European Committee for Homeopathy

General Assembly – minutes

14th of November 2020

Online Zoom meeting

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Moderator: Dr Hélène Renoux

Secretary: Dr Jaume Costa, dr. Ileana Rindasu

Agenda:

- 10.00 Welcoming of participants by the ECH President. Dr Hélène Renoux.

- 10.05 Presentations of the Covid-19 case collection projects.

10.10 Covid-19 and prognostic factor research. Dr Lex Rutten.

10.20 Homeopathy and Covid-19, crisis and opportunity? Dr Robbert Van Haselen.

10.30 Setting new horizons for data collections. Dr Yvonne Fok and Dr Alexander Tournier.

10.40 Discussion

- 11.00 Financial report 2019-20 and vote on the budget 2021-22 including changes in the associated members' fees and schools' fees. Dr Arlette Blanchy.

- 11.20 Presidential address and tribute to dr. J. Imberechts. Dr Hélène Renoux.

- 11.30 Coffee break

- 11.45 Election of Council members. Dr Hélène Renoux.

- 12.00 Presentation of newly elected Council members. Hélène Renoux.

- 12.10 Presentations of the subcommittees' priorities.

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12.15 The Politics Subcommittee. Dr Hetty Buitelaar and Dr Natalia Tzima.

12.20 The Education Subcommittee. Dr Dora Pachova.

12.25 The Documentation Subcommittee. Ms Margaret Wyllie.

12.30 The Patients Subcommittee. Ms Cristal Skaling-Klopstock.

12.35 The Provings Subcommittee. Dr Jean Pierre Jansen.

12.40 The Pharmacy Subcommittee. Mag. Pharm Ilse Muchitsch.

12.45 The Research Subcommittee. Dr Tiziana Di Giampietro.

12.50 Discussion

- 13.00 Closure. Dr Hélène Renoux.

Present:

Representatives from:

AUSTRIA - Ärztegesellschaft für Klassische Homöopathie 17 votes
BELGIUM - Unio Homœopathica Belgica 12 votes
BULGARIA - Association of Homeopathic Physicians in Bulgaria 8 votes
CZECH REPUBLIC - Homeopaticka Lekarska Asociace 12 votes
FRANCE - S.N.M.H.F., Syndicat National des Médecins Homéopathes Français 8 votes Société Savante d'Homéopathie 8 votes
GERMANY - DZVHÄ - Deutsche Zentralverein Homöopathischer Ärzte e.A. 30 votes
GREECE - HAHMC - Hellenic Association of Homeopathic Medical Cooperation 5 votes Hellenic Classical Homeopathic Dental Association – HCDA 5 votes Homeopathic Academy 5 votes

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HUNGARY - Magyar Homeopata Orvosi Egyesület - M.H.O.E. 5 votes
ITALY - FIAMO - Federazione Italiana della Associacioni e dei Medici Omeopatici 12 votes SIOMI - Società Italiana di Omeopatia 8 votes
LATVIA - Latvijas Homeopatu Asociacija 5 votes
NETHERLANDS - AVIG, Artsenvereniging Voor Integrale Geneeskunde – Vakgroep Homeopathie 12 votes
ROMANIA - Societatea Romana de Homeopatie - Romanian Society of Homoeopathy 8 votes
SLOVAKIA - Slovenska Lekarska Homeopaticka Spolocnost 5 votes
SLOVENIA - Slovensko Homeopatsko Drustvo 5 votes
SPAIN - Asamblea Nacional de Homeopatia (ANH) 17 votes
SWITZERLAND - Schweizerischer Verein Homöopathischer Ärztinnen und ärzte 12 votes
TURKEY - Turkish Medical Society for Homeopathy – Istanbul 5 votes
UNITED KINGDOM - The Faculty of Homeopathy 8 votes
EFHPA – European Federation of Homeopathic Patients' Associations – 2 votes

Absent/excused/not voting:

Representatives from:

CZECH REPUBLIC - Homeopaticka Lekarska Asociace 12 votes

GERMANY - DZVHÄ - Deutsche Zentralverein Homöopathischer Ärzte e.A. 30 votes

POLAND - Wielkopolskie Stowarzyszenie Homeopathow Lekarzy I Farmaceutow im.J.Lozowskiego 5 votes

TURKEY - Klasik Homeopati Dernegi 5 votes

TURKEY - Turkish Medical Society for Homeopathy – Istanbul 5 votes

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EFHPA – European Federation of Homeopathic Patients' Associations – 2 votes

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Helene Renoux welcomes the participants and invites the first speaker, dr. Lex Rutten, to present the paper: *Covid-19 and prognostic factor research.* The paper presents a high quality data collection and a new Bayesian Repertory for a new illness.

