26-30 August 2009. The Congress Venue is the famous Concert Hall of the "Palace of Culture and Science" in the center of Warsaw. The main topic of the Congress "*Timeless Quality Homeopathy*" comprises holistic and individualized care as well as obstacles to homeopathic treatment. Avail yourself of your opportunity and share your experiences, your knowledge and your

ideas on these issues with homeopathic colleagues from around the world. The Scientific Committee will present not only a courageous and exciting hypothesis on the working mechanism of homeopathy but also a revolutionary view of the organic origin of our illnesses. About 20 speakers from many different countries have already confirmed their participation. The official congress language is English. Simultaneous translations into other languages will be provided on demand.

Early-bird registration extended

The organizing committee has extended the deadline for the reduced early-bird registration fee of 400 Euro (approx. 525 USD/18.060 RUB) from the original date March1to May 31, 2009. Please add the keyword "LigaLetter" on your registration form if you want to make use of this special offer.



Passport and Visa

Please note that the entry regulations for the Republic of Poland vary according to the country of origin. Participants should address inquiries about entry and vaccination requirements to their travel agent or to a Polish Consulate nearby.

Associated program

An entertaining social and cultural program will be offered, ranging from piano concerts to a guided Warsaw city tour.

Following the congress, participants are offered the opportunity to spend a 10-day-vacation in Poland. Individual arrangements are possible.

Detailed information about the Congress, a preliminary program, as well as the registration form are available on the Congress webpage www.lmhi2009.com.

Interview with Congress Organizer Tomasz Kokoszczynski

"To achieve a better quality of homeopathy, we need a better understanding of what is to achieve."

The theme of the 64th LMHI-Congress in Warsaw/Poland is "Timeless Quality Homeopathy". What does this imply – what is the main goal of the Congress?

Our goal of the 64^{th} LMHI Congress in Warsaw is to spread the idea of homeopathy accenting the Timeless Quality of this old method of healing – quality that spreads from inside of every organism. Timeless Quality Homeopathy means that homeopathy is based on timeless natural laws and natural principles that we have to understand deeply in order to apply it better.

The body serves us as well as it can. Good quality homeopathy not only helps to preserve this status quo, but also to enhance it. It is not the remedy which works, but the organism. Improving health does not progress steadily upward. We need constant, dynamic corrections in our system to be in better feedback with ourselves. Adequately applied, homeopathy gives us the possibility of deep positive reorganization – raising an issue, perceiving fault and rearranging the whole system according to it – which is the key point in the development, in health. To achieve a better quality of homeopathy, homeopaths do not need better repertorization programs or novelty remedies, but they need a better understanding of what is to be achieved: How do remedies really affect the organism, how can they be better applied on the way to higher health. For such an enhanced understanding we need question ourselves, which starts a process of positive restructuring of our notions. So my team and I have decided to stimulate questions that are important, on the one hand and basic, on the other. You can view some of them on the Warsaw Congress web page www.lmhi2009.com.

What do you think is necessary to promote the idea of homeopathy successfully among scientists?

First, to be recognized by science we should use the language of science, and not the exclusive language of homeopathy. To be acknowledged, homeopaths should make homeopathy understandable.

Instead of discussing homeopathy many of us try to preserve it as it is, and thus try to exploit it. As a result, there are many new ways of implementing homeopathy that are not consistent. I do not say that they are good or bad, but all

of them cannot be true at he same time. Some would say that Hahnemann shows us the right way in his *Organon*. And this is of course truth. I like reading the *Organon* very much and esteem Hahnemann's deep insight and many of his conclusions. So it should not sound as a heresy when I say that he was not a faultless genius nor a Pope but just a mastermind of his time. And we all know so well that *Errare humanum est*. So where are his errors? Was he completely perfect with his homeopathy? Is it possible to discuss or is it just a dogma? I know the expectations of scientists from

my work in the Psychophysiology Department of the Psychological Institute, where I attended in cognitive research. To promote homeopathy successfully among scientists we cannot explain it in terms of vital principle (or force), miasm or constitution

What would you like to change in homeopathy?

