

# SPOTLIGHT



## LMHI NEWSLETTER

### INTRODUCTION

Dear members of the LMHI,

The 76th congress of the International Homeopathic Medical League of Colombia has just been held. The organization of the congress was excellent and the presentations of the speakers were of great quality. There was a great participation of attendees from all over the world and in particular from Latin America.

We all returned home with new ideas and knowledge to continue working for homeopathy in our countries and in the world.

Now we introduce the new name and look of our e-newsletter "LMHI SPOTLIGHT"



**DR. ANDREA FLORES**  
**SECRETARY OF NEWSLETTER**

In it you will be able to read the most outstanding news about LMHI and homeopathy.

I hope it will be of interest to you and that you can share it with your colleagues and friends.

MESSAGE FROM OUR

# PRESIDENT

DR. ALTUNAY AĞAOĞLU



## THE ICM OVERVIEW AND STRATEGIES

### FOCUS AREAS:

#### STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP: A PILLAR FOR PROGRESS

The vitality of LMHI is intricately tied to its membership, and over the past year, we have undertaken concerted efforts to elevate our professional standing and accessibility. Initiatives include proactive public health projects, optimization of membership processes, and the introduction of e-certificates and badges.

Additionally, my active participation in online congresses and attendance at the World Homeopathy Day celebrations in South Africa aimed to foster a sense of unity among our esteemed Members.

#### EMBRACING GLOBAL TRENDS: A STRATEGIC APPROACH

Acknowledging the influence of global megatrends, LMHI has engaged in purposeful meetings with diverse stakeholders worldwide, fostering dialogues with industry leaders and collaborating with patient organizations. Plans for regular meetings with influential groups exemplify our dedication to collaborative and strategic initiatives.

#### LEVERAGING ONLINE RESOURCES: REACHING BEYOND BOUNDARIES

In an era dominated by digital communication, LMHI has judiciously harnessed online platforms for knowledge dissemination.

Dear Esteemed Members,

I am thrilled to share the outcomes of our recent International Congress (IC) meeting held on October 24, 2023, in Bogota, Colombia. With 16 National Vice Presidents (NVP) participating, predominantly from South America, the meeting was marked by vibrant engagement and meaningful contributions.

The session began with a comprehensive review of LMHI's initiatives over the past year, complemented by a detailed financial report from our esteemed treasurer, Monika Kölsch.

The ensuing discussions, enriched by the active involvement of NVPs, delved into strategic considerations, the political landscape affecting homeopathy globally, and the overarching challenges confronting our field.

In my capacity as President, I provided a succinct overview of LMHI's dynamic initiatives from the preceding year, emphasizing our commitment to ensuring LMHI's enduring relevance and sustainability.

The meeting was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the achievements and challenges faced by LMHI, both financially and strategically. I am grateful for the active participation and thoughtful contributions of the NVPs, which enriched our discussions and laid the groundwork for future endeavors.

Hope to meet you all in the next International Council Meeting in Seville, Spain.





Online webinars organized by our research secretary, Ashley Ross, have served as valuable forums for knowledge exchange, accessible through the LMHI YouTube channel.

Furthermore, we have decided to organize another colloquium in the future.

## **HARNESSING SOCIAL MEDIA: A VITAL OUTREACH TOOL**

The dedicated social media team at LMHI has played a pivotal role in disseminating ethical homeopathic information across various platforms. This strategic use of social media ensures that our activities receive visibility and engagement from a diverse audience.

Our Social Media team, Suyasha and Sashya, made an online presentation about the developments on social media and the future plans.

## **AMPLIFYING PATIENT VOICES: A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH**

Recognizing the integral role of patients in our mission, LMHI has actively engaged with patient organizations. This collaborative approach seeks to foster meaningful relationships and explore opportunities for joint efforts to enhance the impact of homeopathy.

## **WHO BENCHMARKING AND BEYOND:**

LMHI is fully committed to the WHO Benchmarking project, considering it of paramount importance in our initiatives. Raj Manchanda's participation in the WHO summit in India has marked the commencement of fruitful collaborations with the organization.

Concurrently, we are actively engaged in collaborative efforts with various stakeholders to establish comprehensive education benchmarks for homeopathy, facilitated by the establishment of a dedicated working group.

## **NURTURING OUR LIBRARY: A TREASURED RESOURCE**

The Hahnemann House library in Köthen, housing a significant collection of classic homeopathic books, stands as a valuable resource for enthusiasts.

A dedicated working group, led by our past president Gustavo Cataldi, is actively exploring avenues to open the library to our members and establish connections with other homeopathic libraries.



