

SERBIA-HOMEOPATHIC HISTORY

There is not much to be told about homeopathic history in Serbia. After liberation of Serbia in the beginning of XX century from Turkish occupation, various Serbian doctors educated in Austria or Germany took the post of state, military or district physicians, but Homeopathy was virtually unknown possibly because of the strong opponent view of these foreign Faculties toward “New School”, the view which was impressed into all graduates. There is still unproved opinion that the first Serbian doctor who used homeopathic treatment was great physician and neurologist Dr. Lazarevic. There was no place as well upon the newly constituted Medical Faculty in Belgrade in 1932 year for the same reason. Reading the classical textbook “Infective diseases” written in 50ties by our eminent professor K. Todorovic, especially chapters about Smallpox, Cholera, Difteria and Flue, it can be observed that this author was acquainted with Homeopathy, but did not dare to declare it. Hoemopathy was adequately mentioned in the textbook of Pharmacognosia by professor Tucakov as a method of using plant remedies. The state health and educational organizations and offices did not support Homeopathy.

At the end of the XX century after retreat of communism from Serbia, better communication with Western World opened a space for new interest. The author of this report published in 1993 first newspaper articles about what is Homeopathy, hold several public lectures about this method of treatment and in 1995 printed first book for physicians in Serbian language about Homeopathy, entitled “First Handbook of Homeopathy”. The work of spreading the knowledge of Homeopathy was stopped because of unstable political circumstances and civil wars in this region in the last decade of XX century, and further education of physicians went disorganized. It was in 2000, that in Novi Sad, with the help of London Institute of Classical Homeopathy and international financial support first School of Classical Homeopathy has been started and Homeopathic Association for Classical Homeopathy “Hahnemann” has been founded. In 2002 the author of this report succeeded to establish the Section for Homeopathy of Serbian Medical Society, which has now 40 members, physicians pharmacists and dental surgeons. All members achieved some homeopathic education over the school in Novi Sad, or from abroad, mostly from England, Russia, and Germany.

Legal status of Hoemopathy started to improve. In December 2005, the new Law on Health Service, and the new Law on Medical Products and Appliances has been voted by Assembly, so Homeopathy became legal method of treatment, but some additional regulative rules about Homeopathy like educational standards, licences etc. are to be officially adopted by Health Authorities. This year first 6 Homeopathic remedies have been registrated by State Comission for Medical Products, and homeopathic remedies are included in our VI National Pharmacopoeia. In 2004 and 2005, in organization of Section for Hoemopathy of Serbian Medical Society, with the help of Central German Society of Homeopathic Physicians (DZVhAE), and included in the system of Continuos Medical Education of Medical Faculty Belgrade, two standard courses (A and B) according to the program of DZVhAE were held with 70 participants. The overall interest for Homeopathy in this country is growing. From 2002, Section for Homeopathy of Serbian medical Society is member of LMHI and ECH, and Homeopathic Association from Novi Sad is collective member of ECCH. Still there is not national school of Homeopathy in this country, and it is our task to found it.

In this moment I can not name any “Outstanding Homeopaths” in this country, but most of our members, physicians educated in Homeopathy, are working seriously and honestly in their practice, trying their best to help the patients and to approve the value of Homeopathy. Our Sections holds regular scientific meetings, and both organizations are engaged in organizing educational seminars with foreign lecturers.

Until recently, there was only one Homeopathic Pharmacy, in Belgrade, and recently the second one, private Pharmacy in Novi Sad has been opened where these remedies are partly produced according to DHU standards and partly imported; in this way the great problem in obtaining reliable homeopathic remedies is partly solved.

Organizations:

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