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International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy (IAVH)

The IAVH was founded in 1986 with the aim of maintaining and promoting the understanding of homeopathic veterinary medicine. We work for the benefit of animal health within the framework of a broader medical perspective, and in harmony with the objectives of organic farming. (Regulation 848/2018)¹. Our work is clinical research, publications, and exchange of experiences in the framework of conferences and congresses..

The International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy has member veterinarians in the following countries: Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, France, Greece, Italy, Canada, the Netherlands, Austria, Hungary, the United States, Switzerland, the Baltic States, Australia, Bulgaria, New Zealand, India, Japan, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, the Czech Republic and Turkey.

From the International Association of Veterinary Homeopathy, and particularly its Spanish members, we support the Spanish doctors in the use of homeopathy. We promote the regulation and teaching of homeopathy to assure high quality medical practice, and continuing professional education to avoid inappropriate use.

We are health professionals trained in modern medicine, who have also explored and studied homeopathy as an adjunct to our rigorous medical practice. The added benefit of using homeopathy widens our therapeutic reach and reduces our need to rely on treatments such as antibiotics and opioids.

Homeopathy has a very specific methodology that needs to be properly applied. This can only be guaranteed if it stays in the hands of well trained and regulated practitioners. If we were to be banned from using this methodology, it is likely the public will continue to use homeopathic medicines with the risk of not contacting a veterinary surgeon when this is necessary. This can have animal welfare consequences.

Since 1875, homeopathic medicine, has been used with robust clinical evidence². Homeopathy treats the patient individually, with a more personalised treatment and according to their ailments. Clinical and scientific evidence is published worldwide, thanks to the efforts and research of doctors and veterinarians around the world specialising in both conventional medicine and homeopathic medicine.

Government should appropriately regulate health professionals, such as doctors and veterinarians. We need appropriate, well informed regulation of the homeopathic medicines that we use in our practices. We also need to know who is capable of providing the best homeopathic service to our patient.

¹[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic¹ production and labelling of organic products. \(1.5.2.2\). **Preferred use of homeopathy in organic farms.**](#)

²<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=integrative+medicine>
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=homeopathy>
<https://www.hri-research.org>
<https://homeopathychoice.org/research/>

Homeopathic Medicine is a medical practice (Not Pseudoscience).

Recognition ,control , safety of medicine homeopathy are manifested in :

1. Scientific and clinical evidence has already been evaluated by European legislation (Directive 2001/83/EC,³ Directive 2001/82/EC)⁴ where it is regulated and legislated as a medicine.

2. The European Pharmacopoeia⁵ in force since 1995 with quality standards, legally binding for all medical products in their Member States.

The homeopathic preparations are in directive 2001/83/CE and directive 2001/82/CE, applicable in 38 European countries, used in over 100 countries worldwide. 30 observers : 28 observer countries, Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) , and World Health Organization (WHO).

3. Head of Medicine Agencies (HMA)⁶ , there is a group dedicated to homeopathic medicine for human and veterinary use, Homeopathic Medical Products Working Group (HMPWG) which provides an application guide for the registration of medical and veterinary products.

The HMA cooperates with the European Medicines Agency and the European Commission to establish a common dossier for registration applications ("Article 14 of Directive 2001/83/EC"), as amended, for homeopathic medicines in the EU, in cooperation with the applicant group.

4. JPIAMR⁷ (Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance), with the support of the European Commission, with the commitment of 26 countries, the Integrative Medicine (with Homeopathy as part of complementary therapies,) forms a group with Universities involved with recognised conventional researchers / EU experts.

5. WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy (2014-2023)⁸ . as stated by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO, traditional, complementary and alternative medicine can be used as a contribution to modern pharmaceutical research, but also as a source of effective treatments on its own.

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³DIRECTIVE 2001/83/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use.

⁴DIRECTIVE 2001/82/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products.

⁵<https://www.edqm.eu/en/european-pharmacopoeia-ph-eur-9th-edition>

⁶<http://www.hma.eu/380.htm>

⁷<http://cam-amr-conference.eu/about-us/>

⁸<https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/2008/20081107/es/>



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