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Dear CAM – supporters,

for those of you who would like to obtain a CAM qualification may now do so by studying Natural Medicine in Australia. Study time for this is between 6 months and 4 years. Bachelors and Masters degrees are offered as well as certificates and diplomas. In Australia CAM is recognised as a science (Note: science is far from real live globalisation and operates through a fiercely protected local monopoly). Contact: Institute Ranke-Heinemann/ Australian-Neuseeland Association of Higher Education.

The large coalition government in Austria has included CAM in its new program (soon on [www.anme.info](http://www.anme.info)). CAM related plans are as follows:

Improved standing for general practitioners and other health professions

- EBM based recognition for refund by the health service of homeopathic medicines
- Catalogue and registration of all health professions
- Quality control in the health service through a transparent in the area of complimentary medicine
- active participation in the EU FP 7 research program
- Admendment of the reservation of right to practice for doctors as well as rights of other health and care professions.

It remains to be seen in how far these plans get implemented, however the fact that these subjects are mentioned can be considered in itself already a significant success for CAM. In Austria there is an initiative which supports CAM: [www.ja-zur-komplementaermedizin.at](http://www.ja-zur-komplementaermedizin.at)

New EU guidelines for children´s medication became applicable at the end of January 2007. This change has been welcomed by manufacturers. The exact implications for the producers of biological medicines is however not yet clear (do all complex substances now need to be tested using EBM on children?).

The compiled 2006 Members Letters can be requested in the ANME office from Febuary onwards – the ultimate 2006 CAM review.

Wishing you a good start for the new year! Nora Laubstein

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