

## 3<sup>rd</sup> HRI International Homeopathy Research Conference

Malta, 8 – 11 June 2017

### Conference Programme

#### Pre-Conference Research Workshop

THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2017

14:00 – 17:00      **'Making Studies Count' – avoiding common pitfalls in future research**

#### Conference Registration

THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2017

18:00 – 20:00      **Registration and Welcome Drinks**

#### Day 1 – Cutting Edge Research in Homeopathy

FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2017

09:00 – 09:30      **Opening Ceremony**

09:30 – 10:30      **Adjunctive Homeopathic Treatment in Cancer Patients**

**Prof Michael Frass**, Austria. *Influence of adjunctive classical homeopathy on global health status and subjective wellbeing in cancer patients – a pragmatic randomized controlled trial*

**Dr Elio Rossi**, Italy. *Homeopathy and complementary medicine in patients with breast cancer at the hospital of Lucca (Italy): clinical results*

10:30 – 11:00      Coffee

11:00 – 12:30      **Homeopathy and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**

**Alison Fixsen**, UK. *Can homeopathy offer a viable alternative to antibiotic use in the treatment of upper respiratory tract infections? A review and discussion of the literature*

**Dr Peter Fisher**, UK. *Homeopathy and antimicrobial resistance*

**Petra Klement**, Germany. *Therapeutic effectiveness of a complex homeopathic medication in patients from 6 to 60 years with recurrent tonsillitis*

**Dr Suresh Sampath**, India. *Pilot study on anti-bacterial activity of homeopathic remedies: in vitro evaluation for treatment of chronic otitis media*

**Discussion** – *What role could homeopathy play in tackling AMR?*

12:30 — 14:00

Buffet Lunch

**14:00 — 15:20**

**Systematic Reviews of Clinical Research**

**Rachel Roberts**, UK. *The Australian report – an in-depth analysis of the highly influential 2015 overview report on homeopathy*

**Dr Robert Mathie**, UK. *Systematic review of ‘pragmatic’ randomised controlled trials of individualised homeopathic treatment*

**Dr Katharina Gaertner**, Switzerland. *Systematic review of clinical trials of potentized substances – methods and subgroup-analyses*

**Research Organisation Updates**

15:20 — 15:50

Coffee

**15:50 — 16:50**

**Poster Talks**

**Dr Stephan Baumgartner**, Germany. *Development of a *Pisum sativum* bioassay to test effects of homeopathic pillules*

**Dr Joyce Frye**, USA. *Individualized homeopathy reduces symptoms of chronic chikungunya in Haiti*

**Dr Gualberto Diaz-Saez**, Spain. *Use of homeopathic medicines in a public primary care setting*

**Zofia Dymitr**, UK. *Investigating provers’ experiences: a qualitative investigation of participants’ experiences of homeopathic pathogenetic trials*

**Dr Lefteris Tapakis**, Greece. *Analysis of cases with panic attacks treated with classical homeopathy*

**Dr Carlo Rezzani**, Italy. *Clifical: First cases output*

**Dr Lionel Milgrom**, UK. *Why is catalase so fast? A holistic approach to enzyme biochemistry*

**17:00 — 19:00**

**Poster Session**

Please see Poster Programme for details.

**19:30**

**Dinner Excursion**

09:10 — 10:30

**Lab-Based Research and Mechanism of Action**

**Dr Stephan Baumgartner**, Germany. *Highlights from 20 years of basic research in homeopathy*

**Dr Alexander Tournier**, Germany. *Is homeopathy really that implausible?*

**Dr Steven Cartwright**, UK. *Understanding the nature of the interaction between potencies and solvatochromic dyes; recent advances*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee

11:00 — 12:20

**Hospital-Based Research and Panel Session**

**Dr Emma Macías-Cortés**, Mexico. *Individualized homeopathic treatment and Fluoxetine for moderate to severe depression in peri- and postmenopausal women (Homdep-Menop Study): a randomized, double-dummy, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial*

**Panel Session** – *Research priorities for the future*

12:30 — 14:00

Buffet Lunch

**Parallel sessions in the afternoon:**

14:00 — 15:20

**Clinical Research 1 (Ballroom)**

**Dr Rajesh Shah**, India. *A randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled, multi-centric clinical trial of ultra-diluted mycobacterium Tuberculosis nosode (Emtact 30C) in the management of recurrent upper and lower respiratory tract affections*

