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Dear CAM – supporters,

ANME has been named a member of the advisory board of **EU-Research's CAMbrella-Project**. Within the framework of its "FP7" program, the EU is making approximately 6 million euros available for research in CAM methods. However, the research will be done at several European universities under EBM-requirements, making it our job to ensure that experience-based CAM is also brought into the research program. In order to support this work, the **Scientific Advisory Council of ANME** e.V. was founded, to be headed by Dr. Mathias Schmidt.

Three weeks ago the **CAM-Interest-Group** associated with the new European Parliament was formed, to which ANME, in addition to several other European organizations, belongs. The goal of this "Intergroup" is the direct and improved contact to the newly elected MEP's (Members of the EU-Parliament).

With the Czech signing of the **EU Lisbon Treaty**, a new era begins for Europe. Why? Up till now, the EU was a common economic market. From this point onward, the EU-Human Rights Charter, a part of the Lisbon Treaty, comes into effect and means, for example, the following: for the first time in EU history, its citizens - the people – are mentioned and take part in it! **We now have citizen's rights, not only consumer rights!!** As is recognizable in the "Welcome Package Public Health" and the "Food Safety Package" (both of which can be found on the German and English ANME-homepage under EU-politics), much of the present EU-legislation will be revised.

Important notice: On the 13th and 14th of November 2010 the 4th European ANME-Symposium (working title: "Protection and education of traditional knowledge in healing") will be held in Vienna/Austria together with the Austrian National Agency of UNESCO !

The German authority BfArM (similar to the EMEA – European Medical Evaluation Agency on European level), once again provides the answer to this painful question. The participants attending the November 3rd event **"In Dialogue with BfArM"** in Bonn were struck as if by a thunderbolt. In the future, homeopathic as well as anthroposophical medicines will require testing regarding their **gene toxicity, fertility and cancer genealogy !!!**

This means providing proof that supposedly ineffective medication does not cause harm; the same procedure that was required of herbal medicines in 2007 (see ANME's report on our Homepage-activities-2007). Would this apply to potencies up to D6 or D9? The responsible parties as well as those affected didn't exactly yet know. The suggested comparison made, that the safety of vaccines, their preservatives and booster substances should then also be tested, was struck down with indignation by BfArM.

In **England's House of Lords**, members of one of its governmental committees were **debating the future** of its "non-doctors = CAM-practitioners" (especially TCM-, Ayurveda- and Herbal practitioners) and the unclear situation regarding their education and how patient safety should be regulated. There is enough explosive content in this question as to give significance to it on an EU-wide basis.

Unfortunately, the work cut out for ANME e.V. is not decreasing, but instead continues to grow (as can be recognized in this somewhat longer newsletter)...Please continue to support our work, become a member of ANME, speak with the colleagues in your associations and create information booths!

With cordial greetings,

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