Homeopathy for Developing Countries

An International Conference in Amersfoort, the Netherlands, 6-7 June 2009

Dear colleague,

In a wide range of developing countries groups of homepaths have initiated projects to treat the prevalent conditions there - from the mountains of Nepal to the plains of Africa, from peaceful and rustic places to war zones or areas suffering from natural catastrophes. In developing countries epidemic diseases and collective trauma influence or claim the lives of millions. Especially in these countries a small set of remedies is often enough to treat acute diseases and injuries. Most initiatives combine treatment with programmes to train local people to become homeopaths. For homeopaths being involved in treating and teaching in developing countries this is an extremely enriching and rewarding experience. This conference aims to bring homeopaths together to share these experiences and to learn from each other.

A successful project is based on team spirit, on a joint vision, on open communication and good support. The amount of work is enormous, the pitfalls and obstacles manifold. We thought that bringing together all the different groups of wonderful people who have taken it upon themselves to bring homeopathy to developing countries would be a good idea. We feel it would be interesting to hear about all the different projects, to share failure and success and to learn from each other. We see here a chance to help each other and by joining forces, ideas and experiences an opportunity to improve the success of every individual project.

The programme you find below is interesting to all homeopaths as also to non-homeopaths connected to projects in developing countries.

With help of sponsors we have been able to supply some free flights to participants from developing countries and to provide free lodging at the conference hotel for them. All homeopaths active in developing countries can participate the second day for free.

Please see the application form for further details.

On behalf of the organising committee I invite you to join the conference and hope to welcome you in Amersfoort,

Harry van der Zee

The organising committee
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Programme

Day 1

9.30-9.45 Opening session

9.45-10.30 *Kees Dam, Netherlands*
Homeopathy and PTSD
An attempt is made to link homeopathic symptomatology to contemporary psycho-physiological concepts like consciousness, stimulus-response reactions, PTSD. This presentation is part of a more extensive reading that was developed for teaching purposes in the Bosnian project of HZG (Dutch Homeopathics Without Borders section).

10.30 -10.50 *Rob Brik, Netherlands*
Cola nitida for health workers
Being at work in a far away country. Overwhelmed and over-enthusiastic. Not able to sleep very well. The Cola-nut can bring relieve.

10.50 – 11.00 Panel – questions and answers

11.00 -11.30 Coffee-break

11.30 -12.15 *Jeremy Sherr, Israel/England*
Theory of epidemics and its significance in treating AIDS in Tanzania, a homeopathic journey

12.15 –12.35 *Sigsbert Rwegasira, Tanzania*
Treating Malaria with homeopathy in Tanzania

12.35 – 12.45 Panel – questions and answers

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch-break

14.15 -15.00 *Adjoa Margaret Stack, USA*
Treatment of malaria at the Senya/Tamale Homeopathy Project in Ghana
After a short film as introduction to the project a summary will be given of the clinic cases treated thus far, highlighting malaria cases: how malaria presented by combining the overall symptoms of the 115 malaria cases taken over three rainy seasons. A comparison of the presentation of malaria in Ghana to the six or so “genus epidemicus” remedies that were mostly used for treatment and have had a larger impact on some of the clients, so far decreasing their annual instances of falling sick with malaria.

15.00 -15.15 *Bishnu Bhakta Kawan, Nepal*
Buerger’s disease treated with Secala cornutum
This is a case of Buerger’s disease where despite surgical treatment to improve the blood flow gangrene of the toes set in. Homeopathic treatment solved the problem so a second operation was no longer necessary.

15.15 – 15.45 Tea-break

15.45 – 16.15 *Claire Niala, Kenya*
Abha Light Foundation - a model for community homeopathy in Kenya.
The Abha Light Foundation is a homeopathic college, clinic and pharmacy that has several branches in Nairobi and around the country. It focuses at a grassroots level providing affordable healthcare medicine and training to ordinary Kenyans. As part of its program it has launched a successful malaria protocol effective in the treatment of disease from a local perspective.

