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Dear CAM – supporters,

after 161 years the **Royal Homeopathic Hospital** in London switched into Integrated Medicine Hospital (see the attached file)...it is amazing, and of course a strategic decision for the money: The hype about Integrative Medicine seems to be the story about the donkey and the carrot. Yesterday no one was in favour of the term “natural medicine”, today the dislike of “CAM”, especially the “A”, also complementary is not accepted very well – and now “Integrative/Integrated Medicine”...CAMbrella’s Working Package No 1 deals with the “Definition of CAM”- we are wishing good luck!

The **Traditional Herbal Medical Products Directive - THMPD** is still on the list: An European petition is open now, but instead of a total new directive anme demands some changes (please see the attached files “position” and suggestions”)...

The **scientific proof of efficacy for homeopathic products of high potency** has finally been delivered. Based on research that had already been published in 2008, biochemist, Dr. Karin Lenger, submitted a summary of her research during spring of this year! Unfortunately her research is mostly ignored by the homeopathic scene. More information on this subject can be found under “studies-homeopathy” on our homepage www.anme.info .

The fourth high-level **anme-symposium in Vienna**, together with the Austrian section of UNESCO has finished after two days with two demands:

The health professional sector needs regulation and harmonising in form of a register of all professions and the demands for it. The participants voted for the following realisation: The Commission/DG Sanco will ask the national organisations of professionals and CAM-disciplines of the EU-member states for minimal standards in education with a time-limit. The national legislation for academical and non-academical practitioners must be respected. So all educations and certificates will get a real ground and legitimation.

The second demand means the **CAM-research: The urgent need of a CAM-specific method for research is based on INTERDISCIPLINARY research, here in the first line the cultural disciplines (cultural anthropology) presented as an example by the Intangible Cultural Heritage.** The human being is not represented by only physical and chemical research; the human being as a cultural being must become part of CAM-research...

Actually all forces have to be concentrated that CAM will be a part of the **8.EU-Framework Program**. This means in concrete that all CAM-research has to be continued. F.ex. the CAMbrella-project, the database of scientific CAM in Europe in the future, can go on working - their datas will be needed in the European political context.

With best wishes,

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