## **EDITORIAL**

## Dear Readers,

Miasms remain a topic of discussion in homeopathy with varied opinions. Miasms theory is a law, which if applied correctly improves the quality of prescription and the percentage of results in homeopathy. There are many physicians who have attempted to give an explanation to the theory of miasms but there is no sole explanation which has been able to explain all what Hahnemann said or wrote on miasms nor has anybody been able to prove that the theory is incorrect.

In the time of Hahnemann, Sycosis was regarded clinically as the least important of all the three miasms (Chronic Diseases). The lifestyle and manifestation of diseases in today's time for example cancer, cysts, fibroids, rheumatism etc shows that sycosis is much more prevalent.

When it comes to understanding sycosis, J.H. Allen's work on sycosis is not to be forgotten. At the very start of his chapter on sycosis, he suggests reading his notes on psora and pseudo-psora and then attempts to read sycosis. Allen has also related sycosis partly due to the suppression of diseases by modern ways of treatment which he calls unscientific. He also lays emphasis taking a detailed family history of all blood relatives which he says can reveal significant information.

Many authors have been able to show the sycotic tendency after bad effects of vaccination as the books by Burnett on vaccinosis. Physically, sycosis is associated with excess of all kinds and produces those conditions that are often described as hyper and affection of reticuloendothelial system (as stated in John Saxton's Miasms as practical tools).

To understand the real depth of sycosis and its relevance in homeopathy, many such books have to be read, as every such work gives a different facet of miasms.

This issue of 'The Homoeopathic Heritage' is a collection of write up's of doctors of this century who have contributed to share their opinions and experiences with the concept of sycotic miasm and its application. Hope the readers find it useful and are able to formulate their way of going deeper to understand this aspect of homeopathy.

We are also happy to launch this issue on miasms at the LIGA conference in India, from December 1-4, 2011 which is going to be an event of one of its kinds with delegates coming from all over the world with varied experiences. It's going to be an example of diversification in unification where all aim to help in the growth of homeopathy and its principles with different ways they are using in their practice. We welcome all delegates to the LIGA conference on behalf of B.Jain.

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