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Dear CAM – supporters,

Did you know that our network, **ANME, is celebrating its 10th anniversary**, and that you, as a companion along this path, have helped to create this European-wide network?!! Ten years ago, most of today's EU-Guidelines were not yet in effect and our work consisted of getting to know the EU mechanisms. Our unceasing work served as a basis of information for many of the CAM supporters, and until today, offers a foundation for high level discussions on current topics regarding CAM. Today, specialized associations and professions have created their own EU departments. The ANME network however, remains unique, thanks to the joining together of interdisciplinary groups and its high membership.

We've received new help in our office with Vanessa Evangelista, who will take over the support of our members and keep our database up to date. Our work demands have greatly increased - (please see the article by **EPHA-coordinator, S. Marschang, 4th Symposium in Vienna**, on our homepage) – resulting in more demands on active individuals. As a result, an increase in the number of texts in English from the EU, as well as other partners and organizations, is likely. It would be very expensive for ANME to have all of these texts translated (if translators don't step up to volunteer), and so we pass on many of the texts in their original form. We too, have to present our arguments in English, and therefore ask for understanding on the part of our non-English speakers.

We ask you to jot down the following date in your calendar: **Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 2011**. On this date, **ANME is going to celebrate** its 10-year anniversary in Frankfurt, Germany, with a surprise guest at 11 a.m. Already today, we whole-heartedly invite our members to attend the annual member's meeting, which will take place that afternoon.

The ACHRN (Alternative Complementary Health Research Network) has launched its new website: www.achrn.org.uk You may also be interested in ACHRN's conference on **6th July in Manchester: The evolution of research in CAM: past, present and future** Details can be found on the website and a flyer is attached.

On the 13th April, MEPs, experts and stakeholders meeting at the European Parliament in Brussels called on the European Commission to give greater priority to research into complementary medicine, including homeopathy and anthroposophic medicine, in future EU research programmes. The meeting, 'Homeopathy and Anthroposophic Medicine – what is the evidence?', chaired by **Marian Harkin MEP** debated the timing to coincide with the Commission's **Green Paper on a Common Strategic Framework for future EU Research and Innovation Funding**, which plans to move ahead with proposing specific programmes before the end of the year. The meeting concluded that homeopathy and anthroposophic medicine should be integrated into EU health policy and research programmes for the benefit of European citizens as part of a more integrated and holistic approach to health care in Europe. More: <http://www.echamp.eu>

Heartfelt Anniversary Greetings!

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