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As some of you already know, Peter Blanchard, the long time anti-homeopathic blogger (AKA War Helmet, and AKA on Twitter @Bowel Nososde) prematurely “launched” Homeopathy International.

With one email he created mayhem and division in our community. It has been Peter’s Christmas gift come early. It is what he lives for.

To clarify the confusion that Peter has generated and to introduce ourselves in the way we had intended, when we were ready, let us explain something of who we are and why we exist.

HINT (Homeopathy International) is a homeopathic organisation and as its name suggests is open to members from anywhere in the world. Its steering committee is a small group of people with decades of active commitment to the protection of homeopathy, both in the UK and across the globe. It was born out of an urgent need to fill a crucial gap not filled by other homeopathic organisations.

Our primary focus is on political lobbying and driving forward the status of homeopathy as a healthcare discipline to senior policy makers. Having had some success in achieving that foot in the door, we are working to expand that to a seat at the table. When working in the UK, we have the experience, expertise and opportunity required to represent our membership at the highest levels of policy making and this is key.

(Those who read Carol Boyce’s article Magnus Pharma and the Golden Goose, published in Similia Vol 19 No.1 June 2007, will know of her concern regarding legislation (ref 1). Vested interests behind the small group of vocal denialists that we know so well, were pushing back against homeopathy and it was clear, even then, that what they could not co-opt or subsume, they would legislate against. This is where we are now.

Homeopathy needs a robust political voice and urgently. Not cap in hand hoping against hope to be invited, but stepping up and declaring ourselves a necessary partner, equipped to address the most serious challenges facing healthcare today.

We are radical in our approach and suggest the need for internal revolution, if homeopathy is to take its rightful place at the table of healthcare solutions. We respectfully suggest that individually, and collectively, there needs to be a mind shift. HINT exists for those in the homeopathic community who wish to take the most robust line in protecting homeopathy and in ensuring that we are part of the decision-making process in the future of healthcare.

Our community needs to go through a rapid culture change and time is not on our side. We need to sharpen up our professionalism. We need to work together to restore academic status and increase the number of well-trained practitioners. We need to unify our profession from within and we need to each do what we are best at. The promotion of homeopathy to the public is at this point in our communal history, perhaps a secondary focus of HINT.

From our perspective there should be no conflict of interest. Our focus is fundamentally different to other homeopathic organisations in the UK. Our main group of contacts at this time are homeopaths who have chosen to leave the profession's membership organisations. Currently homeopaths are free to join any, all or no organisations. We welcome any homeopath who shares our outlook and wishes to support our approach.

As a homeopathic organisation with an international reach we are building a strong, committed and united group. Since homeopaths in many other countries are not coming under the same negative pressure that we are here, we have been able to reference our quickly growing international membership in support of our argument in the UK. The ability to evidence direct international support empowers us to be fearless in speaking up for homeopathy here in the UK.

Due to Mr Blanchard's precipitous action our website address was circulated when not yet in its final form. Whilst by their nature all websites are works in progress, there are still several areas on which we are working to bring it into full operation. Our online support, telephone, email, and administrative systems are all in full operation, so please do not hesitate to contact us in the interim. We look forward to sharing our completed website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, and LinkedIn page in the not too distant future.

In the meantime, let's all continue to work together for the future of homeopathy.

Homeopathy International Steering Group

ref 1. [Magnus Pharma and the golden goose](#)