Scope of homoeopathic education in western hemisphere

This editorial is in continuation of the previous editorial describing the scope of homeopathic education in the western hemisphere. An institution worth visiting and worth learning from is the clinical training center for classical homoeopathy at Hecthel, founded by Dr.Alfons Geukens who is very famous for his works on small remedies and on detailed case analysis. His books are excellent learning for the beginner.

I know Dr.Geukens since the last fifteen years. He has a very pleasant and scientific approach towards homoeopathy. He tries to explain the Materia medica heavily depending on the Kent's work i.e. Materia medica, repertory, and philosophy for his case analysis. The common thing that I observed between Dr.Vithoulkas and Dr.Geukens is that none of them gives a lot of importance to mind and dreams section of repertory but a lot of preference is given to physical generals, physical particulars and maybe very characteristic modalities.

Hecthel is a very small, beautiful town on the outskirts of Antwerp, which is one of the important cities of

Belgium. Unfortunately the center only allows the modern medical doctors that are M.D. to learn for a period of three years. It does not allow Indian doctors who are qualified as B.H.M.S.as in Belgium one cannot practice homeopathy if one is not a M.D. medical doctor and hence the restrictions. The courses are usually held on Friday afternoon till Sunday evening and in a year there are about 8-10 such courses for totally three years.

I always take the opportunity of such seminars whenever I am in Holland or Belgium. Seeing Dr.Geukens in the seminar is a big thrill. In the center there is a big class room with all the modern technological aids for simultaneous translation Dr.Geukens starts taking live cases in a separate room and the whole interview is projected by a video on a large screen. Unfortunately most of the patients speak Flemish but there is a seminar for English speaking group also, so I would strongly recommend that you attend a English speaking group where there is not much room for confusion. Normally Dr. Geukens takes around 30-45 minutes to take a case and then maybe for next 30 minutes he tries to analyze the case in front of the audience where a lot of questions are asked If you are keen observer then you will notice that basically Dr Geukens and Dr.Vithoulkas work at a similar plane. However Dr. Geukens uses quite high potency and that is one thing that one should learn from him the frequent use of high potencies. Another very peculiar thing that one could learn from Dr. Geukens is the treatment of

the advanced pathological illnesses. I have seen many cases of Cancer, Hodgkin's disease, Lymphoma, Leukemia, and various form of neurological degeneration, being treated very successfully by Dr.Geukens. In fact, it is my dream to invite him for a seminar in India. The lodging and boarding is very cheap in Hechtel esp. in small guesthouses. The fee for the seminar is also quite affordable. If you would like to attend a three day-seminar it is not worthwhile going all the way from India for just three days, but if you happen to be in Europe on your own for tourism, then I would strongly recommend that you should visit the center, especially on the day of the seminar, so that you can attend the seminar as a bonus.

Now let us see if one wants to do some additional course in the field of homoeopathy. There is ample opportunity in London to study. In the United Kingdom the university of Exeter is the only university which offers a PhD degree .It is a three years full time course where you stay at Exeter for three years and do research. It is too expensive, to study there, the yearly fee being around five lakh rupees, so in three years it comes to fifteen lakhs, lodging-boarding is extra, which would be another three lakh rupees. So the total cost would be around eighteen to twenty lakh rupees. The university is very strict and will not have any outside candidates to have any concession in fees as well as stay.