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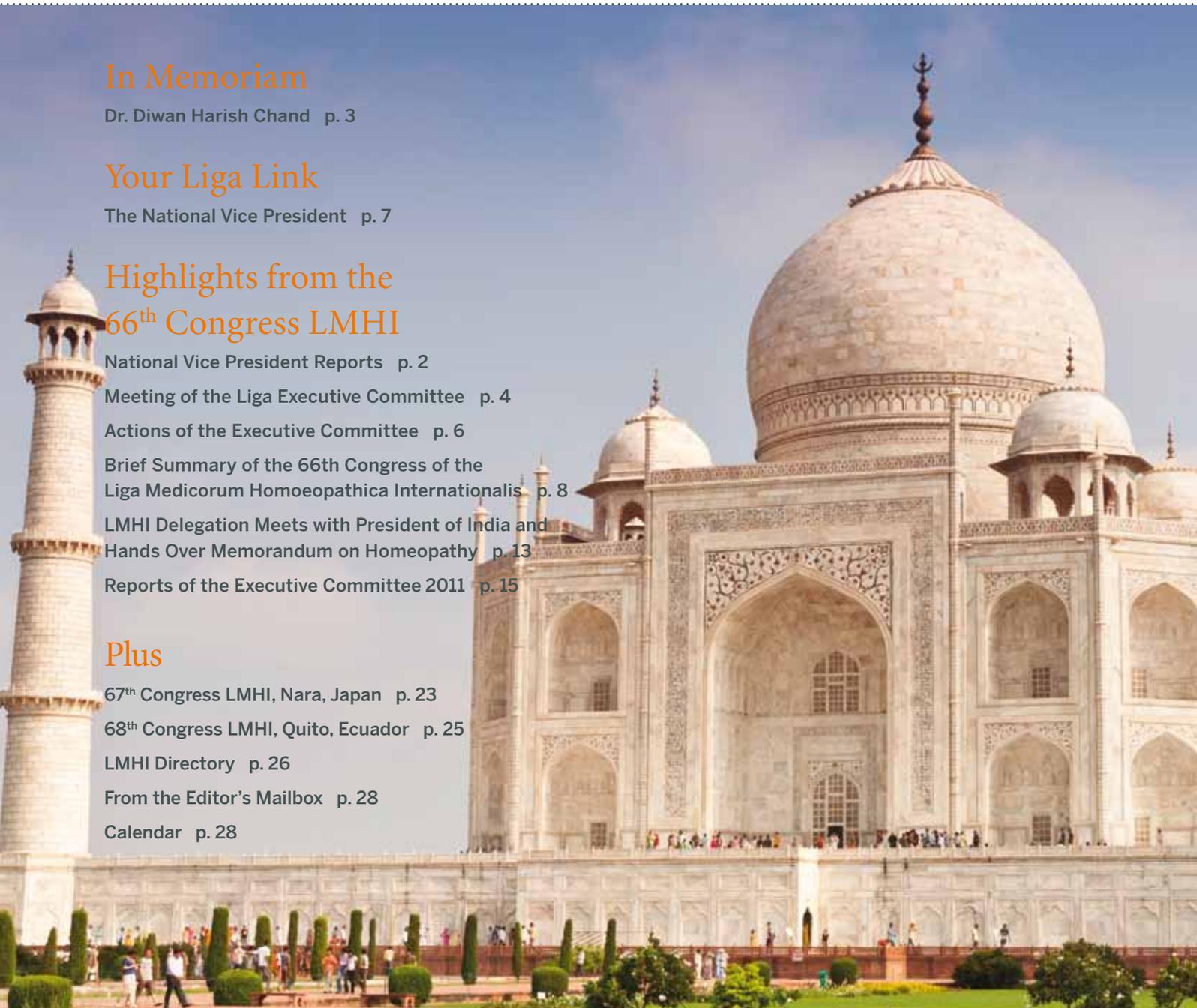
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66th Congress LMHI 2011

New Delhi, India

Dr. Diwan Harish Chand

07 March 1924 - 13 December 2011



Dr. Chand joins Liga Secretariat Administrator Caroline Geiser at the Liga Stand at the 66th Congress

We had only recently returned from the wonderful 66th Liga Congress held in New Delhi, India, December 1-4, 2011, when we received the sad news that our long time friend, respected collaborator, and distinguished homeopathic colleague, Dr. Diwan Harish Chand, had passed on the 13th of December. Dr. Chand had participated in an important forum at the 66th Liga Congress just days before. How fortunate did I then count myself to be that I had had the opportunity to greet my old friend on the occasion of that Congress, even shaking his hand on the dais at the Opening Ceremony when we exchanged a few words of mutual friendship and respect.

How fondly I recall my many opportunities to renew my acquaintance with Dr. Chand at many Liga Congresses since 1982, and, most especially, his considerate and courteous attendance to me when I first traveled to the 49th Liga Congress in New Delhi, India, in 1995, to be installed as President of the Liga, a high honor, indeed. His gifts to

me of a hand-painted silk bedecked with an ornately appointed Indian elephant and a lustrously colored peacock fan hold pride of place framed on the wall in my home. I looked forward to greeting my friend at Liga Congresses and hearing his learned presentations until health precluded his travel to them in recent years.

Dr. Chand was my valued collaborator in the writing of the history of the Liga that had been published on the Liga website at one time.

How surprised I perceived myself to be in 2004, when, designated Liga President of Honor, I found myself among that small, august body of holders of that prestigious honorarium, not the least of these being the Homeopathic Master, Dr. Diwan Harish Chand. His like shall not be seen again. He will be missed.

On learning of this great loss to our international homeopathic community, I asked Dr. Chand's colleague to submit an "In Memoriam" piece for *the Liga Letter*, which appears on the next page. In addition, a complete and full-length *curriculum vitae* of Dr. Chand kindly provided to us by his son, Dr. Diwan Vijay Chand, as well as a special tribute by Dr. R.K. Manchanda from LMHI India is available on the LMHI website www.lmhi.net.

Respectfully,
Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHT
Editor, *the Liga Letter*
LMHI-Secretary for the Newsletter

ARGENTINA

Dr. Gustavo Cataldi, NVP

Argentinean homeopathy is recognized for its well-known tradition and its high academic standards. All the institutions unified in the Federation of Argentinean Medical Homeopathic Associations guarantee high-level courses for physicians, veterinarians, dentists and pharmacists, following the education standards suggested by the LMHI. The FAMHA continues fighting for homeopathy's legal recognition. In that regard, homeopaths are allowed to prescribe homeopathic remedies, but the practice of this therapeutic method is not yet considered a medical act. Despite being criticized and attacked by conservative groups among the health system, Argentinean homeopathy is appreciated in other health environments and by all the patients who have benefited from this healing methodology. Our country has already begun to work on the preparations to host the 71st LMHI Congress, to be held in Buenos Aires in 2016.

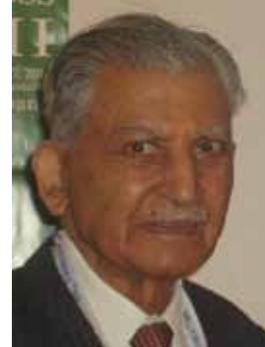
ARMENIA

Dr. Mariam Gharabaghtsyan, NVP

Our Association and our homeopaths had a very fruitful year in 2009. Drs. M. Gharabaghtsyan, R. Khojasaryan, N. Zakaryan and L. Saakyan attended the Drs. Pareek seminar in India. Doctor H. Pfeiffer conducted a seminar for our members in Yerevan. The Armenian Association of International Homeopaths and "Nor Arev" organized our 3rd International Homeopathic Congress. Doctors U. Fisher (Germany), A. Pareek, R. S. Pareek (India), D. Spinedi (Switzerland), and H. Pfeiffer (Germany) were presenters. About 100 homeopathic doctors from Armenia, Germany, Russia, and Ukraine enjoyed the meeting, with some interested patients and medical students. Four doctors passed the clinical internship. With "Nor Arev," we initiated homeopathic treatment at an orphanage. The problem of the sale of complex drugs continues, and the pharmacological authority requires approval from a homeopathic physician for licensing.

In Memoriam

by Dr. Navneet Bidani



Dr. Diwan Harish Chand

Dr. Diwan Harish Chand was born on 7 March 1924 at Lahore (Punjab). He graduated in medicine (MBBS) in 1945 and spent more than 60 years in the study and practice of homeopathy. He acquired the highest qualifications in homeopathy and in general medicine.

Dr. Diwan had a vast clinical experience working in hospitals in the United Kingdom, the United States, and with Dr. Pierre Schmidt in Switzerland. He was actively involved in teaching programs and lectures in many countries for the last fifty years. Dr. Diwan represented Indian homeopaths as LHMI President and as National Vice President, LMHI, for India. He served as Vice President of the Central Council of Homeopathy, India. He served homeopathy in various capacities both at an official level as well as institutionally. He participated in more than fifty international Congresses (including 25 of LMHI). He was the only ASIAN PRESIDENT and later PRESIDENT OF HONOR of the LMHI.

The great doctor's years of toil and relentless perseverance have been recognized with 20 awards, national and international, and numerous honorary diplomas and fellowships. This includes the most prestigious award in medicine, "The Dhanwantari Award," having been judged, "the most outstanding medical man of the year" in 1979. This award is for all disciplines (Allopathy, Ayurveda, and Homeopathy) and he was the first homeopath to receive it.

On 24 April 2011, Dr. A. K. Walia, the Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare Government of Delhi,

conferred the "Homoeopathic Rattan Award" for the first time ever to Dr. Diwan Harish Chand in celebration of his contribution to the cause of homeopathy during a function celebrating the 256th birth Anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, organized by Board of Homoeopathic System of Medicine and Delhi Homoeopathic Federation. On 1 December 2011 LMHI also expressed their respect by honoring him during the 66th LMHI Congress in New Delhi.

Dr Diwan performed his duties as the honorary physician to the Presidents of India from 1969 to 1997. Dr. Diwan Harish Chand's painstaking efforts have given to homeopathy priceless works, such as *A Compendium of Lectures on Homoeopathy*, *Microdoses Megaresults (Clinical Cases)*, and *Homoeopathy in Geriatrics*. He co-edited with Dr. Pierre Schimdt *Kent's Final General Repertory*. Dr Diwan has been a member of every homeopathic committee of the government of India over the last 50 years and acted as chairman of committees of research, education, and pharmacopeias. He was actively involved in social service avenues of the Rotary Club of Delhi; in civil defense; and AIDS Awareness and Family Welfare programs. Besides all these activities he was a sportsman, keen photographer, and philatelist.

Dr. Diwan Harish Chand's demise is an irreparable loss to the homeopathic fraternity. His writings will live with us and he will always be remembered for all the great things he has done for our wonderful healing art.

AUSTRIA

Dr. Christina Ari, NVP

The higher administrative court confirmed homeopathic practice is reserved only to physicians. Presently, 228 medical doctors, medical students, pharmacists and veterinarians attend the basic education programs and 79 doctors earned the diploma in 2010 and 2011. A research institute survey revealed favorable attitudes towards homeopathy; a positive contrast to the media attacks on homeopathy proclaimed through events such as Campaign 10:23 in Vienna in February 2011. The ÖGHM and ÄKH responded critically in press and TV. SIH medical students organized a contra protest. ÖGHM organized a week of homeopathy on "Women's Diseases" in April 2011. ÄKH celebrated its 20th anniversary. The patient association, VHG, started "Homeopathy helps" for better cooperation between conventional medicine and homeopathy. The Peithner Award 2010 went to Dr. Rosemarie Brunthaler-Tscherteu for her contributions to *Calcium muriaticum*.

