

News from Meißen in October 2025

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The Hahnemann House

Dear members of the IHZT, dear friends of the life and work of Dr Samuel Hahnemann and early homeopathy!

Today we are paying a visit to the Hahnemann House in Meissen. Our move there is a historic event for our association, but it was associated with considerable difficulties with the Umbrella Organisation of the Hahnemann-Sites, which did not want to adhere to the original agreements, but is the tenant of the rooms on the ground floor. Shortly before the final break and our withdrawal from the building, the parties involved managed to reach an amicable agreement. Today, our relationship has normalised and we have come together again in the way we did at the beginning.

The original plan was to set

up a Hahnemann exhibition

on the entire ground floor of the Hahnemann House, and because it is important to the city of Meissen, to also integrate a meeting centre there for the citizens. The concept for this should be developed accordingly. For the Umbrella Organisation of the Hahnemann-Sites, this centre was the absolute focus of the project and the realisation of the Hahnemann exhibition of our association would have been completely crippled in its implementation. This was the cause of the rather heated dispute.



Our cabinet before moving in

The dilemma was that our exhibition is a central point of our association's statutes, quasi our main identity to the outside world, and on the other hand the Umbrella Organisation had obligations to the city of Meissen in order to obtain a rental contract and support. We have now come together again in the form of a compromise and are working hand in hand.

We, the IHZT, were allocated a room on this floor, the so-called 'Kabinett'. Here we can accommodate and furnish our exhibition largely according to our own ideas. Although we are severely restricted in terms of space and cannot show all of our exhibits, Dr Hahnemann has returned to his birthplace in a very dignified way thanks to our presence.

YOU ALL made it possible through your membership of our association and your support.

Before that, however, all the rooms had to be renovated, which the city of Meissen and the municipal landlord, SEEG, did an excellent job of.

In April 2024, we moved in with our first display cases and were able to show off our collection.

It took quite a while before a historical bookcase was added, which is currently still being refurbished. It is being fitted with new locks and minor damage that it has sustained over time still needs to be repaired.



Now, in October, two new display cabinets have been added, which were mainly financed by two of our loyal members. We are extremely grateful to them, because otherwise the association would not have been able to shoulder the purchase. You can see the installation in the photo above. Despite the independence of the 'Kabinett', we have to make another important compromise when it comes to the furnishings. For many years, the city of Meissen has stored a wealth of historical homeopathic pharmacy equipment. This is now to be gradually renovated and will find its place in the Hahnemannhaus. We had to accommodate three pieces of furniture in our room, which is not too big anyway. These are the two corner cabinets and the flat base cabinet, which we were able to equip with a glass top and lighting. The new display cabinets had to be adapted to the exclusive shape of the corner cabinets and they are expensive custom-made items.

An alarm system was installed in our room a few days later.

To create an appropriate atmosphere, a ceiling light with four additional swivelling spotlights was installed. The light sources can be adjusted separately in terms of brightness and colour.

The remaining area of the floor, the area of the Umbrella Organisation, is currently being remodelled. Two partition walls have been installed and will be fitted with glass doors. In addition, multimedia equipment will soon be installed, which we will share with our visitors. Incidentally, the exhibits that can be seen in the other showcases in the Umbrella Organisation's area are also part of our IHZT collection.

I have quickly filmed a tour of all the rooms for you so that you can get an overall impression of the

current appearance. Don't be alarmed, it is currently being remodelled! Here is the link for the short clip:

<https://youtu.be/aIDb-uLmRWY>

In December we will inform you again about the developments in the Hahnemann House: You can already see copies of over 20 of Hahnemann's manuscripts in the new display cases. These include letters to patients and business partners, some private papers, a long letter on the harmfulness of coffee and a treatise on Asiatic cholera, which Hahnemann wrote before his other publications on the disease. Over 250 books by and about Samuel Hahnemann and early homeopathy will be added over the next few weeks. Our existing collection, which is already remarkable in its size and quality, will be far surpassed by the new loans. This collection, which we would like to report on in detail, should arrive in November if possible.

The unique opportunity to establish such a unique collection on Dr Samuel Hahnemann at his birthplace and to look after it in a manner befitting his status is a task that can hardly be shouldered by the few active members of our association.

We must therefore close our newsletter with an appeal: If you are interested in getting actively involved in our organisation's work, please write to us! We will find something that will interest you and hopefully make you happy. Even today, the history of homeopathy is still more exciting and instructive than you might think.

Finally, we must appeal to you and ask you to give us extra financial support for this project according to your means. The umbrella organisation does not want us to charge admission to our exhibition visitors. So at the moment we are still dependent on donations to cover our expenses. We are already busy writing museum guides for sale and we will also be offering a few more items in our yet-to-be-established shop in the umbrella organisation's user area. But it has not yet been set up, although the invoices are still coming in.

Unfortunately, the necessary alarm system, which is important for securing the exhibits and reducing insurance costs, was more expensive than originally estimated and VAT had not been included in the calculation for the display cases. This has thrown our original calculation out of kilter. We will overcome this crisis, but if the burden is spread across as many shoulders as possible, we active members will not have to shoulder so much privately. Therefore, please support our association in this phase in which we are gaining a foothold in the Hahnemannhaus in Meissen and give us a little tailwind! It would help us so much!

On Sunday, a Swiss group of homeopaths visited our cabinet. These visitors were thrilled with what they found! The new equipment with the exhibits is really impressive. And that will be far surpassed in November.

So let's use this opportunity to present a permanent exhibition in Meissen that is probably unique in the world!

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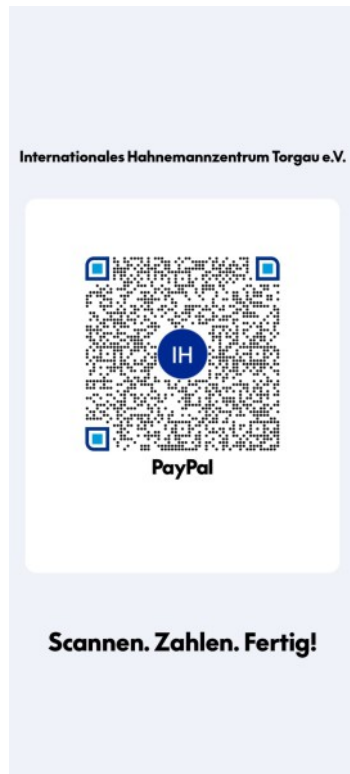
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We are very much hoping for your support at this time, as we can finally regain our footing in Torgau after being unfairly kicked out due to local politics. Meißen is the perfect place for us. It's a charming, lively town with lots of historic buildings in the old town, right on the beautiful Elbe, which can sometimes reach right into the town centre, so it's definitely worth a visit with a dip in the Hahnemann's House.



Why don't you come and visit the city and especially YOUR exhibition soon! You will have a lot of fun.

Let's leave it at that for today. Don't forget us! We won't forget our mission either and will continue to serve it with all our heart and soul.

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