Lex Rutten speaks about Covid-19, a new epidemic with a variety of symptoms and different stages of disease. Today's homeopathy is more complicated because of many more medicines and new theories about homeopathic medicines. On the other hand, modern statistical techniques offer new possibilities for improving our knowledge about homeopathic medicines.

The new repertory he proposes can help to differentiate between medicines, using common symptoms, for patients with no specific symptoms.

Collected data need to be analysed early and frequently. New homeopathy requires scientific training. We need to communicate, cooperate and evaluate. The participants are invited to begin and use the new repertory, from the link: https://hpra.co.uk/

The second speaker invited to speak is dr. Robbert van Haselen, presenting the paper: Homeopathy and Covid-19, crisis and opportunity?

The speaker points out that the word ' crisis' in Chinese means both 'danger' and 'turning point', so potentially an opportunity. We need more high quality COVID-19 clinical case reports. First, we need to know which are the characteristics of a high quality COVID-19 clinical case report. We need to develop an in depth/qualitative understanding of homeopathic management of -both usual and unusual- COVID cases. This will also help with the validation / corroboration of quantitative data.

The characteristics of a 'high quality case report' are by now –fortunately- fairly well defined:

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} The (general) CARE guideline on the reporting of clinical cases was published (2013)

} Specific items for case reports in homeopathy (HOM-CASE CARE extension) were published (2016)

} MONARCH Causality attribution inventory was validated and published (2020)

Hom Case Care extended checklist is presented. Assessment likelihood causal attribution is one of the CORE homeopathic items. Naranjo developed criteria for causality assessment of Adverse Events. There are criteria modified for homeopathy by Rutten and the HPUS Clinical Data Working Group, criteria validated and further improved by Dr Chetna Lamba: Open Access: https://www.thieme-connect.com/products/ejournals/html/10.1055/s-0040-1701251

LMHI initiative:

} An initiative was launched in collaboration with the Vithoulkas Compass Team in March

} A Word Template guiding the homeopath to report COVID-19 Cases in line with the HOM-CASE-CARE Reporting Guideline was developed

} A Webinar Series on how to report High quality COVID-19 Clinical Case Reports took place in May

◦ 522 homeopaths attended at least 1 webinar

◦ 1st webinar about 1500 views in YouTube https://youtu.be/8WeKNmHRTGY

} 1st issue Newsletter on LMHI website in June

The problem pointed out is that the number of high quality case report on Covid-19 is low. Why?

} 1. The HOM-CASE CARE Guideline is easy to apply to case reports published by others, BUT it takes time and effort to properly write up your own case report!

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"The paradox of simplicity is that making things simpler is hard work". SOLUTION: need for INCENTIVES.

} 2. Attributing the likelihood of Causality using the MONARCH criteria is relatively new, applying the MONARCH Criteria to just two COVID-19 cases in the May webinars revealed inconsistencies in the interpretation of items

SOLUTION: ◦ Need for further pre- and post-graduate training

◦ MONARCH publication alone is not enough: Need for an 'Elaboration paper'; currently in preparation as part of a broad international collaboration.

} 3. Poor integration with existing software platforms; Currently: - Separate Word template for HOM-Case CARE; - Inefficiencies due to isolated efforts

SOLUTION: Better integration with existing software platforms.

Another aspect: NOT each successful case seen in homeopathic practices will be written up and/or shared with colleagues. However, we could relatively easily collect if such cases have:

◦ Sufficient data on record to meet the most important (minimum) requirements of the HOM-CASE CARE clinical case reporting guideline

◦ A fair likelihood that the improvement was due to the homeopathic remedy prescribed

◦ One or more homeopathic symptoms that were used in the remedy decision were recorded

CASES COULD BE IDENTIFIED RETROSPECTIVELY IN A DATABASE.

