

63rd LMHI WORLD congress 2008 Evidence Based Homeopathy

20-24 May, Oostende, Belgium



Brussels, May 2007.

Dear colleagues and friends,

We have the great pleasure to invite you to the 63rd Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis (LMHI) Congress organized in Belgium to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the UNIO HOMOEOPATHICA BELGICA, the Belgian professional organization for medical homeopathy. This congress will take place in Oostende, the Queen of the seaside resorts.

Oostende is a cosmopolitan city with a rich historical past. Oostende is renowned for its splendid sands along the North Sea, its harbour and yacht-basin. Oostende was the home base of the famous painter Ensor and hosts one of Belgium's best museums of modern art. Furthermore, the city is famous for its casino, its horse race track, its car-free shopping streets, its gastronomy and its nightlife. No city on the Belgian coast has so much to offer.

The congress will take place in the congress centre "Kursaal", Monacoplein (www.kursaaloostende.be/newsite). The Kursaal is situated at the seaside and has been thoroughly refurbished. The result is an interesting mix of old and new, looks stylish and gives a very transparent impression thanks to the enormous windows, enabling the light and the magnificent view to pour in. In the "Kursaal" everything is under one roof: an impressive entry hall, 3 multi-functional meeting rooms, 1 auditorium, 1 meeting centre, 3 restaurants, 3 bars, 1 night club, 1 casino and even an underground car park for 340 cars. Belgium's most renowned chef Pierre Wynants has lent his name and creativity to the "Kursaal". So you see, even after the congress, life is exciting at the "Kursaal".

Oostende is easily accessible by car (E40 and E17 motorways). There are direct connections by train to Oostende from the Belgian National Airport (Brussels) and the TGV - Thalys - Eurostar stations. The train station is centrally located: the hotels, shopping street, "Kursaal" are all at walking distance.

Homeopathy has a long tradition in Belgium which started at the beginning of the 19th century with Dr. Pierre Joseph De Moor (1787 - 1845) and G.H. Jahr (1801 - 1875). Dr. F.F. Quinn was the personal doctor of prince Leopold (later King of Belgium). He studied one year with Hahnemann and worked in the "Royal London Homeopathic Hospital" from 1849.

The topic of the congress is "*Evidence Based Homeopathy: more than results of double blind studies*" through overview of effective homeopathic methodologies and strategies which have stood the test of time. Presentations of provings, clinical cases, clinical studies, RCT's and pharmaco-epidemiological studies are priorities.

The main subject will be the verification of homeopathic symptoms which will allow us to improve our repertories and materia medica.

Other important topics are:

- Homeopathy and the food chain: an answer to the increasing pollution and calamities
- Pharmacology: quality and efficacy of homeopathic medication

- Miscellaneous
- Satellite symposia on cosmetics, phytotherapy and food supplements

Don't miss this event!

It will be exceptional in amplitude (5 conference rooms in parallel), in length (5 days), in speakers' prestige (numerous Professors from renowned universities), in worldwide attendance, in location (Queen of the Belgian coast).

Study groups all around the world are already working on one of these topics. Participation is fundamental to this 63rd LMHI congress. Your input is of prime importance; join us by contacting our scientific committee: info@lmhi2008.org.

**The deadline for the abstracts is November 30th, 2007.
Full text is expected before the end of February 2008.**

This congress is unique also because the GIRI share this LMHI event. For the first time, the GIRI organises, in association with the LMHI, a one day conference just before the LMHI congress. The GIRI is an Independent and International Scientific Society, created in Monaco in 1986. Its aim is to bring together researchers working in universities or research institutes of different areas of knowledge – medicine, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, physics, agronomy, biology, etc. – and who performed basic or applied research on ultra-dilutions. The GIRI conferences look into the ongoing research on this topic at universities all over the world.

The support and attendance of Queen Paola of Belgium is announced.

Several social events which are planned in the evening, in a relaxed atmosphere, will help to get to know each other better. For the gala dinner, the cocktail will be offered during the trip, using an old-timer train, from Oostende to Bruges. The dinner will be served at the Belfry (www.trabel.com/brugge-m-belfort.htm).

Accompanying person tours will be organised. For example a trip to Bruges and Flanders Fields (www.inflandersfields.be/default2.htm) and a "Painters and their art"– tour, visiting the Delvaux and Permeke museums. As mentioned before, visiting the PMMK, a very famous museum of modern art is recommended.

Belgium is situated on the dividing line of two big cultures namely the Anglo–Saxon and the Latin one. In fact the dividing line goes transversely through Belgium; we have the Flemish and the French speaking part. Furthermore, 80.000 people in the Eastern part of the country speak German. This makes Belgium a special country. Belgian people work hard on the one hand, but on the other hand they really like to enjoy life. Oostende is situated in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium.

It will be a great pleasure for us to welcome you to the 63rd LMHI Congress in Oostende and the scientific committee, on behalf of all Belgian colleagues, is looking forward to see you and wish you unforgettable days in Oostende.

