

FIRST GRADUATIONS FOR HOMEOPATHS

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MBABANE – The country held the first ever graduation ceremony for nine homeopaths who have completed a four-year diploma.

The professional diploma was initiated in 2011 and was fully-funded by Sahee Swiss Foundation.

This event was described as a landmark in the establishment of complementary health care in Swaziland.

SUSTAINABILITY

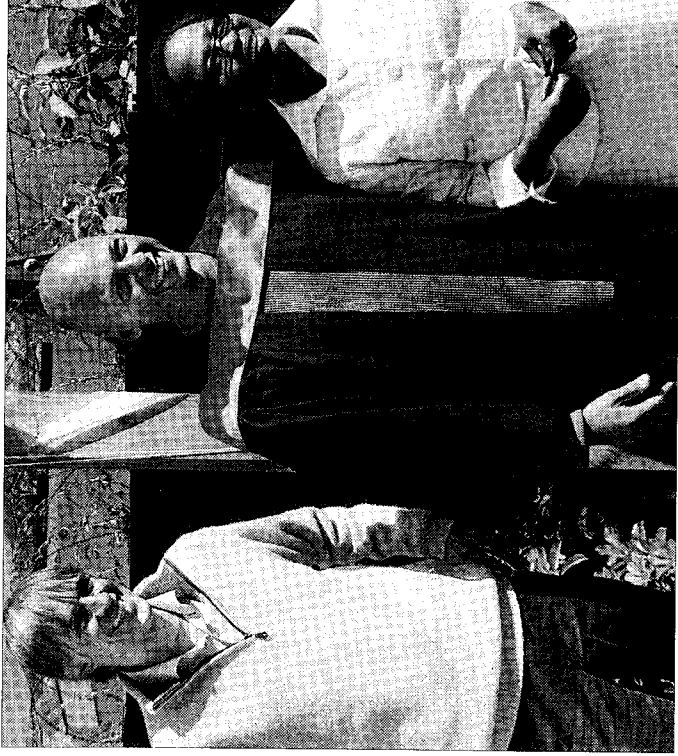
Director of the Swaziland Homeopathy Project Barbara Braun said: “These new graduates will now enable the Swaziland Homeopathy Project to achieve sustainability and the expansion of the existing clinics. Initiated in 2008 the project currently operates on average 25 – 30 homeopathy clinics monthly.”

The guests of honour were Professor Priscilla Dlamini from the University of Swaziland’s Department of Health Sciences and Director of Swaziland Institute of Research in Medicinal Plants SIRMIP and Cyril Alther from the Sahee Foundation, from Switzerland.

TRAINING

Cyril Alther said the Sahee sponsored training initiated in 2011, was part of collaboration between the Swaziland Homeopathy Project and the Maun Homeopathy Project in Botswana and also involved Homeopathy for Health in Tanzania. He said the courses were sourced from the United King-

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Homeopath Abraham Van de Merwe flanked by Cyril Alther and Professor Priscilla Dlamini during his graduation.

dom and the diplomas are UK accredited.

Other people trained as homeopaths include lawyer and judge, Peter Dunseith.

He completed his training in the UK but visits Swaziland and does volunteer work with the Swaziland Homeopathy Project, a charity which has been carrying out affordable homeopathy clinics around Swaziland since 2008.



Director of Swaziland Homeopathy Project Barbara Braun.

HOMEOPATHY EXPLAINED

- Homeopathy is a 200-year-old system of medicine used successfully by over 200 million patients worldwide. It has a laudable and extensively documented clinical record and there are literally hundreds of high quality, peer-reviewed basic science, pre-clinical and clinical studies showing that it works.
- It offers holistic care to people

- suffering from illness, trauma, grief and the effects of stigma and is an inexpensive, safe, effective and increasingly popular form of medicine.

- Many doctors are using homeopathy throughout the world and a growing body of scientific research shows that it is of benefit both in the treatment of illness and in countering the side-

- effects of orthodox drug therapy. Homeopathy works on both the physical and the mental symptoms of a person who is in a state of disease. This treatment, especially on a large scale, is cost effective and is therefore particularly well suited as an additional health support to impoverished communities.