

# The story of the Walk for Homeopathy



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The Walk started with this dream: I envision all homeopaths realising they are all sharing the same purpose: helping people in a holistic way, with respect for nature and natural laws. In fact they share this with all healers and should join forces with other alternative healers and come out into the open together.”

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**S**oon after the project was announced, I got requests for interviews, invitations to speak and stay with homeopaths, and help in learning to operate my satnav. Finally on October 15, I packed my rucksack with presents, among which was *Homeopathy is Everywhere*, and four questions for my hosts.

## Take off in Holland

Because most invitations were from the Netherlands, I decided to start in Groningen, where I was invited by Dr. Jean Pierre Jansen. After that I was in the company of Harry van der Zee and Peter Chappell hosting me in Norg and presenting their new book "*Homeopathy for Diseases*". From there I took on the 500km long Pieterpad, enjoying some unusually sunny days for the time of the year. I was happy to meet so many Dutch homeopaths and discuss with them how to overcome our little disputes and differences and join forces. To my delight I also got to be hugged by Mother Amma herself when she was in Utrecht at the same time I was walking in that area. We closed with a nice ceremony with sympathising participants on 12.12.12 at 12hrs.

## January and February: Continuing snow

My walk in Belgium led me through a snowy beach and a snowy forest. Looking at the road ahead of me, vanishing in a haze of



Continuing snow through Belgium

snow and mist, my project The Next Step appeared quite similar; even though part of it in front of me was visible, the destination was hidden. We rounded off the Walk in Belgium with a ceremony in Jean Luc and Marcia's beautiful and inspiring renovated farmhouse. After the speech, presents, honours and a glass of champagne, we danced way into the night.

## March: Germany, Hahnemann's homeland

In Germany, I walked in the snow to the other side of Berlin, meeting Jeremy Sherr. Together we visited the Hahnemann House in Köthen. Continuing my walk in the area, I passed by the majestic windmills, by slow turns making wind visible, spreading their wings while regularly breathing their powerful breath. When legs are made for walking and grounding, then arms are made for giving. And embracing.

The last leg in Germany, from Jörg Wichmann's place to Blankenheim, I ploughed through snow again. Closing my eyes in bed, I still saw snowflakes falling. Talking with Jörg, it appeared to me that Germany doesn't really need a "Walk for Homeopathy": alternative healthcare is so well organised and arranged.

## April: Walking in England

In April, I felt happy to be on English ground again. I always loved everything about England: its nature, its houses and its people. I started out at Mike Andrews' place and continued from Bristol where I presented good teaching practices on the Society of Homeopath's Education day. Walking through Wales, countless daffodils, primroses, cherry blossoms, dandelions and violets made it clear it was spring at last. This leg of the Walk ended with a visit to Peter Chappell in Exeter, discussing topics such as homeopathy and magic, belief systems, intelligence and higher consciousness in an old 12th century pub over a good meal and the local cider.

## May: Israel

In Israel, whether in Jerusalem, at the Dead Sea, or walking through the desert,

spirituality is abundant and inspiring.

There is no summarising the wonderful experiences I had in this cradle of ancient cultures and religions. However, looking at the numerous pictures of my Walk in Israel, the ones of Michal Yakir's lovely garden convey this message to me: that we should celebrate our uniqueness and express it to the maximum of our abilities; doing so we allow and encourage others to also become more and more themselves.

**June: meeting Vithoulkas**

It would have been impolite not to accept George Vithoulkas' invitation, so my next trip brought me to the Academy of Classical Homeopathy, where thousands of homeopaths are trained. The master, now in his 80s, took me to his office and let me explain everything about the purpose and meaning of the Walk's case. Here, in one of the main homeopathic centres in the world, the need for a 'Walk for Homeopathy' didn't seem big.

However, homeopathy is still far from being taken seriously and until that time homeopaths will have no rest. Moreover in the homeopathic community there still is a need to communicate and connect in order to speak with 'one voice'.

**July: exploring Scotland**

In the midst of my walk through beautiful, wild, sunny Scotland I was hit hard by the news from my home country: the Belgian Minister of Health decided that only medically qualified people will be allowed to practise homeopathy. In future it will be impossible to consult "a homeopath", I mean a professional homeopath, trained and skilled in homeopathy - people like me.

