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Dear CAM – supporters,

the new term “integrated” is presently making its way through the German health care and insurance system (i.e. “**integrated medicine**”, “**integrated care**” and “**I-V contracts**”). In English and Spanish speaking countries, natural medicine (CAM), has always been referred to as being “integrated/integral”.

In German speaking regions this word is now being turned into a **political concept**: Fragments of natural healing procedures are taken as isolated cases and subjected to scientific testing to prove efficacy according to EBM (evidence based medicine). Only upon receiving positive results, these fragments are accepted by the public health insurance companies for reimbursement purposes. Together with the new, so called CAM-doctors the public health insurances are agreeing upon so called “I-V-contracts” and will pay for it. Uninformed patients will use this “modern CAM” as certificated secure natural medicine...

The **mistranslation** of “evidence” (in German translated with “proof”) will continue with the word “integrated” (in German: “integration” into the conventional medicine as a discipline for it`s own).

After the February elections in Cyprus, EU Health Commissioner Kyprianou, received the offer to become Foreign Minister. He is to decide whether he will prematurely step down from his office in the EU.

The **9<sup>th</sup> UN-Environmental Protection Conference** will take place in Germany May 19-30, 2008. The watchword will be “Biological Diversity”, (UN Convention on biological Diversity), its protection, and genetic biological diversity where the extraction of resources and the production of products is concerned. Participants from 190 countries are expected to attend. MONSANTO is sure to send a delegate as well.

The **1<sup>st</sup> EU-Homeopathy Day** will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Brussels. Dr. Michael van Wassenhoven from the influential Belgian Committee on Homeopathy will present the model on “Evidence based Homeopathy”. Please let us know if you would like to take part in this conference, in which case we’ll send you an invitation.

Spring greetings from Schoeneck,

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