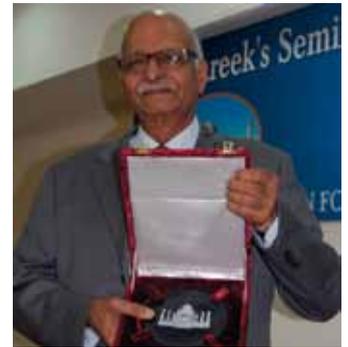
BANGLADESH

Dr. Mohammed Ashrafur Rahman, Contact Person

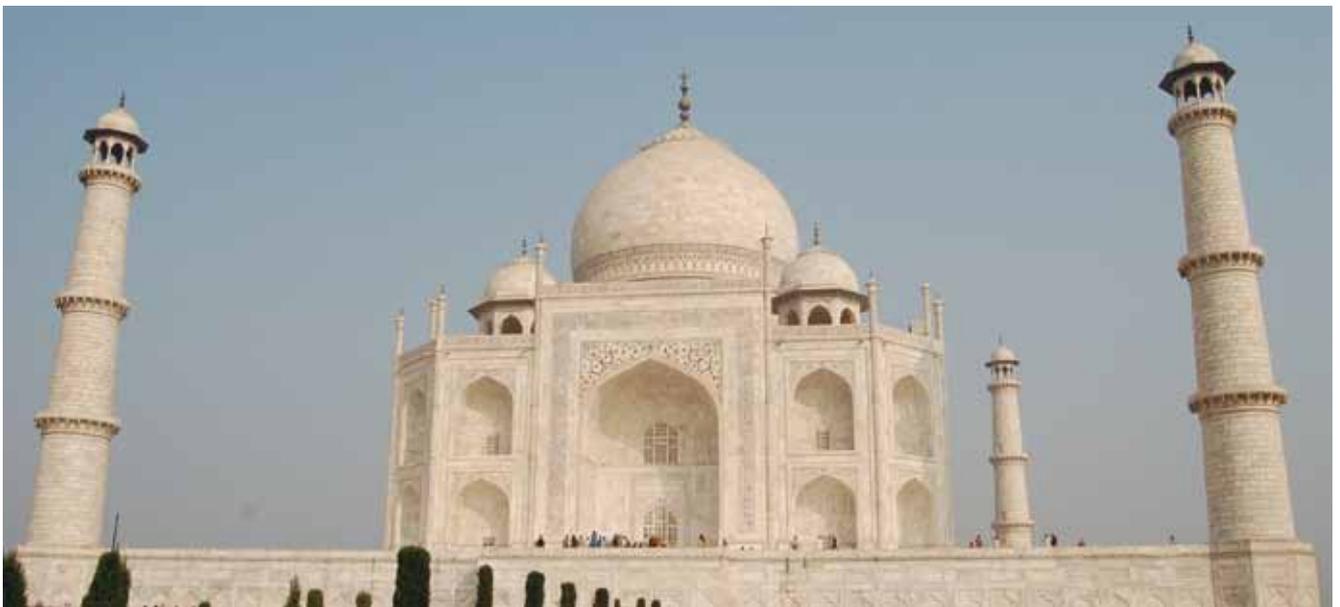
Since the British period, homeopathy has been spreading in the Indian sub-continent. For about 100 years, homeopathy has existed in this sub-continent. Since Bangladesh became independent in 1971, an undertermined number of homeopathic doctors have been rendering homeopathic treatment dedicating themselves to the service of patients. A Homeopathy Act was passed before the liberation of Bangladesh and the Homeopathy Ordinance was passed in 1983. In 1972, a Homeopathy Board was established. There are more than 41 Homeopathic Medical Colleges in Bangladesh and every year a lot of homeopathic doctors taking DHMS (Diploma in Homeopathic Medical System) and BHMS degree are being engaged in this profession. About 30 - 40 percent of the population in developing countries like Bangladesh take homeopathic treatment.

Meeting of the Liga Executive Committee

Our esteemed Indian homeopathic colleagues, organizers of the 66th Liga Congress in New Delhi, India, 1-4 December 2011, arranged for the members of the LMHI Executive Committee and their accompanying persons to travel to Agra. On Monday, November 28, we boarded a bus for the trip. On that day we visited and held our Executive Committee Meeting in the Dr. Pareek's Homoeopathic Centre. Prior to the convening of our Executive Committee Meeting, Dr. R. S. Pareek presented each of the members of the Executive Committee with an exquisitely crafted, beautifully presented representation of the Taj Mahal. That evening we were taken to a special live show, *Mohabbat the Taj, the Saga of Love*, depicting the story of the Taj Mahal. Early the next morning we were taken on a tour of that exquisite architectural icon of India, the Taj Mahal. Before leaving Agra for the return trip to New Delhi, we also visited the Red Fort.



Dr. R. S. Pareek displaying the beautiful memento



Taj Mahal, Agra, India

BELGIUM

Dr. Léon Scheepers, NVP

The most important point for the Belgium Homeopathic Association (UHB) during the Belgium EU presidency (July - December 2010) was the revision of diplomas on an European level. For this reason, two important meetings were held: One with the Federal Agency of Drugs and Health Products (FAGG), responsible for the pre-registration of all (allopathic and homeopathic) drugs, and the second for the registration of homeopathic products in which UHB insisted on the importance of the continuous availability of homeopathic drugs, including nosodes. In a second meeting with the Belgium Minister of Health, UHB pointed out that the registration of homeopathic drugs has no value without the official qualification of the prescriber.

BOLIVIA

Josef L. Henao, NVP, (taken from the report of Sec. of Archives E. Godoy)

The Homeopathic Medical Association of Bolivia obtained its legal status in 2004, being legally established as a nonprofit association. It aims to bring together Unicist Homeopaths under four clear objectives: diffusion of homeopathic medicine, social care consultation to people with limited resources, research, and quality human resource training in unicist homeopathy. Since its establishment, the Association has always pursued the respect for homeopathy and good practice by general practitioners and/or specialists with solid knowledge. Within these achievements we can mention: Formation of three promotions of homeopaths, continuing education courses for trained and alumni homeopaths, inclusion of homeopathic medicine in the professional regulation of traditional, complementary and alternative medicines, and inclusion of homeopathic unicist medicine in the law of medical practice, law No 3131, recognizing unicist homeopathy as a medical act.



The members of the LMHI Executive Committee join Dr. Pareek in the auditorium at his Homoeopathic Centre.



The tour bus pauses to allow cattle to cross the busy highway.

BRAZIL

Dr. Matheus Marim, Contact Person

The situation of Homeopathy in Brazil is undergoing an expansion process and it is now definitely a part of the Brazilian Health Public System, thus providing significant sustainable support to the PNPIC - National Policy for the Integrative and Complementary Practices within the SUS - Brazilian Unique Health System. Such results were achieved through significant contributions given by all colleagues working for the public health system in our country. The N.V.P. - LMHI wishes publicly to thank these professionals as well as continue to offer our collaboration.

BULGARIA

Dr. Dora Patchova, NVP

A new Health Law with a chapter for regulation of CAM was enacted 01 January 2005. According to this law, only doctors and dentists are allowed to practice homeopathy. In the spring of 2007 a Working Group was formed by the Ministry of Health to give suggestions about final changes in the CAM chapter because a lot of national organizations of people involved in CAM criticized it. A new Drug Law was accepted by the Parliament, which, for homeopaths, means easier procedures for importing homeopathic remedies. This is very important because there is no national producer of homeopathic remedies.

Actions of the Executive Committee

- Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Redondo Beach, CA/USA 2010. (Approved.)
- Proposal for a Council of Past Presidents (Approved.)
- *Liga Letter*: the member countries themselves can decide if they want a printed copy or a pdf – document (Approved.)
- Advertising: The general principle is possible, but the decision will be made on a case-by-case basis (Approved.)
- International Homeopathy Day 2012: Turkey (Approved.)
- New institutional members: Homeopathic Medical Association of Canada (associate institutional member); Homoeopathic Association of South Africa (HSA); Association of the Homeopaths of Ukraine; Baltic Homeopathic Union



Congress Organizing Secretary, LMHI 2011, Dr. R. K. Manchanda



The members of the International Council met at the Taj Ambassador Hotel, New Delhi, India

CANADA

Prof. Bhupinder Sharma, MD (Hom.), Contact Person

The Transitional Council of College of Homeopaths of Ontario (TCCHO), established in November 2009 to regulate homeopathy has worked through October 2011 to develop three statutory regulations: Registration, Quality Assurance and Professional Misconduct Regulations, required under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991. Similarly, the document to develop the competencies for minimum requirements for entry to practice has been drafted for public interest and to protect the public from unqualified, incompetent, or unethical healthcare practitioners. The TCCHO also established the timelines for completion of the regulatory process for homeopaths by 2013. A three-day Canadian Homeopathic Conference was held in Toronto from October 21 to 23, 2011, which showcased the presence of the entire homeopathic community of Ontario and was a unique event, successfully jointly organized by four Homeopathic Professional Associations in Ontario

CHILE

Dr. Ewald Finsterbusch, Contact Person

Homeopathy was legally approved by the Health Ministry in 2006. There are about 150 homeopathic physicians and four laboratories; medications are available in some pharmacies in all of the major cities. Few universities offer homeopathic courses or lectures at their Medicine and/or Pharmacy faculties, and, generally, on an informative and elective basis only. Medical insurance, both obligatory and private, does not cover homeopathy. Research is performed by a small number of physicians and pharmacists on an independent basis; the main purpose is the development of potencies, which act stronger and faster in the cure of chronic diseases. In general, Chilean society has become more open-minded towards homeopathy and alternative medicines in recent years.

Your Liga Link: The National Vice President

The official bodies of the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis, frequently termed simply the Liga, include the International Council, the Executive Committee, and the General Secretariat, which meet annually. Although the International Council is composed of the President, the Immediate Past President, the Prime Vice President, the National Vice Presidents/Assistant National Vice Presidents, the Prime General Secretary, and the eight other General Secretaries, the Treasurer, and active members selected from different countries, not having National Vice Presidents, *the crucial element in the function of the Liga is the National Vice President.*

As it states in the *Statutes*, 'The National Vice Presidents are the permanent link between the International Council and, therefore, the Liga, and the national homeopathic organizations. The National Vice Presidents have several important duties, which they *must* perform, as follows:

- the submission of an account of every International Council Meeting or Congress of the LMHI to the homeopathic journals of their respective countries;
- the presentation of applications for Liga membership from new members from their respective countries;
- the submission of an **Annual Report** to the LMHI on the activity and the developments regarding homeopathy in their own country,
 - the homeopathic national events, congresses, jubilees, etc.,
 - homeopathic publications or communications,
 - a listing of business addresses and telephone numbers of homeopathic institutions, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists;

- the **Annual Report** mentioned above must be sent to the Prime General Secretary *at least one month before the meeting of the International Council*. Also, **a 130-word summary of that report** in English must be submitted for publication in the annual *Liga Letter*, the LMHI Newsletter. *The list of addresses and telephone numbers of homeopathic physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, and institutions, must be submitted annually to the LMHI Treasurer along with the collective membership dues.*

Failure to fulfill these duties is grounds for removal of said National Vice President by authority of the International Council or the Executive Committee, as stipulated in the *Statutes*.