**Dr Sadanandan Gopinadhan**, India. *Homoeopathic management of schizophrenia: a prospective non-comparative open label observational study*

**Philippa Fibert**, UK. *Preliminary feasibility and clinical results of a pilot study of treatment by homeopaths for children with ADHD using the trials within cohorts (Twics) design*

**Dr Lex Rutten**, Netherlands. *Prognostic factor research on homeopathic cough treatment in India*

14:00 — 15:20

**Plant-Based Research & Qualitative Research (Carlson suite)**

**Anezka Marie Sokol**, Denmark. *Screening of different homeopathic preparations regarding specific effects on cress seedlings with a CuCl<sub>2</sub>-biocrystallization assay*

**Annekathrin Ücker**, Germany. *Reproduction of an arsenic-stressed duckweed bioassay using homeopathic preparations of Arsenicum album*

**Dr Maria Olga Kokornaczyk**, Switzerland. *Preliminary study on force-like effects between As45X, water, and wheat seeds performed by means of the droplet evaporation method*

**Dr Irene Dorothee Schlingensiepen**, Germany. *Does methodology matter? A long term comparative analysis of current homeopathic methodologies*

15:20 — 15:50 Coffee

**15:50 — 17:10 Provings and Methodology (Ballroom)**

**Dr Robbert van Haselen**, UK. *Validating the clinical predictive value of homeopathic provings: a pilot study comparing retrospectively collected proving and clinical data*

**Prof Ashley Ross**, South Africa. *The validity of experimental symptoms in homoeopathic pathogenetic trials: a comparative appraisal of the number and quality of symptoms in placebo and verum groups*

**Dr Peter Smith**, Germany. *A thematic analysis of seven recent high quality monospecies (*Sus Scrofa Ferus Domesticus*) sarcode provings*

**Dr Christien Klein-Laansma**, Netherlands. *International randomized controlled pilot study on homeopathy and PMS: latest outcomes, opportunities and pitfalls*

**15:50 — 17:10 Cell-Based and Veterinary Research (Carlson suite)**

**Dr Leoni Bonamin**, Brazil. *Phosphorus modifies macrophage – E. Cuniculi interaction in a potency-dependent basis in vitro*

**Dr Gustavo Aguilar-Velazquez**, Mexico. *Effects of homeopathic dilutions of E. angustifolia and T. occidentalis on cervical cancer cells*

**Dr Sophie Scheffer**, France. *A homeopathic specialty protects from the mutagenic effects of mitomycin c*

**Dr Cidéli Coelho**, Brazil. *Use of ultradiluted medications, Nux vomica and Papaver somniferum, as an aid to the anesthesia recovery of cats submitted to elective ovariohysterectomy*

17:30 **Screening of film “Just One Drop” (Ballroom)**

20:00 **Gala Dinner (The Edge Restaurant)**

09:10 – 10:30

**Clinical Research 2**

**Sandra Würtenberger**, Germany. *Physicochemical investigations of homeopathic potencies: a systematic review of the literature*

**Dr Michel van Wassenhoven**, Belgium. *A comprehensive approach of homeopathic medicine, nanoparticles search, solvent and electron behavior using a metal and a plant model to answer the question, “What is the signature of a homeopathic dynamized medicine?”*

**Dr Klaus von Ammon**, Switzerland. *More clinical observations suggesting an immaterial mode of action in potentized remedies*

**Dr José Enrique Eizayaga**, Argentina. *Prevalence of homeopathic aggravation in chronic patients*

10:30-11:00

Coffee

11:00 – 12.20

**Clinical Research 3 and Provings**

**Prof Ka Lun Aaron To**, China. *Individualized homeopathic treatment in addition to conventional treatment in type II diabetic patients in Hong Kong – retrospective cohort study*

**Dr Robert Mathie**, UK. *Model validity and risk of bias in randomised, placebo-controlled trials of non-individualised homeopathic treatment: impact on meta-analysis findings*

**Prof Harald Walach**, Germany. *Homeopathic pathogenetic trials – trials and tribulations and a potential way forward*

12:20 – 12:30

**Closing Ceremony**

**Learning time for CPD credits 18hrs** (Conference 15.5hrs & Pre-Conference Workshop 2.5 hrs).

Please note that although every attempt will be made to follow the programme as described, it remains subject to change.

Keynote speakers are indicated through underlining.

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