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Hahnemann Monument in Washington, DC, USA

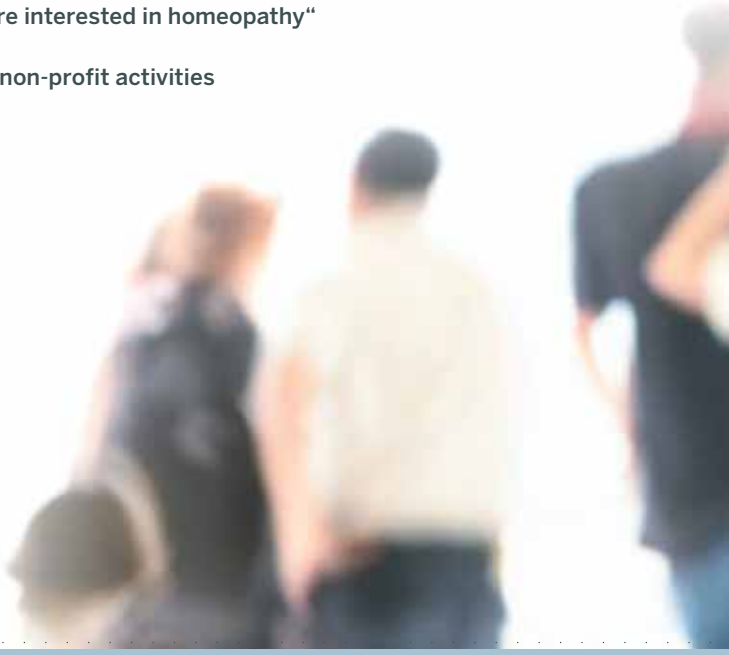
Founded in Rotterdam, 10 September 1925,
by 14 homeopathic physicians from nine countries.
American Dr. Roy Upham was its first President.
The LMHI was established under the terms of Swiss civil law with Geneva designated as its registered office.

THE PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE THE FOLLOWING:

„The development and securing of homeopathy worldwide“

„The creation of a link among licensed homeopaths with medical diplomas and societies and persons who are interested in homeopathy“

„The association is exclusively devoted to non-profit activities serving philanthropic benefits“



MEMBERS

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS
National homeopathic organizations and institutions

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
Physical persons that are physicians, veterinary surgeons and dentists with a full medical, veterinarian or dental qualification of a state university or any other licensing authority duly recognized by the government of the country in which they practice and who have had special education in homeopathy and hold any kind of diploma recognized by the association.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
All Persons with qualifications recognized nationally, who have undertaken homeopathic training recognized by the LMHI, such as pharmacists, medical students, chemists and all persons who are licensed healthcare providers such as naturopaths, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and generally persons who, by their profession, can contribute to homeopathy, such as scientists, researchers and authors.

CONSTITUTION – GOVERNING BODIES

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Composition: Each country or nation is entitled to elect/ have one National Vice President. If a country or nation does not possess an institutional member, then the individual members of such country or nation are entitled to elect one representative to the International Council.

Powers: Election of the Executive Committee and approval of the elected National Vice Presidents; appointment of working committees; election of new members; setting of annual fees; approving of annual report of the Executive Committee, the Budget and the report of the Auditor; modification or amendment of the Constitution, ratification of the Procedures.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition: The President, The Immediate Past President, the Prime Vice President, General Secretary, all other Secretaries and the Treasurer

Powers: Management of the business of the association, exercising all powers of the association except those explicitly reserved for the International Council

PROCEDURES

GENERAL SECRETARIAT – consisting of nine secretaries, including the General Secretary

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Administration of the association
- Preparation and execution of the meetings, including drafting of the Minutes to be forwarded to the National Vice Presidents

SECRETARY FOR HOMEOPATHIC RESEARCH

- Promotion of high-quality scientific homeopathic research worldwide
- Promotion of exchange of results of homeopathic research
- Promotion of guidelines for remedy provings

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

- Inventory of homeopathic educational programs worldwide
- Development and promotion of basic teaching standards in homeopathy

SECRETARY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Promotion of favorable attitude towards homeopathy worldwide
- Promotion of integration of homeopathy in primary and secondary health care
- Promotion of the LMHI as the global organization representative for all legally authorized professionals working in the field of homeopathy

SECRETARY FOR THE LMHI NEWSLETTER

- Compilation of reports about of the development of homeopathy worldwide
- Selection of such information useful to the LMHI Membership
- Editing and preparation of the LMHI Newsletter for Publication

SECRETARY FOR ARCHIVES

- Filing of the Minutes of the Annual Meetings and of the papers presented at the various congresses
- Compilation, sorting and filing of all LMHI correspondence
- Collaboration with the librarian at the premises wherein the LMHI Archives are housed

SECRETARIES FOR PHARMACY, VETERINARY SURGEONS, DENTAL SURGEONS

- Management of homeopathic matters in relation to their respective science and profession

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Function: A permanent link between the International Council and the national homeopathic organizations. The National Vice President (NVP) is a voting member of the Council.

