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Library News

The British Homeopathic Library has a unique collection of homeopathic books dating back to the early 19th century, and even earlier; our oldest volume was published in 1796 (Hahnemann's first article on homeopathy). As many of these monographs are rare and out of print we can offer a limited photocopy service. The full book can be photocopied and used for research and personal study if:

- it is no longer in print
- it has been over 70 years since the author's death
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- Between 100 and 200 pages: **£30**
- Between 200 and 300 pages: **£45**

A4 size books (i.e. one book page per A4 sheet)

- Between 50 and 100 pages: **£25**
- Between 100 and 200 pages: **£40**

Photocopies will be done at the librarian's discretion; some books are too delicate to be copied.

A couple of the books which we

have copied for library members are:

Boger CM, Boenninghausen C. Boenninghausen's Characteristics and Repertory. West Virginia: Parkersburg, 1905.

435 pages — Cost: £65.25

Bonninghausen CV, Boger CM (trans) A systematic, alphabetic repertory of homoeopathic remedies. Part first: Embracing the antipsoric, antisyphilitic and antipsychotic remedies. Philadelphia: Boericke & Tafel, 1900.

269 pages — Cost £45

Homeopathy in the News

EU DIRECTIVES MAY REDUCE PRODUCTION

As EU Directives on homeopathy and herbal medicine are reviewed alongside larger legislation dealing with all medicines, many believe homeopathy and herbal medicine may become the fall guys in the race to harmonise a European marketplace. The biggest worries for users of homeopathic remedies is that manufacturers will produce only the most popular remedies which sell well due to new lengthy and expensive licensing costs.

Source: *The Irish Times*, 03/02/04

HERBAL REMEDIES THREATEN PLANTS

In Europe 90% of the 1300 medicinal plants used commercially are harvested from the wild. The conservation group WWF suggests that this growing demand could wipe

out 10,000 of the world's 50,000 medicinal plant species. However the British Herbal Medicine Association says that the problem has been exaggerated.

Source: *BBC News online*, 8/1/4

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Recent articles, available from the library

Alcoholism: a research project **N Hargreaves**

This article presents a 6 month pilot programme of homeopathy, carried out at NORCAS in Norwich, which was offered to clients—who were experiencing problems with alcohol or drug abuse—alongside visits to their counsellor. The author outlines how the programme approached the treatment of alcohol misuse and presents the key findings from client feedback.

Results showed that 100% of clients on the programme noted that they were able to make positive changes to their lives. Case studies are included.

Homeopathy in Practice Jan 2004:10-15

Water: the universal solvent

A collection of abstracts and theories on water, including articles on Schauberger's theories about water and extracts from James Oschmann's book, a researcher of bioelectromagnetism, about the importance of water in therapeutics.

It also features Masaru Emoto's research and photographs of the impressionability of water. Emoto took microscopic photographs of freezing water as it was subjected to thoughts, prayers, music, intention and so forth. "It appeared that water 'imprinted' by the combination of words, love and gratitude produced the most complex and beautiful formations."

Holistic Health 2004 Winter 79:26-28

The toxicology of *Latrodectus tredecimguttatus*: the Mediterranean Black Widow Spider **MS Bonnet**

The symptomatology of envenomation by the Mediterranean Black Widow Spider, *Latrodectus tredecimguttatus*, is reviewed. The results confirm the hypothesis that the homeopathic remedy, *Tarentula hispanica*, is derived from this spider, not from the Wolf spider, *Lycosa tarentula*.

Homeopathy 2004 ;93(1):27-33.

Balanitis xerotica obliterans **TS Kruzel**

A case of balanitis xerotica obliterans is presented. Sequential treatment entailed the prescriptions of Thuja, Silica, and Lycopodium, each of which was effective. The prescription of Thuja was based upon, among other factors, the patient's fixed ideation, detached reserve, mental suppression, vagueness in describing symptoms, genitourinary pathology; Silica's prescription was based primarily upon the phenomenon of depletion from sweating; and the prescription of Lycopodium rested upon the occurrence of intestinal gas in a thin, wiry individual, plus its complementarity to Thuja.

American journal of homeopathic medicine 2004 ; 96(4):293-295.

Bipolar disorders: a presentation of three cases **B Merizalde**

The diagnostic criteria of bipolar disorders are described in detail. Additionally, three clinical cases are presented which were ameliorated by long sequences of homeopathic remedies, given simultaneously with allopathic medication in two of the cases.

American journal of homeopathic medicine 2004 ; 96(4):300-315.

Trifolium pratense for breast disease: a case series **E Parvu**

A series of cases in which *Trifolium pratense* was used in breast disease with hyperoestrogenic symptoms is reported. Several patients with cystic mastosis and breast cancer appeared to do well. The 'picture' of *Trifolium* is discussed.

Homeopathy 2004 ;93(1):45-50.

