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Latest news about CAM and Integrative Medicine

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COVID-19

As autumn has made his appearance, most of the EU countries are experiencing the 'second wave' of COVID-19.

In the meantime, EUROCAM's support team has become accustomed to work from home and to participate in all relevant virtual meetings and events.

We hope that the situation will go back to face-to-face meetings in Spring 2021 where we will have more opportunities to explain the role of CAM and Integrative Medicine in enhancing and maintaining citizens' health, as well as our contribution in preventative healthcare.

At the moment, we are working closely with EUROCAM's affiliated organisations & associate partners, EPHA, and the EU4Health Civil Society Alliance to make our voice heard in the European political arena.

We like to emphasise that our network at national level is also very important in advocacy work. This was particularly clear when the European Commission published its EU4Health Programme proposal and we had to mobilise our national network to create more impact.

Don't underestimate the effect of your voice or action! Our work is like ripples spreading out in the ocean, and can create a wave. Being an active part of the EUROCAM community means that you are part of the movement to put Integrative Medicine on the European Union agenda. This will, of course, have implications at national level in the future and will benefit practitioners and the availability of medicines.

Dr Ton Nicolai
Secretary-General



EU4Health programme

As you have already read in EUROCAM's Summer newsletter, the European Commission has published its EU4Health programme proposal. As the following step, the ENVI Committee drafted a report with over 1,000

amendments from various MEPs including those submitted by EUROCAM. This huge number of amendments were then condensed to 10 compromise amendments which were all adopted. Encouraging items in these amendments are "One Health approach", "Health in all policies", "implementation of new care models", "enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable person-centred, outcome-based healthcare", "improving health literacy, patient rights and safety", "development of medicines that are intrinsically less harmful for the environment", "a holistic approach is needed to improve health outcomes" and "health promotion and health prevention are vastly more cost-efficient than treatment, both in terms of money and of quality-adjusted life years".

On 12 November, the report will be voted on in a plenary session of the Parliament. In the ensuing trilogue sessions with the Council, the final version of the EU4Health programme will be agreed on. We will probably see the outcome of that agreement by the end of the year.

Today's press release: [EU4Health programme: Council agrees its negotiating position](#)



Official MEP Interest Group on Integrative Medicine & Health

The official launch of the MEP Interest Group on Integrative Medicine and Health will be a virtual event at the beginning of December. This group brings together MEPs who work collectively to promote the inclusion of CAM as part of Integrative Medicine & Health in all possible European Parliament public health policy. More information will follow in the coming month.

To make this event a success, [we need your help!](#)

EUROCAM is an organisation with a small annual budget we are working hard to make an impact for CAM/IM, most of the time voluntarily. Will you help us to realise this virtual launch? We are grateful that we already received some donations, and we need more funding for techniques and preparation.

We invite you to be part of the change.



Pharmaceutical strategy

The European Commission published its Pharmaceutical Strategy last June and launched a public consultation. EUROCAM provided feedback by participating in the survey and submitting its position paper. The aim for this feedback to the Commission is to promote and facilitate CAM/IM's role in enhancing and maintaining citizens' health, highlighting health promotion, our contribution in preventative healthcare, as well as a place in EU public health policy and programmes and the accessibility, availability, and affordability of CAM/IM medicinal products.

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EUROCAM accredited as non-state actor by the WHO Europe

EUROCAM has been officially accredited as a non-state actor by the WHO Regional Committee for Europe. This position creates more



EU4Health Civil Society Alliance

EUROCAM, as a member of EU4Health Civil Society Alliance, supports the ideas that the new EU programme should focus on ensuring long-term health improvements.

By boosting disease prevention, health promotion and public health action.

It also gives access to care by reducing inequalities in Europe and strengthening European health systems beyond the COVID-19 crisis.

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Narrative Review “Evidence-based homeopathy and veterinary homeopathy, and its potential to help overcome the antimicrobial resistance problem – an overview”

Europe. This position creates more opportunities to promote CAM and Integrative Medicine & Health's role in enhancing and maintaining citizens' health, thus contributing to more sustainable healthcare systems in the EU.

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This paper was published in a conventional peer-reviewed journal in October 2020. Dr Petra Weiermayer, Prof Michael Frass, Dr Thomas Peinbauer and Dr Liesbeth Ellinger, two human physicians and two veterinarians, wrote this paper in the spirit of the One Health approach, which recognises the interconnection between the human, animal and environmental spheres, that diseases may be transmitted from one pillar to another and must therefore be tackled in a holistic approach.

Click the button for the full text of the narrative review including the 3 tables.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



International Federation
of Anthroposophic
Medical Associations

IVAA event: Teaming up against cancer

On the occasion of the 100 years anniversary of Anthroposophic Medicine, the International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations (IVAA) is organising an online symposium, presenting the contribution of Anthroposophical Medicine to Integrative Oncology on 26 October, 18.00-19.30 CET. Read



Integrative Medicine Congress

The Portuguese Integrative Medicine Society is proud to announce that the International Integrative Medicine Congress, in an online mode will be held on 4 and 5 December, with the central theme:

“The Integrative Medicine in the World” - that will count with the

more about this event on the IVAA website

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European Antibiotic Awareness Day 2020

With COVID-19 we would almost forget another urgent cross-border health threat in Europe and the world, AntiMicrobialResistance. On 18 November, during the annual European Antibiotic Awareness Day, EUROCAM will raise awareness for the threat to public health of antibiotic resistance and the importance of prudent antibiotic use and non-antibiotic alternatives.

participation of more than 40 national and international speakers.

EUROCAM's Secretary-General Dr Ton Nicolai will speak at this virtual event.

As soon as more information about the congress will be available and registration will open, we will send out a news flash.

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