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Dear CAM – supporters,

on the 19th of April, a seminar on „**Health Care / Health Services**“ was organised by the **EU Green Party (EFA – European Free Alliance)**. The two present EU parliament members had come to „listen“. The invited presenters showed a detailed picture of Europe today: very differing systems which only manage with difficulty or not at all to keep up with the relevant EU regulations. The EU parliament members lack in knowledge particularly about the way eastern EU countries are structured. It became concerningly clear that health politics are supposed to be determined on a national level, however that they are already regulated or at least influenced by work groups on Employment, Social Services, Economy, Research and the Luxembourg Parliament which hovers over all these. With help of the new EU Health Card (E-health) and the argument „equal rights for all patients“ some experts are starting to think publically about harmonising the EU Health System. In my opinion the national independence in case of Health policy is only valid for a limited time..

This years **ECHAMP meeting in Bonn** was well attended. Dr. Werner Knöss from the BfArM, who is also chairman of the national working group for homeopathic medical products (HMPWG) assumed in this presentation „a pragmatic application of the existing law“ and „modification of this law as needed“. He did not however pass judgement on article 16.2 of the medicinal products directive which deals with homeopathic substances for injection. Comment: Homeopathic medicines are not permitted to name an indication whereas substances for injection must have an indication – **homeopathic substances for injection are significantly at risk!**In answer to the question as to why the HMPWG does not become an official working group under the EMEA (European Medicine and Medical Products Registration Office), Dr. Knöss replied „no interest“.

The Swiss initiative „**Yes to complimentary medicine**“ is doing very well: so far over 300000 signatures have been collected in order to revise article 118 a through a public petition; „The Federation and Cantons are responsible for the comprehensive consideration of complimentary medicine“....we wish them much success!
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Best wishes from Schöneck

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