In my opinion, it would be beneficial to change the limitation of homeopathy just to the fighting of diseases, and not to neglect its potential use deeply to enhance health



Tomasz Kokoszczynski, Congress Organizer

Homeopathy is as the homeopaths are. Our understanding defines our usage of homeopathy. The point is not only about what we should change, but how to encourage us in the discussion that leads to more understanding and transformation. We are very glad that Dr. Karin Bandelin supports us in this idea and is ready to arrange some answers to different questions regarding homeopathy, from basic to more theoretical. This will be a very good occasion to hear and discuss things that we are convinced that we know about homeopathy. I am sure we will come to some interesting conclusions that could surprise even the most experienced homeopaths. To start a more comprehensive



discussion we ask each lecturer 5 simple questions to see if and how homeopaths agree among themselves.

Where do the lecturers come from?

As the LMHI is represented all over the world, the lecturers come from many countries. This year's Congress takes place in the middle of Europe, so many lecturers will come from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, and from England. Southern Europe is also represented. We have lecturers from Italy, Greece, and Spain. Of course, we have many lecturers from our neighbor Russia. In addition, we welcome some guests from overseas countries, such as from Japan, from South Africa, as well as from India and Mexico. Naturally, there will also be some Polish presentations. So you should not be in any way afraid, that the Congress will be about Salutogenesis and not about Homeopathy. To show connections between these two terms in a very practical way, I have prepared a small lecture about the new face of the old Tuberculinum. The rest is up to our guest speakers.

Will there be simultaneous translation – in which languages?

The main Congress language is English. Main room lectures will be translated into Polish because it is such an important event for Polish Homeopathy. Other simultaneous translations will be provided on demand.

What kind of cultural / social program will be offered for Congress participants and co-visitors?

We start at the Opening Ceremony at which there will be a piano concert by the very young and talented Polish pianist Stanislaw Drzewiecki. We decided to have the Gala Dinner not at the end of the Congress but on the second day to give participants a chance to talk to interesting contacts. The dinner will take place in a very interesting undivulged location. I am sure you will be positively surprised. Prof. Molski from our Scientific Committee is preparing a professional and interesting Laser Show which will be open for the public. There will also be a guided Warsaw bus tour. More Warsaw Sightseeing is planned for accompanying persons. They will visit the impressive Warsaw Rising Museum, the historical Wilanów Palace which survived the times of Poland's partitions and both World Wars, as well as Chopin's family house in Zelazowa Wola. But we do not conclude our social program with the Congress. After the Congress, we invite you to a fascinating and rich 10-day holiday travel through Poland, from the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains. Individual arrangements regarding the length of the trip are available. If you wish to spend an attractive time in Poland, this will be a wonderful opportunity to discover Poland. More details are available on our website www.lmhi2009.com.

When will the final program be released?

The final program will be ready in mid-May. There will be additional interesting details on our web page.

Read the complete interview on the new LMHI-website.

Building Bridges

LMHI President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer renews contacts with India, Nepal, Thailand and Russia

Report on the President's Journey to Asia and Russia

In late December 2008 and in January 2009, LMHI President Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer visited several Asian countries and Russia. He returned with a lot of good experiences and was enriched by positive talks with many colleagues who appreciated Fischer's personal presence and expressed interest in a LMHI membership. Here is a summary of his impressions.

