An International Perspective on Homeopathy

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• Kate will share information about the international status of homeopathy from the perspective of the International Council of Homeopathy (ICH). The work of the ICH will be discussed as well as the various platforms for communication, projected goals and the future of the ICH. She will review the two projects that she has introduced: the development of a pro-homeoprophylaxis position statement, and

• a resource document of the various levels of successful integration of homeopathy into a national health care system.
The International Council for Homeopathy (ICH)

Is the international professional platform representing professional homeopaths and the practice of homeopathy around the world.

ICH presently consists of 31 professional associations of homeopaths from 28 countries in six continents, and aims eventually to have member associations in all continents.

Through networking and dialogue, members of ICH engage in the promotion and evaluation of the status of homeopathy in every part of the world; with emphasis on the development of international guidelines promoting freedom of access to the highest possible standard of homeopathic care.
**The Legal Status of Homeopathy and Homeopathic Practitioners in the EU**

- Homeopathy is practiced in all European countries. The regulatory status in Europe varies from country to country. Homeopaths may practice in a majority of European countries. Medical doctors with an additional qualification in homeopathy are able to practice in all countries. A small minority of countries legally restrict the practice of all medicine to medical doctors and in these countries homeopaths are currently legally unable to practice.

- Neither the European Commission or the European Parliament have produced any position statement on who may or may not practise homeopathy. The delivery of health care services is considered to be a concern of each member state rather than one of the European Union. There are no agreements set up to enable homeopaths from one country to legally practise in another.
ECCH Member countries
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• Turkey Just accepted
• Israel, in application
• Serbia, Check republic, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Ireland, UK, Greece, Spain, Sweden, Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, Norway, Armenia, Italy, Portugal, Finland, Denmark, Malta

ICH Members:
USA, Kenya, New Zealand, Canada, Japan
• Australia withdrew
• A few more in applicant status Malaysia, Ghana

• Review of the profession
Four areas of work

• Regulatory issues

• Education:

• Homeopathic medicines:
  • German and French pharmacopoeia.
  • European Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia
  • European Union pharmaceutical legislation under directive (2001/83/EC): single homeopathic medicines proof of efficacy is not required

• Research
  • Homeopathic Research Institute: HRI
  • http://hri-research.org
Tribute to Stephen Gordon:
Sep 13, 1949-July 8, 2017

• Founding Member of the SoH in UK 36 years ago
• Board Member of SoH for 19 years
• Creator of the ECCH and ICH 2007
• Worked and traveled all over Europe creating relationships with political leaders and politicians and was the voice for Homeopathy on all aspects of the profession.
One Vision One Voice
October 2010

• 80 Homeopaths from all over the world gathered in Cambridge UK work to brand Homeopathy.

Homeopathy worked for me: https://www.findahomeopath.org
European Committee of Homeopaths

- The European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) represents all medical doctors with an additional qualification in homeopathy, organized in 40 associations in 25 European countries. [https://homeopathyeurope.org/](https://homeopathyeurope.org/)

International proving guidelines

Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis

The international homeopathic medical society Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI), established in Rotterdam in 1925, represents homeopathic physicians in more than 70 countries all over the world. The purposes of the association are the development and securing of homeopathy worldwide and the creation of a link among licensed homeopaths with medical diplomas and societies and persons who are interested in homeopathy. The LMHI is exclusively devoted to non-profit activities serving philanthropic benefits.
Safety in the preparation of Homeopathic Remedies

- Published 17 February 2010 (448 pages), is the WHO's response to requests and recommendations made by relevant World Health Assembly resolutions, by Member States, as well as international conferences of drug regulatory authorities, and is a part of the implementation of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy and the WHO Medicines Strategy.

ICH meetings

• Heidelberg 2007: Inaugural meeting, Celebrating Links 20yrs
• Leuven Belgium 2009: Education symposium, Directives for Education Guidelines discussed
• Virginia, 2011: Education Guidelines approved
• Barcelona 2013: HRI Conference: Research platforms (Absent)
• London 2014: Regulatory status of each country
• Ireland in 2016: Internal reorganization and mission of ICH re-evaluated (Absent)
• Athens 2017: The last two years has been a reorganization of the constitution (by-laws) and legal registration of the organization in the UK to be able to apply to WHO and UN as an NGO.
• 2019 TBA
Homeoprophylaxis for
• Leptospirosis
• Hepatitis A
• Viral conjunctivitis
Integration of Homeopathy
• Ministry of health
• Universities
• Clinics
• Patients
Proposal 1: Hierarchy of Implementation of Homeopathy

8 levels of orientation to this document.
• International
• National
• Health ministries
• Institution
• Education
• Practitioner
• Family
• Patient

Sample Docs
• Proving guidelines
• Standards
• Policy in research
• International guidelines for homeopathic education
• Competency standards
• International freedom declaration
• Codes of ethics and conduct
### Level Documents Explanation Comments

#### 1. International

Communication systems for homeopaths dealing with public health measures; pandemic and epidemic reporting. **DOC**

Commercial international trade laws and availability of homeopathic remedies

1. **DOC** *Homeopathic Drug Proving Guidelines*, ECH  

2. **DOC** *North American Homeopathic Educators Proving Standards*, NAHNE  

3. **DOC** *ECCH Guidelines for Homeopathic Proving*  

4. **DOC** *Safety Issues in the Preparation of Homeopathic Remedies*, WHO  
   [http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/traditional/Homeopathy.pdf](http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/traditional/Homeopathy.pdf)

Humanitarian relief organizations; AID. **DOC**
Proposal 2: Pro-Homeoprophylaxis Position Statement

Limitations to implementation

- Set ICH foundation in order
- Set forth a protocol on how proposals of such sort get delivered, deliberated and accomplished
- Define the difference between internal and external communications
- At this time, it is too early to make a public statement but that the concept needs more education, more discussion and deliberation. ICH needs more documented research to stand upon before making such a statement.
- This model of developing any kind of statement needs an established review process to proceed.
Future work of ICH

• ICH Foundation to be established in the Netherlands according to EU law. No longer UK law as Brexit will change longevity of organization
• Proceeding on to register as NGO with WHO and UN
• Free and Healthy Children International
• Vaccine Free third edition
• International work on HP