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Dear CAM – supporters,

The 2007 – 2013 EU-Health program was passed by the European Parliament following its second reading. Accordingly, article 23a (which affects CAM) was accepted with the following text : „*This program should recognize the importance of a holistic approach to public health and take into account, where appropriate and where there is scientific or clinical evidence about its efficacy, complementary and alternative medicine in its actions*“ This is representative of the current attitude to CAM research. If CAM research is done, it should be solely in the framework of evidence based guidelines.

The leaders of EU states and governments agreed on 23rd June the basis of a new European Union Contract. For the health sector this means:

- a) Health policy (decision & organisation) continues to reside in the countries
- b) No attempt to speed up alignment of national systems
- c) The possibility to impose additional rulings at EU level on top of national regulations on quality & safety standards as well as for medicines and medical products (not new, but now legitimate based on Art. 152 of the existing contract).
- d) The European Human Rights Charter becomes legally binding also for medical and bioethical matters
- e) Overall the EU will follow an „open method of coordination OMC“. This requires political dialog and exchange of experience between member countries with the intention of alignment.

ELIANT (www.eliant.eu) has extended its signature campaign for the legalisation of anthroposophical medicine. Until now 150 000!!! signatures were collected. More information about this campaign can be obtained from Mr. Göring info@eliant.eu

We have added a new section to the ANME home page www.anme.info called „STUDIES“. This is intended as a collection of supporting arguments for the CAM community. We would welcome any interesting studies you may have and for which you would like to provide us the file.

Wishing you all pleasant summer holidays,

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