

# Homeopathy Research Institute Fundraising Event

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I was invited to come to a fund-raising event for the Homeopathy Research Institute on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> June at Stratford Place opposite Bond Street tube. The Institute is to be the main hub for scientific research into how homeopathy works. This important work is ongoing and necessary. HRI will be where studies are undertaken and analysed, as well as presented to the media.

The Oriental Club, where the function was held, is a beautiful old colonial-style building, superb and very swish. When I arrived, waiters were topping up drinks and delicious canapes being served.

Dr. Alexander Tournier and Dr. Clare Relton of Sheffield University both work for Homeopathy Research Institute, as well as Dr. Lionel Milgrom, who also attended. Alexander Tournier explained the aims of the HRI, which were to 'facilitate high quality research into homeopathy and to disseminate and make available the research that exists to the general public.'

Clare Relton mentioned some of the good studies she had conducted at Sheffield, most notably the one on menopausal women.

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/sections/ph/staff/profiles/clare.html>

I said I thought a good method of trial for homeopathy would be to compare one year's homeopathic treatment for a specific condition with one's year conventional medical treatment and Dr. Tournier told me they were planning a protocol along those lines.

There were many interesting people attending the event. Among the guests were Dr. Peter Fisher of the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital and David Tredinnick MP, who both gave excellent and supportive speeches. Dr. Peter Fisher said how he sincerely wished to see homeopathy prevail in the UK and David Tredinnick told of how he had been standing up for homeopathy in Parliament for many years.

Others attending included Stephen Gordon, General Secretary of the European Council of Classical Homeopathy; Karin Mont, director of the Alliance of Registered Homeopaths; Paula Ross, Chief Executive of the Society of Homeopaths; Dr. Elizabeth Thompson from the Bristol Homeopathic Hospital; Professor Nicola Robinson of Thames Valley University; Dr Sara Eames, Director of Women's Services and Education at The Royal London

Homeopathic Hospital; Mani Norland representing the School of Homeopathy and homeopaths Rachel Roberts, Charles Wansbrough and John Lee.

Carol Boyce, over from Florida, managed to be there. She has written lots of good articles for Similia and recently made a film about homeopathy and autism. [www.savingalostgeneration.com](http://www.savingalostgeneration.com)

Next door to us was a party being held by a prospective Conservative candidate and after chatting to a woman outside, I was briefly invited in to meet him! I told him that if the Conservatives win the next General Election, they must stand up for homeopathy and had noted quite a few of them had signed the Early Day Motion to save the Homeopathic Hospitals.

I also met a psychiatrist at the HRI function whose wife is a homeopath. He said he was amazed at the effectiveness of homeopathy and had even travelled to India to watch his wife undergoing training. He spoke at length to Dr. Shashi Mohan Sharma, Principal of the Hahnemann College of Homeopathy, who had been snapping photographs all evening.

Anyway, a wonderful time was had by all in an exceptionally lovely setting. I sincerely hope that HRI gets the funding it deserves and good studies can be undertaken to show our detractors and naysayers how truly well homeopathy works!

If anyone reading this knows of a philanthropist who would like to contribute funding to Homeopathy Research Institute, please contact Dr. Alexander Tournier at [alextournier@homeoinst.org](mailto:alextournier@homeoinst.org)  
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