

## HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE PREPARATION

An essential and often not intensively considered part of homeopathy is the subject of homeopathic pharmaceuticals: it refers to the preparation of homeopathic medicines. In most countries medicine production is regulated by national health authorities and producers have to follow the drug laws accordingly. In order to prepare a homeopathic medicine, the following sources give all reliable information needed.

The principles of the production were laid down by the founder of homeopathy Samuel Hahnemann (1755–1843) but he did not publish a special work devoted to remedy-preparation. The basics are spread in his publications like:

- *The Organon of the Healing Art*
- *Materia Medica Pura*
- *Chronic Diseases*.

All the fundamental information on remedy-preparation is outlined in aphorisms 264 to 271 of *The Organon*. In the *Materia Medica Pura* and *Chronic Diseases* information in regard to starting material is usually given at the beginning of every chapter but also some important hints can be located in various footnotes.

At present the following officially approved homeopathic pharmacopoeias give necessary and valuable information for the preparation of homeopathic medicines:

- *Pharmacopeia Homeopática Brasileira*. Third edition, 2011
- *Homöopathisches Arzneibuch (HAB)*, 2021
- *British Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia (B.Hom.P.)*. Second edition, 1999
- *Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India (H.P.I.)*. First edition, 1971
- *Farmacopea Homeopática de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos*. 1998
- *Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (HPUS)*
- *European Pharmacopoeia (Ph.Eur.)*. Eighth edition, 2014

Some of the pharmacopoeias are revised regularly.

The following works are also important contributions to homeopathic pharmaceuticals:

- *Encyclopedia of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia & Drug Index*. 4 Volumes. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Varma P. N., Vaid Indu. Delhi 2007. (First edition 1995, second edition 1997, third edition 2002)
- *Three Lectures on Homoeopathic Pharmaceuticals*. F. E. Boericke. New York, Philadelphia 1878.