

EDITORIAL

Scientific research consists in seeing what everyone else has seen, but thinking what no one else has thought.

– *Anonymous*

The above quote holds true for every analytical mind that cannot accept things just as they are, and prefers to perceive things in his or her own way before finally accepting or rejecting an idea. Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homoeopathic science, was no different. After he came across the claim that the bark of the Cinchona plant was able to cure malaria due to its astringent properties, the great researcher couldn't rest until he defeated the questionable claim by his logical thinking and found the truth – the truth that discovered one of the finest laws of nature – '*Similia Similibus Curentur*' or '*Let likes be cured by likes*'. With his investigative mind and curious temperament, Dr. Hahnemann could prove that the Cinchona bark cured malaria due to its intrinsic ability of producing malaria-like symptoms in healthy individuals and not because of its astringent nature. That is a true example of how a researcher can make things turn, if he questions the existing thoughts logically and follows his beliefs with certain firmness and perseverance. Dr. Hahnemann is the right idol for us homoeopaths in the field of research and it is only befitting that we, the followers

of him, try to imbibe in us the same research qualities that he portrayed so evidently in anything he did.

With the aim of encouraging the practitioners and learners of Homoeopathy to make research a part of their regular practice, the Council is ready with yet another issue of Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy. We bring to you this time many interesting papers, a few of them being 'A study on inhibition of chemically induced carcinogenesis by drugs used in homeopathic medicine', 'A double blind homoeopathic pathogenetic trial on *Cuscuta reflexa*', 'A multicentric clinical verification study on *Ephedra vulgaris*' and 'A case of vitiligo treated by Sulphur'.

It is a matter of great pleasure that the subscription for the journal is pouring in from all the sides. This further motivates the Council to forge ahead in its work and publish it too for the awareness of the interested ones like you all. I would like to end by requesting you to send us articles on your original work for the journal and give your feedback of the articles printed herein.



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