



## Invitation

Meeting of the European Parliament Interest Group **MEPs for CAM**

### ***Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM): reducing the need for antibiotics***

**Date:** Tuesday 1 April 2014, 15:00-17:00

**Venue:** European Parliament, Room ASP 5E3

Antimicrobial resistance has been identified by WHO and the EU Commission as a major crisis facing the health systems of all countries. In the light of this crisis there is an urgent need to reduce the use of antibiotics. There is sufficient evidence that some CAM modalities offer effective treatment options for a range of human infectious diseases and can significantly reduce our dependency on antibiotics. In addition, they offer an effective alternative to antibiotic use in animal husbandry. They must therefore be seriously considered and investigated by the EU, for both human and animal health.

Speakers from the CAM professional community and academia have been invited to make presentations outlining CAM's rich potential for the development of novel antimicrobial therapies that are not susceptible to developing microbial resistance.

The meeting will offer the opportunity for policy makers, researchers and stakeholders to enter into an active dialogue on a subject that is highly relevant for the health of all EU citizens.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to welcoming you on 1 April.

Hosted by Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP and Alojz Peterle MEP

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### ***Registrations at 14h30***

#### **15h00 Welcome and Introduction**

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen ([Finland](#)) and MEP Alojz Peterle ([Slovenia](#))

#### **15h05 Position of the Commission**

Mr John-F. Ryan, DG SANCO, Head of Unit 3 - Health threats (**tbc**)

#### **15h20 Presentations**

- 1) Introduction: The role of CAM in reducing antimicrobial resistance**  
Dr Ton Nicolai, EUROCAM spokesman/coordinator
- 2) Herbal medicine – its role in combating antimicrobial resistance**  
Mr Michael McIntyre, Visiting Professor, Middlesex University, London, Chair European Herbal and Traditional Medicine Practitioner Association, UK
- 3) Integrative approach in anthroposophic hospitals**  
Dr Thomas Breitzkreuz, President Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations (IVAA), Senior Consultant at the Paracelsus Hospital, Unterlengenhardt, Germany
- 4) Homeopathy as an alternative to antibiotics**  
Professor Dr Michael Frass, Professor of Medicine, Senior Intensivist, Department of Internal Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
- 5) Herbal medicine as an alternative to antibiotics in animal husbandry**  
Professor Dr Johanna Fink-Gremmels, veterinarian, chair in veterinary pharmacology and toxicology at the Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS), Utrecht University, the Netherlands.
- 6) Homeopathy as an alternative to antibiotics in animal husbandry**  
Ms Liesbeth Ellinger, veterinarian, researcher, Past-President International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy, the Netherlands.

#### **16h25 Open discussion**

#### **16h50 Closing**

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen and MEP Alojz Peterle