16.15 -16.30 *Harry van der Zee, Netherlands*
Malaria in perspective
The possible role and purpose of malaria in developing countries. Experiences with PC malaria for prophylaxis and treatment

16.30 – 17.15 *Martien Brands, Netherlands*
Malaria and Research
Research on Malaria from different points of view:
- Classical homeopathy
- Genus epidemicus
- Generic such as PC remedies

Therapeutic and prophylactic use of homeopathy
Comparison: time-series model, pragmatic studies, and blind/double blind

17.15 – 17.30 Panel discussion

19.00 – 22.00 Diner and cultural evening

*Conference venue: Leerhotel Het Klooster*
Day 2

9.30 – 10.15  Interactive session
Part 1: "In giving everyone receives"
In many developing countries there is a clear unbalance between the demand for health care and the availability of it. For various reasons we believe homeopathy is ideal for third world countries. To be successful in setting up clinics and schools it is important to understand what is needed and how. This starts with our own motives. We often think to have a clear image of what the needs and interests of developing countries are. Are these correct? And what are our own needs and motives? What do we have to gain? Where do our motives meet the demand, where are they a mismatch? Where lies the balance between giving and receiving? To investigate these items we are lucky to be able to work together with some colleagues originating from developing countries. In this first session we will focus on our personal needs and will do this in single, duo and small group format.

10.15 – 11.00  Interactive session
Part 2: "From Idea(I) to Real(i)ty"
In the first interactive session we mainly made a journey inward to investigate our own needs and motives, the projection of which may colour our vision on the demand. In this second interactive session we will focus on what is needed in developing countries and to see whether and how we as individuals and homeopathy as a whole can meet the demand. Do the people and places we go to really need us? How can we offer respect and protect the integrity of the other party involved? Why so often fail our attempts? How do we learn from failures? These questions will be addressed in this interactive plenary session.

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee-break

11.30 – 11.45  Native Trust Traits and Treasures
Ancient herbs – a meeting between past and present. Documentary on a bushman herbalist educating a white pupil.

11.45 – 12.30  Martine Jourde, Canada
HTSF – Homeopathies from Earth Without Borders
Thirty-five years in sustainable development of community health projects with homeopathy in Africa and Central – South America. Also a presentation on the community based projects of HTSF and the particular contribution to the fight against Chagas disease.

12.30 – 14.00  lunch-break

14.00 – 14.20  Adjua Margaret Stack, United States
Homeopathy Project in Ghana: Future plans

A short discussion of an expansive vision for the role of the clinics in Ghana. To treat more Ghanaians by training Ghanaians to quickly use homeopathy - by targeting malaria and some basic conditions such as: wound care, coughs/colds, diarrhoea, and rheumatic complaints. Targeted remedy kits will be put together along with a guided manual for use (much like Hering’s “The Domestic Physician”). With book and kit, trained individuals can go out into communities and work, bringing back treatment data to the main clinics and receiving continuing education – There will be a volunteer component for homeopaths to either work in the clinics or teach in the educational component.

14.20 – 14.40  Bishnu Kawan Nepal and Rob Brik, Netherlands
Fifteen years of education, BIHC Nepal (Bhaktapur International Homeopathic Clinic)
The first project started in 1995 and ended in 2001. What did we do right and what could have been done better? What did we change at the start of the second project in 2008?

14.40 – 15.15  Harry van der Zee, Netherlands
Amma4Africa: A Practical Concept for Africa
The Amma4Africa Concept consists of a kit plus manual for treating epidemics, trauma and endemic diseases. Homeopaths can easily use the concept in their clinics increasing their effectiveness and efficiency and the concept is designed such that also health care workers with no or little homeopathic training with only a short training can provide effective, safe and cheap treatment for 14 indications.

15.15 – 15.45  Tea-break

15.45 – 16.15  Publicity and Public Relations in relation to homeopathy projects

16.15-16.45  Panel discussion about education models and publicity

16.45 – 17.00  Rounding Up the Conference

The ancient city of Amersfoort

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**Application Form**

**Conference Homeopathy for Developing Countries June 6-7 2009**

**Name:**

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Please tick the appropriate boxes:

- [ ] I wish to participate Saturday June 6 (€100 per person including lunch, coffee and tea)
- [ ] I wish to participate Sunday June 7 (€100 per person including lunch, coffee and tea)
- [ ] I am actively involved in a homeopathic project in a developing country and request free participation for June 7

☐ Name of organisation: ........................

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- [ ] I wish to book a room* for June 5  
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* Double rooms €47.50 per person per night. Arrival Friday evening. Single rooms (limited availability) €75,- per night. In case the conference hotel is fully booked a room will be reserved under the same conditions in another hotel.

** Dinner €24.50,- per person including 3 courses and 2 drinks

Cancellation fee of rooms: Before May 35%, before June 80%, after 31 May 100%.

Cancellation fee of participation: After May 31 50%

For any question regarding your application please contact Yvonne at: info@ykr-advies.nl

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