

Annual Report of Hungary to the LMHI 2011 November

Organizations

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Membership: medical and non- medical persons

Schools

1. Magyar Homeopata Orvosi Egyesület (MHOE; Hungarian Homeopathic Medical Association)

Education

The Association has been working on the accreditation of the European Diploma for three years, but the procedure is still very slow.

The Resident Association organized a homeopathic course at the Semmelweis University with the teachers of our Association.

The basic seminars on classical homeopathy are organized for medical doctors twice a year, in five terms, since 1993. These are partly accredited by Hungarian medical Universities, so they are part of the CME (continuing medical education). The issues of the courses are selected in order, to match the criteria of the Educational Committee of the ECH. The study is completed with a two steps exam. The MHOE has got the accreditation of the ECH, and the right to apply for the European Homeopathic Diploma.

Veterinary surgeons have the opportunity to attend a postgraduate course on homeopathy. At the end they give proof of their knowledge within the framework of an international exam, after joining the IAVH.

The facultative homeopathic course for students of the Medical College of the Semmelweis University is continuing.

The MHOE organizes in addition seminars for allopathic physicians, nurses, pharmacists and for non-professional, non-medical persons interested in homeopathy. The homeopathic companies are still helping the teaching program of the pharmacists. Beside this, they take part in organizing one-day courses for midwives, and e-learning studies for medical people, also. On these events, our well trained lecturers teach the students.

Special teachers' training courses are organized twice a year in the MHOE to improve the skills and knowledge of our teachers.

Although in the last 15 years the courses of the Association were very successful, we have much more less students on the basic courses. Recently we have courses more rarely. Our teachers are working on development of the basic courses, the goal is to offer more practical and problem-based oriented courses – from this year a short trituration proving is the part of the advanced basic course, from next year the courses would be weekend courses instead of five days courses.

Complementer medicine council

The "Complementer Medicine Council" (60 different medical disciplines) is established in 1st of April to help the work of the Ministry of Health. Partly due to the lobbying of our Association, the Association is represented in the Council with 3 homeopaths. We strongly hope that the council's work would support the acceptance of complementer medicine, and especially homeopathy in the medical society.

The first homoeopathy day in Hungary

Our association celebrated its 20. birthday on 14th of May in the Agricultural Museum Vajdahunyad Castle. The minister of Human Resource visited the program with his wife. The lectures for professionals were presented about the history of homeopathy in Hungary and classical homeopathic therapy. Our invited lecturers were Dr. Sigrud Kruse and Dr. Mira Dorchi (München). Lectures for lay people and concerts were also the part of the programme. The interest of the media was not sufficient unfortunately, so we organized a press conference too.

Media, professional journals

Because of the lobby against homeopathy, the members of the Association were interviewed many times, and they were writing many articles.

In an important Hungarian medical magazine, Orvosi Hetilap, an article was published against homeopathy and our association tried to respond to this, referring to homeopathic studies, but it was rejected. The answer of the editors shows us, that the Hungarian Academy of Sciences has the opinion, that there are not enough scientific evidences according to the effect of homeopathic treatment.

Our experts are working on an essay, report about the scientific background of homeopathy (studies, articles), which study is planned to be presented to the Hungarian Scientific Academy.

Important positive result that one other medical journal, named Családorvosi Lap published a special issue about homeopathic therapy, and it was printed in 7500 copies, and all GP's did get it, and the plan is to publish it twice a year. The training journal for pharmacist, Practicum begun a series about homeopathy too.

2. Homeopátiás Gyógyművészeti Társaság (HGyT; Association of the Art of Homeopathic Healing)

They launched a four-year training programme for non-medical persons. Beside the homeopathic subjects, they teach anatomy, physiology and basic pharmacology.

As part of their education programme, approximately 30 students completed the last year of a 3-year materia medica and medical studies training in 2011. This year the programme formally established itself as a college and they are in talks with an UK college for accreditation. Upon request by the UK partner, the Centre for Homeopathic Education (CHE), ancillary subjects like scientific research and practice management are now being taught to provide full homeopathy training and clinical practice is being held under the supervision of MD colleagues from the Hungarian Homeopathic Medical Association.

The Association also organises seminars with international and local speakers, this year's international speaker was Guy Kokelenberg.

Even though the requirements of the exams during the course are quite high, in Hungary, by law, only medical doctors are allowed to practice homeopathy.

3. CEDH Hungária Homeopátia Oktatási és Ismeretterjesztő Kft. (CEDH Hungária Kft.)

They have 2 year-course on clinical homeopathy for physicians in three cities. These courses are accredited by Medical Universities, so they are part of the CME program.

The other healthcare professionals are taught by CEDH on a 40-hour course. There are basic courses on clinical homeopathy for non-professional persons too.

4. Homeopathic Academy by Homart Bt.

Homart organises advanced practical courses three times a year. Classical fields, lectures of famous homeopaths, miasms are the fields of the lectures. The weekend courses are visited overage by 30-50 experts and students.

Publications

The homeopathic journal of the MHOE called „Simile” is published four times a year.

The Homeopátiás Gyógyművészeti Társaság has several own writings, and translations also.

Writings and books of foreign homeopaths have been translated into Hungarian and have been published by Remedium Publisher.

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