European Committee for Homeopathy

MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL

Meeting name	**Council**		
Date	9.11.2023	**Time**	18.30 CET
Attendees	Jean Pierre Jansen (JPJ) Natalia Tzima (NT) Ileana Rîndașu (IR) Tiziana Di Giampietro (TDG) Susann Buchheim (SB) Dora Pachova (DP) Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK) Margaret Wyllie (MW) Edward De Beukelaer (EB) Joan Vidal (JV) Miranda Ruchtie (MR)	**Apologies**	
Minutes	Jaume Costa (JC)	**Moderator**	Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK)
Next meeting	11.1.2024 18.30 CET	**Venue**	Online

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*18:30*	*Approval of the agenda and minutes*	*CSK*
Conclusions		The agenda circulated was approved and the minutes of the last Council meeting were approved.	

2	*18:35*	*Evaluation of General Assembly and follow up of participants' suggestions* *Short videos to promote homeopathy* *Approval of General Assembly minutes. Extract from the minutes on the voting results to be submitted to the lawyer and the Gazette.*	*CSK*
Conclusions		Regarding the General Assembly minutes, they were approved with the following changes:	

	no comma after Margaret's name in the attendees and future donations will be carefully considered. The extract of the minutes with the voting results will be forwarded to the lawyer and the Gazette. It was suggested that the videos to promote homeopathy available in the different European countries could be collected. The Council confirmed its willingness to move the seat of the ECH to the Netherlands and to transfer the monies in the ECH bank accounts in Belgium to the ECH Foundation in the Netherlands.

3	*18:45*	*LMHI Bogota*	*DP*
Discussion		Dora has submitted a report on the LMHI Congress in Bogota. During the Congress, Raj Manchanda mentioned that homeopathy should be considered a European heritage. This was underlined by Josef Schmidt. There were discussions on the implications of online teaching, the WHO training benchmarks, the Global Summit, a student exchange programme, the ECH-LMHI education standards, accreditation of schools, list of universities teaching homeopathy, medical and non-medical practitioners and the LMHI ethical code.	
Conclusions		JPJ suggested to LMHI to identify a project for collaboration between ECH and LMHI.	

4	*18:55*	*Membership of Austrian Veterinarians*	*JPJ*
Discussion summary		Petra Weiermayer requested that the Austrian homeopathic veterinarian association becomes a ECH full member. It was suggested that the Austrian homeopathic veterinarian association becomes an Associated Member. It was suggested at the Politics Subcommittee to send a questionnaire to the national associations inquiring about participation of veterinarians in the national associations.	
Conclusions		The Austrian Homeopathic Veterinarian Association will be an associated member.	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Inform Petra Weiermayer that the Austrian homeopathic veterinarian association has been accepted as an Associate Member of ECH		NT	30.11.2023
Send a questionnaire to ECH members on the participation of veterinarians in their national associations		NT	30.12.2023

5	*19:05*	*Membership fees and financial statement (Documents 3, 4 and 5)*	*MW*
Discussion summary		MW proposed that the ECH annual fee for the associations paying less than €15 for each national full member is increased to €15. MW suggested that the annual fee is paid by the end of June every year. Late payments would incur an administrative fee. It is suggested to increase the diploma fee to €100 and the associated membership fee to a minimum of €350. MW will discuss with DP the increase of the accreditation and reaccreditation fees. The ECH members in the ECH website are paying members. Information about non-paying members is kept on the website for a year before being removed.	
Conclusions		The proposed fee increases were approved by the Council	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Inform MediCongress of the fee increases		MW	31.12.2023
Decide on increase of accreditation and reaccreditation fees		MW/DP	30.01.2024

6	*19:15*	*Bergamo Meeting (Document 2). Participation of young people and academics at the Bergamo meeting*	*DP/JV/MW/EB*
Discussion summary	There is a proposal to invite young medical homeopaths to the Bergamo meeting. There is need for further discussion on this item. TDG mentioned that students at homeopathic schools near Bergamo could be encouraged to attend the Bergamo meeting. There is the possibility for the working groups and subcommittees to meet on Thursday in Bergamo. Paolo Bellavite has requested more information on his possible lecture.		
Conclusions	Paolo Bellavite's lecture could be on homeopathy and immunity.		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Coordinators of subcommittees and working groups to decide about meeting on Thursday in Bergamo		All coordinators	asap
Suggest to Sara Faggin that Paolo Bellavite's lecture could focus on homeopathy and immunity		JPJ	30.12.2023

7	*19:25*	*Homeopathy Awareness Week and Grateful Patients Initiative (Document 6)*	*CSK/JPJ*
Discussion summary	MR will participate at the meeting preparing the Homeopathy Awareness Week.		
Conclusions	MR and CS to report on the Homeopathy Awareness Week at the next Council		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Report on Homeopathy Awareness Week		MR/CSK	11.01.2023

8	*19:30*	*ICNN Congress Barcelona*	*JV*
Conclusions	This is a Congress of naturopaths. There is no need to attend.		

9	*19:35*	*ECHAMP Stakeholders Conference Call*	*SB/JPJ*
Discussion summary	SB only could attend a part of the ECHAMP Stakeholders Conference Call. ECHAMP has produced a paper on the Revision of the EU general pharmaceuticals legislation.		

10	*19:45*	*Call of General Assembly to change Statutes to conform with Belgian law. Change of ECH seat.*	*JPJ/JC*

		Tentative dates. Simplification of procedures (minutes, per diem, emails)	
Discussion summary		This is a mandatory change of the Statutes under Belgian law to be implemented before the end of this year. Delays may incur in financial penalties. The headquarters of the ECH should be in the French speaking part of Belgium.	
Conclusions		The lawyer will amend the current Statutes to comply with the Belgian legislation. It is proposed to have the General Assembly on 16 December.	
Action items			**Person responsible** / **Deadline**
Draft invitation to GA to be sent to MW			JC / 10.11.2023
Ask contacts in the French Belgian part about the possibility of becoming the headquarters of the ECH			EB / 30.12.2023
MW to send invitation to GA to MediCongress, so it is sent to all full members			MW / 10.11.2023

11	*20.00*	*Funding request from EUROCAM (document 1)*	*MW*
Discussion summary		The ECH is not in a position to provide any funding to EUROCAM. It is considered that the proposal received from EUROCAM regarding training is not well defined. Before any further funding to EUROCAM, ECH expects a report on how the previous funding was used.	
Action items			**Person responsible** / **Deadline**
Inform EUROCAM of the Council discussions			EB / 30.12.2023

12	*20.10*	*Participation of Leonardo Faedo at Council discussions on agrohomeopathy and young people project*	*JPJ*
Conclusions		It is agreed that Leonardo Faedo could be invited to participate in the discussions of the Council on agrohomeopathy.	
Action items			**Person responsible** / **Deadline**
Inform Leonardo Faedo			IR / 30.12.2023

13	*20.15*	*Dates ECH weekends in 2025: Utrecht May 14-17; Other November 2025*	*JPJ*
Discussion summary		It was decided to have only one ECH meeting per year. The ECH members could be asked about the dates of the future meetings at the GA on 16.12.23.	

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Ask participants at the GA, during AOB, about future ECH meeting dates	JPJ/JC	16.12.2023

14	*20.25*	*Resignation of Neli Kinga Olah*	*JPJ/IR*
Discussion summary	The Council was informed of the resignation of Neli Kinga Olah as member of the Council		

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Email to Neli Kinga Olah thanking her for her participation in the Council.	JPJ	30.12.2023

The meeting ended at 20:35 CET.