Duties: Send an account of every International Council meeting or Congress of the LMHI to the homeopathic journals of their respective countries; They shall submit to the LMHI an annual report on the activity and development in homeopathy in their country; They shall submit to the LMHI an annually updated directory of the homeopathic institutions, physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians and dentists in their country; they shall do their utmost to make LMHI a strong, representative global organization.

Each country or nation is entitled to elect/have one National Vice President in the International Council. In the event that there is one national institutional member, this member shall appoint the National Vice President. In the event that there are 2 or more institutional national members, or individual members not belonging to any institution, both – individual and institutional members shall elect the National Vice President. The NVP will be confirmed by the International Council.

In a country or nation without institutional members the national individual members shall elect a National Vice President from their midst.

The institutional national member/members are free to replace their National Vice President at any time.

THE LIGA: WHAT ARE ITS PURPOSES?

Contacts and common working projects with **International Health Organizations**, such as the WHO.

Contacts and common working projects with other **International Homeopathic Organisations** (European Committee for Homeopathy, GIRI, Homeopaths without Borders and others).

Political Support, Mutual Assistance and Educational Help, respectively, in political and legal challenges to homeopathy in those countries where the Liga's aid is solicited by the representatives of the national homeopathic organizations.

The LMHI is acting as coordinator for international dissemination of homeopathically pertinent media items and for international communication among homeopathic and allied researchers and research projects.

Research: Including Drug Proving Guidelines and Guidelines on Clinical Verification of Homeopathic Drug Provings and promotion of high-quality scientific homeopathic research presentations at the LMHI Congresses worldwide.

Education: Help is offered via an LMHI Speakers List, providing names of speakers, topics available, languages spoken and the *LMHI Curriculum*.

Archives: Including the Documentation of Homeopathic Libraries, a Journals Data Base, a Multilingual Homeopathic Thesaurus, an International Guide on Homeopathic Documentation Resources.

Public Relations: Including networking with all press media, with national homeopathic medical associations and with other international homeopathic associations.

LMHI CONGRESS

The institutional members of every country may request the honor of organizing an international congress. There shall be only one congress per year.

The idea behind a LMHI Congress should always be the creation of a platform that offers to all participants the possibility to interact, to exchange professional experiences, to cultivate friendships and to learn from each other for the purposes of developing and of securing homeopathy worldwide.

The LMHI Congresses are organized in close cooperation with the LMHI Executive Committee – according to the LMHI document "Congress Organization".

The Annual Meetings of the Executive Committee and the International Council are coordinated with the congress and shall be held before, during or immediately after the congress.

FACILITATION OF COMMUNICATION AMONG LMHI MEMBERS

- THE LIGA LETTER – Annual Publication for LMHI members
- THE LIGA NEWS – Electronic newsletter
- LMHI Directory – The Executive and International Council Directory
- LMHI Website – www.lmhi.net