INDIA

LMHI President Ulrich D. Fischer participated in the All India Homeopathic Congress (26/27 December 2008) in



Lucknow, organized by the Homeopathic Medical Association of India (HMAI). With around 10 000 members, it is the largest organization of homeopathic MDs in India. More than 1000 colleagues from all of the Indian states discussed cases, such as

hormonal dysfunctions, cancer, infectious diseases. At the opening ceremony, LMHI President Fischer gave a presentation about current LIGA developments and reflected on how to guarantee a strong representation of Indian homeopathic colleagues in the LIGA. Several hundred interested and enthusiastic participants followed his presentation and asked many questions about the purposes, functions, membership affairs and projects of the LMHI. The HMAI members meet once a year at their annual congress and a newsletter is published once a year. In every Indian state experienced homeopathic MDs are responsible for teaching and research. Today most of the organized homeopathic MDs in India have a college training of 5½ years plus 1-2 years of clinical training.

In future, LMHI will be in contact with all Indian researchers, heads of training centers and presidents of the state associations and will provide them with relevant homeopathic information from around the world and with all information about LMHI projects and membership affairs



NEPAL

Around 100 colleagues are registered in the All Nepal Homeopathic Medical Association. With the help of European colleagues and with a lot of patience, a homeopathic medical college, recognized by the government, has been founded just recently in Bhaktapur. It started with 12 stu-



dents under the guidance of well-trained teachers and includes a library, medical offices, teaching rooms and administration offices. The homeopathic colleagues of Nepal are now fighting for their independence because the government tries

to integrate homeopathy with all other CAM therapies under the roof of one single organization for alternative MDs. During a meeting with 70 colleagues from all over Nepal, the LMHI President presented the purposes and structures of the LMHI, as well as an overview about the state of affairs in the different working projects of the LIGA. A lecture about the homeopathic case-taking rounded out the well organized meeting in one of the hospitals for CAM in Kathmandu.

THAILAND

Homeopathy in Thailand is relatively new, but already well organized, due to the fact that the center of organization is the Department for Traditional Medicine in the Ministry for Health. The authorities are looking for alternatives to their expensive health system. They are also well aware of the limits of conventional medicine: "Expensive and not always



helpful". On invitation of the department for Traditional Medicine in the Ministry for Health, Ulrich Fischer talked about LMHI and the situation for homeopathy in the world concerning politics, research, education and insurance reimbursement.

Later, he gave an introduction to homeopathy, lectured about the case taking, case analysis and other practical issues of homeopathy. The authorities and heads of the department are very interested in introducing homeopathy in the health system of Thailand. Since one year, 40 medical doctors, some dentists, pharmacists and nurses are registered in the Homeopathic Association of Thailand. Many of them are still in training which is provided at the moment also by Belgian colleagues.

RUSSIA: Handover of LMHI Certificates in Moscow

The LMHI President participated in the XIX Moscow International Homeopathy Conference from January 23-24, 2009, which was jointly organized by the Health Committee of the Moscow Government, the Moscow Homeopathic Centre and the Russian Homeopathic Society (RHS). Around 800 participants from 84 Russian districts attended the conference

At the opening ceremony, Ulrich Fischer had the chance to talk about the LIGA, its purposes, structures and projects. With the help of an excellent translator he managed to talk with relevant Russian colleagues from different regions from Moscow to Siberia, from St. Petersburg to the Volga area and many others for a whole day. At the end of the meeting, 65 LMHI certificates were handed to new Russian members of the LMHI. The LIGA President insisted on a strong representation of Russia in the International Council of the LIGA and expressed his hope that the Russian

colleagues will share their extensive experience in the areas of research, drug proving and education with the homeopathic world.





Homeopathy in Russia was officially recognized by the government in 1995. Official training courses have been installed with 216 hours of basic training in homeopathy, obligatory for all homeopathic schools in Russia. After 5 years, the diploma has to be renewed with 144 hours of compulsory homeopathic training. Only fully qualified MDs are allowed to prescribe homeopathic remedies. Homeopathic remedies are available only in pharmacies. One thousand two hundred monographs for single homeopathic remedies (simplified registration) exist, and 600 for complex remedies (standard registration). The Russian government regulates all aspects of the homeopathic remedies, production, granting licences for production and registration.

> Read more about the history of homeopathy in these countries at www.lmhi.net under "Countries".

