

Message No.1 from IHZT in Meissen April, 2022

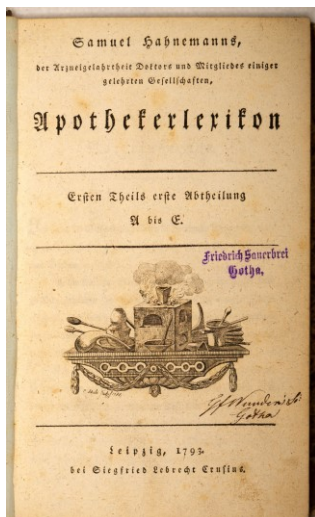
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Dear Members of IHZT and friends

Welcome to the first message from the International Hahnemann Center Torgau (IHZT) - now based in Meissen, Germany. This is the city where Dr. Samuel Hahnemann was born. And from here we will restart our public presence. Since the Corona measures have started, we were forced to halt. The proclamation of a pandemic with lockdowns and restrictions in almost all aspects of social life appeared synchronously with the fundamental realignment of our activities - what an unfavourable timing.



Hahnemann's Birth House ¹



Pharmaceutical Lexicon by Hahnemann, 1793

As the curator of the Hahnemann Exhibition, which is run by the IHZT, and as charter member of the Parent Association of Hahnemann Sites I feel obliged to share with you the actual processes and matters around the place of birth of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, his life and work and early homeopathy. In present time, as homeopathy develops in all kinds of directions, there remains an urgent need to preserve the pure and original method for reference to present and future students, physicians, laypeople and patients. This we feel to be the mission for our highly respected and beloved method of medicine: to preserve historic homeopathic knowledge and memorabilia and to make them available to all mankind.

Beyond doubt, our exhibits have a tangible value. But much the more they have a *spiritual* value. While the tangible value is owned by proprietors (who responsibly care for it), the *spiritual* value is under the ownership of mankind. It is our common

history, our common evolution, a vital body of our common existence.

Today, let us begin with a new development happening right now: ***We, the homeopaths of the world, are in the process to settle in the original house just at the place where Dr. Samuel Hahnemann was***

born! This truly is a historic event. Homeopaths in Meissen have tried for about thirty years to rent the first floor in the new Hahnemann's House in Meissen. These days the dream comes true. Helge Landmann and Sandra Alband finally have succeeded in getting support by the city



Plaque at Hahnemann's House, Meissen



Hahnemann's House in Meissen today

of Meissen. The mayor and the city council hear the call of our community now for returning homeopathy to this historic place (the area in front of the house already shares the name with the founder of homeopathy: Hahnemann's Square [Hahnemanns-Platz]).

The Parent Association of Hahnemann Sites,



Hahnemann's Square

which got incorporated on September 12, 2021, will rent the rooms. It also will align the different activities of the other organisations which trace Samuel

Hahnemann's

imprints located in the cities where he has lived before. This will help to coordinate travelling for tourists intending to visit places vital to Hahnemann's research in early scientific chemistry, pharmaceuticals, medicine and homeopathy. The International Hahnemann Center Torgau also will reopen its amazing Hahnemann Exhibition with historic items related to Samuel Hahnemann and



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Incorporation of the Parent Association of Hahnemann Sites



Hahnemann Day Torgau 2019, Hahnemann Exhibition

early homeopathy in Meissen's Hahnemann House.

Some of the readers may have seen our first exhibition pieces in Torgau, where we kept on facing adverse circumstances.

Remember, when still in Torgau, the city where Hahnemann wrote the first edition of his Organon of Rational Medicine, we missed

the support by local officials. In fact, we met with their resistance, while our international homeopathic community did everything to fulfill the demanded terms stipulated by the mayor and the city council. Even then we were neglected.

Our mission was unwanted, homeopathy was not welcome in Torgau. Finally we had to give up. The loyalty of a few true and brave citizens kept us going as long as it was possible. In the end we had to leave for Meissen. Now we are happy to realize that officials and the Meissen Hahnemann Center welcome us and have begun with us a very loyal, friendly and promising cooperation.



Meissen and the Elbe river

The reactivation of the rooms in Hahnemann's House in Meissen by exhibiting traces of the intellect, efforts and lifelong studiousness of Hahnemann, a man of science and a philanthropist, will return his aura to contemporary visitors. This only can be effected by shaping the exhibition in such a way, that it will become a vital venue, a place, where spirit and emotions are aroused and hearts are going to be touched.

Still, before we are going to begin with our activities, there is much preparatory work to do. The building is close to the river Elbe, which at times causes severe floods in Meissen. Even Hahnemann's House suffered bad damage in the past. For this reason we need to replace old carpets by stable tiles, walls have to be removed for more adequate use of the rooms, electricity and lighting have to be renewed... For all these efforts we accept any help and support which can be given by our homeopathic community.



Photography by Mario Gast, 2013

In the meantime we will present some of our exhibits with the next messages from Meissen. Some will be accompanied with interesting stories. In this way we invite you to enter with us a new sphere of creating an ever increasing awareness of homeopathic medicine to the general public. We like to contribute in mediating the origin of homeopathy to our community to see that this modality is a true, evidence-based and affordable science for the benefit of all mankind. We will keep alive the legacy of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann and we will share it with you. His life and work will be available to you for your inquisitive watching and examination. This is why we collect historic and rare pieces. Our bilingual homeopathic library (the English section was donated by Dr. Manish Bhatia) serves for the study of history, early science of medicine and homeopathy. Note, we are not opening the doors for a limited circle of specialists and enthusiasts. We will welcome everybody interested in this field of medicine and we try to satisfy any need we are able to cover. We are with YOU - will YOU be with us?



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What you will find in our collection is part of our common history. The written words in these very old books are the result of thoughts when science started to abandon superstition, assumptions and guesswork in medicine and related fields. This is the beginning of science in its true sense: Hahnemann made use of unprejudiced neat observation. He did everything to verify or falsify, disprove his findings.

I like to terminate this message with an invitation: The International Hahnemann Center Torgau (IHZT) likes you to join our group of enthusiasts. As a member, you will be close to all developments, events and news around Dr. Hahnemann's birthplace. We keep on expanding our exhibition piece by piece and every member supports the preservation of Hahnemann's heritage.

In order to give it a greater international face, the IHZT has decided to distribute memberships to homeopaths worldwide. A person with this multi-year membership has the following privileges.

Perennial Membership Privilege:

1. Certificate
2. Visa assistance at your embassy upon invitation.
3. Free admission to the exhibition in Meissen
4. News from Meissen and the exhibition, free newsletter
5. 10% discount for travel or tour companions on the trail of homeopathy
6. Free coffee and tea in Meissen
7. 10% discount on IHZT courses, congresses or training courses

If you are from India, our Indian Ambassadors will guide you in acquiring this membership. A 12 - year membership fee is 200 euros,

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Best wishes and keep on attending our mission,
your IHZT

1 Picture is taken from Richard Haehl's biography "Samuel Hahnemann - Sein Leben und Schaffen", 1922. The original picture is under the care of the Institute for the History of Medicine of the Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart, Germany

2 Sandra Alband (left), Helge Landmann (right) of the Meissen Hahnemann Center. Andreas Jung, Siegfried Letzel of the Int. Hahnemann Center Torgau