



# Mystery of Miasms

## An interesting Seminar!

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*Editor: I do request organizers to write some excerpts of the seminar, so that the readers can follow. Many times we return the reports to the author with request for additions but it never comes back. We are now making a general request to all organizers to give some details of cases.*

As a part of 251<sup>st</sup> celebration of Dr Hahnemann's birthday a one day seminar was organised on an unusual subject like Mystery of Miasms by Karnataka Qualified Homoeopathic Doctors' Association and with Institute of Classical Homoeopathy and Research foundation on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The theme of the seminar was **History, Mystery and Chemistry**. (Generally such topics of Miasm etc, are dropped like a hot potatoes, by Homoeopaths)

The **History** part was ably dealt in one hour's time, by Dr Suresh G Principal, Homoeopathic Medical College, Coimabotre. He gave a brief but interesting glimpse of the origin of the Miasm from the time of Eden garden to the modern genealogy, he also presented few cases showing the effect of Miasmatic prescription. Dr Suresh gave the history but created a **Mystery** for Dr Patel to be solved. (Editor: Cases in brief would have made clear to N/JH readers).

Dr B D Patel, the former Principal, Govt Homoeopathic Medical College Bangalore and Chandigarh, made the subject more interesting by not touching the mystery part in the beginning but taking the audience into the world of Miasmatic behaviour in different situation of day to day life. How each miasm behaves in anger, fear, love, joy, etc. He also exposed the behaviour of the foetus and many more events which made all of us to think deeply on miasmatic grounds. After lunch Dr Patel solved the mystery by presenting 3 very interesting video cases. Then he dealt in detail about the various views of Drs Hahnemann, Kent, Roberts etc, and gave many **points to ponder** over for the audience which raised many eyebrows, in the end he fairly solved the mystery of the miasm more practically- how it could be applied in prac-

tics, its advantage, limitation, usage etc with this he proved apart from being a good prescriber and teacher he is also a good speaker. His talk proved, if the speaker is good he can hold the audience from going into slumber even after sumptuous lunch.

The final session of **Chemistry** was dealt by Dr Gnanasambadam the Editor of the Homoeotimes and the president of Tamilnadu Homoeopathic Medical Council. He presented good video cases of treating Psoriasis, obsessive neurosis, hair fall etc prescribing on miasmatic basis.

Some of the comments which I heard during the high tea:

1. "If you chose the right topic and the right person and any topic can be made interesting."
2. "We could never imagine a dry subject like miasms can be made so interesting".
3. "The mystery solving was fantastic Dr Patel never spared the Gods also from the effect of Miasmatic behaviour. His multimedia presentation was superb". (Editor: Some examples could have made us also enjoy the mystery).

The programme started with a special invocation written and composed for the occasion on the name of Dr Hahnemann by Dr Mamata, Dr H L Swamy the President welcomed the gathering and also gave the purpose of the Seminar. Dr Praveen Asst Professor of Government Homoeopathic Medical College, Bangalore gave the highlights of the Master's life. Dr Srinivasulu the Secretary gave a brief account of the activities of the Organisation.

Drs B N Prakash Director and A L Patil Principal also spoke on the occasion, Dr Srinivas former secretary proposed vote of thanks. More than 100 delegates attended not only from in and around Bangalore but also from Salem Tamilnadu and Cuddapah and Nellore Andhra Pradesh.

## Seminar On Homoeopathic Materia Medica, Sangamner

**Dr VIKAS MORE & Ms RANI RANAWARE**  
 KMHMC, Ahmednagar, VIHMC, Sangamner

The Spiritual Homoeopathic Academy for students conducted its 1<sup>st</sup> Seminar on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at Runanubandh Sabhagruh, Sangamner, Dist-A Nagar, Maharashtra.

The Chief Guest Dr Tapan Chakravorty, Principal of KMHM College and Hospital, Ahmednagar, Dr S Praveen Kumar, Hyderabad, Dr Ravikumar Jadhav, Kolhapur and Dr Ashok Ithape, Sangamner, did the Inauguration of the seminar. Dr Prasad Rasal of VIHMC, in his welcome address, said that this was the first Seminar ever arranged specially for the students. Most organizations arrange it for Practitioners. He said that students of today are the future physicians and if they are nourished well with knowledge, they can become the True Practitioners of the Healing Art. Dr D N Kadam of VIHMC insisted on the importance of study of Materia Medica, which, though a very vast subject, is fascinating but poses a challenge to the students because of apparent similarity of symptoms. He also explained the objectives of the Spiritual Academy for Students. Dr Tapan Chakravorty, KMHMC urged the students to attend such seminars for understanding the different views of many stalwarts. He insisted on the spread of Homoeopathy in the rural areas of the district.

1<sup>ST</sup> Session of the seminar was Dr S PRAVINKUMAR on Understanding of Materia medica. He started right from the definition of MM, Sources of MM and explained the ways to study MM. He also informed about the reference books. He shared his clinical experience with remedies like *Bryonia*, *Chamomilla*, *Staphysagria* etc. It was well appreciated by students.

The session ended with the delicious lunch during which the students of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> BHMS,

VIHMC presented a superior feast – a drama in an effort to present the Materia Medica Live. It was a musical and dramatic presentation of various drugs like *Arsenic-alb*, *Tuberculinum*, *Pulsatilla*, *Sepia*, *Platina* etc which were involved in the marriage of Miss *Phosphorica* and Mr *Lycopodium* along with the heartbroken Mr *Nat-muriaticum*. All the students enjoyed it very much.

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION: Dr S PRAVEEN KUMAR** moved further -from theoretical aspect to the practical one which he explained with the help of *Sulphur*. He explained the evolution of the *Sulphur* personality covering all the stages of life from a baby, child, adolescent, young, adult to old age including the different aspects of male and female personality.

He included their habits, nature, appearance, disposition etc in a well-organized manner.

**Dr RAVIKUMAR JADHAV, Kolhapur** conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the day on *Sepia* and *Pulsatilla* lady. He is a wonderful teacher with a lucid language and presented the drug pictures by acting on the stage. He covered the various aspects in an interesting way in the form of his own life instances.

Lastly, Dr Prasad Rasal concluded by thanking all the organizers who tried their best to live up to the expectations of the 450 delegates from five colleges all over the district, the great speakers of the seminar and the students for their response. All of us enjoyed the seminar and returned back with knowledge of Materia Medica with various aspects in the memories of our heart promising to strive for learning and spreading Homoeopathy.

(Editor: So would we, the NJH family, have learnt much if more details had been provided). ○