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Dear CAM – supporters,

In the spirit of the EU-Consumer Strategy 2007-2013, national health representatives are expressing an “urgent necessity” to protect the public from unsafe practices. According to Mike Pittilo, British government chairman of the Committee for the Regulation of Statutes for CAM-Practitioners, the time is long overdue: “The public is exposed to great risk and responsible, well-educated practitioners are not being rewarded for their efforts.” In his report, Mr. Pittilo is pushing for recognized or academic certification and standards for contracts, their fulfilment and ethical ground rules for treatments.

After nearly ten years the former service directive has been transformed into the new “proposal for the Application of Patients Rights to Cross Border Healthcare” (see attached file). We are working actually on this...

On June 21 – 22, representatives of various Ayurvedic organizations from 11 EU-countries accepted the invitation of the European Ayurveda Association (EuAA), in order to meet near Vienna. Discussions on finding common ground in how to proceed in the matters of nutritional supplements or medication (THMPD), were held. Three groups were formed to improve Ayurvedic standards and viewpoints in the fields of medicine, education and public relations.

On June 5th, EU-Delegations and representatives of the EU-Commission met in Luxembourg to discuss “Genetically Modified Organisms” (GMO). The risk towards the environment, development of a common concept on how to control allowed GMO’s and a stronger cooperation on the part of all participating institutions was discussed. In addition, labelling thresholds for GMO seeds and attention paid to the effects GMO’s have on the environment, were called for.

On June 20th, the EU-Commission passed a proposal that supports the Statement of the May UN-Conference in Bonn, regarding biological diversity and the protection of species.

The discontinuation of the field study on the **Telematic** Project (electronic health card – “E-card”), due to a lack of acceptance by doctors and patients, is being discussed in northern Germany.

Wishing you a pleasant summer,

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