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LMHI Statutes

COLOMBIA

Dr. Carles Riveros-Gomez, NVP

The practice of homeopathy has been established for almost 130 years. In the last 30 years, teaching centers have increased in number and quality. Almost every major city has orthodox homeopathic teaching facilities and pharmacies, increasing the number of physicians practicing homeopathy. We continue to establish homeopathy as a legal medical specialty. Some traditional homeopathic teaching centers are undergoing the process of accreditation to bestow the title "Physician with Specialty in Homeopathy." Homeopathic schools regularly arrange continuing courses with recognized homeopaths from Latin America and Europe. Homeopathic physicians associate in the Federación Médica Homeopática de Colombia and the Asociación Médica Homeopática de Colombia, ensuring the standards for practice and teaching. Our goal is to teach, practice, and disseminate homeopathy in order to provide its benefits to more patients every day.

COSTA RICA

Dr. Alejandro Brenes-Valverde, NVP

Since 2009 we have communicated with various social security administrators, informing them about the progress of homeopathy worldwide in the field of healthcare and scientific research. From 2000 to 2007, a homeopathic teaching program for physicians and other health professionals was held in San José. In 2011, the Costa Rican Center of Biological and Integrative Medicine at the San José Hospital Clínica Bíblica, the oldest private hospital in the country, was inaugurated through the coordination of Fanny Rojas, a cardiologist and homeopath. The new center has specialists who provide homeopathic medical consultation. This is important news because this hospital in 2010 was included among the 10 best hospitals in Latin America. There was a participation in a nationwide video conference, organized by the CCSS, in celebration of its 70th anniversary.

Brief Summary of the 66th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

1-4 December 2011, New Delhi, India

Richard Hiltner, MD, DHT, and Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHT
(the Editor and her Working Group partner were unable to attend every presentation)



Hand-created mosaic of flower petals

Inaugural Ceremony

The 66th LMHI Congress began on a beautiful cool day at the Sirifort Auditorium in New Delhi, India, with an attendance of 2,300 delegates. India has the largest number of homeopathic medical schools [216], 230 Hospitals, 5,826 Dispensaries and 217,850 practitioners of all nations. There were 318 papers accepted in the Congress and many Electronic Posters. Key Subjects included Public Health Initiatives, Homeopathic Education and Policies, Applied Homeopathy and Case Studies and Pharmaceutics and Pharmacy. The Congress was televised internationally. There was a floral welcome with music and singing by Saraswati Vandana and Ganesh Stuti Choir with lighting of the Congress Lamp. Dr. Ramjee Singh, Congress Chairman, gave the Welcome Speech. Dr. Alok Pareek, Chairman of the Scientific Committee, gave an Overview of the Congress. The Keynote Address presented by Dr. Michel van Wassenhoven, Secretary of Research LMHI, emphasized Evidence Based Homeopathy.

Several dignitaries and officials from India at the city, state and federal level, and Sri Lanka offered remarks in the Opening Ceremony.

During the course of the Inaugural Ceremony, a new entity, created by the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis, the Council of Past Presidents, was cre-

CROATIA

Dr. Jelka Milic, Contact Person

Croatian Homeopathic Medical Society (CHMS), European Committee for Homeopathy and LMHI organized the International Symposium on Homeopathic Medicine on the occasion of International Homeopathy Day 2011 to promote public awareness of homeopathy among the medical community. We exchanged information about medical homeopathy's doctrine, legal framework, worldwide practice, contribution to healthcare systems, and status in Croatia. (See report <http://liga.iwmh.net/index.php?menuid=49>.) In October, the Croatian Homeopathic Medical Society organized a refresher course on Hahnemann's advanced methods with Dr. Renzo Galassi, whom we thank for teaching without charge. About 20 medical doctors and pharmacists attended. In 2010 and 2011 the CHMS and the Austrian Homeopathic Medical Society prepared the 3-year basic medical homeopathic training course according to ECH medical homeopathic educational standards. The start of the course was postponed until we have sufficient enrollment.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Dr. Eliška Novotná, NVP

Homeopathy and other complementary medicines have no legal status here, which means that they are not covered by any health insurance. Homeopathic remedies can be prescribed by any practitioner. There is no interest on the part of medical or state authorities to make positive changes for complementary medicine. The Czech Medical Homeopathic Association (LHS) obtained ECH accreditation in 2009 for our homeopathic school, lending prestige to our association. Our new academic year began with 15 new students in the basic course. We have organized one seminar in the past year and a very successful homeopathic summer school. We plan to organize a 2-year postgraduate school with the cooperation of a foreign homeopathic teacher. We continue to have low participation at our seminars and little active member participation in our association.



The LMHI stand at the 66th Congress, capably managed by Caroline Geiser of the Liga Secretariat.



The Congress Venue, the Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi, India

ated, separately acknowledging each Past President and presenting the individual with an official certificate.

The 2,300 registered delegates enjoyed a wide selection of topics and papers offered in four auditoriums, each of which, for the purposes of the Congress, was graced with the name of a distinguished Indian homeopath: Dr. M. L. Sircar, Dr. K. S. Bakshi, Dr. K. G. Saxena, and Dr. D. P. Rastogi Halls, respectively. The area devoted to the e-Poster presentations was designated as Dr. Anil Bhatia Hall. Because the schedule included some 318 papers, many of the presenters were allotted ten minutes. Unfortunately, due to the space constraints of *the Liga Letter*, we are unable to include an exhaustive description of each and every presentation. While there were many valuable and interesting poster presentations, space does not permit us to describe them. Those who wish to access a more comprehensive description of the program may visit the Liga website. Here in *the Liga Letter*, we shall just offer a sampling of the many excellent papers presented. The noting of papers within each topic in the various halls is to give one a flavor of this wonderful Congress and to demonstrate the breadth of international participation.

Following the Inaugural Ceremony, the balance of Thursday afternoon's presentations were devoted to the topics of Current Scenario of Homeopathy, Scope of Homeopathy in Oncology, Clinical Verification, and Miasmatic Diagnosis and Its Relevance. In covering the topic Current Scenario

of Homeopathy, Dr. R. S. Pareek (India) delivered an outline of his experience with Liga Congresses. Dr. Peter Fisher (UK) presented an overview of various research areas that he planned to discuss more fully later in the Congress. Congress Organizing Secretary Dr. R. K. Manchanda (India) outlined the leadership role of India in the homeopathic movement and the need to tap its expertise and experience in assisting other countries in the field of homeopathy. LMHI Prime Secretary Dr. Renzo Galassi (Italy) encouraged international cooperation among all countries, especially India, to work for the good of all humanity.

Following a presentation on the Scope of Homeopathy in Modern Oncology by Dr. L. K. Nanda (India) with reference to the use of bowel nosodes, Drs. R. S. Pareek and Alok Pareek (India) presented a case series from 6/01 to 12/05, demonstrating the positive contribution of homeopathy in dealing with recurrence of metastases after surgery and improving the quality of life of cancer patients. Dr. Dario Spinetti (Switzerland) discussed homeopathically treated pediatric cancer cases.

In K. S. Bakshi Hall on Thursday afternoon, the papers addressed Clinical Verification, and in the K. G. Saxena Hall, presenters dealt with Miasmatic Diagnosis and Its Relevance.

The evening entertainment was a colorful, indigenous, and cultural presentation by Jhankar – The Beats of India, followed by a reception dinner on the grounds of the Sirifort Auditorium.

ECUADOR

Dr. Xavier Godoy Jaramillo, NVP

Ecuador is the host of the 68th LMHI Congress, 02-04 June in Quito. For details of the 68th Congress, see more information in this issue of *the Liga Letter*. The Ecuadorian Homeopathic Medical Society (SOMHE) is a private, non-profit organization with jurisdiction throughout Ecuador, whose members are professional doctors. The Health Ministry recognized SOMHE in 1983. The Ecuadorian Medical Federation recognized homeopathy as a specialty in 1998, giving the members of our society acceptance and prestige. For more than 15 years SOMHE has maintained a popular consultancy, providing education as well as high-level medical professional service and respectful treatment for the underprivileged. The last representative legislative assembly recognized homeopathy in particular and alternative medicines in general, as legal medical practices that must be promoted by the universities and by public and private health services. The Samuel Hahnemann Foundation was created, recognized likewise by the health ministry, in 1998, and occasionally collaborates with SOMHE on common objectives.

ESTONIA

Dr. Saima Tišler, NVP

Neither the number of homeopaths nor the number of LMHI members have changed significantly. Different homeopathic unions have organized several seminars and courses. The development of EHU (Estonian Homeopathic Union) has been stable, meetings and patients' discussions have been held regularly. While considering different schools that have influenced homeopaths in Estonia, the Belgian-Russian, Finnish, Mr. Vithoukaskas' (Greek) and British schools have remained the most dominant. Several doctors-homeopaths visited the European Homeopathic Conference in Riga and a group of five doctors took part in the new lecture series of Mr Vithoukaskas in Greece. Since 2008, Estonian Qualification Authority has yielded 14 Homeopathic Qualifications and has continued to regularly hold exams. Over the past year fewer than ten publications on homeopathy have been published in Estonian media.



Dr. Jose Matuk, LMHI President, is welcomed by Dr. R.K. Manchanda.



Dr. Thomas Peinbauer greets Congress President Dr. S.P.S. Bakshi.

Friday's presentations in M. L. Sircar Hall included papers touching on three topics. Among the many interesting papers on the topic of Clinical Verification, Dr. Christina Ari (Austria) spoke about "*Folliculinum* – A Matrimonial Remedy to Prevent Infertility." Dr. Farokh J. Master (India) spoke on "Clinical Verification of the *Materia Medica* of Carbon Monoxide, Ethene, and *Zinc-sulph.* in cases of Hypoxic Brain Insult." The early afternoon's topic, Prescribing Techniques, encompassed several pertinent papers, including "Hahnemann's §3 of the *Organon* and Boenninghausen's Method of Generalization" presented by Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer (Germany). The balance of the papers that day dealt with Clinical Studies, including papers touching on each end of the human life span: Dr. Kumar Dhawale's (India) paper "Efficacy of Homeopathy in the Management of Learning Disabilities" and Dr. Michael Teut's (German) paper, "Pilot Study Complementary Medicine in Geriatrics."

In K. S. Bakshi Hall, papers were presented in regard to Miasmatic Diagnosis and Relevance, Scope of Homeopathy in Modern Oncology, Diabetes, Female Diseases, and Drug Proving. Two of the many interesting papers dealing with the Scope of Homeopathy in Modern Oncology included Dr. Ronko Itamura (Japan) presenting "Intergenerational Transmission for *Carcinosinum*" and Dr. Marina Afanasieva's (Latvia) "Anaplastic Astrocytoma of Vermis-cerebelli (Case Cured with Homeopathy, Eight Years Follow Up)." Having the opportunity to do homeopathic hospital work in India was highlighted in two papers presented

on the topic of Diabetes: Dr. S. A. Dhole's (India) "Risk Factor Assessment of IDDM in a Homeopathic Hospital" and Dr. N. L. Tiwari's "Importance of Patient Education in the Management of Type II Diabetes Mellitus." Dr. Helene Renoux (France) presented "Methodology Goals and Importance of Educational Proving," which emphasized their importance as an indispensable element of the training of an accomplished homeopath. Among the balance of the papers on the topic of Drug Proving, Dr. Léon Scheepers (Belgium) presented "Proving of *Eriodictyon californicum*."