- To get (to) more clinical case reports, we need to broaden/increase the collective effort

- Facilitate connections between different projects:

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◦ Validating ‘mini-repertory’ COVID app with Hong Kong COVID clinical case series

◦ Routine data collection projects / existing tools can become the ‘base of the pyramid’

Clificol team will join the project:

In short term:

- LMHI-COVID-19 Clinical Case Report template will be made available on Clificol and ZeusSoft platforms

- MONARCH template will be made available on Clificol and ZeusSoft platforms

In medium term:

- Integration into Clificol of a screening questionnaire to identify potentially useful cases with sufficient data available for a full case report

- Building up a searchable database for the selective identification of successful cases (e.g. COVID patients treated with less commonly used remedies)

CONCLUSIONS:

} The LMHI COVID-19 effort is not only about ‘quantity’. Webinars: only one high quality clinical case report taught us important lessons! Avoid exaggerated claims: case reports cannot ‘prove’ causality. So disclaimers are important, we are operating in a sensitive environment)

} We need more than just a few high quality COVID-19 clinical case reports!

◦ More education is needed

◦ Incentives are needed for writing up clinical case reports: discussion on how to achieve this

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- Software platforms can play an important role in enhancing the connections between–currently separate- data collection efforts.

It is in our power to ensure that the current pandemic is both a crisis AND an opportunity.

The third paper was presented by dr. Alexander Tournier and Yvonne Fok: *Setting new horizons for data collections*.

The authors see COVID-19 Pandemic as a unique opportunity to gather cases from as many countries as possible, and as many prescribers as possible.
The statistical conclusions could be generalizable beyond the current crisis and provide a stronger foundation for homeopathy in the future. The predictability of the effect of homeopathic prescriptions provides evidence that homeopathic prescriptions and the subsequent case evolution are not a random phenomenon imagined by homeopaths.

It is important to see if the association between symptom picture and successful remedy prescription could be modelled using a logistic regression model. The presenters point out important research questions like: do homeopathic symptom patterns correlate with successful homeopathic prescriptions of a corespondent remedy in Covid-19 patients? What are the most commonly prescribed remedies? Are symptom pictures correlated with various factors? Is there evidence to support the notion of Genus Epidemicus? Are unexpected side effects observed? etc. Cluster analysis shows that at the time of the presentation the largest group of patients benefited from Gelsemium and the second choice being Bryonia. More clusters might be further identified in statistics. Models can be built for each commonly used remedy.

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CLIFICOL project has currently more than 35 coordinators working together for the qualification verification and a governance committee consisting of 11 representatives, from 197 associations and benefits from the support of ECH, ECCH, ICH, HRI, LMHI and other professional associations. Special thanks are made to Zeus-soft for their generosity and funding the technical development of the platform and making it freely available to all homeopaths.

President Helene Renoux congratulates the speakers for their excellent input and invites Arlette Blanchy to present the financial report for 2018 and 2019.

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Financial presentation by Dr Arlette Blanchy

Gross income: 2018 = 109,059 €

2019 = 97,607 €

Expenditures: 2018 = 97,602 €

2019 = 115,758 €

Balance: 2018 = 11,457 €

2019 = -18,151€

Gross income 2020 (end of October 2020) = 71,129 €

Expenditures 2020 (end October 2020) = 37,138 €

Balance (end October 2020) = 33,991 €

Number of members: 2019 = 3,741 MDs

2020 (end of October) = 3,537 MDs

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The ECH Council puts forward the resolution to modify fees as follows for 2021 onward.

Affiliated schools will pay €50.00 per annum per school.

Associated members will pay depending on their annual turnover at last published accounts

Annual net profit	ECH Fee
€0 - €100.000	€250
€101.000 - €250.000	€500
€251.000 - €500.000	€750
€501.000 - €750.000	€1.000
€750,000 – €1,000,000	€1.500

The financial statements for 2019 and 2020 were approved with one abstention, the proposed budget for 2021 and 2022 was also approved with one abstention. The proposed associated members' fee was approved with one abstention and the affiliated schools fee was approved by unanimous vote.

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Tribute to Jacques Imberechts (1937 - 2020)

Helene gives a speech about dr. Jacques Imberechts, who passed away the 2nd of November 2020, at the age of 83, after a life fully committed to medicine and homeopathy.

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His exemplary career is for us the opportunity to analyze the past half-century, and to considere the challenges homeopathy faced within the medical world. Because Jacques' path, in addition to being a personal adventure, embodies the major developments which led to a future-oriented homeopathic thinking.