The logic of Bonninghausen **K Robinson**

This article explores the work and ideas of Bonninghausen. Special focus is given to Bonninghausen's "radical" idea of deconstructing symptoms of a part

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and making them general symptoms; then re-applying them to new cases in creative ways. 'The Therapeutic Pocketbook,' with its emphasis on generals, is contrasted with Kent's Repertory, where symptom specificity is employed. The mnemonic "LoCoMoCo" is introduced as a describer of the qualities of a complete symptoms - location, complaint, modalities, concomitants.

American journal of homeopathic medicine 2004
96(4):270-280.

The pitfalls of clinical case research: lessons from the Delphi Project **C Baas**

Delphi is a project to make high-quality cases treated with homeopathy available for study. The project encountered a number of major difficulties including small numbers of cases submitted, ethical problems and problems of analysis. The nature of these problems and possible solutions are discussed in this article.

Homeopathy 2004 ;93(1):21-26.

Therapeutic nihilism **Morrell P**

Spurred by a recent letter to the British Medical Journal casting doubt upon the efficacy of allopathic drug therapy, Mr. Morrell traces the history of "therapeutic nihilism" in western medicine in the nineteenth century. He presents several conclusions about the true definition of illness and the phenomenon of cure should the skeptics of allopathic medicine be correct.

American journal of homeopathic medicine 2004 ;
96(4):296-299.

Evaluation of a homeopathic complex in the clinical management of udder diseases of riverine buffaloes **JP Varshney and R Naresh**

A report of an uncontrolled observational study of the treatment of udder diseases of buffalo, using a homeopathic complex medicine. Mastitis is an economically important disease of buffaloes. In India economic losses due to mastitis are estimated at US\$526 million annually. Conventional veterinary treatment

relies on costly antibiotics; cure rate is only 60% in field conditions with a problem of milk residues.

Treatment was 80 and 96.72% effective in cases of fibrotic mastitis and nonfibrosed mastitis respectively. Recovery period was 21-42 days (fibrosed) and 4-15 days (nonfibrosed). Udder oedema and blood in milk responded favourably in 2-5 days. Cost of treatment was US\$ 0.07 per day. The homeopathic complex medicine may be effective and economical in the management of udder health problems of buffaloes. Definitive conclusions are premature due to the limited number of observations and lack of control group.

Homeopathy 2004 ;93(1):17-20.

An observational study of patients receiving homeopathic treatment. **M van Wassenhoven**

Observational studies have recently contributed useful information to the debate about the utility of homeopathic treatment in everyday practice. The aim of this study was to gather data about routine homeopathic general practice. Eighty general medical practices in Belgium where physicians were members of the Unio Homoeopathica Belgica contributed to the study.

A total of 782 patients presented with diseases of all major organ systems which were of sufficient severity to interfere with daily living in 78% of cases. Compared to previous conventional treatment, patients reported that consultations were much longer but costed less. The great majority (89%) said that homeopathy had improved their physical condition; 8.5% said that it had made no difference, 2.4% said that homeopathy had worsened their condition. Physicians' ratings of improvement were similar. Previous conventional treatment had improved 13% of patients, made no difference to 32%, and had worsened the condition of over half (55%). A similar pattern was seen for psychological symptoms.

Patients were very satisfied with their homeopathic treatment, both they and their physicians recorded significant improvement. Costs of homeopathic treatment were significantly lower than conventional treatment, and many previously prescribed drugs were discontinued.

Homeopathy 2004 ;93(1):3-11.

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New library books—Selection

This is a selection of the library's latest acquisitions and donations. Book borrowing rights costs just £15 annually (includes postage costs) on top of Affiliate Membership, for more information contact the library.

- Kansal K. Kansal's practice of medicine with homeopathic therapeutics. New Dehli, India: B Jain Publishers, 1999.
- MacEoin B. Homeopathy for menopause. Rochester, Vermont: Healing Arts Press, 1997.
- Collected seminars by modern classical masters: volumes 1 to 10
- Rothenberg A(ed), Herscu P(ed) The promise of homeopathy: pregnancy, babies, children and family dynamics. Amherst, Massachusetts: New England School of Homeopathy, 1997.
- Schmidt MA, Smith LH, Sehnert KW. Beyond antibiotics: 50 (or so) ways to boost immunity and avoid antibiotics. Berkley, California: North Atlantic Books, 1993.
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- Yui T. Vital elements: 24 tissue salts and 12 trace elements. Japan: Homeopathy Publishing, 2003.

Journal back issues sale

A recent stock check has revealed a number of duplicate issues of journals dating back to 1941, As the library has full bound collections of these journals we've decided to sell off this surplus stock. The journals for sale are:

- Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine
- Alternative and Complementary Therapies
- British Homeopathic Journal
- Complementary Therapies in Medicine
- Complementary Medical Research
- Homeopathy (former Journal of the BHA)
- The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine

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