Friday's program in K. G. Saxena Hall included presentations on Homeopathy in Epidemics, Basic Research, Homeopathy in Primary Health Care, and the Healthy Mother and Happy Child Campaign in India. Dr. Ana Rita Novaes's (Brazil) paper "Preliminary Results: Assessing the Efficacy of Homeopathic Intervention of Cases Notified of Fever of Dengue in Vitoria, E.S, Brazil" and "Effects of *Eupatorium Perfoliatum* in Homeopathic Form for Dengue Fever Control in Thailand," presented by Dr. Monthaka Teerachaisakul (Thailand), were two papers touching on the topic Homeopathic in Epidemics. Dr. Bipin Jain (India) discussed "Taking Homeopathy to the Grassroots Through Community Health Volunteer (CHV) Programme in Mother and Child Care: The Philosophy and the Practice," one of the several papers presented in the section Healthy Mother and Child Campaign, a successful program in India.

Topics relative to Homeopathic Pharmacy were presented Friday afternoon in D. P. Rastogi Hall. Some of the informative presentations in that section included Dr.

FRANCE

Dr. Philippe Servais, NVP

For the first time, I brought a real delegation to the LMHI Congress! This was an opportunity for them to present their work and to show how research and clinical practice thrive in France. Efforts proceed for bringing together the different teaching schools and the many associations. This unification can only bear fruit. Great efforts have been made this year to create a comprehensive website on French homeopathy, which includes information for both the public and the homeopathic physicians: <http://www.inhfparis.com/> The ECH accredited French National Institute of Homeopathy ensures a high quality education (unicist) in two schools: INHF-Paris and Dauphiné-Savoie. We are starting to create "information links," allowing pluralists to discover classic homeopathy. The decreasing tension gives us hope for the future. There have been new provings and clinical research.

GEORGIA

Dr. Nikoloz Gujabidzeh, NVP

The homeopathic situation is without marked changes. Georgian homeopaths attempt to do everything for the popularization of homeopathy, but do not have any support from officials or other sponsors. On 8-10 October, the Swiss Homeopath Martin Peren from Zug was in Tbilisi. He gave some lectures at the Georgian Homeopathic Academy, whose Rector is Tina Thopuria, and one at the Georgian Medical University.



Dr. Sandra M. Chase, LMHI President of Honor, is welcomed by Dr. Lalit Verma.



Inauguration Ceremony LMHI Congress 2011

Fruzsina Gábor's (Hungary) "Homeopathy in Public Health – Introduction of Homeopathy in the Pharmacy," "Importance of Quality Control in Manufacturing of Homeopathic Medicines" by Nishant Jain (India), and "*Natrum carbonicum (Hahnemanni)*" by Dr. Hedwig Pötters (Germany).

The presentations in M. L. Sircar Hall on Saturday included papers about Tuberculosis and *Tuberculinum*, Drug Control and Quality Assurance, Homeopathic Education and Policies, Basic Research, and Placebo and Drug Proving. In addition to other speakers, Dr. Yves Maille (France) and Dr. Carl Rudolf Klinkenberg (Germany) addressed the topic Tuberculosis and *Tuberculinum* with their papers "*Tuberculinum avis: A Valuable Remedy in Severe Pulmonary Diseases, Acute and Chronic*" and "The Chronic Illness of Hereditary Tuberculosis and Vaccination – Four Cases," respectively. The topic Drug Control and Quality Assurance were addressed, among others, by the paper "Microbiological Stability of Homeopathic Medicines Using Purified Water as a Vehicle," presented by Virginia T. Cegalla and Amarilys de Toledo Cesar, pharmacists from Brazil. Several speakers addressed the issue of Homeopathic Education and policies, among whom was Dr. Karin Bandelin (Germany) who discussed "The Liga as Representation for a World of Homeopathy," proposing the future inclusion of university education standards into the Liga diploma system to achieve an even more comprehensive medical homeopathy" and Dr. N. Zamarenov (Russia) "Integrative Problems in Homeopathy."

In Sircar Hall in the mid afternoon, presentations

turned to the topic of Basic Research. Among the several presentations were numbered that of Alexander Tournier (UK), "The Physics of Homeopathy: What Do We Know?" and Dr. Jayesh R. Bellare (India) "The Material Science of Homeopathy Medicines: A Nanoparticulate Perspective." The later afternoon presentations addressed the topic Placebo and Drug Proving and included the presentation "Development of Modern Standards of Homeopathic Proving within the *Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States*" presented by Dr. Todd A. Hoover (USA).

K. S. Bakshi Hall's Saturday presentations included papers on the topics of Prescribing Techniques and Clinical Studies. The topic Prescribing Techniques included a number of illuminatory presentations, including that of Pedro Cipriano (Brazil), "The Concept Unirci Introduces: Unirci Therapy," and Dr. Subash Singh (India) "Calcutta Method or Keynote Method of Prescription." The late morning and afternoon hours in Bakshi Hall were devoted to a number of interesting papers under the topic Clinical Studies. Eighteen papers were scheduled on the program, among them were the following: "How to Design 'Homeopathy' Public Health Randomized Controlled Trials that 'Work'" by Dr. Claire Relton (UK), "Role of Antisycotic and Constitutional Medicines in Management of Arthritis" by Dr. Lena Chhatre (India), and "Homeopathy and the Treatment of Eye Disease" by Dr. E. C. Kondrot (USA).

In K. G. Saxena Hall there was a special section on Writing for Publication in Homeopathy followed by papers touching on the topics of Ethics and Homeopathy

GERMANY

Dr. Karin Bandelin, NVP

Homeopathy proceeds despite a decline in patient numbers. Contracts with public insurance companies make reimbursement possible. Various homeopathic schools follow a common curriculum. The 2011 congress of the German Association of Homeopathic Physicians (DZVhÄ) in Aachen had over 40 speakers from the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany, 600 international participants, and the topic "Homeopathy Without Frontiers? Peak Experience of Homeopathy in Science and Practice." A PR campaign against homeopathy had a low public resonance. In November 2010, the German Scientific Society for Homeopathy was founded in Köthen. The Carstens Foundation for the promotion and support of complementary medicine published a database of clinical studies (see www.cam-quest.org). A master study program is at a standstill as the University of Magdeburg backed away from implementing the program. The search for new partners continues.

GREECE

Dr. Aristotle Vathis, NVP

There are approximately 260 homeopathic doctors, 130 doctors in training, and 40 lay practitioners. The Thessaloniki Medical Association decided that homeopathy may be practiced only by medical doctors. A decision was made to harmonize Greek legislation with the European laws for homeopathic pharmaceutical products. Aegean University offers a Master in Classical Homeopathy, recognized in Greece and the European Union. The largest homeopathic medical society is the Hellenic Homeopathic Medical Society (HHMS). Two homeopathic doctors have been elected as members to professional medical boards. Two quarterly homeopathic magazines are distributed to doctors. The HHMS translated the ECH booklet "Homeopathic Care in a Medical Context" into Greek. The public is also being informed electronically through www.homeopathy.gr and www.facebook.com/homeopathy.gr. There is a public clinic for treatment of migraines and one focusing on fertility.

and Homeopathic Philosophy, concluding with papers on Homeopathic Education and Policies. The four presenters scheduled in the section Ethics and Homeopathy included Dr. Muhammed Rafeeqe (India) discussing "An Attempt to Solve the Controversies in Homeopathic Prophylaxis." Presentations turned to Homeopathic Philosophy that included, among other presenters, Dr. Monica Grünh (Germany) speaking on "Clarifying Our Basics: Words and Their Meaning in the *Organon*."

Saturday evening was marked by a gala dinner and dance at the hotel Taj Ambassador at which the weather was perfect for an outside event in a very green and picturesque environment.

On the final day of the Congress, Sunday, December 4, in M. L. Sircar Hall, presenters offered papers about the topic Public Health Initiatives in Homeopathy. The various pertinent presentations included "Homeopathy for Life in the Control of Epidemics" by Dr. Laila Nunes (Brazil), "Tele-Homeopathy as a Viable Public Health Model to Outreach the Inaccessible Population" by Dr. Eswara Das (India), and "Rubric: Clinging - Seigal Method" by Dr. Yogesh Sehgal.

In K. S. Bakshi Hall, papers devoted to Respiratory and Skin Diseases, Cardiology, Neurology, and Epilepsy were presented. The early Sunday morning papers in Bakshi Hall on Respiratory and Skin Diseases included that of Dr. Sheeja Medhar (India), "Successful Homeopathic Management of COPD;" and Dr. P. Mukundan (India), "Clinical Verification of *Arsenicum album* in Psoriasis, A Multidimensional Study." Presentations turned to Cardiology in the later morning. Dr. Aadil Kasim Chimthanawala (India) presented a paper entitled "Homeopathy in Atherosclerotic Coronary Artery Disease – Clinico-statistical Study with Cases." The balance of the day was taken up with a number of papers pertinent to the topic of Neurology, Epilepsy, and Other, such as that of Dr. A. K. Gupta (India), "Homeopathic Perspective of Motor Disease (MND) – An Observational Study at Akg's OVIHMS;" and Dr. Philippe Servais (France), "A Case of Post-Traumatic Epilepsy."

In K. G. Saxena Hall, there was a comprehensive session devoted to Homeopathic Dentistry. This was led by Dr. Geraldo Brown (Brazil) and Dr. Gloria Feighelstein (Brazil).

In D. P. Rastogi Hall, the presenters offered papers in the



Dr. Syeda Hameed

field of Veterinary Homeopathy. A number of the papers on the topic of Homeopathy in Veterinary Practices dealt with issues having to do with cattle, such as "To Evaluate the Efficacy of SPL's Homeopathic Medicine to Bring About Estrous After Calving" by Dr. Bena Thomas (India) and "Clinical Management of Thelitis with Homeopathic Drugs in Cows and Buffaloes," by Dr. J. P. Varshney (India).

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Dr. Syeda Hameed, the Honorable Member of the Health Planning Ministry, gave her presentation about the importance of homeopathy as a medical therapy for public health in India. This was followed by giving a variety of beautiful gifts to lecturers as tokens of appreciation and admiration for their services to homeopathy. The LMHI President Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan's sounding the gavel for the Congress' end followed this.

This was indeed a very professional and elegant ending of the 66th LMHI Congress. It is a shining example of what homeopathy can offer all the nations. India's Government cooperation and integrated AYUSH system with conventional medicine is a goal for all countries. This truly was an historical Congress displaying much hope for the world.

HUNGARY

Dr. Fruzsina Gábor, NVP

The Hungarian Homeopathic Medical Association (MHOE) organizes seminars on classical homeopathy for medical doctors twice a year. Veterinary surgeons also can attend a postgraduate course. Special teacher training courses are organized semiannually. Our teachers are developing basic courses, such as a short trituration proving for the advanced basic course. The "Complementary Medicine Council," which represents our Association, was established to assist the Ministry of Health. Our first Homeopathy Day was organized in May. Because of the lobby against homeopathy, we are working on a report about the scientific background of homeopathy for the Hungarian Scientific Academy. Homeopátias Gyógym vészeti Társaság has a four-year training program for nonmedical persons. They organize seminars with international and local speakers. Homeopathic training and clinical practice occurs under the supervision of MD colleagues from the MHOE.

