Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day

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Linking Education and Clinical Practice with Research: Advancing Scientific Collaborations

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World Homoeopathy Day: What it means for India

Homoeopathy is one of the most popular medical systems in India, in fact, a close second among the AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) services. There are growing numbers of users, practitioners, educational institutes, as well as public health clinics, compared to the AYUSH systems in India. Academic homeopathy institutes comprise 35.8% of AYUSH colleges, while homeopathy practitioners are 37% of the AYUSH in total. Our country has the biggest drug manufacture and traders’ sector in Homoeopathy.

World Homoeopathy Day (WHD) is celebrated to commemorate the Birthday of Dr. Hahnemann, the Founder of Homoeopathy. It gives us an opportunity to review the path trodden so far, take stock of the challenges facing us, and formulate future strategies for development of Homoeopathy. There is a need to focus on the quality of education, enhancing the success rate of an average practitioner. There is also a need to ensure the production and availability of high quality homeopathic drugs in the market. This is not possible unless the homoeopathic community innovates, modernizes, reinvents, forges ahead jointly, with a variety of initiatives and research projects. Hence the theme: ‘Linking research with education and clinical practice: advancing scientific collaborations’.

Importance of linking research: The ‘Why’s and the ‘How’s

The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is striving to promote research that eventually translates into improved public healthcare in the country and wider acceptability of Homoeopathy globally. The research work of the Council is multi-dimensional and the Council considers its duty to not only conduct quality research, but also to link it with education, clinical practice and standardization of drug manufacture for holistic development of the Homoeopathy sector. Facilitating national and international collaborations is also a part of this vision.

Link with education

As vital as this linking is, it is easier said than done. It would mean better research possibilities in academic institutes of Homoeopathy, which, in turn, means strengthening our medical colleges’ laboratories, developing the skillfulness of our faculty, increased dialogue between education and research institutes, and so on and so forth.
**Link with clinical practice**

Similarly, linking clinical practice with research would mean sensitization of clinicians to research requirements. This would mean systematic, methodological recording of cases, understanding of cases from a research point of view, and having a broad and finer understanding of clinical research. It would also require the Council to translate its research work into simple, clinical language for use by practitioners.

**Linking research with education & practice: The Council’s efforts so far**

Since 2014-15, CCRH has initiated a short-term studentship program whereby 76 undergraduates have been given scholarships and mentored to undertake short research projects. The number and quality of proposals have considerably improved since inception of the project, suggesting that more students are interested in, and developing expertise in research. With research-oriented mentorship, these students, who are future practitioners, can develop much-required critical thinking and make significant contributions to research.

With about three hundred thousand registered practitioners contributing in the fields of education and healthcare within public and private sectors, millions of patients are being treated with Homoeopathy every day. But these cases are largely unrecorded in a scientific manner. This lack means data is unavailable for publication in research journals, or other scientific platforms. This gap between practice and research requires capacity building of institutions and practitioners, both within the private and government sectors.

Pursuing efforts to bridge this gap, CCRH has developed standard treatment guidelines, disease monographs and drug monographs including drug pathogenesis for Indigenous drugs. Various tools and techniques for finer case recording is being encouraged and promoted by CCRH, such as HomCase guidelines, the Homoeopathic Pharmacopœia of the United States (HPUS) guidelines of Data Collection, CONSORT, and SPIRIT. These tools and mechanisms permit presentations and, publications even of single cases. To ensure capacity enhancement and technological developments require periodical training, and closer cooperation between academic and research institutes.
Advancing scientific collaborations

CCRH believes not only in developing vertically, by making India stand tall in the Homoeopathy scenario, but also horizontally, by promoting Homoeopathy worldwide. Which is why the Council is always looking out to join hands with international institutes that have the common goal of research and development of Homoeopathy. The international exchange of information and expertise between organizations can benefit Homoeopathy in many ways. But particularly in increasing access to homoeopathic services, via reproducible, reliable models of education, clinical practice and research.

Partnerships for the event

Between 2016 and 2018, WHD conventions with themes Integrating Homoeopathy in Healthcare, Enhancing Quality of Research in Homoeopathy and Exploring Science for 40 years have been organized by CCRH. It has been a pleasure to associate with international and national organisations to bring about successful events year after year.

This year, CCRH is glad to be partnering with two eminent education bodies, one national and one international. Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH) is the regulatory body for homoeopathic education and practice in India, and the Faculty of Homeopathy is the eminent organization of homoeopathic doctors. Through our collaboration with CCH, we look forward to developing their course curriculum for post-graduation, focusing on high quality research. CCH has provided the best possible academic curriculum, which has been changed to fit the times and needs of the profession.

Our international collaboration with the Faculty of Homeopathy (FoH), is another very privileged one. Founded in 1844 and incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1950 the Faculty of Homeopathy is the preeminent global association for healthcare professionals who are trained to use homeopathy alongside conventional medicine. The Faculty is embracing its international mission this year as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary, by being pleased to accept membership applications from medical, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary and other medical professionals eligible for statutory registration in their own jurisdictions, who have completed a course of homeopathic study. This makes the Faculty a supportive home for colleagues having Bachelors or Diploma in Homoeopathy from India, plus those practicing in fields such as naturopathy, functional medicine, environmental medicine, integrated medicine and a range of complementary therapies.
CCRH is honoured to be partnering with FoH as a part of this celebration. According to Dr Gary Smyth, President, FoH, ‘Growing our worldwide community is essential if homeopathy is to continue to thrive’. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we would also have participation from other international homoeopathy experts of repute.

(Membership application information for FoH is available at: www.FacultyofHomeopathy.org/membership and info@facultyofhomeopathy.org)

Who is invited to the event?
- Practitioners/Scientists: to facilitate high quality, evidence-based findings in treatment of various diseases; and understand how research can be applied to everyday practice
- Teachers: To orient their students better towards research
- Students: To understand how research is closely linked to education and how they can contribute to research in Homoeopathy
- Associations: To understand their integral role in projecting an accurate image of Homoeopathy in the public
- Industry/ Traders: To understand their pivotal role in ensuring worldwide progress of Homoeopathy, and their vision of a united progression

Topics to be covered:
- Interesting research from non-research platforms such as clinics
- The experience of the teaching faculty linking education with research
- Students’ research projects under studentship/ MD scholarship programmes
- Council’s efforts and outcomes of research bridging the gap between research and practice
- Skill development in scientific and protocol writings
- Practical difficulties of doing research in fast-paced clinics
- Data collection: Why, where and how
- Research initiatives by the industry: Areas and possibilities
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