Dr. Imberechts was an outstanding clinician, trained by Pierre Schimdt in Geneva, his practice very popular for his many patients welcomed students who wanted to benefit his profound knowledge of semiology and homeopathic materia medica. Jacques was one of the first teachers at the « Ecole belge d'Homéopathie » and member of the « Société Royale Belge d'Homéopathie ».Polyglot globe-trotter, he extended his scope to the entire world, teaching in Spain, for example, for free, as long as he was hosted, to share his knowledge and experience in the widest possible way. He created the working group « Homeopathia Europea » which originated the cases collection programme Clificol (**Cli**nical **Fi**les **Col**lection) associated with Radar software, which still works and is currently actively involved in collecting data on Covid 19 patients, treated by homeopaths in the whole world.

Founding father of the European Committee for Homeopathy, which he chaired for long, and then supported and followed closely all over the years, he was also the president of the Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis which he supported as well. Jacques strongly believed solidarity and exchanges between homeopathic physicians were key factors. Helene explains that he recently called for even closer cooperation with veterinarian homeopathic colleagues, and moreover for the inclusion of working groups involving agronomists, exploring the newly developed concept of agrohomeopathy, in our midst.

He was a passionate advocate of freedom to prescribe, freedom to think and independency towards financial powers and he expressed his positions with a cheeky humour, strenght and provocative intelligence, closed to his truth, ignoring the convoluted decorum. He was a man of conviction and commitment, a joyful bon-vivant, a humanist and a visionary, endearing even if sometimes untenable character, a great sir of homeopathy.

In the end of the tribute paid to dr. Imberechts, Helene proposed a minute of silence which was kept in his memory.

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Presidential address

Helene's speech: She underlines that homeopathy is like a nutshell in the hurricane, but this is an opportunity to promote our values and consistency with the population's needs and expectations. It is something we have to state strongly, relying on our patients' voice more than on political support. The level of awareness is rising within the population much quicker than in the minds of our decision makers, and we should use this evolution to not drown with the corrupted politicians but to overswim as headers of the needed new paradigms. This looks like an ambitious programme, but it is what we should have proudly in mind, to stand strong in front of the upcoming earthquake.

Helene says we should prioritise the communication projects, to counteract the current disinformation we suffer, which is used against us as a terribly efficient weapon. Because even the more benevolent correspondents we can address, once in front of the media, or in front of influent persons, dare not to speak for us.

Another priority she sees for the years to come is the research dedicated to homeopathy, this research we should support and promote. Many other challenges are to be addressed, of course, to ensure the presence of homeopathic trainings within Universities, to address young students who ignore or overlook our practice, but we have to focus on the first two main points to achieve the other goals in consequence.

In the past 4 years, we began to address these points, antimicrobial resistance conference in Paris, gathering high level lecturers, which we can now use as a showcase of what homeopathy can do, Covid 19 cases collection programmes that ECH supports together with LMHI, once again to show what we can do, even in difficult situations, even when harshly criticized, inclusion of an agrohomeopathy working group, and the development of high level tutorials for education, for medical and then for pharmacy students.

ECH also tried to address policy makers and Helene thanks Jaume especially for his great help , knowledge and commitment for this purpose.

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WHO has been several times addressed, and with Jaume and LMHI partners, an online conference was organised with WHO, about possible training benchmarks for homeopathy. But the approval of our minutes was not yet received, and there is a fear to have to spend much money without an outcome at the end. Helene says we may continue in this direction, although the results are not at the level of the time and energy involved.

ECH remains also committed to support any national association in need of help, each time our rights, credibility or prerogatives are questioned.

Helene states that the evolution of the global sanitary situation, the results collected so far, teach us where to spend our energy more efficiently, and she says that's what we are going to try. In the end of her speech, she wishes all good luck for the years to come.

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After the 15 minutes coffee-break, the next point of the agenda was the election of the Council members. The voting was performed online and Astrid Dedrie has centralised the results of the voting.

Elections

President: Helene Renoux was re-elected with eight abstentions.

Vicepresident: Hetty Buitelaar was elected with twelve abstentions.

General Secretary: Ileana Rindasu was elected with eight abstentions.

Coordinator of the Politics Subcommittee: Natalia Tzima was elected with eight abstentions.

Coordinator of the Provings Subcommittee: Jean Pierre Jansen was re-elected with ten abstentions.

Coordinator of the Education Subcommittee: Dora Patchova was re-elected with eigtheen abstentions.

The Treasurer (Arlette Blanchy), the Pharmacy Coordinator (Ilse Muchischt), the Documentation Coordinators (Margaret Wyllie and Daniela Hacke), the

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Research Coordinator (Tiziana di Giampietro) and the Patients Coordinator (Cristal Skaling-Klopstock) are currently at mid-term of their mandates.

