



Accreditation Commission for Homeopathic Education in North America

ACHENA President's Message

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2020 was a difficult year and, with the continuing pandemic and other challenges, 2021 appears to be getting off to a rough start. But despite these and other obstacles, ACHENA can look back to 2020 with gratitude at what has been accomplished in homeopathic education, and ahead with eager anticipation at what we hope to achieve in 2021. Here are some brief highlights.

2020 Milestones

As part of our overall goal to provide high-quality accredited education to homeopathic students, we welcomed our fifth school into the community of accredited schools; two more are currently on a pathway to accreditation. Visit our Schools [live link to this page] webpage to learn more.

In the joint endeavor with our sister agency, the CHC, to provide continuing professional development to practicing homeopaths, we approved many new courses that qualify for CEUs issued by the CHC.

We launched a quarterly newsletter, a Facebook page and overhauled our website.

We welcomed a new public member to the Commission: Michael Schanz who brings years of experience in executive leadership, management and accreditation expertise in integrative health care to his new role at ACHENA.

In September, Alastair Gray stepped down as ACHENA President and continues to provide his expertise and dedicated service as a Commissioner. Vice-President Anna Vakil moved into the presidency and Cynthia Chrisman, experienced practitioner and former CHC board member, assumed the role of Vice-President.

See special messages below for our “goodbye” and “heartfelt thank you” to Carli Auer, ACHENA’s outgoing Executive Administrator, and an introduction of Amanda Kacuba, our incoming Administrator.

What lies ahead for 2021

Look out for announcements and appeals throughout 2021 for your participation in the updating of our educational Standards and Competencies, an effort undertaken jointly with the CHC.

We will continue our onward march toward recognition of ACHENA by the US Department of Education which, along with certification, is a vital step toward the legitimization of homeopathy as a health care profession.

Three major initiatives are in the works: 1) a transfer pathway that will help provide all students access to accredited homeopathic education; 2) improved articulation of clinical education requirements for homeopathic schools; and 3) re-tooling of school infrastructure requirements that better acknowledge the digital age of distance learning.

Join or support Team ACHENA

If you care about homeopathic education...

If you have an interest in either of our programs (Continuing Professional Development or Accreditation)...

If you want to contribute a vital service to our beloved profession...

If you like working in teams with a fun dedicated group and would like to earn some CEUs along the way...

If you would like to financially support our efforts to advance homeopathic education over the next year...

...then consider joining our team or donating to ACHENA.

A Happy New Year to you from all the Commissioners, Volunteers and Staff at ACHENA!
