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Dear CAM – supporters,

Using four current examples, I'd like to point out how important it is nowadays to read things carefully: "Integral Care" (IV), "Integrative Medicine (IM)", "Integrated Medicine" and "integer" (behaving with integrity), define completely different topics. In the German national healthcare economy, "Integral Care" defines "supplementary, intertwined networking concepts and contracts". "Integrative Medicine" sees itself as an evidence-based synthesis between natural and academic medicine. (We have set up a new IM-theme focus on our homepage: www.anme.info). "Integrated Medicine" is the English collective term for traditional medicine and "integer" as an adjective, can best be translated as "behaving with integrity" or "being trustworthy".

The Second EU-Homeopathy Day in Brussels, 2nd of April will have a lot of doctor`s speakers: "Integrated Medicine in the EU- the best of both worlds", "Homeopathy and Complementary Medicine in Italy- Integration in the public health system" and "Patient`s rights in the EU as regards complementary medicine" are the topics.

In 2009, the anthroposophic EU Association ELIANT continues to collect signatures for a European public petition. To date it has approximately 680,000 signatures. Please support this campaign by collecting additional signatures. You will find contacts and Lists at: www.eliant.eu.

Registration of a single homeopathic medicine (the procedure for which is set under a time limit usually taking five years), costs a producer EU 5,000. This involves furnishing proof of quality and safety before it can be brought onto the European market. Proof of efficacy is not necessary. However, clinical studies are a required for obtaining registration in accordance with the European law for governing the manufacture and prescription of children`s medicine.

Austria is the leader with 6000 registered homeopathic medicines, followed by Germany with approximately 4000 officially recorded medicines. In Belgium, Italy and Spain approximately 15,000 products find themselves in a holding pattern waiting to be registered by the authorities. Excessively high safety standards (stricter than are required for allopathic drugs), and highly complicated legal regulation are responsible for this, the cost for which the patients will pay in the end. On January 28th, the Economic General Directorship for the EU assured that he would look into this deplorable state of affairs (see attached: "DG-Enterprise-prioritylist").

Kind regards,

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