European Committee for Homeopathy

MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL

Meeting name	**Council, by Zoom**		
Date	09 March 2023	**Time**	18.30 -20.30 CET
Attendees	Jean Pierre Jansen (JPJ) Natalia Tzima (NT) Ileana Rîndașu (IR) Tiziana Di Giampietro (TDG) Edward De Beukelaer (EB) Susann Buchheim (SB) Neli Olah (NO) Dora Pachova (DP) Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK) Margaret Wyllie (MW)	**Apologies**	Joan Vidal (JV)
Minutes	Margaret Wyllie	**Moderator**	Cristal Skaling-Klopstock
Next meeting	**14 May 2023, 10.00-12.00, Mainz**	**Version**	

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*18.33*	*Welcome, amendments to Agenda*	*Cristal*
Discussion summary	There were no amendments.		

2	*18.35*	*Approval of previous Minutes*	*Cristal*
Discussion summary	The Minutes of 12.01.23 were approved.		

3	*18.36*	*Mainz – Sat afternoon programme, to include IM*	*Jean Pierre, Edward*
Discussion summary	An MEP event is proposed specifically dealing with homeopathy: the available evidence, homeopathic water, AMR, other possible opportunities, etc. The role of homeopathy in IM has not yet been approved by ECH members; it is fundamental to have a consensus. The Mainz meeting will provide an opportunity for a first step, with further discussions in Vienna and confirmation in Como in May. EB will prepare a text for Mainz and collect input from members at the meeting, hoping to have this accepted at the autumn meeting. IM work is in parallel with that being undertaken by EuroCAM and EPHA.		
Conclusions	Sat 2-4 WGs; 4.30-6.00 world café to discuss IM, coordinated by EB SC and WG meetings can be hybrid; plenary sessions in person only		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Inform NT of any funding required for WG		WG leaders	After WG meeting

	18.50	*Additional discussion, outwith agenda*	
Discussion summary	TDG informed members that she was preparing for the Terms and Concepts WG. LMHI recognise that this is a very important topic for homeopathy and are keen to make a start. She had received a query from LMHI about better inter-organisation communication. JPJ has arranged a meeting with Altunay Agaoglu, LMHI President. We have shared our strategy and the LMHI newsletter contained many similar ideas but we need to be informed about their strategies so that we have a basis for collaboration. LMHI had expected there to be information about Robbert van Haselen's research presentation in the ECH newsletter but we had not received this information.		
Conclusions	Communication and LMHI strategy will be the focus of JPJ's meeting.		

4	*19.00*	*Vienna weekend: 13-15 Oct 2023 paper tabled*	*Jean Pierre, Edward*
Discussion summary	1 Time will be allocated for SCs and WGs. The main item will be a plenary to present and discuss the role of homeopathy in IM, while also taking care to keep its identity. (See also Item 3 above.) In the evening, there will be a celebratory dinner with ÖGHM. 2. Time is always tight so perhaps we should extend our weekend meetings to allow more time in the schedule for discussions/events?		
Conclusions	2 Ask members for their views on the length of the weekend meetings.		
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Ask members' opinions on length of weekend meetings.		All	At Mainz

5	*19.03*	*MEP event, Sept 2023*	*Edward*
Discussion summary		EuroCAM's policy is now to support member groups to take on specific meetings, which they will then help to facilitate. An MEP (Rivasi) would like to host an event on homeopathic research in the EU Parliament; this would be organised and funded by ECH but presented as an EUROCAM, in conjunction with the MEP interest group on IM, event. There is little point in putting the ECH forward in the EU parliament while EUROCAM is already building its reputation and putting forward messages that will suit us. This is an opportunity to demonstrate the existence of good evidence for homeopathy which is nevertheless ignored by mainstream science. The evidence for homeopathy and the lack of interest by the scientific community will be used as an example saying that this is the same for the whole TCM community. The overarching message(s) of this meeting will need to be agreed by EUROCAM and suit the whole sector (EUROCAM members). The main message of the event is that the scientific community needs to take notice of the whole sector and engage in research for the benefit of patients etc etc,. ECH Academy will have the presentations recorded. (this way of members of EUROCAM to take it on themselves to organise EU wide meetings while presenting EUROCAM as the organising body, all the while making sure the same message are shared that suit the whole TCM seems to become favoured in EUROCAM.) HRI will take the lead on compiling scientific evidence in response to the Australian Report after their Conference in June, so it will be possible to share some material. (See Item 11 – There is also an important IM meeting in Rome in September and, again, some material can be shared.) Additional discussion, outwih agenda: DP had met ECHAMP organisers of the meeting in Sofia and has been asked to present statistics about numbers of homeopathic practitioners in Europe. It is better to give an overview about ECH – the fact that we represent homeopathic doctors across Europe and we have data from our social media statistics show a growing interest in homeopathy, particularly from the 20-35 year demographic.	
Conclusions		Council agreed to fund the MEP event – €3,000-6,000	

6		*IM website proposal*	
Conclusion		Item postponed to next meeting in May.	