Michel Van Wassenhoven
Organisation President of the Congress

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (already prepared sessions, inexhaustive)

Monday, 19 May 2008

LMHI Executive Committee (14:00 to 18:00) - on invitation only

Tuesday, 20 of May 2008

LMHI International Council (9:00 to 18:00) - on invitation only

G.I.R.I. XXII symposium (9:00 to 18:00) additional event, presentation of GIRI members' scientific publications and on-going research on High Dilutions.

Presidency: Prof. Leoni Bonamin (Brasil)

As usual for the GIRI, presentations are only in English.

Registration into the congress and GIRI symposium in the Entry Hall (8:00 to 18:30).

Opening Ceremony (18:30 to 20:00) and drink offered to the participants.

Presidency: Dr. Ulrich Fischer (President of the LMHI)

Simultaneous translations are available at least in the main auditorium during the LMHI congress.

Wednesday, 21 of May 2008

Evidence Based Homeopathy today (8:30 to 10:30) including the World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) position on Homeopathy and a general introduction entitled: "Homeopathy is a language".

Starting here, the congress will spread in 5 different conference rooms allowing several topics in parallel. Every day, between 17:30 and 18:30, in the main auditorium, the presidents of the parallel sessions are expected to give a summary of the obtained evidence. As such you will never miss important information. At the end of the congress a new document on Evidence Based Homeopathy will be available for all participants.

Posters' sessions are open during the congress from 8:30 up to 17:30.

11:00 to 13:00

Ethics and Politics homeopathy cannot be refused to a patient; Can **Computers** help Homeopathy? ; **History** of homeopathy; **Clinical presentations**; the **Pharmacist** and homeopathy; etc.

14:00 to 17:30

Symptoms verification using different strategies and methods, a key for a good homeopathic treatment; **Strategy and aims of research**, the point of view from daily practice; **Provings**, new provings from Belgium; **Dentistry** session; etc.

17:30 to 18:30 Conclusions of the day

CRUISE - CONCERT in the evening

Thursday, 22 May 2008

8:30 to 13:00

Provings including a topic on Spiders; **Clinical presentations** including a Dermatology session; **Prospective observational** studies (Building the Evidence House); **Data collection** including the Cli-Fi-Col project; **Veterinary session**: Evidence from Brasil; **Biosemiotics**; etc.

14:00 to 17:30

Basic aspects of homeopathy; **Levels of Health**, a Vithoukias proposal; **Clinical presentations** including OTC expertise in Russia, **Gynecology** session; **Micro-immunology** session; **Masi method** session; **Sensation method (Sankaran)** session; etc.

17:30 to 18:30 Conclusions of the day

FILM on Homeopathy in the evening

Friday, 23 May 2008

8:30 to 13:00

Power of classification (Scholten) a full day session; **Laboratory** evidence for homeopathy; **Physics** of dynamised water, including a discussion between 3 eminent Professors; **On going Research**; **Food chain and calamities**, homeopathy can be a solution; etc.

14:00 to 17:30

Endogenous molecules session; **Micro-immunology** second session; **Laboratory** evidence for homeopathy second session; **Veterinary** second session; **Phytotherapy** and/or homeopathy; etc.

17:30 to 18:30 Conclusions of the day

GALA DINNER in Bruges

Saturday, 24 May 2008

8:30 to 12:00

Pharmacology, quality, safety, nosodes; **Economic** aspect using homeopathy; **Humanitary actions** in the world; **Avian Flu** and homeopathy; **Boeninghausen** approach of homeopathy; etc.

12:00 to 13:00

Evidence Based Homeopathy at the end of the congress.

*"Miscellaneous" is a topic that will be added each day.
It is an opening to all original papers showing evidence from a specific point of view.*

Congress Fees

Attention: the congress fee *INCLUDES* a daily LUNCH at noon and COFFEE BREAKS at 10:30 and 16:00 each day; a CD Rom with all communications.

| | <i>Registration Fee</i> |
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| Members LMHI | |
| Early (before 1 January 2008) | 490,00 € |
| Late (from 1 January 2008) | 580,00 € |
| On site | 630,00 € |
| Non Members LMHI | |
| Early | 550,00 € |
| Late | 650,00 € |
| On site | 700,00 € |
| One Day registrations Members | |
| Early | 200,00 € |
| Late | 225,00 € |
| On site | 250,00 € |
| One Day registrations Non-Members | |
| Early | 230,00 € |
| Late | 260,00 € |
| On site | 290,00 € |

For the attendance to the “**GIRI symposium**” (Tuesday, 20 May 2008), the registration fee is the “**One Day**” LMHI registration fee. Only a reduced fee - 50,00 € - for this GIRI XXII symposium will be asked for the participants to the full LMHI congress.

Reduced fee is also possible for students in medicine and/or in homeopathy on special request (a school certificate is needed).

The daily accompanying person fee is 75,00 € including a daily trip and lunch (see above).

Jazz Cruise on Wednesday, 21 May is 75,00 €.

FILM on Homeopathy on the evening of Thursday, 22 May: free of charge, open to the public

GALA DINNER in Bruges on Friday, 23 May: 100,00 €

For hotel reservations, please visit our website www.lmhi2008.org or contact the Organisation Secretariat: Congresses@medicongress.com

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