INDIA

Dr. R. K. Manchanda, Contact Person

In India, homeopathy is relatively popular. A cafeteria approach, where patients are offered different systems of medicine under one roof, is being followed as a matter of policy in providing primary health care to the masses. This has helped in establishing homeopathic wings in many allopathic hospitals and dispensaries, both government and private. Homeopathic doctors provide treatment to millions of patients for different day-to-day illnesses in the public health care system. Even during sporadic and epidemic conditions, people tend to use homeopathic drugs for prevention. Recently, the Indian Government successfully ran a national health campaign "Homeopathy for a Healthy Mother & a Happy Child," which was based exclusively on homeopathy. Also, private homeopathic practitioners are contributing a great deal in public health care through their private or charitable clinics.

LMHI Delegation Meets with President of India and Hands Over Memorandum on Homeopathy

On 4 December, the closing day of the 66th Congress, an LMHI delegation ceremoniously presented an Official Memorandum to the President of India at an afternoon reception in the President's House. The document requested the continued support of the Indian government for the promotion of homeopathy in India, the country that is, at present, a homeopathic hub with the highest number of homeopathic colleges, doctors, hospitals and followers in the world. In his allocution LMHI President Dr. José Matuk thanked Her Excellency Smt. Prathibhadevi Singh Patil for her hospitality. He introduced her to the LMHI as the oldest and most important association of homeopathic physicians in the world. On behalf of the LMHI, Matuk expressed his cordial appreciation for her presidential support and acknowledgment of homeopathic medicine in India where it is a unique

treatment and help for sick people, especially the children. Highlighting the fact that the LMHI Congress 2011 in India, a country that has been a member of the League since its creation, has opened, after a period of estrangement, a new chapter in its history, Dr. Matuk concluded that "We seek your determined support, through your representatives to this international institution, to bring your knowledge and positive judgment of the good that homeopathy does for patients in your countries."

The complete proceedings edition of the 66th LMHI Congress 2011 will be available soon and can be ordered online at ligainfo2011@gmail.com. An LMHI 2011 Souvenir-Abstract Book released by Sri Ghulam Nabi Azad during the inaugural ceremony of the Congress can be downloaded free of charge from the 2011 Congress Website www.liga2011.in.



Group Pictures with Her Excellency Smt. Prathibhadevi Singh Patil, President of India, in the President House, New Delhi



IRAN

Dr. Ardavan Shahrdar, NVP

We are witnessing growing public and academic interest in homeopathy. The increase in the number of homeopathic students and patients in major cities reflects progress. Branches of Iranian Homeopathic Association (IHA) are now open and active in several cities. IHA, formed with permission of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health, is charged with providing standards and accreditation of homeopaths. There is growing cooperation between the Ministry of Health and the Medical Council with IHA. Only medical doctors are permitted to practice homeopathy. To be considered a competent 'MD - Homeopath', the registered member must pass an IHA exam. IHA attempts to strengthen the legal issues related to standards and credibility of RIHA license in the medical governing body and works to provide updated legal codes of practice.

ITALY

Dr. Federico Pietro, NVP

The project "Omeopatia per L'Aquila" continues, sponsored by LMHI Italian Vice-Presidency with support from the Italian Civil Defense. Twenty homeopaths volunteered service for earthquake victims. People responded positively, which resulted in the founding of the ADOA (L'Aquila's Friends of Homeopathy). The Executive Director of the European Medicine Agency (EMA) stated that AIFA created a task force to evaluate the safety of about 31,000 non-conventional medicinal products awaiting authorization. The aim is to bring the evaluation to a conclusion by the end of 2015, when the transitory system, considered by the European Leadership on homeopathic and anthroposophic medicine's registration, will be concluded. The Minister of Health will create a new classification of the official drug list with regard to homeopathic medicines, included in the national list though not covered by the National Health System (SSN).

National Vice President/ National Contact Report Form

Name of the Country:

Summary of Report: One paragraph in length, in English (for use in the Minutes)
Duplicate 130-word paragraph to be submitted to *Liga Letter* Editor.

Members: Number of members in his/her country.

Organization: Numbers, titles and addresses of the different associations.

Schools: Names of homeopathic schools or courses.

Program of Activities: The programs of the national congresses in the immediate past and the next year.

Publications: The names of the works given in the congress or meetings.

Magazines: The names and addresses of the publications and magazines.

JAPAN

Dr. Ronko Itamura, NVP

The current status of homeopathy in Japan is far from the situation in which patients can enjoy the benefit of homeopathy with a feeling of security. Last summer, it was reportedly revealed that those who are non-doctors had caused a number of serious fatalities due to the abuse of homeopathic knowledge. Since then, the bashing of homeopathy arose in Japan. As an organization consisting of only medically certified members, JPSH is apprehensive about these incidents and making every effort to spread proper knowledge of homeopathy as a medical treatment. The JPSH is honored to be given the opportunity of holding the 67th Congress of the LMHI in Nara, 14-17 September 2012. We are looking forward to providing a first class productive learning exchange experience here in Japan.

KAZAKHSTAN

Dr. Yelena Zyukina, Contact Person

Homeopathy is officially recognized; doctors can legally prescribe homeopathic remedies. Homeopathic associations have been promoting homeopathy since 1990 and now number about 100 doctors. Homeopathic remedies are available through homeopathic chemists supplying common single remedies. Pharmaceutical law officially permits usage of homeopathic remedies. We have homeopathic centers and individual practitioners. The Association has developed a training plan for the Ministry of Health homeopathic physicians and shall carry out this plan in the Almaty Medical Institute of Advanced Medicine. Doctors of different specialties can pass primary training in homeopathy at the Almaty Institute of Postgraduate Medical. Sometimes homeopathic doctors improve their skills in Russia, India, Ukraine, and London. Work is underway to rehabilitate those of the population who received radiation in the area of the now closed Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site.

Reports of the Executive Committee 2011

President

Dr. Jose Matuk Kanan, Mexico



Dear Members of the EC & IC Committee LMHI,
The Presidency has been overseeing all of the projects to which we had been committed to carryout. During this period we have coordinated, sometimes at a distance, work among the Executive Officers in various parts of Europe such as Brussels, Rome, and Berlin. The League has continued with the projects already in place for the future.

The projects have continued to include the following:

1. The certification of members of the International Homeopathic Medical League
2. The integration of the working groups for different activities of the league, in research, teaching and dissemination of the same
3. Collaboration with other homeopathic medical societies in the world
4. Collaboration in the creation of the Foundation of the International Homeopathic Medical League, in order to obtain more funds to meet our goals
5. The creation of the Council of Past Presidents.
6. The continued support of the Committee for Research and Library
7. The participation in the projects of the Liga Secretaries in Research, Education, Public Relations, Archives, Newsletter, Dentistry, and Pharmacy.
8. The continuation of the Project Hermes in the management of the Web page of the LIGA.
9. The project of the management and administration of the web page
10. The creation of the new Membership Brochure of the Liga

Also I took part in the Day of Homeopathy as scheduled in Croatia. I have completed a close relationship between LMHI and the development of the Congress in New Delhi 2011, and the future for the 2012 and 2013, Nara, Japan, and Quito, Ecuador, respectively. I do not want to omit mentioning the contribution of the members of the Executive Committee to ensure that I am engaged in the completion of the projects. So, we shall keep working to complete these useful tasks.

MEXICO

Dr. Antonio P. Sánchez Caballero, NVP

This year in Mexico City we had the 32nd National Homeopathic Congress in October, gathering almost all the schools and Homeopathic Associations. Homeopatía de México AC had its XIX National meeting of foreign groups in the city of Mazatlan, Sinaloa, having academic sessions and working groups to solve the problems in the country. The National Advisory Council, the National Homeopathic Hospital, all the Schools and Associations keep working in all of their activities.

NEPAL

Dr. Ambika P. Gyawali, Contact Person

As Nepal is going through political transition, a lot of projects conceptualized with the government could not materialize. Nepal Homeopathic Medical College, established in 2002 through private initiative, has stopped taking new admissions for the past two years due to lack of government support. Bhaktapur Homeopathic Medical College, established in 2008 through private initiative from Mr. Rabindra Puri and European Colleagues, namely Dr. Tinus Smits (Netherlands), Dr. Ortrud Lindemann (Spain), Dr. Resie Monen, (Netherlands), Dr. Xavier Cabre (Spain), and others; is taking only ten students per year because of lack of sufficient infrastructure. Final-year students will graduate soon. This college owns a plot of land but needs funds to build a college and hospital. The college is planning to upgrade certificate level to the Bachelor level (BHMS) following LMHI standards.

Immediate Past President

Dr. Ulrich D. Fischer, Germany



I have participated with the Executive Committee in the development of a new *Membership Brochure*. LMHI regulations for the accreditation of homeopathic medical schools and teaching centers have been created, as well as criteria for a LIGA Diploma.

Shortly, the Diploma will be available for those individual doctors, members of a teaching center or homeopathic medical association, who have passed the qualifying examination of the LMHI Medical Homeopathic Education Standards at an LMHI accredited teaching center.

I began preparations for an International LMHI Foundation for Homeopathy. Much effort was expended in support of the preparations for the 65th LMHI Congress in Los Angeles and the 66th LMHI Congress in Riga. Representing LIGA, I visited the national homeopathic medical associations in Ecuador and Slovenia and represented LIGA at the 1st International Homeopathy Day in Ljubljana/Slovenia, April 2010.

Working projects of the Executive Committee 2007–2010

- LMHI office, Berlin, Germany, for membership administration, Website management, eNewsletter preparation, and press work
- LMHI Website
- LMHI Curriculum
- Standards for Homeopathic Examination
- Regulations for LMHI accreditation of homeopathic medical schools and teaching centers
- LMHI Diploma
- LMHI Membership Brochure
- First steps towards an International LMHI Foundation for Homeopathy

- 65th LMHI Congress in Los Angeles and 66th LMHI Congress in Riga preparations
- Semiannual LMHI *e-Newsletter* facilitating the fast, efficient, worldwide spread of important information
- “Guidelines and Rules for the Organization of LMHI Congresses”
- “LMHI Position Paper on the H1N1 flu”
- “A proposal for a definition of the Homeopathic Remedy”
- Defense of homeopathy through written statements and press releases
- Under the supervision of Michel van Wassenhoven and growing out of Oostende LMHI Congress – publication of LMHI/ECH documents on “Research in Homeopathy” and “Evidence based Homeopathy.”
- The 1st International Homeopathy Day in Ljubljana/Slovenia, April 2010 (with ECH)
- Collaboration with ECH in important international homeopathic projects

THE NETHERLANDS

Dr. Hetty Buitelaar, NVP

The newly founded Association of Physicians for Integral Medicine (AVIG) is open to members of VHAN, all doctors of homeopathy, the association for doctors of naturopathy, neural and regulation therapy and biophysical therapy. We have concerns about the availability of homeopathic remedies. Health insurance companies no longer pay for medical investigations ordered by homeopathic doctors. We had eight students for homeopathic basic training who proceeded into the next year of training. Three students received diplomas as doctors for homeopathy. The government suspended the re-registration for physicians in the register of the Law on Medical Profession (BIG). The contacts of our professional organization with the government and with our regular colleagues will be continued. VHAN is working to improve the quality of practice and recommends digital registration of results of prescription.

