European Committee for Homeopathy

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Meeting name	**Council**		
Date	11.1.2024	**Time**	18.30 CET
Attendees	Jean Pierre Jansen (JPJ) Natalia Tzima (NT) Tiziana Di Giampietro (TDG) Susann Buchheim (SB) Edward De Beukelaer (EB) Dora Pachova (DP) Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK) Joan Vidal (JV) Margaret Wyllie (MW) Miranda Ruchtie (MR)	**Apologies**	Ileana Rîndașu (IR)
Minutes	Jaume Costa (JC)	**Moderator**	Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK)
Next meeting	14.3.2024 18.30 CET	**Venue**	Online

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*18:30*	*Approval of the agenda and minutes*	*CSK*
Conclusions	The agenda circulated was modified as below and the correct version of the minutes of the last Council meeting will be circulated again.		

2	*18:35*	*Preparation of General Assembly in Bergamo (confirmation email, draft statutes)* *Presidents' Meeting*	*JPJ*
Conclusions	In principle, the General Assembly will take place during the Bergamo meeting on Saturday at 12.30 CET. The Presidents' meeting will take place on 20 January.		

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send agenda for President's meeting	NT	12.1.2024

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3	*18:45*	*Bergamo Meeting Programme*	*JPJ*
Conclusions		It was suggested that, if the General Assembly does not take place at the Bergamo meeting, the Q&A for Paolo Bellavite could be longer. The round table will take place on Saturday from 4-6.30 pm. The President's address could be at the gala dinner. Two more young professionals could join the round table.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Modify Bergamo Meeting Programme	JC	15.1.2024
Provide names of two young professionals to JC	NT, EB	15.1.2024
Send invitation to round table participants	JC	20.1.2024

4	*18:55*	*WHO Benchmarks*	*JC*
Discussion summary		The WHO has replied positively to the request to produce benchmarks for training in homeopathy.	
Conclusions		The meeting with WHO to discuss the procedure for producing the benchmarks is planned for the last week of January 2024.	

5	*19:05*	*Financial statement and Rebecca De Beukelaer's Service Level Agreement*	*MW*
Discussion summary		The financial figures were circulated and noted. Belfius bank has blocked the access to the ECH accounts which Council is aware of and JPJ is updating regularly. Wim Menkveld, our accounts person cancelled his registration with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce on 12 December after being given assurances this would not affect his access to our Dutch bank, AMRO. Unfortunately, his removal from the Dutch Chamber of Commerce caused AMRO to deny him access to all our accounts due to new legislation. ECH needs him to have access to keep the organisation functioning. It was agreed that Wim Menkveld should be reinstated with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce immediately to regain full access to our accounts. Margaret proposed that Rebecca De Beukelaer is paid a retainer instead of being paid by the hour. This could be done once the ECH finances improve. The amount of the retainer could be discussed at a later stage.	
Conclusions		Wim Menkveld should be reinstated with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce immediately to regain full access to our accounts for the functioning of ECH. Rebecca De Beukelaer will be paid a monthly retainer once the financial situation of the ECH will allow it. It was considered that due to the complexities of the financial situations, another Council meeting could be called, if needed.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**

Have Wim Menkveld reinstated with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.	MR	12.1.2024

6	*19:15*	*EUROCAM*	*EB*
Discussion summary	The EUROCAM Exco committee is next week. Hopefully new proposals will be developed		
Conclusions	EB will keep the members of the Council informed about the new developments in EUROCAM.		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Keep Council members informed of EUROCAM developments		EB	ongoing

7	*19:25*	*Homeopathy Awareness Week*	*CSK/JPJ*
Conclusions	Homeopathy Awareness Week will focus on engaging patients and will be discussed at the Presidents' meeting. There will be joint actions of ECH, ECCH and EFHPA.		

8	*19:30*	*Academy initiatives*	*DP*
Conclusions	There will be a meeting to set priorities for the Academy. It is foreseen that an online platform will be developed and presentations recorded at ECH meetings could be made available.		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Call a meeting to set priorities for the Academy		DP	15.2.2024

9	*19:35*	*New ECH headquarters: Route de Liège 37, 4130 Esneux, BELGIUM*	*JPJ/EB*
Discussion summary	The Council approved the new address of the ECH headquarters above.		

10	*19:45*	*2024-25 ECH weekends*	*JPJ*
Discussion summary	The meetings should be planned one year in advance to decide the venue. It was decided to have only one face-to-face meeting every year. The ECH Spring meeting in 2025 could either be combined or be before or after the LMHI Congress.		
Conclusions	It was decided that the Spring meeting will be our annual face-to-face meeting. The ECH Spring meeting in Utrecht in 2025 could be on 17 and 18 May at the tail end of LIGA. The Council could meet on the morning of 19 May.		

11	*20.00*	*Prof Piattelli's research*	*TDG*
Discussion summary		The ECH Research Subcommittee could give a presentation at the LMHI Congress, including the stem cell research developed by Prof Piattelli.	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Contact Prof Piattelli		TDG	30.3.2024

The meeting ended at 20:35 CET.