European Committee for Homeopathy
MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL

Meeting name	**Council, by Zoom**		
Date	06.05.22	**Time**	14.00 - 15.30 CET
Attendees	Jean Pierre Jansen (JPJ) Natalia Tzima (NT) Tiziana Di Giampietro (TDG) Edward De Beukelaer (EB) Susann Buchheim (SB) Ilse Muchitsch (IM) Neli-Kinga Olah (NO) Dora Pachova (DP) Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK) Joan Vidal (JV)	**Apologies**	Ileana Rîndașu (IR)
Minutes	Margaret Wyllie	**Moderator**	Cristal Skaling-Klopstock
Next meeting	**8 May 2022, 10.00-12.00 (CET)**	**Version**	

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*14.09*	*Welcome; amendments to agenda*	*Cristal*

2	*14.09*	*Approval of Minutes of 14.04.2022*	*Cristal*
Discussion summary		The Minutes were approved.	

3	*14.10*	*Approval of Pharmacy Guidelines*	*Jean Pierre/Ilse/Susann*
Discussion summary		There was a discussion around the use of the terms remedy/homeopathic medicine/homeopathic medical products (HMPs).	
Council unanimously approved the Guidelines and thanks were expressed to all who had been involved. Once the document has finally been completed, it will be uploaded to the SC Education and SC Pharmacy pages on the website.			

The Guidelines should be presented at the forthcoming LIGA congress in Istanbul.	
Conclusions	All agreed that, in line with our aim of using 21st century language, the term used should be homeopathic medicine(s) unless referring to regulatory documents, when HMPs is more appropriate. SB and DP will attend the LIGA congress if possible, and others may join in online.

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Final edit of remedy/-ies and any remaining technical issues	MW /JP	Asap
Upload to website	IM / DP	When complete
Present Guidelines at LIGA congress	SB	7-10 Sept 2022

5	*14.30*	*Preparation for Symposium*	*Jean Pierre*
Discussion summary	Astrid will open the Zoom at 9.30 CET. All ppts to be sent to JPJ and IR after the meeting. The main purpose is to encourage members to participate; therefore, the more interactive the session, the more people will be encouraged to join a strategy group. All to send email address of group coordinator to JPJ so that attendees can be sent the ppts. The Symposium will be recorded for the purpose of accurate minute-taking only.		
Conclusions			

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Moderate the PR/Comms presentation	MW	6 May
Send email addresses and ppts to JPJ	All group coordinators	after meeting

6	*14.40*	*Financial support for EU Parliamentary Interest Covid and CAM Group (papers tabled)*	*Jean Pierre*
Discussion summary	EuroCAM are preparing for a meeting of the EU Parliamentary CAM Interest Group on 2 June to discuss the possibilities of using CAM in the pandemic. Homeopathy has not previously had a high profile in CAM's discussions centring on Integrative Medicine and, whilst there is unfortunately not a large amount of research data regarding homeopathy and Covid, this is nevertheless an opportunity to promote the positive benefits of homeopathy in increasing resilience to infection and improving health generally.		

	Such lobbying requires funding and a donation from ECH would encourage other EuroCAM members to do likewise. JPJ suggested ECH might donate €2,000. Homeopathy can be presented as a therapy which is used by millions worldwide and is a better and cost-effective way of improving people's general health, and that has a lot of supporting evidence for this claim. EB will ask Ton Nicolai if there is room in the programme to add a homeopathic speaker. JV offered to source documents on the topic. Lex Rutten was suggested as a potential presenter of sufficient gravitas to appeal to MEPs
Conclusions	All agreed to donate €2,000 to this project.

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Inform Ton Nicolai of donation	JPJ	Asap
Ask Ton Nicolai if there is space in the programme for homeopathic speaker	EB	Asap
Email JV re collaboration with Lex Rutten	EB	Asap

7	*14.25*	*AOB*	*Edward*
Discussion summary	There is a lack of cooperation between ECCH and ECH, which leads each to be suspicious of the other. This division prevents us from working together at a political level for the benefit of homeopathy. Members of SC Politics should be asked to consider how we might engage with ECCH. There could be joint Board meetings 2 to 3 times per year to discuss shared issues.		
Conclusions			

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Raise issue in SC Politics	NT	Asap

9	*14.30*	*Close of meeting*	*Cristal*

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Meeting name	**Council, by Zoom**		
Date	08.05.22	**Time**	10.00 - 11.30 CET
Attendees	Jean Pierre Jansen (JPJ) Natalia Tzima (NT) Ileana Rîndaşu Tiziana Di Giampietro (TDG) Edward De Beukelaer (EB) Susann Buchheim (SB) Ilse Muchitsch (IM) – part mtg Neli-Kinga Olah (NO) – part mtg Dora Pachova (DP) Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK) Joan Vidal (JV)	**Apologies**	
Minutes	Margaret Wyllie	**Moderator**	Cristal Skaling-Klopstock
Next meeting	**9 June 2022, 18.30-20.30 (CET)**	**Version**	

