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Dear CAM – supporters,

following a three-day workshop at the end of October 2008, delegates of the United Nations, along with internationally cooperating organizations, passed the “**Florence Declaration**”, in which CAM is described as an indispensable contribution to the world wide health system. The future importance of CAM, as already formulated by ANME in 2004, was hereby wholeheartedly confirmed. The (WHO) World Health Organization’s guidelines for Traditional Healing Methods serve as orientation for the listed goals of the declaration. The detailed declaration of Florence and the brandnew “**Beijing-Declaration**” (WHO) can be found on our English homepage at www.anme.info.

The participants of an event held by the European Academy for Environmental Medicine (EUROPAEM) in Wuerzburg, Germany, were shocked by the grave inadequacies found in the research carried out for the current study regarding the safety of **Amalgam** (TU Munich). In this regard, we once again bring attention to the petition: “**Luxemburg Appeal**”. To date, Europe wide, 15,000 signatures have been collected (www.europaem.org/frameset2.html).

The new **EU – Food Information Ordinance** will not go into effect until 2013. Since January of 2008, a proposed draft recommends new labelling rules and information on the nutritional value of foods, although there is as yet, no agreement on what those rules should be. Obligatory will be listing the country of origin.

In its most recent press statement, the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH) speaks of “**New Evidence for Homeopathy**”. Two new studies in the medical journal LANCET once again claim that homeopathy merely offers a placebo effect. Professor George Lewith (Southampton University), describes the incompleteness of these studies, commenting that neither the medical indications nor the various living situations have been cited. Completely incomprehensible to him is the placebo accusation, when homeopathy has been proven to be effective in one case and supposedly ineffective in the next. He deduces that precisely this is proof of its effectiveness.

At the 1st **European Congress for Integrative Medicine** (www.ecim-congress.org) in Berlin, Professor Stefan Willich described Integrative Medicine (IM) as the bridge between orthodox and complimentary procedures with the goal of creating the best possible medical care and quality of life for the patient.

ANME e.V. thanks you for your support in 2008 and wish you a successful New Year!

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