

2011 Liga-China Report

We have made significant progress in the advancement of homeopathy in China for 2011. First, Liga-China has extensive contact with the two Chinese homeopathic organizations (one in Beijing and another in Shanghai), and have recruited the qualified members from these two organizations to become members of Liga-China. The organization in Beijing was mainly organized by a group of retired medical staffs and administrators who are very interested in western natural medicine, and have been organizing homeopathic seminars and publish homeopathic journals regularly. Articles about Liga-China have been published in their annual journal. Second, we made a successful homeopathic lecture to the whole campus of Guangxi Traditional Chinese Medicine College, and the lecture was attended by the president, vice presidents, dozens of medical faculty and several hundred medical students. The coordinator of this cross-campus lecture was Prof. Liu Li Hong, a prominent traditional Chinese medicine scholar in China, who has pledged to conduct comparative studies of homeopathy and Chinese medicine at his national key lab in Guangxi TCM college. To enhance such collaborative research, Prof. Steve Xue has given two-day lectures to the researchers at this national key lab. Third, with the support and co-authorship from two prominent herbal scholars in China, Prof. Steve Xue has completed the second homeopathic book in Chinese (Practical Guide to Homeopathic Medicine and Comparative Studies with Chinese Medicine) that is to be published in December 2011 by Shanghai Chinese Medicine University Press. With this publication, Chinese doctors will be able to better understand homeopathy from Chinese traditional medical perspectives. Forth, a group of Chinese scholars from Liga-China have completed the translation of Kent Repertory and Materia Medica, and they are talking with publishers in Hong Kong for the publication of this epoch-making achievement. Digital programs of Kent Repertory will also be available with the support from Fruzsina Gabor, pharmacy secretary of Liga. Fifth, we have been advocating quality research on comparative studies of clinical effectiveness of homeopathic remedies with Chinese herbs, at The University of Hong Kong, and Jiangxi Chinese Medicine University, as well as on disease treatment with homeopathically potentized Chinese herbs. Preliminary findings indicate that clinical effectiveness of some Chinese single herbs and herbal compounds could be maintained with homeopathically potentized Chinese herbs. Although this line of research needs further studies, it could be a strong and feasible link between the two medical traditions from East and West. Finally, thanks to the decision and announcement from Liga to support the correct translation of "homeopathy" into Chinese as "an independent medical system that applies the laws of similars", the right translation "heliao yixue: 和疗医学" has been used in Chinese website (www.heliao yixue.com) and other publications, and the old and incorrect translation of homeopathy as "shunshiliaofa: 顺势疗法" that means "a trendy therapeutic modality" was abandoned by Liga-China members.

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