



ECH Newsletter July

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**Release the First Australian Report. Please, sign!**



Colleagues in Australia have launched the campaign 'Release the First Report' which the European Committee for Homeopathy would like to encourage members to sign.

The Australian Government research Institute, NHMRC, made headlines with their 2015 report declaring homeopathy to be ineffective for any condition. What the NHMRC never told anyone was that the report they published was not their original findings. It was a SECOND attempt. The FIRST report they produced was completely buried. Then they did the whole thing again and published the SECOND report.

Please join the growing number of people around the world calling for the NHMRC to release the FIRST report. Full story: <https://releasethefirstreport.com/the-full->

[story](#)

Please sign the petition: <https://releasethefirstreport.com/join-the-campaign>

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### **EU Regulation on Organic Farming gives priority to homeopathy**

The EU Regulation 2018/848 on organic production establishes that phytotherapeutic and homeopathic products shall be used in preference to treatment with chemically synthesised allopathic veterinary medicinal products, including antibiotics, provided that their therapeutic effect is effective for the species of animal and for the condition for which the treatment is intended. More information in Annex II, Part II of the Regulation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1530178702491&uri=CELEX:32018R0848>



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### **More than 300,000 Austrians receive information on homeopathy**

The Austrian information campaign Understanding Homeopathy (Homeopathie verstehen) has already reached more than 300,000 people. This online initiative aims to inform the public about homeopathy as human and veterinary medicine. The campaign has been launched by the ECH Austrian association ÖGHM and ÖGVH . More information: <http://www.homoeopathie-verstehen.at/>

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**President of Italian Federation of Medical Societies supports homeopathy**

Dr Franco Vimercati, President of the Italian Federation of Medical Societies (FISM), stated, during the last FISM general assembly, that homeopathy is a medical therapy, which is regulated by an agreement between the Italian national government and the regions. Dr Vimercati also underlined that homeopathic medicines are regulated by a European directive.

**Spanish Medical Council considers ethical the medical prescription of homeopathy**

The Spanish Medical Council, in a reply to a sceptics' association, has stated that the prescription by medical doctors of therapies not scientifically validated is ethical. Several requirements need to be fulfilled such as safety of the therapies, their use as complementary medicine and information and consent of the patient. More information: <https://www.redaccionmedica.com/contenido/images/omc%20respues%2081%29.pdf>

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**President of Romanian ECH association speaks to the press**



Dr Ileana Rindasu, President of Romanian Society of Homeopathy has given an interview to the magazine România liberă. Dr Rindasu highlights that in Romania homeopathy is only practised by medical doctors with an additional qualification in homeopathy. To obtain this qualification medical doctors must enrol in a 2 years postgraduate training organized by the Ministry of Health

through the National School of Public Health and Healthcare Management. This training has been accredited by ECH since 2014. The full text of the interview can be read, only in Romanian, in the website of the Romanian Society of Homeopathy: <http://www.homeopatie-srh.ro/?p=1959>

### **Hungarian Secretary of State defends homeopathy**

Mr Bence Rétvári, Hungarian Secretary of State of Human Resources and responsible for relations with the Parliament, stated, in response to a parliamentary question, that homeopathy is practiced and used worldwide. Mr Rétvári added that it is the responsibility of the individual physician to decide whether she/he prescribes homeopathy to a patient. He also mentioned that the practice of homeopathy is subject to university examinations, state licensing and membership of the Medical Council. More information: <https://24.hu/belfold/2018/06/06/retvari-bence-homeopatia-emmi/>

### **LMHI Congress in Cape Town, 5-8 September 2018**



The next LMHI Congress will take place in Cape Town, next September. A provings workshop, prior to the Congress, will be organised by the ECH Subcommittee for Provings, under the supervision of Dr Jean Pierre Jansen its coordinator. <http://www.lmhi2018.org.za/>

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**French medical homeopaths discuss experiment-based homeopathy, Paris, 12-13 Oct. 2**

The French federation of medical homeopathic associations will organise a conference on homeopathy as “experiment-based-medicine” on 12 and 13 October 2018. The programme includes presentations on paediatrics, oncology, dermatology, allergology and geriatrics. Special attention will be given to the evaluation and improvement of homeopathic practice in a special training session led by Robbert van Haselen and H el ene Renoux. More information:

<http://assh-asso.fr/accueil-assh/agenda/39-44e-entretiens-homeopathiques-de-paris>

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**ECH and IAVH Symposium and Research and Proving Workshops in Sofia,  
15-18 November 2018**



The Symposium “Homeopathy in the 21st century. Integrating homeopathy in human, dental and veterinary medical practice” will take place in Sofia on 17 and 18 November 2018. Previous activities to the Symposium will be the Proving Workshop and the Research Workshop on 15 November and a Veterinary Seminar on 16 and 17 November. More information:

<https://alhb.eu/en/>

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**HRI Conference, London, 14-16 June**

**2019**

HRI's biennial research conference will be held at the Tower Hotel, London in 2019. Registration details will be announced shortly: <https://www.hri-research.org/events/hri-events/>