

# “Homoeopathy and Avian Influenza”

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In its already long history, Homoeopathy has proved to be of use in serious epidemics or pandemics, such as cholera or the ‘Spanish’ influenza pandemic of 1918-19. Not only was it important and effective, but clearly superior to allopathic means.

Nowadays, homeopathy is routinely used and prescribed for prevention and treatment for “ordinary” influenza with an effectiveness that has been recorded in several scientific publications\*. This explains why homeopathic physicians and pharmacists are being increasingly consulted about avian influenza: What can Homeopathy do? On a preventive or curative level?

To try and answer these questions 150 homeopathic physicians representing the main medical institutions of more than 25 countries, met on Saturday 19 November in Paris, and came to a certain number of conclusions:

1. Yes, Homoeopathy certainly has its place in a preventive strategy for the pandemic, in that it strengthens the defences of the organism due to individualised medicines, specific to each person, or to the more standardised medicines, traditionally used in prevention.
2. No, homeopathy does not offer any “vaccine”. Contrary to popular belief, when it uses dilutions of vaccines, it is generally to overcome the disadvantages of them, not to replace them.
3. Yes, Homoeopathy may well have its place in a treatment for avian influenza, taking into account its experiments in the treatment of “ordinary” influenza and in a certain number of viral or bacterial epidemics or pandemics. There are a certain number of controlled studies that prove its effectiveness. These studies are analysed by the “Cochrane Collaboration” international organization which confirms that its action is definitely

positive.

4. Yes, all of the doctors and pharmacists present and represented at this international conference are determined to implement all possible means for the treatment and evaluation of Homoeopathy as a preventive and curative of avian influenza, in both in humans and animals.

5. For this purpose, a scientific committee has been formed, composed of experts in the evaluation of Homoeopathy. This committee will be given the necessary financial means to implement studies, work and projects proposed by the different International Homeopathic Medical Organizations. One million euros has already been allocated by the IFCH: International Foundation for Clinical Homeopathy.

6. We have certainly embarked on this humanitarian venture with enthusiasm, but also with a great deal of caution. We are not looking for publicity. We only want to fulfil our duty and assume our responsibilities with the greatest strictness.

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