

## **Introduction to our Documentation Project**

The last few years have seen some welcome developments concerning research in homoeopathy:

1. In the preclinical as well as in the clinical fields, research work has been conducted where both the methodology and exactness reached the level of hard sciences.
2. Several of these works have been published in internationally circulated and widely acclaimed journals.
3. A long line of books and publications have appeared summarizing already published international research works on the most varied issues in the field of homoeopathy. You will find a list of such reviews on pages 18 - 20 in this issue.

We would like to promote the progress of establishing scientific research in homoeopathy by way of the following activities:

1. Compilation of all available scientific literature, i.e. original papers as well as secondary literature (e.g. reviews and overviews). We are mainly interested in topicality. Hence we would like to ask our members and the readers of this journal to send us their latest papers as well as all other relevant information concerning research in homoeopathy.
2. Building up a thesaurus and a retrieval system.
3. Computerising complete bibliographic references plus their respective descriptors
4. Writing abstracts and reviews and analyzing important research works on hand in order to demonstrate and evaluate their results.
5. Listing available literature in our journal, under separate rubrics, e.g. clinical studies, plant experiments etc.
6. Publishing abstracts, reviews and analyses in our journal.

As we have just started from scratch with our project we would like to ask all those who are interested to support us to the best of their ability.

Below we list our thesaurus in its current form. It is only partly hierarchical, mainly, however, arranged in groups.