



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“ The word „comprehensive“ has been deleted without replacement from the initial request of the popular initiative „*Yes to complementary medicine*“ which was claiming for a comprehensive consideration of complementary medicine in the Swiss public health.

However the initiative's principal requests such as the readmission of five therapeutical methods (homeopathy, phytotherapy (- Herbals), anthroposophical medicine, neural therapy and the traditional Chinese medicines - TCM) in the basic health insurance, the integration of medical complementary medicine in practice, teaching and research, the creation of diplomas for non medical therapists and the conservation of well-established remedies have been adopted in the federal constitution draft.

This draft will be submitted to approval to the Swiss citizens on Mai, 17th 2009 on the occasion of the popular votes. If the decision is positive these rules will be anchored in the Swiss constitution.

ANME e.V. will keep its fingers crossed for the members of this initiative on that voting day and we wish for the future of the complementary medicine /CAM in Europe a similar multidisciplinary coalition! – For one thing we can learn about that example from Switzerland: whether citizens or politicians, doctors or non doctors, producers or patients – the demand and acceptance for complementary medicine are great and widespread.