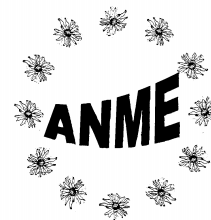


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Dear CAM – supporters,

By 2010, EU member countries are to have adapted their national qualification systems to the **European qualification standard** recommended by the EU Parliament and Council. This is an opportunity for those in positions of responsibility and those practising alternative medicine to have an influence on its future. Quality of service, the safety of patients and receiving the necessary tools of the trade will all play a role.

In answer to our inquiry regarding the draft of “Guidelines for patient’s rights”, the EU Commission clearly emphasizes that the national authorities have the competency in carrying out any planned guidelines. At the moment, we are working on eight statements. They will be on our homepage ([www.anme.info](http://www.anme.info)) soon. In cooperation with the EU-Commission, qualification standards for TCM and the simplified registration for TCM medicines was discussed in Rome as early as 2007.

The European umbrella organizations for Homeopathy (**ECH** - European Committee for Homeopathy and **ECCH** – European Council for Classical Homeopathy), have adopted a common position paper regarding “the full availability of all high quality homeopathic medicines”. (See the ANME Homepage.)

You can follow the positive development of the Swiss initiative “**Yes, to Complimentary Medicine**” at the following link: [www.jzk.ch](http://www.jzk.ch). The National Council and the upper chamber have indirectly given the goals of the initiative their verbal support.

The German Federal Office for Risk Assessment (BfR), is beginning a study entitled “Just Target Group Communication on Risks of **Nutritional Supplements**”, which will investigate its use and possible dangers until February 2010. In the affiliated consultative workshops, 80 representatives, none of whom are in the field of alternative medicine, will work on suggestions regarding risk communication.

**Aryurvedic medicine** will be the main topic at the **1st Austrian Scientific Conference** on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Federal Ministry of Health in Vienna. For further information and registration, please contact Renata Mörth and Helga Kolle at: [helga.kolle@Bmgfi.gv.at](mailto:helga.kolle@Bmgfi.gv.at).

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