POLAND

Tomasz Kokoszczyński, NVP

Homeopathy, although not officially recognized, can be legally practiced by medical doctors. Homeopathic remedies in higher potencies are available with doctor's prescription. In 2008, the Supreme Medical Council published a statement against homeopathy, evoking media turmoil, but Polish homeopathy remained stable. In 2011, the Polish Homeopathic Society (PTH) organized a highly scientific conference on “Homeopathy in Europe. Practice, Idea, Research” with support from the LMHI and the ECH. Among the invited guests were Dr. Ton Nicolai, Dr. Thomas Peinbauer, Dr. Barbara Bichsel, Dr. Reiner Lüdtkke, Christian Endler, and Prof. Marcin Molski. There remains an anti-homeopathic ‘opposition’ driven by a small group. In 2012, the Homeopathic Medicinal Products Working Group met in Warsaw. Invited lecturers from Polish homeopathy were Prof. Molski, Prof. Bohdan Wasilewski, Dr. Ewa Wojciechowska, and Dr. Tomasz Kokoszczyński.

Prime Vice President

Dr. Renzo Galassi, Italy



In Redondo Beach, I proposed to work for the creation and development of Working Groups to help the Secretaries of LMHI and to support our President and other officers.

- I collaborated in the new edition of the *LMHI Brochure*.
- I attended the LMHI Officer Meetings in Brussels/Belgium (November 2010), in Rome/Italy (April 2011), and in Berlin/Germany (September 2011), which was a joint meeting of LMHI, ECH and the German Association of homeopathic MDs.
- I have had regular contact with LMHI officers (with discussion and exchange of emails about administration and preparations for Congresses in India and Japan), applications for institutional membership, the LMHI website, etc.
- I have had regular contact with President José Matuk Kanan, and was able to support and advise him.
- In October 2011, I visited Croatian colleagues and the President of the Croatian Homeopathic Association, Dr. Jelka Milic, invited me to meet with the members of the board for Drug Control of the Minister of Health, about the need to simplify the registration of homeopathic remedies.
- I gave a seminar to Croatian and Slovenian colleagues on the clinical application of Hahnemannian teachings, Chronic Diseases, and Q-Potencies.
- In collaboration with the Secretaries, I invited colleagues to join our Working Groups. Despite the small success, I will persist in my efforts to promote the development of these important Working Groups. I want to proceed to inviting those who want to work and collaborate in every specific area of the Liga activity.

Prime General Secretary

Dr. Thomas Peinbauer, Austria



I continued to put into practice our project HERMES. In August 2010, Dr. Faingnaert and I met with Mrs. Caroline Geiser, the LMHI Office and Media Manager, in our new LMHI office in Berlin. While handing over the office, we established a plan for her tasks and met with Cornelia Bajic,

Chairperson of DZVhÄ. The permanent office and Mrs. Geiser have changed the performance of LMHI essentially. The website improves our work enormously. In September 2011, there was a meeting of the officers of LMHI, ECH and DZVhÄ. Future projects, the optimization of LMHI and ECH, and cooperation among these three organizations were discussed. Since the Liga Congress 2010, there have been four LMHI officers' meetings in Berlin (August 2010), Brussels (November 2010), Rome (April 2011), and again in Berlin (September 2011). International Homeopathy Day 2011 was hosted by the Croatian Homeopathic Medical Society. I spoke about the impact of homeopathic education in Austria. We met with the Medical Chamber, the Drug Agency, the University, and the Health Ministry. The Polish Homeopathic Society invited me as speaker and LMHI representative for the Homeopathic Symposium, "Homeopathy in Europe: Practice – Idea – Research," in Warsaw, October 2011. The symposium and a press conference presented the opportunity to address difficulties facing homeopathy. Since 2004, I have worked for LMHI as an Executive Board Member with increasing time commitment. We provide important information via Liga News and via our website, and I hope that the Liga Congress will strengthen our personal relationship and friendship.

RUSSIA

*Dr. Professor Kiseleva Tatiana, NVP
Presented by Dr. N. Zamarenov*

In 2011 the Russian Homeopathic Society (RHS) conducted the 21st Moscow International Homeopathic Conference. The National Council for Homeopathy (NCH) conducted a seminar with representatives of homeopathic entities in connection with negative media exposure. The Russian Homeopathic Association (RHA) has conducted free monthly seminars. In November, the Day of Homeopathy took place in Moscow organized by the NCH and the Professional Association of Physicians and Naturopaths. In 2010 a new edition of the Federal Law "On the Circulation of Drugs" was approved. The NCH is working on the subordinate documents. The Federal Law "On the Basis of Health Protection in the Russian Federation" was adopted 11/22/2011 by Russian President Medvedev with a chapter on complementary medicine (CAM). Members of NCH, RHA and RHS participated in the discussion of the laws.

SERBIA

Dr. Lazar Trufunovic, NVP

Both homeopathic organizations continued to educate their members, contributing to promotion and legislation of homeopathy. In Belgrade 54 physicians, participants of a one-year course for Proficiency in Homeopathy, passed the final examination. Two schools exist for the qualification for the use of homeopathy in medical practice. The Ministry of Health issued 42 licenses for practicing homeopathy in private and state health institutions. Interstate collaboration of CAM therapies has been instituted as a project of the holistic therapeutic approach with the Embassy of India. The Serbian Medical Society conducted 13 lectures about homeopathic methodology and treatment, recognized by the State Commission for Continuous Medical Education. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the task of standardization of practice continues. The website at www.homeopathy-sld.org runs successfully. Obtaining reliable homeopathic remedies remains problematic.

Treasurer

Dr. Yves Faingnaert, Belgium



For the financial year 2010, we received a total gross income of CHF 153.012,70 with expenses of CHF 157.586,32. The past financial year resulted in a loss of CHF 4.573,62. For the current year 2011, we foresee an income of CHF 99.056,89, from 36

institutional members, 6 individual members, and 3 associate members (a total of 5.338 members). Eighty-three percent of this income is generated in Europe. The total foreseeable expenditures at this moment are CHF 51.241,18. We expect a total foreseeable result, at this moment, of CHF 47.815,71 (Congress costs in New Delhi will have to be paid). When analyzing our total equity and liabilities, one sees a constant decrease. Adjusting our membership fees has never been considered. Rising expenses are to be strictly controlled, while the Treasurer should also endeavor to obtain a good income. We have to adapt our subscription rates annually, adjusting them to increases in cost of living, price increases, and inflation. What is the present situation of our reserves? Our total capital amounts to CHF 211.919,01. The credibility of our organization depends on a sound financial reserve; therefore, the amount of our capital should be approximately the same as yearly expenses.

Other activities:

- Regular oversight of L.M.H.I. accounts and current payments.
- Participation at the International Homeopathic Day in Zagreb, Croatia, March 2011.
- Participation at the 4 L.M.H.I. officers' meetings.
- Participation at the joint meetings between L.M.H.I., E.C.H. and D.Z.V.H.Ä. (the German association of homeopathic medical doctors) as ECH and LMHI Treasurer concerning future common projects.

Secretary for Archives

Dr. Edgar Godoy, Ecuador



All material collected has been classified by previous records clerks. I especially acknowledge the efforts of former Secretary for Archives Dr. Flores. This information is found in Stuttgart and via a link on the LMHI website. During this past year, members of the LMHI have been

sending useful and valuable information, which is made digitally available to authorities and members of the LMHI. Contact me at LMHI.archives@gmail.com for user name and password. This tool can be used to archive a variety of information that sometimes gets lost and can provide history, resolutions, conventions, research, major events and development of homeopathy worldwide.

The LMHI resolution regarding the legal status of homeopathy in different countries, put into effect through the Ministry of Education by Dr. Carlos Amengual, is essential to maintain its current legal and academic status, and to achieve official recognition at governmental and institutional levels. At meetings in the Americas, regional organizations have noted the inadequacy of legislation protecting homeopathy. While we are included in the UNASUR five-year plan, it is clear that the lack of legislation complicates the implementation of resolutions for homeopathy. The resolution states that the legal status of homeopathy in the world must be revised and updated. To update documents within the system, contacts and Vice Presidents in each country must submit reports to the Secretary of Education. During this first year, work has been carried out in the Americas. I am committed to working to achieve globalization of the work during this next year.

SLOVENIA

Dr. Irena Gorišek, NVP

During 2011 the Slovenian Homeopathic Society worked toward changing the legal status of homeopathy in our country and achieving the right for medical doctors to practice homeopathy without losing their conventional medical licenses. The first results were encouraging, but healthcare reform was stopped due to the fall of government in September 2011. We must restart with the new government in 2012. Following the approval of The Slovenian Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices in 2011, homeopathic medicines became available. By the end of 2011 we expect the Agency to issue five-year permits for 53 homeopathic medicines. *Desktop Guide to Keynotes and Confirmatory Symptoms* by Roger Morrison was translated and published in Slovenian language by Dr Miloš Žužek, Secretary of the SHD. This is a second *Materia Medica* translated in our language.

SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Neil Gower, Contact Person (acting)

LMHI institutional membership of the Homoeopathic Association of South Africa (HSA) (representative of registered homeopaths in SA) was confirmed during 2011. This year has seen the development of a viable internship program for homeopathic graduates pending implementation by the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) as well as investigations of scope of practice changes of registered homeopaths in order to assist with the healthcare burden of our country and integration into the public healthcare system. The Medicines Control Council of South Africa (MCC) has proposed requirements and guidelines for registration of proprietary CAM products to which the HSA commented extensively after having consulted the MCC directly. The HSA bi-annual national Congress will be in April 2012 entitled, "Medicine for the 21st Century".

Secretary for Dentistry

Dr. Geraldo A. Brown Ribeiro, Brazil



A summary of my plan to promote homeopathic dentistry [Editor's note: hereinafter referred to as "HD"]

1. Develop a survey of the LMHI NVPs to learn the current prospect of HD worldwide.
2. Use all available means to spread the possibilities of HD and to intro-

duce the importance of LMHI among dentists.

3. Create a link to the LMHI site with good international papers reference in the field of HD.
4. Create a chat linked to the LMHI site for the exchange of knowledge.

Despite sending messages to NVP's from countries with experience in HD regarding its situation there, I received no response. A survey will be developed which will direct future actions. The scientific link to the LMHI site will be facilitated by the receipt of papers from other countries, followed by the creation of the chat.

We have participated in some dental meetings to spread HD and our proposals with good audience reception.

We are organizing a group to discuss the insertion of HD in the Brazilian Public Health System. We worked with the organizers of the 66th Congress of LMHI to build a special Dental Session.

In defending homeopathy from the attacks of the skeptics in Brazil, we obtained good coverage in an influential newspaper of Rio de Janeiro. We hope to develop a guideline about homeopathy in contemporaneous dentistry for interested professionals. As Secretary, I request the help of all to reverse the stagnation of HD worldwide. We cannot forget that health begins in the mouth.

Secretary for Education

Dr. Carles Amengual, Spain



1. MEDICAL HOMEOPATHIC EDUCATION STANDARDS were adopted in 2009 by the LMHI and ECH, representing medical homeopathy worldwide. Meetings with LMHI-ECH occurred several times during the last year, with LMHI Secretary for Education (Budapest, November 2009)

and/or other LMHI representatives (Slovenia, April 2010).