The results of the voting are presented in detail in annex 1.

The newly elected members of the Council are congratulated and Helene asked the new comers, Ileana and Natalia to present themselves briefly.

The CV of both Ileana and Natalia are attached in the annex 2 and 3 of the minutes. They thanked the participants for the trust and reaffirmed their commitment to homeopathy.

Jaume Costa and Sara Eames were asked to say a few words, at the end of their mandate. Jaume thanked everybody for giving him the opportunity to work together and said he was very optimistic about the future of ECH. Sara Eames thanked also the audience and pointed out the importance of cooperation inside ECH and outside, with the other organisations and allies of the homeopathic associations.

Presentation of the achievements of the sub-committees for the past two years and their future priorities

1- Political subcommittee – Natalia Tzima

. Natalia shared the following updates from the SC:

- New alternative mail group will be searched for; if the council can arrange this within a new mailserver later this would be more safe;
- Ask council to set up a workshop on the Strategic Narratives idea with other/all subcommittees;
- Making contact with students association for congresses;
- Wikipedia action info is available here: https://prn.fm/wik HYPERLINK "https://prn.fm/wikipediawatch/"i HYPERLINK "https://prn.fm/wikipediawatch/"pediawatch/
- EU will be reviewing the Directive on Medicines: We wants at least assure the status quo and be pro-active.

2- Education subcommittee – Dora Pachova

Dora shared the following issues discussed and solved within the SC:

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- E-learning module: “Hahnemann – his life and work” – revised videos of the ECH e-learning module – demonstration, discussion, planning of next steps;
- INTRODUCTORY Courses – discussion about opinion paper and examples of good practices
- Accreditation /Re accreditation issues;
- LMHI – ECH common projects - Publicity about education in ECH and LMHI Newsletters – vision, strategy, content, planning; Sharing Teaching Experience project – new strategy;
- Guidelines for the training of homeopathic pharmacists and European Diploma in Homeopathic Pharmacy - first practical steps – informing schools, etc.

3- Pharmacy subcommitte – Ilse Muchitsch

Ilse reported on the following items from the SC:

- Short comment from the SC pharmacy **concerning Clificol - Covid-19 project presentation at GA:**
- **as in the statistics only the name Bryonia was mentioned, we pointed out the** differences between Bryonia alba and Bryonia cretica described in the German pharmacopeia (monography 2014) - the chromatogram of Bryonia dioica has 2 zones more.
- Conclusion: the binominal name should be used for HMP. The awareness of different preparation due different pharmacopoeias should be focused.

Implementation of the Guidelines pharmacy in praxis

In a first step the ECH accredited schools should be contacted via an information letter to the schools, listed on ECH website. A continuation and cooperation with SC education is scheduled on this topic. There are already 4 countries ready with the procedure of the implementation of the Guidelines pharmacy: Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, Austria
Ilse asked about the application procedure and the necessary official steps:
To update ECH Website adding the pdf of the Guidelines for the training of homeopathic pharmacists and European Diploma in Homeopathic Pharmacy, European Committee for Homeopathy

To build a communication tool “hom pharmacy” including all interested parties.

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ECHAMP - The 4 Strategic Narratives

- There should be a narrative for pharmacy and the one of research is missing

- To work on better description for pharmacists as the generalization in the scope of healthcare providers are not fitting exactly to their profile.

- To stay in contact with all stakeholders – ECHAMP + Heel + Boiron important

- All companies have their own interest and strategy.

Ilse informed about the EU Commission call :

a. Pharmaceutical Strategy - Timely patient access to affordable medicines

b. SC pharmacy commented - to follow the announcement of results

Sharing contact with SC politics.

***HMPWG**: Comments to public consultations regarding FSD, hom use lists and others – **updates;** Comments till January – start working*

EDQM: - topic European Pharmacopoeia

- To discuss a further application for EDQM working groups on behalf/ with support of ECH
- SC Pharmacy members want to apply for a Membership EDQM working groups

– working group 9 (Inorganic chemistry)
– HMM (Homoeopathic manufacturing methods)
– HOM (Homoeopathic raw materials and stocks)
- Buchheim-Schmidt: HMM, HOM
- Schwarzbach: 9, HMM, HOM)

- to participate in Pharmacopoeia monographs - important for ECH to be represented
- Comment Jean Pierre: The upcoming revision of the EU Directive, although not in 1 year but somewhat later (maybe 2 years) is a knock on the door for the availability of the nosodes. Robert Müntz, who was member of EDQM in the past, could be asked to work esp. for the nosodes, as he has personally the most extensive, direct manufacturing experience in his own nosodes lab, which was certified

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by the Austrian authorities. As such he is better qualified than the candidates proposed by SC Pharmacy.

