

Editorial for the month of April 2003

Scope of Homeopathic Education In Western Hemisphere

After teaching homeopathy internationally for more than eighteen years I can now suggest young doctors the best possible further studies in western hemisphere after completing their BHMS.

Let me first of all make a very frank conclusion that there are two sides of the coin. The first side of the coin is homeopathy; the second side of the coin is homeopathy practise. First I would like to discuss homeopathic education. Regarding homeopathic education the best institution that I can recommend to any student of homeopathy is international academy of homeopathy founded by George Vithoulkhas foundation, Germany, headed by Dr.George Vithoulkhas. This academy conducts three years long course for beginners and a short term course for advanced students. I would strongly recommend the advance course, since Indian doctors are well versed in homeopathy. This institute is located in the Greek island of Allonisos. Dr.George Vithoulkhas, as you know is an international teacher, teaching students all over the world for more than four decades. His humble nature and truthful application laws has always attracted me. He knows thoroughly, the limitations of homeopathy and cases after cases, he demonstrates what to look in each case and how to select the symptoms for repeterisation. Here is the sample of the teachings taught in the advanced course. On an average over hundred doctors come to attend the course from all over the world.

On the first day there is an introduction of all the new students. There are students who are coming for more than ten years. This is followed by Dr.Vithoulkhas lecture on homeopathic philosophy and general principles. Here he discusses the loopholes and grey areas of homeopathy. This lecture should never be missed as during question and answer session. You will hear different kind of problems faced by homeopaths all over the world. The topic, which I enjoy the most, is

the potency problems. I have got my many difficulties solved in the field of posology by having long discussions and arguments at the academy. Most of the conclusions drawn from such discussions are already published in my book – ‘Bed Side Organon’.

The next session is live case demonstration. In this Dr. Vithoulkhas interviews a patient, which you can see on a large screen in a separate room. Subsequently there is a time for students to directly question the patient and in the end Dr. Vithoulkhas concludes the whole discussion.

In a day approximately two to three cases are interviewed between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 2 p.m. there is a lunch break where all the students meet in a beautiful surrounding facing the sea. I thoroughly enjoy Greek yogurt with honey and bread. After the lunch there is a time kept to review the follow-ups of the previous year. The same routine is followed for five days. On the last day there is a grand party with distribution of certificates. The total cost including airfare, lodging, boarding, and tuition fees is approximately 80-90 thousand rupees. I myself have done three such courses and I intend to do many more. This is the best course that I recommend for Indian students. The course can be made more enjoyable if family is around. (Any enquiries regarding this course can be fulfilled by contacting me personally on my e-mail – hhc@vsnl.com)