2. LMHI DIPLOMA implementation will occur in the future. A next step will be the accreditation of National Homeopathic Medical Schools to the LMHI.
3. THE LIGA BOOK PROJECT No applications in 2011. Some amendments to the 1997 procedure document will be discussed.
4. WORLD HOMEOPATHY 2011 Thanks to those who sent the information about the legal situation of homeopathy in their country: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay and USA.

We urgently request all other representatives to e-mail the following:

- a letter in English from the LMHI NVPs with the detailed *legal situation of homeopathy*
- AND
- a copy of any *legal document* regarding homeopathy in your country.

The information will be maintained in an archive document and sent to LMHI NVPs. We collected 530 pages for *WORLD HOMEOPATHY 1998*. The document *WORLD HOMEOPATHY 2011* will be very useful as technical information for political and academic authorities of your country. Please, again, be aware of the importance of your prompt and effective collaboration by sending the required information.

SPAIN

Dr. Antonio Marqués Arpa, NVP

At the 2010 IV National Congress of Homeopathy, Barcelona, it was decided to promote a National Assembly of Homeopathy with three supporting associations (SEMH, FEMH, AMHB) and other doctors. The areas to promote are the following: Pharmacy, Medical Colleges, Communication, Science and Investigation, and Veterinary Medicine. In 2011, the Supreme Court ruled that Homeopathy is a Medical Act, and a lawsuit initiated in 2007 was resolved in favor of the Medical Act. "Days of Homeopathy" are planned with the Medical College Organization (OMC) in 2012. There is a commitment of support from the president and the head of the section of this institution for Non-Conventional Medical Therapies (TMNC). We hope to have the LMHI Congress in Spain in a future year. We are participating in a joint study with Euroconsumers and LMHI.

SWITZERLAND

Dr. Barbara Bichsel, NVP

The Health Minister decided that homeopathy and four other CAM therapies will be reimbursed by Compulsory Basic Health Insurance by 2012! During the next 6 years, each organization must present a cost-effectiveness study. Now every citizen has access to homeopathic treatment! The homeopathic pharmacists organization (SAGH/OSPH) is in charge of the diploma for homeopathy for pharmacists, but their basic and continued homeopathic training occurs mostly with medical doctors. There are a few doctors passing the exam in homeopathy. Basic training is best accomplished during the medical studies. We conduct a workshop at the annual Swiss Medical Student Convention. In 2010 the organization called "Hausärzte Schweiz/Médecin de Famille" was founded, uniting primary care practitioners. We applied again for a workshop on homeopathy during the annual congress of the Swiss Family Docs.

Secretary for the Newsletter

Dr. Sandra M. Chase, USA



It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Editor of *the Liga Letter* since I initiated it in October 1995. My term has been focused on the uninterrupted continued preparation of *the Liga Letter*, which is the one tangible benefit of Liga Membership and the one direct link of the Execu-

tive to each individual Liga Member, regardless of access to electronic communication. My commitment remains to the direct providing of each issue to the individual member for the dissemination of organizational information, the facilitation of international communication, the mutual support of our members and the homeopathic community, and the maintenance of our homeopathy's rightful place in the world. In a 1997 Reader's Survey of the Liga Membership, 92 % of respondents read all or some of the newsletter, <1 % read a little of the newsletter. The favored topics were: 1) Congress Reports, 2) National Reports, and 3) Meeting Reports. Results of a 2005 Pilot Project Survey of Austrian recipients revealed that 84 % of respondents were aware of *the Liga Letter*, 74 % have read *the Liga Letter*, 80 % wanted to continue to read it. My goals for 2011– 2012 include regular publication with a 130-word summary paragraph provided by each NVP/Contact and a 250-word summary paragraph from each Executive Officer, and collaboration with Richard Hiltner, MD, DHT, who has been serving as NVP, LMHI, USA, and has agreed to stand for election as the next Secretary for the Newsletter. He has been helping me for several years in its production.

Secretary for Pharmacy

Fruzsina Gábor, PhD, Hungary



I plan to work on the minimum standards of education of pharmacists, to collect dissertation subjects, to help the young pharmacists and scientists in their work. Since I received many requests indicating that the position of the homeopathic pharmacists and the status of the homeopathic

remedies are not well known, the collection and sharing of information, and supporting the pharmacists and small laboratories and companies also became a priority. We plan to send "Questionnaires about the status of homeopathic remedies and homeopathic pharmacists" to associations, companies, authorities, institutes, insurances, and schools. The status of homeopathic pharmacists varies: there are situations in which pharmaceutical preparations can be dispensed by pharmacists without prescription, or the pharmacist can dispense homeopathic medicines but there is no production, or there is only production of the remedies but they cannot be dispensed without a prescription. We plan to complete a recommendation reflecting the above situations as a supplement to the Educational Standards of the LIGA about the minimum standards of the education of pharmacists.

The art of homeopathy could not continue without good homeopathic remedies. The Congress pharmacy sessions should support the situation of the remedies and pharmacists in all countries, rather than reflecting only the situation in the organizing country.

It is very important to improve communication. Communication inside the Working Group is insufficient. I look intensely for a professional way to support our work, and for more fluent and effective communication. We must work with other Secretaries and Working Groups on communication, education, and all topics.

THAILAND

Monthaka Teerachaisakul, Contact Person

The Homeopathic Association of Thailand (HAT), officially established in 2009, was initially started by a group of Thai homeopathic physicians who graduated certificate/diploma of Homeopathy. Currently, we have about 60 members including medical doctors, pharmacists, dentists and nurses. The objectives of HAT are to provide and support international/national standard education/research of homeopathy, being the national information center related to homeopathy and authorizing organization for homeopathic physicians. In 2011, HAT collaborated with a Belgian teaching team providing 2-years standard program of Certificate of Post Graduate in Homoeopathy, which consists of 600 hours of education: lecture 22 credits (330 hours) and practice eight credits (240 hours). Also we collaborate with the Department for Development of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (DTAM) about obtaining official legal status for homeopathic products and licenses.

TURKEY

Dr. Altunay Agaoglu, NVP

The legal status of homeopathy has not improved just yet in Turkey. For apparently unknown reasons, the current government has a serious opposition toward homeopathy. The current Health Ministry has withheld all T/Cam interests of recognition and legalization. The Classical Homeopathy Association is a physicians' association, and it has been accepted as an LMHI member. The association has decided to apply to LHMI to attain the homeopathy diploma. Among the twenty-one attendees who completed the course program in 2009, only eleven physicians are full time homeopathic practitioners. The Association continues to provide new courses and modules in homeopathic education. In addition to the Association's two courses offered to those interested parties, there are also individuals offering homeopathic courses to lay people. There are eleven members of LMHI from Turkey.

Secretary for Public Relations

Dr. Sara Eames, UK



The work of public relations is an enormous challenge worldwide, particularly in view of some of the negativity surrounding homeopathy. I have shared information from our experiences in the UK with a number of individuals. I have been involved in a group within the UK working to-

wards a common message for homeopathy, which will be used by all UK homeopathic organizations. This involved much negotiation and training and we now have preferred spokespersons with advanced media training. We have shared key messages and a policy agreed upon by all organizations for handling media inquiries. This has worked in preventing unqualified and unsuitable practitioners speaking in the media about homeopathy, and in allowing us more control over the media agenda. It is a model that could be helpful worldwide. It has become very clear that having regional PR representatives to coordinate responses and training is vitally important. Many of our members did not consider training necessary as they are always speaking about homeopathy and teaching, but the skills required to use the media effectively are quite different and need to be learned and practiced. While many of the key messages may be similar worldwide, there will also be differences and it is vital that both the messages and the media training are delivered in the language in which they will be used. I look forward to helping to establish a more organized network of PR representatives and to sharing the tools and methodology that we have developed in the UK.

Working Team: Library

**International LMHI Homeopathic Library
Foundation of Samuel Hahnemann in Cordoba,
Argentina**

Dr. Cesar Cremonini, Chairman; Jorge Buffa; Rafael Muñoz



We have completed another year in which we have worked to finish the translation of the Third Edition of the *Organon* into Spanish. Now we have three full editions that had not existed previously of Dr. Hahnemann in our language. This year we have also undertaken the organization

of our library to provide a better service to our partners, who have increased by six. This is a small number, but in relation to the number of homeopaths and people really interested in our science, it is great. During this time we updated our Civil Partnership nonprofit status and demonstrated that we can continue to provide service without additional payment or otherwise. This year we have organized an exchange program for people who want to establish a new Library. We cover all costs in our city other than travel, but one must give reasonable notice to arrange a stay. We continue to offer to East European countries and the Middle East publications in their mother language whenever available. We continue the publication of a small newsletter and the sale of our books. God help us as always.

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Sara Eames, NVP

The climate for homeopathy is challenging. Active detractors attack homeopathy, encouraging their supporters to complain to the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) about the websites of homeopaths and homeopathic organizations. We use political lobbying and media-savvy legal specialists to fight these attacks. We are working to develop a consistent message. A group of people has received training to launch our own media campaign. The Faculty of Homeopathy has placed articles in mainstream medical journals. Our National Health Service is changing due to the economic situation. Homeopathic hospitals and clinics have to re-align themselves within the new system. Though difficult, we believe it is important to keep homeopathy available to as many patients as possible. The Faculty has 313 LMHI members and the number of students enrolling on its courses has increased.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dr. Richard Hiltner, NVP

Homeopathy was televised when NASDAQ requested the President of the American Medical College of Homeopathy (AMCH), Dr. Todd Rowe, to ring the 2010 closing bell. The AMCH has received institutional accreditation from the State of Arizona licensing it to offer certain professional degrees. Renovation of the Hahnemann Monument in Washington, DC, was completed under the lead of Sandra M. Chase, DHT. The American Institute of Homeopathy collaborated with the Integrative Health Care Practitioners Consortium. A study by Iris Bell, MD, *et al.*, depicts EEG changes by *Pulsatilla* and *Sulphur*. Northwestern University published research suggesting that bacteria communicate using radio waves. USA Secretary of Health and Human Services stated "homeopathic therapies...are often consumer choices and also wise healthcare choices." Rite Aid, a large pharmacy chain, is "introducing a format that includes...homeopathic medicines."

Secretary for Research

Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, Belgium



New initiatives:

- LMHI guidelines for clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms;
- Better link between researchers and practitioners concerning scientific publications;
- Better access to scientific publications, including provings and clinical cases;

- LMHI Evidence Based Homeopathy document, updated regularly; LMHI document on “how to do research” respecting fundamentals in homeopathy;
- Link with other organizations of researchers on homeopathy.

Recent Activities:

- We published yearly updates of the LMHI–ECH document: “Scientific Framework of Homeopathy,” which aims at better access to scientific publications including provings and clinical cases.
- The definition of the homeopathic remedy approved by the LMHI International Council (on LMHI website.)

- The 2010 scientific framework booklet included the results of our Homeopathic “INFLUENZA PANDEMIC SITUATION” 2009 survey.
- We collaborate with the ECH subcommittee coordinator to produce international guidelines for provings.
- LMHI guidelines for clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms have been discussed again within the ECH research subcommittee.
- Specialists prepared a scientific response to a negative report of Belgian authorities, a clear example of the work of the research working group.
- We listed all homeopathic remedies (about 3.000) considering only all English references (provings and materia medica - new and traditional) for each of them.
- An international survey on change of Quality of Life in new patients is on-going in 6 European countries and Brazil.