7		*Plan for opening account with AMRO-Bank paper tabled*	
Conclusion		Approved by email prior to the meeting.	

8		*Approval for Wim Menkveld to create above account*	
Conclusion		Approved by email prior to the meeting.	

9		*Appointment of Wim Menkveld as Asst Treasurer (paid post)*	
Conclusion		Approved by email prior to the meeting.	

10	*19.20*	*Investments – point of information*	*Jean Pierre*
Discussion summary		Due to the way in which ECH had originally been set up (as an *association de fait*), the move from Belgium is equivalent to its liquidation and every individual member has a claim on the investment funds; they are also all personally liable for any losses. The statutes clearly show that this had not been the intention. This unsatisfactory anomaly will be corrected with the move to The Netherlands.	
Conclusions		Council agreed this anomaly would be corrected naturally in due course.	

11		*PR presentation, Mainz – Sally Eden paper tabled*	
Conclusion		Approved by email prior to the meeting.	

12	*19.25*	*Attendance at IM conferences*	*Jean Pierre, Tiziana*
Discussion summary		These are ideal networking opportunities to promote ECH, form contacts in IM and make sure there is a place for homeopathy. 1. Rome Congress: the topic of the meeting is IM and Oncology and JV would be an ideal speaker if he is available. TDG is also able to attend, and there may be others. Carlo Rezzani can be asked if Clificol has collected any relevant data. This Congress takes place annually and it would be appropriate to have someone who could also go in the future. There may be other potential members in ECH who could attend. 2 MEP event, Brussels: NT and EDB offered to attend.	
Conclusions		Rome Congress – TDG (contact person), JV MEP event – EDB (contact person), NT	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**

Find out if JV is available, that failing, approach Michael Frass	TDG	asap
Ask Franceso Marino if JV, and others can speak	TDG	asap

BREAK

13	*20.00*	*Summary of strategy presentation feedback*	*Jean Pierre*
Discussion summary		The main feedback received to date emphasised the need to prioritise. 1 Extend effectivity by building trust and working relationships • 2 extra Presidents' meetings • stakeholder meeting before HRI Conference in June • world café format during ECH weekends • representation in IM world (Rome, EuroCAM) Keep prioritising, essentials first eg database, website, representation at congresses, homeopathy in IM priority list of white paper topics 2 Link projects in pipeline to funding • Internal structures need to be more robust: contacts, finances, SCs, WGs • Boiron, Heel, Guna, DHU, Reckeweg, Arcana, Robert Bosch, Witten-Herdecke, Kreibsforschung, etc (Have to get members onboard with a common message and sell that before we begin to ask for funding.) • Clificol Interviews – JPJ with SC/WG coordinators • requirements • possible small pilot projects for financing 3 White papers, representing our policies • overview of basic clinical science (proof of effectivity) • AMR, pain, etc • IM – homeopathy will emerge; how can IM (and homeopathy in particular) enrich doctors' work; overview of countries with functioning IM • registration – which subprojects would be supported by registration? • website – invite presentations • pharmaceutical topics – EU Directive, HMPs, pharmacopoeia, etc 4 Next version of website • PR & Comms WG – decide what is required at Mainz, engage a developer, share testing point for site by end of 2023	

	EDB : suggests that putting energy in communicating with the members and getting them on board (especially with the work of Academy/IM groups) is ideally prioritised.

	Person responsible	**Deadline**
Add congress information to website	MW	As available
Submit possible topics for white papers to JPJ	All	Mainz
Develop new website	PR & Comms WG	End 2023

14	*20.25*	*Capra Systems View Lab course funding €7,500*	*Jean Pierre*
Conclusions		Funding agreed for 20 places, drawn initially from Council, SC and WG members.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send edited letter to members	DP, MW	asap

15	*20.27*	*AOB: 1 Certificate* *2 Agrohomeopathy*	*Dora* *Jean Pierre*
Discussion summary		1 Should carry JPJ's and the TC leader's electronic signatures and be embossed with ECH stamp. Certificates should also be awarded for CPD. 2 JPJ recently had a very positive meeting with a Brazilian agrohomeopath working in the UK. More details to follow!	
Conclusions		1 Certificate and Diploma needs to be redesigned for the future – new design presented in Mainz.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Organise purchase of embossing stamp (via MediCongress), realign existing details.	DP	asap
Send design ideas to DP	All	asap

Meeting ended at 20.35