HOMEOPATHY

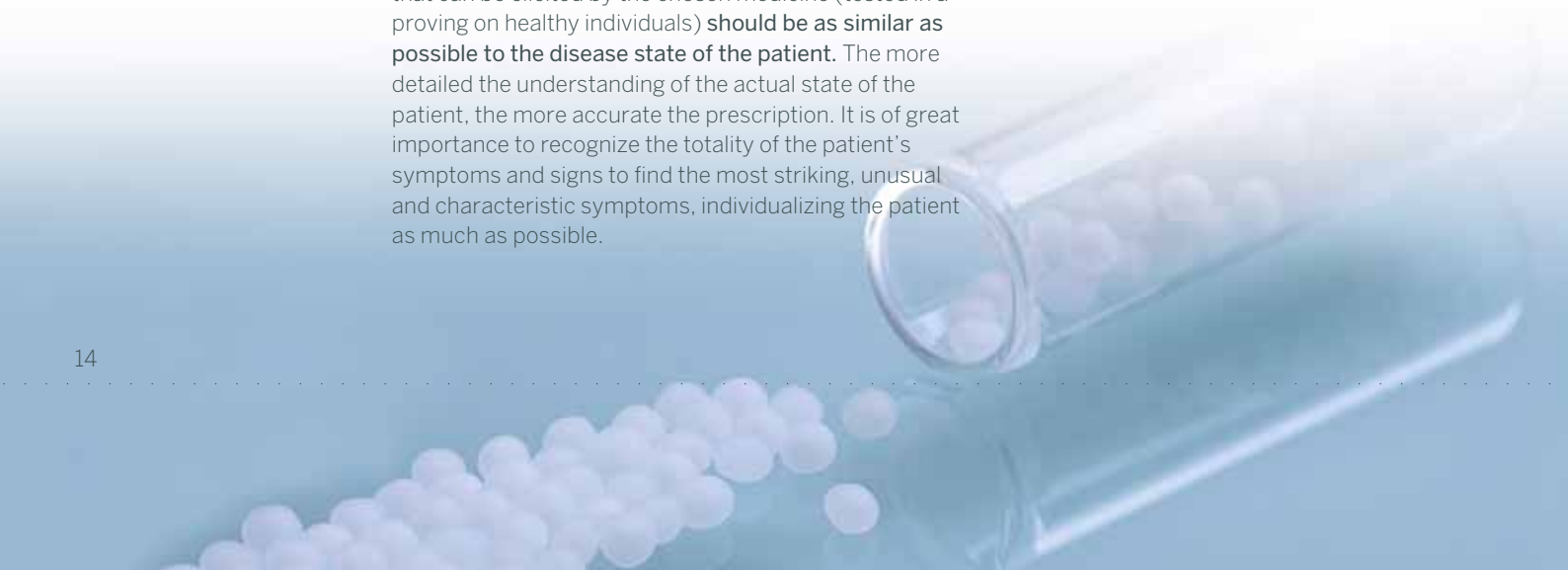
Homeopathy is based on the *principle of similars*, which means that the substances capable of causing disorder on any level in healthy subjects can be used as medicines to remedy similar patterns of disorder experienced by people when they are ill.

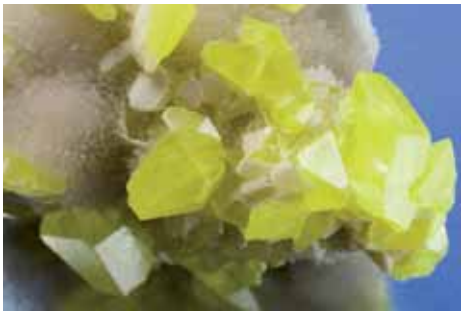
HOMEOPATHY

Homeopathy is part of medicine and is rooted in experiment and careful observation. In fact, the earliest systematic study of the action of medicines in medical history is the Homeopathic trial, called *proving*. Homeopathic pathogenetic trials are a type of research, in which compounds are tested on healthy human volunteers in order to observe as many effects as possible, at a non-toxic level.

Homeopathy considers the individual patient **as an integrated whole,** including the physical, mental, emotional, social, environmental and any other aspects of the total person. A homeopathic diagnosis is a systemic one including information, not only about the patient's actual complaint, but also about the patient's constitution, emotional and mental make-up, and the way the patient deals with physical, emotional and mental influences or stress in life.

Homeopathic prescribing requires that the state of being that can be elicited by the chosen medicine (tested in a proving on healthy individuals) **should be as similar as possible to the disease state of the patient.** The more detailed the understanding of the actual state of the patient, the more accurate the prescription. It is of great importance to recognize the totality of the patient's symptoms and signs to find the most striking, unusual and characteristic symptoms, individualizing the patient as much as possible.





HOMEOPATHY: A SAFE TREATMENT

Homeopathy is safe. Unlike other medication, homeopathic medicines are recognized as non-toxic and harmless and, prescribed as potentized remedies, do not have any adverse side effects. Patients unable to use conventional prescription drugs due to side effects can safely use homeopathic medicines. Homeopathic medicines are natural, prepared from small amounts of herbs, minerals or animal products.Their quality and safety are assured by the national medicine agencies based e.g. on the Homeopathic Pharmacopoea of the United States and the federal authority by which it is recognized is the US Food and Drug Administration, the European Union legislation, the European and Indian Pharmacopoeia requirements and others. They are suitable for pregnant women, infants and children without worrying about the dosage.