Some future projects:

- Booklet “Scientific Framework of Homeopathy after 66th LMHI congress.”
- Provings databank, accessible through LMHI website.
- Publish LMHI guidelines for provings and clinical verification of homeopathic symptoms.

VENEZUELA

Dr. Paola Galasso, NVP

Despite individual and collective efforts of the Venezuelan Society of Homeopathic Medicine (VSHM) to update the database of active members, we were unsuccessful. In fact, I echo the bad news about the disappearance of the headquarters of the Homeopathic Medical Society in Sarria, Caracas. Less than a year ago, I was informed of the sale of the headquarters’ furniture, leaving us with no precise information regarding the fate of the Society and the whereabouts of the information that was housed there. The Carabobo Chapter of VSHM has been able to restore communication. Therefore, there is no significant progress concerning the insertion of homeopathy in the health and academic sectors. Wishing the best and the greatest progress for our peers from other countries, we hope to report better news next year.

67th Congress of Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

14-17 September 2012 – Nara, Japan



It is an enormous pleasure for us all that the 67th Congress of the LMHI is to be held in September 2012 in Japan's ancient capital, Nara, where even after 1,300 years the home of Japanese people's hearts, the spirit of Manyo ("A Myriad Leaves," Japan's oldest poetry anthology) still breathes.

We believe that in order to achieve holistic medicine, the ideal medicine, homeopathic medicine cannot be avoided, and that spreading homeopathic medicine within healthcare in Japan is a shortcut to obtaining warmhearted healthcare, and so in January 2000 we founded the Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy.

For we who have proudly moved forward with firm steps over the 10 or so years since then, the 67th Congress of the LMHI is the first bridgehead along the path to reaching our goal. We must make this Congress a success at any cost, and so we humbly request your guidance and cooperation.

The theme of the Congress is "Harmony," selected in the hope that we can restore the Earth to its original beauty by each person in the world seeking harmony between their own "body," "mind," and "spirit (inochi)" and respecting the harmony of others.

We therefore ask that you understand the significance of this and act with us to achieve a shining future!

Thank you for your support.

Ryoichi Obitsu, MD, PhD

Chairperson, Organizing Committee

for the 67th Congress of the LMHI President,

Japanese Physicians Society for Homeopathy

Congress Topics

- Clinical Cases – Approaches to the Patient with Allergy
- Approaches to the Patients with Cancer
- Approaches to the Patients with Psychiatric Disorder
- Homeopathy in Integrative Medicine
- Scientific Framework for Homeopathy
- Approaches to Veterinary Cases
- Approaches to the Patients with Dental Issues
- Homeopathic Practice by Pharmacists

Invited Speakers

We have a list of very distinguished speakers who are richly experienced in Homeopathic Medicine. These speakers are to deliver lectures, and the titles will be posted when fixed.

Overseas Invited Speakers (in alphabetical order)

- Dr. Shelley R. Epstein, Wilmington Animal Hospital, USA
- Dr. Peter Fisher, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, UK
- Dr. Peter Gregory, College of Animal Homeopathic Medicine, UK
- Dr. Steven Kayne, University of Strathclyde, UK
- Dr. Bob Leckridge, Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital, UK
- Dr. Ashley H. A. Ross, Durban University of technology, South Africa
- Dr. Frederik Schroyen, Editor, Synthesis, Belgium
- Dr. Wolfgang Springer, Homoeopathische Praxisgemeinschaft, Germany
- Dr. Michel Van Wassenhoven, Belgian Federal Medicine Agency, Belgium

Japanese Invited Speakers (in alphabetical order)

- Dr. Kazuhiko Atsumi, Japanese Society for Integrative Medicine
- Dr. Mikihiro Fukunaga, Kansai Medical University
- Dr. Kenji Kitanishi, International Committee for Morita Therapy

Venue

**Nara Prefectural New Public Hall, Nara, Japan
101 Kasugano-machi Nara, 630-8212**

The Nara Prefectural New Public Hall was constructed in 1987 in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Nara Prefecture. It is located in the center of Nara National Park, which is famous for its beauty and for its 1200 tame deer. Famous tourist spots such as Kofukuji Temple, Todaiji Temple, and Kasuga Shrine are within walking distance of the hall.

Access

- 20 min. walk from Kintetsu Nara station.
- 3 min. walk from Daibutsuden-Kasugataishamae stop (Nara Kotsu Bus) from JR Nara station.

From Kansai Airport

- Kansai Airport (Kansai-kuko Line 30 min.) --> Tennoji (Kaisoku (Yamatoji Line) 30 min.) --> JR Nara
- Kansai Airport (Nankai Line Rapid 30 min.) --> Namba (Kintetsu Nara Line Rapid 40 min.) --> Kintetsu Nara
- Kansai Airport (Limousine Bus (approx. 95 min.) --> JR Nara

From Osaka Airport (Itami Airport)

- Osaka Airport (Limousine Bus (approx. 70 min.)) --> JR Nara

From Narita Airport

- Narita Airport (Narita Express Train 70 min.) --> Tokyo (Bullet Train-Shinkansen 135 min.) --> Kyoto (Nara Line Rapid 60 min.) --> JR Nara
- Narita Airport (Domestic Airline 85 min.) --> Osaka Airport (Limousine Bus, approx. 70 min.) --> JR Nara

Nara

Nara Prefecture is located in the middle of the Kii peninsula on the western half of Honshu, Japan. Nara Prefecture is part of the Kansai region, or Kinki region of Japan. It is located to the south of Kyoto, and to the east of Osaka.

Nara, the original capital or birthplace of Japan, is known as the heart of Japanese history and culture. Nara has many historical shrines and temples, which contain national treasures, preserving their traditions and culture. The natural beauty of Nara creates the harmony that makes it renowned as the cultural heart of Japan. Nara Prefecture commemorates the 1300th anniversary of the Nara (Heijo-kyo) capital in the year 2010.

Climate

During September, Nara is temperate and comfortable. The average temperature is around 20-26°C (68-79°F). Please check the following websites below for more information in general.

www.pref.nara.jp/nara_e/

www.jnto.go.jp/

Abstract Submission

Guidelines for Abstracts

Participants wishing to present papers are requested to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words in English to the LMHI2012 Secretariat via e-mail by no later than April 14th (Sat), 2012. Only an LMHI member can submit an abstract.

Detailed information about the abstract format and report types is available on the congress website www.jpsh.jp/lmhi2012/abstract.

Registration and Accommodation

Early Registration Starts	January, 2012
Early Registration Deadline	May 31, 2012
Regular Registration Starts	June 1, 2012
Online Registration Deadline	August 31, 2012

Registration Fees

Early Registration up to May 31st, 2012

Regular Participant	Member	40,000 JPY
	Non Member	45,000 JPY
Accompanying Person		15,000 JPY

Regular or On-site Registration

Regular Participant	Member	50,000 JPY
	Non Member	55,000 JPY
Accompanying Person		20,000 JPY

Gala Dinner	5,000 JPY
Invitation Letter for Visa Application	5,000 JPY

Inclusions

The registration fee for Regular Participants includes: Session Participation, Conference Kit, Welcome Party, Coffee breaks (Exhibition if due to schedule). The registration fee for Accompanying Persons includes: Welcome Party, Coffee breaks, (Exhibition if due to schedule)

- All participants are requested to register online in advance or on-site at the registration desk at the venue.
- All presenters are required to register in order to make a presentation.
- To qualify for the Early Registration Fee, the application must be received by the secretariat and payment by Bank Transfer completed by no later than May 31st, 2012 17:00 JST (GMT+9).

Passport and Visa

A valid passport is required to enter Japan. Participants from certain countries may be required to obtain a visa to enter Japan. If you are uncertain about your requirements, please consult your nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate, or visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. The committee requires payment of the registration fee as a condition of visa issuance.

The secretariat will send an official letter of invitation upon request, through the registration form below after the registration and payment is complete.

If you require a visa to enter Japan, please download the Visa Information Sheet by clicking the button, fill in all the details and send the sheet as an attachment to the Registration Office (lmhi2012-reg@issjp.com) by e-mail.

Contact Information

If you have any question regarding the Registration, please contact: LMHI2012 Secretariat at lmhi2012-reg@issjp.com. FAX: +81-3-3230-3725

For further information as it becomes available, please check the website www.jpsh.jp/lmhi2012.

68th Congress of LMHI

Quito, Ecuador, 2-7 June 2013



In Ecuador homeopathy has demonstrated its solid doctrine for more than two centuries of existence, its decisive experimental trials, its medical richness, and, above all, its unquestionable clinical efficiency that has benefited millions of patients. Moreover, it has mitigated humanity's suffering. Hence, the need for us disciples and heirs of the genius of Meissen, Samuel Christian Frederick Hahnemann, to study it deeply, apply it correctly, socialize it, and, above all, care for it zealously so that humanity as a whole may continue to persist in its protection.

Humanity's greatest transformations reach their true dimensions only when time passes. Time is the only judge and testimony that allows its principles, postulates, and practice to be applied progressively as it integrates the new set of knowledge and human values.

This is what is happening in the 21st century with homeopathy; the latest new discoveries in fields as different as quantum physics, universal gravitation, nano science, modern psychology, social anthropology, structural sociology, education, global economy, art, literature, and religion. All of these areas place us in a new universal paradigm, which overcomes limitations and old prejudices allowing us to understand and integrate our surrounding reality with new scientific and perspective that this same paradigm gives us.

In this context, homeopathy is established in the medical paradigm by its excellence at a time of planetary transformation. Moreover, it alone integrates philosophical, doctrinal, scientific, clinical and permanent universal conditions as the only medicine for the new man, in the full conception of the true transcendental humanism.

From the middle of the world, from this beautiful city of Quito, a cultural world heritage, we would like to extend to you an invitation to gather once more at the 68th Congress of the Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis, to be held in 2013. We shall share our accomplishments, doubts, and our worldwide advancements from within the new paradigm's perspective.

Our backdrop will be Ecuador, a country with a luxury hotel infrastructure, the beauty of its mountains, the Amazon Jungle, beaches and its unique and unsurpassed Galapagos Islands.



We have tried to take care of true homeopathic knowledge for our dear colleagues worldwide with absolute respect to the different schools, always looking for harmony and integration while guided by the most strict and rigorous Hahnemannian school of thought.

May this congress allow us to consolidate, and renew the ideals we share; may this congress keep us united forever.

Quito - Ecuador

San Francisco de Quito, or better known as Quito, is the capital city of the Republic of Ecuador and the province of Pichincha. It is also the head of the metropolitan area that is known as the Metropolitan District of Quito.

It is located on the basin of Guayllabamba on the eastern slopes of Pichincha, in the western part of the Andes. Its average altitude is 2850 meters. Making it the second highest administrative capital of the world (after La Paz) and the highest official capital of the world. Its population is 1.5 million people in urban areas and 1.8 million throughout the District. The city is divided into 32 parishes, which are subdivided into districts.

The city is the political center of the Republic, as well as the cultural, financial, administrative and marketing center of the country. Most transnational companies operating in Ecuador have headquartered in the city. It was the first city declared in Poland as Cultural Patrimony of Humanity by UNESCO on September 18, 1978. In 2008, Quito was named headquarters of the Union of South American Nations.

Registration fees for the LMHI Congress 2013

Visit the website for the latest information
www.lmhi2013.com

The conference will be held from 2-7 June, 2013.

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