



Grateful,

That's the main feeling that comes up if I look back on 20 years of Homœopathic Links: grateful!

I'm grateful to Beat Spring and Lorraine Taylor who had the vision of starting a newsletter and turning it into an international journal. A journal which has been, is and will remain a wonderful source of inspiration to homeopaths worldwide.

I also feel a lot of gratitude towards Rajan Sankaran and Jayesh Shah who shared the vision of an international journal by and for homeopaths and who from the early years on established an Asian edition.

I'm grateful to Jean Pierre Jansen, who for several years was co-editor and invested a lot of his time and energy after LINKS moved from Switzerland to the Netherlands, and developed many tools and programs that proved to be useful throughout the years.

Thank you Corrie Hiwat. Yes, homeopathy is a great art and science and editing an international journal is a contribution I happily make, but during the ten years we did it together it was your presence that also made it great fun.

I feel very grateful to all the guest editors who throughout the years shared the hard work of compiling a high-quality journal and, owing to their different roots and background, brought an interesting diversity to the pages of LINKS. I want to thank all of them on behalf of all of us: Rajan Sankaran and Munjal Thakar, George Guess, Karl Robinson, Chaim Rosenthal, Louis Klein, Melanie Grimes, Peter König, Marguerite Pelt and Frans Kusse, Patricia LeRoux, Alex Leupen, Jörg Wichmann, Joan Scott Lowe, Ted Chapman, Gustavo Dominici, Julia Twohig and Julian Winston.

To all the authors, too many to be listed here, who throughout these twenty years have published their articles on the pages of LINKS, thank you! Without you the journal would have not existed. Without you there would have been nothing to celebrate. My gratitude includes the hundreds of patients who have allowed their cases to be published so we could all learn from them.

In this year's four issues we have in one way or the other celebrated LINKS' 20th anniversary. The conference in Heidelberg, though, was the summit of this festive year. I think many of those attending will agree that there was a lot to be grateful for during these great three days. Beyond celebrating LINKS we were celebrating friendship, the love for homeopathy and for each other, gratitude for the wonderful variety of different contributions to the future of homeopathy, and a deep sense of peace and togetherness. More than 1000 people shared this energy and will bring it home to the 43 countries they were coming from. On the basis of what we shared and generated in Heidelberg, I strongly believe the future of homeopathy can only be bright and promising. So, once again, thanks to all who could come, and thank you Heidelberg and the conference organisers for having us. In case you missed out on some or all of the 18 lectures, there are audio-recordings at www.medienservice-degen.de (click on Live-Mitschnitte).

Let me end this editorial with the chorus of Corrie's LINKS song with which she opened the conference and immediately set an atmosphere that resonated with all present.

Links for everyone here
 Linking with friends that are dear
 Someday it'll be
 Not only you and me
 Singing all in tune
 with homeopathy

In gratitude,

Harry van der Zee, Editor



Celebrating LINKS – Heidelberg, 19–21 October 2007 (photo: Katka Lucka).