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ICH News

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Welcome to the regular newsletter of the International Council for Homeopathy, sharing views and news of the Council on all aspects of homeopathy as practiced around the world. ICH was established in 2007 and currently represents the interests of ~30 national associations of homeopaths in 5 continents.

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2017 Overview from Chair



Dear ICH members,

This year we had our face-to-face meeting in Athens, Greece in June, where we celebrated our 10th anniversary and continued building our agenda and plans for the future as well as reviewing the previous two years. During the meeting, we elected a new Chair and Treasurer, so I thank, once again, Michelle Hookhan, the retiring Chair and Gwyneth Evans, the retiring Treasurer (replaced by Gergana Angelova from Bulgaria) for their wonderful job and contribution to our organization. We were also very sorry and sad to say good-bye to our dear, wonderful friend and leader, Stephen Gordon.

2018 is just a few days ahead, and I am sure it will be productive at least as much as 2017. Many plans are ahead of us e.g. registering ICH, opening a new bank account, going online with our new website and more.

I wish us all the best for the festive season and a happy and successful New Year!



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Chair

Presentation in Shanghai

The Faculty of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) of the University of Shanghai, China, reached out to us a few months ago requesting a representative from ICH to give their faculty, staff and affiliates a short presentation about the past, present and future of Homeopathy as part of a two-day conference held at the University of Shanghai. The University of Shanghai wishes to broaden their program and offer their students the possibility of studying a variety of traditional medicines in addition to TCM, which is already well established and in high demand in China.

For that purpose, the University of Shanghai invited representatives from 15 different international associations (including ICH) representing a variety of complementary and traditional medicines. Among these medicines were Chiropractic, Ayurveda, Traditional Islamic Medicine, Korean Medicine, Japanese Medicine and others.

Of the 15 associations invited, 9 sent a speaker and I had the honor of representing Homeopathy on behalf of the ICH. Each speaker presented on his/her respective modality from the perspective

of past, present and future, providing an informative background for the audience.

At the end of the second day, a short conference was held with all 9 speakers and staff of the University in order to discuss further and plan future collaboration and work towards the expansion of the academic program. The program will take several years to implement. There is much work to be done to develop the program. For example, professional literature for the different modalities must be translated, curriculum developed and teachers qualified.

On that remark, it is important mentioning the Hong Kong Association which has already translated material into Chinese for their school of Homeopathy (the first class is graduating in July 2018) might assist the University of Shanghai to promote the project. I presented our colleagues from Hong Kong to the University of Shanghai with the intention of providing the University with much needed support in their endeavors: Mr. Aaron Ka Lun, Chair of the Hong Kong Association, his secretary Mrs. Sandy Yio (who is our representative in the ICH) and personal assistant Mrs. Yvonne Fok who attended the conference.





Homeopathy on the Big Screen

2017 was an unprecedented year for homeopathy in film, with 2 excellent documentaries released on the subject, *Magic Pills: Promise or Placebo* and *Just One Drop*. Both films offer a positive voice for homeopathy, a perspective lacking in today's mainstream media. *Just One Drop* provides an excellent introduction to homeopathy and most importantly questions the validity of the Australian NHMRC study by examining concerns around methodology and leadership of the study. *Magic Pills* examines the claims of skeptics and mainstream media by going out into the real world, presenting science and research while telling the stories of large scale homeopathic programs such as the Leptospirosis Homeopathic Intervention in Cuba, the work of Homeopathy For Health in Africa, the remarkable results in cancer treatment of the Prasanta Banerji Homeopathic Research Foundation, and the discovery of nanoparticles in homeopathic dilutions.

Both films are screening around the world and are available to host in your community, we certainly encourage more people to host screenings and invite the public and media. They are important tools towards advocating for homeopathy. *Magic Pills* is also actively fundraising with plans to launch a social impact campaign with the goal of changing the public narrative on homeopathy. You can learn more about *Just One Drop* by visiting www.justonedropfilm.com and *Magic Pills* by going to www.magicpillsmovie.com

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