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In the last period German homeopathy has continued to be on a good way – despite a general tendency towards a decline in overall patients numbers. As the special contracts with more than 100 public insurance companies still prevail, reimbursement of homeopathic treatment is possible in many cases. The various homeopathic schools in Germany are following a common curriculum, but also in the education sector the number of students is slightly diminishing.

The annual congress 2011 of the German Association of Homeopathic Physicians (Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte, DZVhÄ) took place in Aachen, Northrine-Westphalia. Over 40 speakers from the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany presented their papers under the topic Homeopathy without Frontiers? Peak Experience of Homeopathy in Science and Practice" About 600 international participants joined this event.

There was quite a broad media publicity this year, the PR campaign against homeopathy in several German cities, however, had a low public resonance.

On 11 November 2010, the German scientific society for Homeopathy (Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Homöopathie, Wiss Hom) was founded in the Hahnemann City of Köthen (Anhalt), the initial number of 50 members has been growing continually and we are hoping for numerous impulses on homeopathic research. The Carstens Foundation (Karl und Veronica Carstens-Stiftung), a foundation for the promotion and support of Complementary Medicine, has publishes a database of CAM clinical studies, access is free, www.camquest.org.

This year, the International Coethen Exchange of Ideas (ICE 2011) taking place annually in the month of November in Koethen (Anhalt) focuses on the topic: "Which research strategies are most important for homeopathy?"

The planned master study programme "Homeopathy" is faced with a momentary standstill as the University of Magdeburg which had been the partner for this backed away from implementing the homeopathic programme into their curriculum. The search for new partners is on its way.

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