**"MOVE FORWARD.  
GOOD THINGS ARE  
UP AHEAD."**







# HOMEOPATHY AT A GLANCE: COLOMBIA

**COLOMBIA HOSTED THE LMHI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HOMEOPATHY IN 2023. COLOMBIA PROVES TO BE A COUNTRY WITH A PROMISING FUTURE FOR HOMEOPATHY.**

**READ BELOW WHAT OUR NVP TELLS US ABOUT IT:**

Homeopathy made its way to Colombia from Europe in 1885, and since then, various educational institutions have played a role in its development. However, its official recognition as a legitimate medical practice came with the enactment of Law 35 in 1992.

Currently, Colombia boasts two accredited entities for the specialization in Human Homeopathy and Veterinary Homeopathy at UNIPAEZ University. Moreover, the National University of Colombia offers a Master's program in Homeopathy. These programs adhere to credit standards set by the Ministry of National Education and are endorsed by the Ministry of Health for medical or veterinary specialization and for the master's degree respectively. These institutions have forged agreements with three public hospitals in Bogota for clinical practices.

A total of 193 doctors have graduated as specialists in Human Homeopathy in Colombia, including 11 from Ecuador and 2 from Venezuela. Additionally, 118 doctors hold a Master's degree in Homeopathy, and 42 veterinarians have specialized in homeopathy. These professionals are dispersed across more than 15 cities nationwide.

In addition to formal education, six other universities offer non-formal education programs, featuring short courses in complex homeopathy, pluralistic homeopathy, and homotoxicology. Sponsored by pharmaceutical companies or organized informally by individuals, these courses have trained around 4500 health professionals. The duration varies from 3 to 6 months, with training intensities ranging from 100 to 120 hours of Homeopathic information. Furthermore, an Alternative Medicine and Plant Pharmacology program, including 100 hours of education in homeopathy, contributes to the educational landscape.

The credibility of these programs in Colombia has prompted some health service providers to incorporate Alternative Medicine, including Homeopathy, into their premium or VIP service offerings. Notably, high-complexity hospital centers, both in the public and private sectors, allow outpatient homeopathic consultations for their users.



**DR. GINA GUAYACÁN,  
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA**



# HOMEOPATHY INSTITUTE OF KOREA (HIK)

A VISIT BY OUR VICE- PRESIDENT, DR. BERNARDO MERIZALDE



On May 10, 2023, I paid a visit to Dr. Young Goo Kim, in his office in Seoul, Korea, where he holds regular meetings with fellow homeopaths and others who are interested in learning more about homeopathy.

Unfortunately, homeopathy is not yet broadly known or used in Korea, but there is a lot of excitement and will. The group has not yet formed a formal national homeopathic association of professionals and we hope this will happen in the future.

I had the opportunity to introduce the group to the LMHI, its history, mission and vision for homeopathy around the world, and the discussion showed great interest on the part of the participants. We were honored with delicious food and an evening of poetry, song and traditional Korean music which was exceptionally beautiful and moving closing what was a delightful evening.

I hope the visit and information sharing will encourage our Korean colleagues to form a cohesive group and join the LMHI family!



[Read more about Homeopathy Institute of Korea \(HIK\) here!](#)



# INVITATION FOR LMHI CONGRESS 2024

Dear professionals, patients, users and friends of homeopathy:

Commemorating the centenary of the proposal for the creation of the LMHI at the International Congress of Homeopathy held in 1924 in Barcelona (Spain), the National Assembly of Homeopathy (ANH) has made the commitment to organize the LMHI congress for 2024.

The city chosen as the venue, Seville, has among other merits, being the birthplace of Dr. Prudencio Querol, pioneer of Spanish Homeopathy with its successful homeopathic treatments for chronically ill patients carried out in the hospital San Sebastian de Badajoz during the years 1832-1838 and during the cholera epidemic suffered in the city of Extremadura.

Under the slogan "United to continue advancing", we are organizing a congress that covers the various aspects of Homeopathy: research and science, regulation and rights, teaching and professionalization, clinical, theoretical bases and historical development, professional development: doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists. Other aspects related to homeopathy that will also be addressed at the congress will be agrohomeopathy and its contribution to public health by improving plant and animal production in achieving healthier food, reducing global pollution and improving global health within the ONE HEALTH concept.

Throughout the congress there will be an inaugural conference, round tables, papers, communications, posters, workshops, a stand of registered authors' books and a closing conference. Also, parallel activities will be developed by patient associations that will have an important space for participation. In addition to all this, the general public will be able to enjoy the Informative Exhibition on Homeopathy in the World. The development of the congress in the facilities of the Barceló-Discovery hotel in Isla Magica, and its surroundings will be the meeting point, where we will be able to enjoy four days of professional, cultural, gastronomic and recreational-festive coexistence. From here, we invite all interested people to participate in this congress that will mark a before and after in the proper perception of Homeopathy in Spain as a showcase of World Homeopathy. We are waiting for you in Seville, united to continue advancing.

Fraternal embrace,

Jose Luis Jiménez Sales  
NVP of the LMHI for Spain,  
General Coordinator of the  
Organizing Committee of the  
77th LMHI Congress  
(October 2-5, 2024)





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