



## *Newsletter No 6 - 09*

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Dear CAM – supporters,

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, proposals for two new guidelines were accepted:

First: The guideline for “**Patient’s Rights in Cross-border Healthcare**” was accepted in the EU Parliament by a vote of 31 to 3, with 19 abstentions (see attached file 1).

Second: The recommendation of the EU-Counsel regarding the “**Guideline for Patient Safety**” was unanimously passed with 56 votes.

Just two days later, the **2<sup>nd</sup> European Homeopathy Day** took place in Brussels under the patronage of MdEP Mirian Harkin. A comprehensive report you will find on our homepage [www.anme.info](http://www.anme.info). The suspenseful questions asked before the event were:

1. What is meant by “Evidence-based Homeopathy”?
2. How can a whole form of therapy be evidence-based, when according to Prof. Dr. Michalsen (Charite/Berlin), mere individual indications á la EBM-Studies can be performed.
3. To what degree can homeopathy be seen as “Integrative Medicine”?

On Mai, 17th 2009 – **Popular votes regarding complementary medicine in Switzerland!** Almost 80% of the members of the Swiss parliament have voted in favor of a „future with complementary medicine“(please see attached file no 2 and 3).

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the next **Elections for the EU-Parliament** (2009-2014), take place !! ANME wants to know if and how the EU candidates will support natural medicine.

The **legal situation for so-called “Non-doctors”**, working in natural medicine, is narrowing. Italian healers fear massive restrictions in their already limited possibilities to come into effect within the next ten months ( More on this at [www.essen.it](http://www.essen.it) ). In Hungary, the legal requirement of a **Bachelor’s Degree for Non-doctors** was introduced. Without this state-approved degree, Hungarian Non-doctors will have difficulties to practice CAM-therapies in the future. This supports grounds for suspicion that eventually similar requirements might be made EU wide.

**! Panic!** - Actually we receive a lot of questions dealing with **Food-Supplements**. As we have mentioned before there is no danger for registrated or full legislated CAM-medicaments at all. The situation of vitamins and minerals according **directive 2002/46/EC** is open until the end of the year. So, please keep cool, inform yourself and work together with the institutions in that case.

With kind regards,

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