On 23rd October 2012, the meeting of the Homeopathic Medicinal Product Working Group (HMPWG) was held in Gdansk. The meeting was attended by various Members States as well as the representative of the EMA. The meeting was formally opened by Ms Anna Kalita, Head of Department of Registration of the Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products The HMPWG Chair warmly thanked the Polish team on behalf of the HMPWG for hosting the HMPWG. The vice-Presidency was ensured by Maria Stravou (Cyprus) and Pawel Barucki (Poland) No conflicts of interest were declared.

The following issues were discussed:

- **Minutes of the 14th meeting in Warsaw December 2011**
The minutes were adopted.

- **Minutes of the 15th meeting in Copenhagen June 2012**
  It was decided that a last version would circulate by the end of December for adoption by written procedure.

- **Homeopathic Use**
The mandate of the Homeopathic Use SubGroup was adopted.
The Work Programme of the Homeopathic Use SubGroup was adopted for publication on the HMA website.
The first list of 36 stocks whose homeopathic use is justified was adopted for publication on the HMA website

- **Legislation.**
  A letter will be sent to the European Commission to clarify the labelling requirements of an application submitted for a possible Mutual recognition procedure or a Decentralised Procedure.

- **Rules of Procedures**
  Following the request of the HMA management Group, the Rules of Procedure have been updated and adopted.
The HMPWG has introduced major changes to article 5 in order to reflect the collaboration between the HMPWG and the CMDv. However, it has been stated that to ensure efficient collaboration between the HMPWG and the other European Committees and Co-ordination Groups, in particular with the CMDv, the HMPWG would benefit from being hosted by the EMA with a central EMA secretariat.
The HMPWG has also introduced changes to article 6 as a result of experiencing some difficulties in organising meetings in the past. This difficulty has arisen when, in some cases, the Member State hosting the Presidency of the Council of the European Union has decided not to organise the HMPWG meeting.
  Furthermore, the HMPWG has updated article 4 according to the new rules of publication of the HMA regarding HMPWG reports which are now public reports.
- List of terms used in Homeopathy
The Document “List of terms used in Homeopathy” was adopted. Because the scope of the document is on human homeopathic medicinal products and on veterinary homeopathic medicinal products, the document should be submitted to the CMDv for consultation before publication on the HMA website. The HMPWG Chair will inform the CMDv Chair about this new procedure.

- Safety
- Nomination of the Chair of the FSD subgroup
In accordance with article 9 of the Rules of Procedures, the HMPWG has appointed the member from Germany, Werner Knöss to the post of Chair of the First Safe Dilution subgroup.
- Assessment reports
- The Assessment report of Matricaria recutita (BE) has been approved by the HMPWG for publication on the HMA website for a commenting period of 3 months.
- The Assessment report of Rheum (BE) has been discussed by the HMPWG and should be approved by written procedure for publication on the HMA website.
- The assessments reports on Pyrrolizidinic alkaloids and Natrium salts (BE) will be considered at the next sub group meeting.

- Viral Safety
Portugal made a presentation on viral safety in Homeopathic Medicinal Products. The Update of the document “Points to Consider on safety of homeopathic medicinal products from Biological origin”, HMPWG. July 2007 was under discussion.

- The next meeting
Ireland announced its intention to host the next meeting on 30th and 31th of May 2013. The HMPWG thanked the Polish team for the excellent organisation of the meeting and the Cyprus member for her active involvement in the meeting.