RCT guidelines in medical homeopathy research - **pharmacy requirements**

- SC Pharmacy were asked to send proposals by WissHom about citation of Pharmacopoeia and the procedure of GMP or GPP.

4- Documentation subcommittee – Margaret Wyllie and Daniela Hacke

Margaret reported that Susanne will retire in June 2021; DHU will appoint a replacement, who will join the SC;
Christa Raak was congratulated on achieving her doctorate;
Carstens-Stiftung Databases; CAM-Quest still accessible but no longer updated/maintained; HomVet – Jens Behnke rejected proposal for updating;
Current Journals veterinary journals now added;
Dissertations & Theses to be indexed; ECH members asked to inform us of any new ones;
Guide to Documentation Centres almost complete – Greek information outstanding;
Link List ready to upload to website, but technical problem with plug-ins for search facility; Martin now working with Adam and Lee (who set up originally) to resolve this;
Lit Searching updating PPs;
Secure storage of master files VIP cf Martin's proposal *(post-meeting: ECH Council agreed to move server).*

5- Research subcommittee – Tiziana di Giampietro

Tiziana reported that there was an exchange of ideas between the coordinators of the three projects on what measures to implement to encourage participating homeopaths to submit new data and clinical cases. It was concluded that the three projects will incentivize the request for participation in homeopaths through homeopathic societies, subcommittees and national coordinators.
A request was made to exhibit the three programmes on the Research space of the ECH site, which was then requested from Martin, and to have a space on the site to display the three newsletters updated periodically.

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There are 25 cases of the WissHome project with very well illustrated and with interesting points for student learning.
Anna Gerstenhoefer accepted to be included among the researchers of the SC Research group to be informed and to collaborate with ECH research.
Petra Weiermayer presented that Prof Michael Frass, Dr Thomas Peinbauer, Dr Liesbeth Ellinger and herself, two human physicians and two veterinarians, have written a narrative review in the spirit of "One Health", entitled "Evidence-based homeopathy and veterinary homeopathy, and its potential to overcome the antimicrobial resistance problem - an overview", which was published in a conventional peer-reviewed journal, namely Swiss Archiv of Veterinary Medicine. The full text of the narrative review including the 3 tables can be read here:
https://sat.gstsvs.ch/de/sat/sat-artikel/archiv/2020/102020/evidence-based-homeopathy-and-veterinary-homeopathy-and-its-potential-to-help-overcome-the-antimic.html
The dean of the Vetsuisse Zuerich asked for retraction of the review and Petra Weiermayer asks for supportive letters to the editor, Dr Hans-Peter Steinmetz hanspetersteinmetz@gstsvs.ch. Christien Klein-Laansma proposed that a letter is sent in the name of ECH research subcommittee. Galen Ives offered to send a letter to the editor himself, from his position at the university.
The last hour was reserved for the joint meeting between SC Research and Provings. J.P. Jansen illustrated the project to be carried out in collaboration between the two groups.

6- Provings subcommittee - Jean Pierre Jansen

Jean-Pierre reported the members decided to develop guidelines for trituration provings. The scope and content must be build up, using a questionnaire and a consensus model process.
They also decided to start a pilot project with Zeus Software (RadarOpus) to build a Practice Based Research Network (PBRN). The first project is on verification of proving symptoms. Cooperation with SC research is starting up, because verification of clinical symptoms is overlapping.
The Harmonised LMHI-ECH Guidelines for provings are checked and up to date. They show to be useful as well.

7- Patients subcommittee – Cristal Sumner

Cristal reported the following from the SC:

- EFHPA (ECH Patients' Subcommittee) held their General Assembly on 7th November virtually.
- Priatelia KAM a new patient group from Slovakia joined during the year;
- The subcommittee has formally responded to many EU consultations on behalf of patients/users;
- EFHPA (www.efhpa.eu) is very active on social media to promote positive news and useful information to the public;
- EFHPA is active in EuroCAM and EPF and engaging its members across the EU in campaigns and efforts to retain and increase provision of homeopathy and CAM.

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