Fortunately, hosted by Rachel in Edinburgh, I exchanged anecdotes with a small group of devoted homeopaths who reminded me that good news happens all the same: wonderful experiences with patients, 'famous patients' who are protected by professional secrecy, (silent) referrals from doctors to homeopaths, and more and more proof for homeopathy piling up.

**Denmark: virgin soil for homeopathy**

Charlotte Yde and Merete Kinkvort figured out a nice walking track from Nyborg up to the coast. Again we enjoyed unusually fine weather; Michal made lots of pictures of plants; we were picking cherries, black berries and 'mirabelles' along the way. The conversation was almost exclusively about homeopathy, an inexhaustible topic. Strangely, in Denmark, where homeopathy can be practised legally, there appears to be a shortage of homeopaths.



Germany



Michal's garden



Scottish drink!



English paths



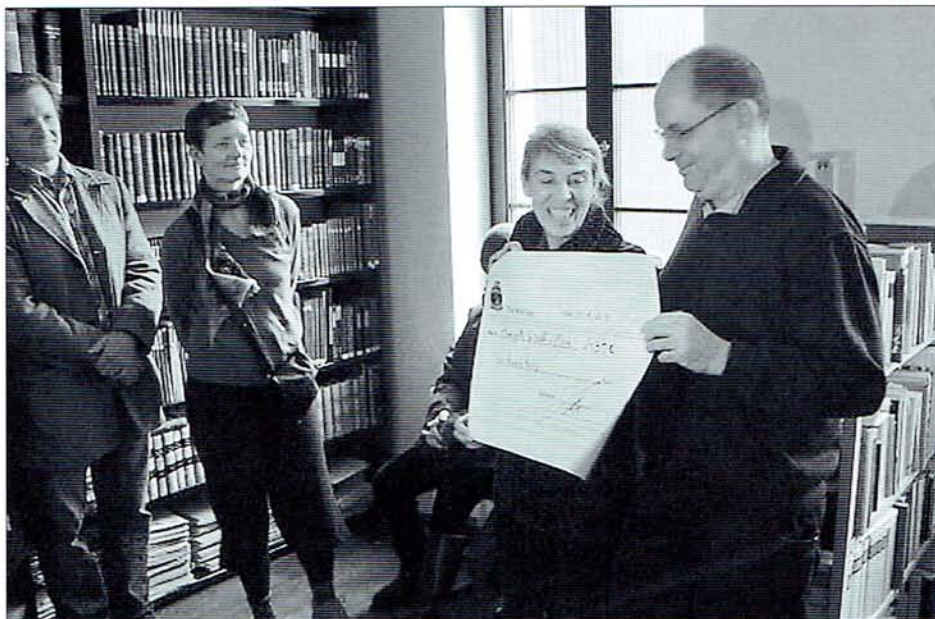
With George in Greece



Danish friend



The trek ends!



Jeremy Sherr receives his cheque

offered the flag to Hahnemann: with seven tight knots I hung it around his head.

A representative of each country spoke a wish for homeopathy, and then we put the eternal flame (brought all the way from Alonissos) and flowers on the tomb. Stephen Gordon surprised everybody with his swinging song "Sam the Man", (fantastic lyrics too): all videoed and to be seen on Youtube!

**Donations**

AHRF received over 2000 euro for their work with PC remedies for epidemic diseases. Approximately the same amount was handed to the HHA, Jeremy Sherr's project in Tanzania. Homeopaths without Borders got 2100 euro to support their homeopathic training project in Uganda. Carol Boyce's movie on "Homeopathy on the Farm" and Laurel Chiten's "Just One Drop" each got 1500 euro in support of their work.

**Day-to-day report available**

An extensive day-to-day report on the Walk of Homeopathy with pictures and video-clips can be read on Anne's blog: <http://annevarcke.com/blog/>

**Hahnemann's tomb in Paris: the apotheosis**

Finally, exactly one year after the start of the Walk, we reached Père Lachaise where Hahnemann is buried. Being a

homeopath one can't help but be in awe at the tomb and the statue of our founding father. With a little speech I officially declared the Walk for Homeopathy closed then and there and

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