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*10.06*	*Welcome*	*Cristal*

2	*10.07*	*Evaluation of the Symposium*	*Natalia*
Discussion summary		The presentations had been well-received and the overall feeling had been positive. There had been a dearth of younger members in attendance. There was some initial hesitation by participants to become involved in the different	

	strategies. This perhaps reflects long years of ECH being regarded as simply a talking shop. The weight of past experience and the current negative position of homeopathy may also play a part in members' reluctance to put themselves forward. But the situation is slowly changing and we are now better-prepared and more resilient. Once members see that progress is possible and plans have been consolidated, they will be more forthcoming, but may need to be approached directly in the first instance. The online format can also be difficult to engage with; future meetings should include break-out groups where members can exchange ideas in a smaller forum after a general presentation. SC Politics: build a database of our network, first improving our internal networks before connecting with external people. SC Pharmacy: interested not only in the Availability of Medicines but also in the ECH Academy and 21st century terminology (including correct nomenclature of medicines). H2027 – building a stronger network and compiling a European homeopathy database; increasing cooperation between universities, umbrella organisations, HMPWG, EDQM, HPIS, etc. NT stressed the importance of including non-pharmacists in the Availability topic. SC Research: very enthusiastic about the changes in the management of ECH, and particularly complimented JPJ on his leadership. Bruno Galeazzi had again stressed that epistemology was a way to introduce homeopathy to the conventional mind. SC Education: the Summer School could be homeopathy only or could include Integrative Medicine in order to attract more people and have other specialist teachers, eg psychologists, who might have fewer problems than university staff in being connected with homeopathy. It would be useful to have a meeting to discuss JPJ's idea of a spark – what makes us enthusiastic and how can we share this? ECH needs a branding exercise to engage all members and connect directly with them, eg an online event perhaps in September. Fritjof Capra or Ian McGilchrist are possible speakers who would attract a wider audience. Council agreed that a speaker should be invited to provide an ECH seminar. JPJ also suggested extending the Utrecht meeting by an extra day.
Conclusions	Overall, a successful outcome but now the work must be organised – and remain enjoyable.

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send names and areas of interest/skill/experience (where known) of those interested in joining WG to JPJ	WG leaders	Asap
Welcome those who have expressed interest in participating; set up WG meetings for June	WG leaders	by 20 May
Workout common steps for all working groups	JPJ	by 20 May
Send letter, ppts, Minutes to Symposium participants	JPJ	by 20 May

Invite Capra to speak at online meeting in September	Dora	by 20 May
Dedicated Council meeting to discuss JPJ's 'spark'	JPJ	June?
Consider one-day extension to Utrecht meeting	JPJ	Asap

3	*11.30*	*AOB*	*All*
Discussion summary		Statutes: SC Politics need information about proposed changes	
Cooperation with ECCH: different national associations have different opinions, but it is important to cooperate informally on a political level for the promotion/defence of homeopathy in Europe. Because EU officials and Institutions want to speak with the EU-CAM group as a whole, rather than separately to the many splinter groups, at an EU/EuroCAM level, ECH and ECCH have no choice but to cooperate. To adapt to this situation, now that ECH plans to be more influential via the IM/EuroCAM channel, it seems a good plan to devise an MoU with ECCH. SC Politics is asked to come with an opinion and proposal. CSK shared the example of 4H in the UK, where doctors, non-medical homeopaths, etc have a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to allow them to work together without focussing on the difference in their registers, training requirements, practice, et			
CEN: only feedback is from Italy; DP will share information from Bulgaria. CEN meeting planned for evening of 10 May – possible attendees: JPJ, NT, DP, CSK, Antonella			
Admin: JPJ is overwhelmed by ECH work and more support is needed. CSK and JV offered to discuss with him how he might resolve this, but both are themselves too busy to be able to give up more time.			
Conclusions	Statutes: JPJ to bring the various items that should be considered for revision to Council in July for SC Politics to review before GA. ECCH: NT will suggest the UK solution to SC Politics. Admin: Council unanimously agreed to approve the appointment of a PA to support the President.		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Prepare proposed changes to Statutes		JPJ	July
Devise MoU to enable cooperation with ECCH		SC Politics	Asap
Appoint PA for JPJ		JPJ ?	Asap

4	*11.45*	*Close of meeting*	*Cristal*