QUALITY OF HOMEOPATHIC PRACTICE

Homeopathy requires special knowledge and skills to be mastered. It takes considerable training because the therapeutic objective as well as the practical approach to illness differs widely in homeopathy as compared to conventional medicine. Furthermore, homeopathic doctors should be able to combine the knowledge and skills in homeopathic practice with the knowledge and skills in the practice of conventional medicine. Since homeopathic treatment often needs to be prescribed within a broader care plan including an awareness of the need for conventional medical diagnosis, prognosis and treatments, qualifications should be at the same high level as in conventional medicine. A full medical education ensures the necessary clinical competence required, especially if homeopathy is applied as an alternative to conventional treatment.

EDUCATION IN HOMEOPATHY

A good quality of homeopathic practice has to be ensured by good teaching guidelines according to Hahnemann's Organon.

For this purpose, LMHI and ECH developed a common *curriculum* which reflects the situation of the homeopathic training as found in most of the countries worldwide. This document presents the minimum standards of education and training in homeopathic medicine for medical doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians and dentists upon which the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) and the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) agreed. The ECH and the LMHI represent organizations responsible for the teaching of homeopathic medicine in the member states of the European Union and the rest of the world that are committed to using the program.

The document sets out the essential core elements – knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes – of this mutually accepted *curriculum*. It provides a consensus framework of training requirements for a safe and effective practice of medical homeopathy (the practice of homeopathy by medically qualified practitioners), and outlines the syllabus for examinations leading to a qualification in homeopathic medicine conferred by the organizations represented in the ECH and LMHI.

RESEARCH IN HOMEOPATHY

Research in homeopathy was initiated by Samuel Hahnemann himself in a systematic way and never stopped. Actually more and more Universities are interested in and involved in this research.

Yearly the LMHI asks researchers to update a booklet aimed at considering all important aspects of the scientific framework of Homeopathic practice including ethical questions, evaluation of daily practice, looking at the level of scientific evidence of each of these aspects. The facts proposed in this report are consistent. The level of evidence obtained for numerous diagnoses is sufficient to accredit homeopathic practice in medicine especially in the framework of the general practice. The internal evidence is validating and confirming the effects of the medical homeopathic method.

Basic research results and veterinary research results are also confirming the obtained results in humans.

Research must be supported and amplified. Objective information is needed for patients. Education in homeopathy is encouraged within the framework of medicine.

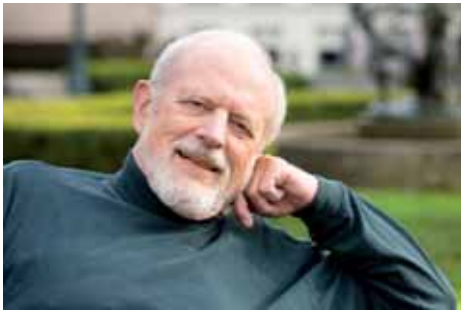
HOMEOPATHY: ITS POSITION IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

In many countries all over the world homeopathy has gained official status. It has been officially recognized by the governments as a system of medicine or medical speciality in countries in Central and South America (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico), Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) and Europe (Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom). In some of these countries homeopathy has been integrated into national health care systems, namely in Brazil, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom. In India, Mexico, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the legal standing of homeopathy is equivalent to that of conventional western (allopathic) medicine, many practitioners are certified in both homeopathy and allopathic medicine, and the primary care provider for many patients is a homeopathic doctor. In India alone there are around 180.000 homeopathic doctors working.

Several National Medical Associations have recognised homeopathy as a therapeutic medical method (Germany, Austria, Latvia, France, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom)

In the United States, homeopathic medicines are recognized at the federal level in the 1938 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, at the 1965 MediCare Act, and in the 1988 Compliance Policy Guide.

Over the past decades homeopathy has benefited from growing demand both from doctors and from the public in the majority of the countries in the world.



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RESOLUTION ON HOMEOPATHY

- Homeopathy is a medical system and is being defined by the application of the principles – the *principle of similars* being the leading one – and procedures as described by its founder Dr. Samuel Hahnemann in his Organon of the Medical Art (6th edition).

- Homeopathy seeks to be the global platform where a fruitful community discussion takes place to ensure the further development of Homeopathy.

- The LMHI unites all physicians, veterinarians, dentists and pharmacists with full medical, veterinary, dental or pharmaceutical qualification of a State University (or any other licensing authority duly recognised by the government of the country in which they practice) and who have had special education in homeopathy.

- Homeopathy is unique and is clearly distinguished from other branches of medicine such as Homotoxicology, Anthroposophic Medicine, Herbal Medicine, etc.

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