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ICH News

June 2016

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

This month's topics

- Mid-year message from the ICH Chair
- International View - Yet another US class action fails
- New Research - Small ADHD study provides future guidance
- National Regulation Snapshot: Norway
- Upcoming conferences and seminars

ICH Aim: To represent and support national member organizations of homeopaths to further the growth and development of the homeopathy profession worldwide.



Dear Members and Friends of ICH,

At the beginning of the year, I listed my personal goals for the ICH in 2016, as we strive to become a global lead body for the profession of homœopathy. Now that we have hit the half yearly mark, I thought I'd give you an update on progress.

As the ICH moves towards the strategic plan outlined at the Dublin meeting in 2015, it gives me great satisfaction to let you know that we are gradually moving towards this vision. In January, the ICH became financially independent from the ECCH. In March the membership voted in favour of endorsing the changes in structure and function. The Executive Council has been revising the Constitution and preparing documentation for the formal registration and constituting of the ICH. This has become necessary, since approaching the UN or WHO is not possible without these steps.

The agreed changes to structure enables the appointment of two executive officers: Administration Officer and Advocacy Officer. The position of Administration Officer has been advertised and we will be announcing the successful candidate very shortly. Following this successful appointment, we will be discussing the position of Advocacy Officer, so stay tuned.

The Executive Plus Council has also been creating a survey on homeoprophylaxis (HP) to provide the framework for drafting a statement on HP for your consideration and endorsement. You will soon receive a link to the survey and I hope that you can find time to complete it. Another exciting project unfolding is titled "Rational

Implementation” which will be a resource for Full ICH Members to access a range of documents to support the profession of homœopathy in their respective countries. Kate Birch (NASH) has been instrumental in both of these projects.

Stephen Gordon has been attending various meetings and conferences around Europe, networking and being advocate for homœopathy and the ICH. He is a great radar and picks up all kinds of critical and interesting news to send your way.

At our last Full Council meeting, it was agreed to change the categories of ICH membership. This will take effect from 2017. The new categories of membership will be: Applicant status; Full membership and ICH Associate. The category of ICH observer will not be available after this year. These changes support the stability of the membership and open up the potential for collaboration with professional and related industries.

We have provided updates and sought your input at every stage and will continue to do so. It is a time where we need to stand together as a profession.

Warm regards,

Michelle
ICH Chair



International Viewpoint

Yet another US class
action against a
manufacturer fails

In the latest of a series of attempts to extract large amounts of money from manufacturers of homeopathic medicines in North America, a federal jury has ruled in favour of the manufacturer.

On 16 June 2016 in a class action of importance to producers, marketers, and sellers of homeopathic products, a federal jury in the false advertising trial of *Lewert v. Boiron, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:11-cv-10803 (Boiron) rejected claims that Boiron Inc.'s homeopathic flu treatment was nothing more than a sugar pill, and ruled that Boiron did not mislead consumers into buying a remedy that did not provide relief as advertised.

For further information:

<http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=eb8d436d-1464-4272-bc03-0abb66baa10d>



New Research: Small positive trial in children with ADHD develops guidance for further research.

Much has been made of the potential of homeopathy for the treatment of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), a diagnosis characterised by inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsiveness. This small trial carried out by professional homeopaths in the UK produced promising results and guidance for future trials in the area of ADHD. The group receiving homeopathic

care showed sustained improvements in criminality and anger among other symptoms. Among recommendations for improvements in the methodology of future trials the group recommend they "measure outcomes of relevance to stakeholder needs – the people and services who care for those with ADHD – parents, teachers and social workers and the criminal justice system".

A comparative consecutive case series of 20 children with a diagnosis of ADHD receiving homeopathic treatment, compared with 10 children receiving usual care

Philippa Fibert, Calre Relton, Morag Heirs & Deborah Bowden

[http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916\(15\)00076-4/abstract](http://www.homeopathyjournal.net/article/S1475-4916(15)00076-4/abstract)

National Regulation Snapshot: Norway

Regulation and a public register for CAM practitioners in Norway

It is often argued that because of the relative safety of homeopathy as a practice, not least due to the non-toxicity of its medicines, that regulation of those that practise it can be relatively 'light-touch'. This was the view of the Norwegian Government in formulating a system of regulation 12 years ago.

A new law for alternative treatment was put into effect from 1 January 2004. The law lays out regulations for the legal practice of CAM disciplines by someone who is not a medical doctor. The law states that practitioners providing alternative treatment for patients:

- must follow the same regulations for confidentiality as standard healthcare personnel
- may not treat patients with dangerous contagious diseases or serious chronic diseases, but may treat when the purpose of the

treatment is exclusively to palliate or reduce symptoms of, or consequences of, the disease or side-effects of treatment given, or when the purpose is to enhance the body's immune system or ability to heal itself

- may treat patients with serious diseases in cooperation or understanding with the patient's doctor, and when the patient is over 18 years of age and has the ability to consent
- may treat patients with serious diseases when the health care service does not offer healing or palliative treatment for a particular disease.

A public register for CAM practitioners was established in June 2004. Homeopaths who are members of the Norwegian ECCH & ICH member association Norske Homeopaters Landsforbund (NHL) were the first practitioners to be included on the register. The register is voluntary and the profession continues to be self-regulated by the NHL.

References: Lov om alternativ behandling av sykdom mv.

<https://helsedirektoratet.no/lover/alternativ-behandlingsloven>

Upcoming conferences and seminars

2016

SWITZERLAND

Dr. Annette Sneevliet und Dr. Willi Neuhold

"Die Empfindung der Pflanzen und die Evolution des Pflanzenreiches"

(Sensation of plants and the evolution of Rich Plants)

NB: Seminar presented in German

Date: 09.september.2016

Venue: Wallisellen/Zürich

For further information: <http://www.hvs.ch>

UNITED KINGDOM

The Society of Homeopaths Annual Conference 2016

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2016

Venue: The University of Nottingham, Nottingham

Speakers include: Anne Schadde, Dr Elizabeth Thompson, Steven Cartwright, Erik van Woensel, Linda Shannon and the Ghana Homeopathy Project Team

<http://www.homeopathy-soh.org/events/events/cpd-workshop/annual-conference-2016>

DENMARK

A two-day seminar in Copenhagen, 24. and 25. sept. 2016:

Experience with homeopathic support of cancer-patients - in english

24. sept. 16 (for Classical homeopaths only):

Homeopathic support of patients with cancer - Dr. Heiko Klinge teaches about his work at the Clinica Santa Croce (<http://clnicasantacroce.ch/>) and his experience regarding support of cancer patients.

25. sept 16 (for homeopaths, heilpraktiker and other certified CAM-therapists, representatives for certified CAM-schools, medical students and doctors with an interest in homeopathy)

Use of homeopathic medicines for alleviating cancer patients' symptoms An opportunity to profit from a german heilpraktiker, Waltraut Isenbügel, who has many-years' experience supporting cancer patients.

For further information and to register contact DSKH representative:

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AUSTRALIA

The 10th AHA Annual Conference 2016

hosted by the Queensland Branch of the AHA

Title: Strange, Rare and Peculiar

Dates: 22nd-23rd October 2016

Venue: Rydges Southbank, Brisbane

Keynote speakers: Dr Farokh Master and Drs Bhawisha and Shachindra Joshi

For more information:

<http://www.homeopathyconference.com/>

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MALTA

3rd HRI International Homeopathy Research Conference

Dates: 9th to 11th June 2017

Venue: Radisson Blu Resort, St Julian's, St George's Bay, Malta

<http://www.hriome2015.org/2016/03/hri-malta-2017/>

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