



# The Right Livelihood Award

*for outstanding vision and work on behalf of our planet and its people*

George Vithoukas (Greece)

(1996)



*...for his outstanding contribution to the revival of homeopathic knowledge and the training of homeopaths to the highest standards.*

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George Vithoukas was born in Athens in 1932. He started studying homeopathy in South Africa in 1960 and he continued in India in different homeopathic colleges, receiving a diploma from the Indian Institute of Homeopathy in 1966.

Returning to Greece the following year, Vithoukas started practising homeopathy and teaching it to a small group of Greek medical doctors. The therapeutic success of these first doctors so attracted the attention of others that the Athenian School of Homeopathic Medicine was established in 1970. The school, since re-named the Center of Homeopathic Medicine, is devoted exclusively to the teaching of MDs. In 1971, the first Greek Homeopathic Society was established and a year later Vithoukas started the Greek journal, Homeopathic Medicine. In 1976 he organised the first International Homeopathic Seminars in Greece. Since then, international seminars have been held every year, attended by health professionals from at least 20 countries.

In 1994, Vithoukas opened the International Academy for Classical Homeopathy on the Greek island of Alonissos, its purpose being to provide post-graduate training for health practitioners from all over the world. Currently, as the Director of the Athens Center, Vithoukas heads a team of 30 doctors who practise homeopathy while they study under his supervision. He has established homeopathy in Greece as a science respected by the medical profession, and has also made his country one of the leading centres for homeopathy in the western world.

Vithoukas' books, *Homeopathy: Medicine of the New Man* (Arco, New York, 1979), written for lay people, and *The Science of Homeopathy* (Grove Press, New York, 1980), for health professionals, have been translated into twenty languages and have had a profound influence upon the acceptance and practice of homeopathy worldwide. His book *A New Model for Health and Disease*, published in German and English in 1991, makes a fundamental critique of conventional allopathic medicine and sets out a new paradigm for the science of medicine.

George Vithoukas' overall vision is the establishment of homeopathy on a worldwide basis. A major goal in this vision is the foundation of homeopathic medical colleges in the USA and Europe where homeopathy can be taught at the highest level. A major production has been the Vithoukas Expert System computer programme and a series of video courses made from his lectures. The computer programme has sold over 1,000 copies and has brought classical homeopathy within the reach of ordinary homeopathy students.

At present Vithoukas is writing a new homeopathic Materia Medica Viva, in 16 volumes, including the contemporary knowledge and his own experience from the more than 150,000 cases treated at the Center in Athens. The first six volumes have been published in German and translation into English is planned. Vithoukas also continues to teach, both in Greece and internationally.

As the practice of homeopathy becomes more widespread in many countries, Vithoukas is seen to have made a major contribution to its establishment as a science that can substantially benefit human health and welfare.

### **Quotation**

*"It is a truly satisfying experience for me to see that, 2,500 years after Hippocrates, medical doctors are coming back to a Greek island to be taught what I am convinced to be today the most advanced form of therapy."*

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