

Obituary

A Tribute to Dr. Peter Fisher – the Legend of Homoeopathy Research

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Dr. Peter Fisher, the prominent figure in the homoeopathic circuit has passed away unfortunately on 15th August 2018 in a cycling accident. Aged 67 years, he was a doctor, researcher and academician who served as homoeopathic physician to the Queen Elizabeth II for 17 years. He was also Director of Research at the Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine (RLHIM), London, UK which was formerly known as the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital for 22 years and was a leading figure in homoeopathic research. He was born on 2nd September 1950. He was a graduate of Cambridge University and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. Dr. Fisher was also president of the 'Faculty of Homeopathy (FOH)', the organization which promotes complementary medicine which is famously supported by Prince Charles. Dr. Fisher, a former honorary consultant rheumatologist at King's College Hospital, had published many research papers on rheumatology and on complementary and alternative medicine. He chaired the World Health Organization's (W.H.O) working group on homoeopathy and served on its expert advisory panel on traditional and complementary medicine. He had served as physician to the Queen with responsibility for all homoeopathic treatment given to the Royal family, since 2001. Dr. Fisher trained at Westminster Hospital Medical School and first experienced alternative medicine on a field trip to China while a student in the 1970s. Dr. Fisher later used homoeopathic

treatment on himself when he fell ill and became convinced of its effectiveness. After university, he became a research fellow in rheumatology at Barts, but he later published one of the first serious studies of homoeopathy in the British Medical Journal (BMJ). He worked at the Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine for more than 30 years and was its Director of Research from 1996 and its Clinical Director from 1998 to 2014. He was always ready to defend homoeopathy against its critics who sometimes dismissed him as a quack. "There is huge prejudice," he said. "There is prejudice and persecution which actually seems to have originated in the UK for various psycho-social-geopolitical reasons. And one interpretation of the current situation is that it is the early stages of a scientific revolution, when you get a reaction. Homeopathy is persecuted because it is a new paradigm that is threatening the established order, a scientific revolution". Dr. Peter Fisher was a Fellow and President of the Faculty of Homeopathy. He was the Editor-in-chief of the famous journal *Homeopathy*. He was elected as Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1997. In India, the scientists of CCRH were fortunate enough to interact with him during his several visits to India for various programs. He visited the Kolkata unit of CCRH, Dr. Anjali Chatterjee Regional Research Institute for Homoeopathy, in February 2018, while he was in Kolkata for an International speaker

at the All India Homoeopathy Post Graduate Seminar (AIHPGS). He died near the RLHIM while cycling when he was hit by a lorry at Central London. Following his death, Dr. Gill Gaskin, Medical Director of the specialist hospitals board of University College London Hospitals (UCLH), said,

“Peter was a highly regarded colleague and friend of many at the RLHIM, where he worked for more than 35 years. He was an international figure in homeopathy and was committed to holistic and compassionate care for his patients”.



Queen Elizabeth II of London, UK with Dr. Peter Fisher



Dr. Peter Fisher as a speaker at Cutting Edge Research in Homeopathy, Malta 2017



All India Homoeopathic Post Graduate Seminar (AIHPGS), Kolkata 2018. From Left to Right: Dr. Shubhamoy Ghosh, Dr. Peter Fisher, and Dr. Subhasis Ganguly



CCRH Meeting at Dr. Anjali Chatterjee Regional Research Institute, Kolkata, CCRH on 19th Feb, 2018

