



## **Press release**

**from the European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy / ELIANT**

### **The European Alliance launches its Europe-wide online petition campaign**

**Brussels, 20.3.2007.** As of now anyone can go online to add their vote in support of the ELIANT campaign, at the website [www.eliant.eu](http://www.eliant.eu). The petition supports initiatives of applied anthroposophy in Europe and aims to put in place legal safeguards for their continued survival. This is important for Europe, so as to ensure availability and further development of anthroposophic medicine, Demeter (biodynamic) foods, Waldorf education, special needs education and other initiatives of applied anthroposophy. In Brussels, the sponsors of the *European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy / ELIANT* have been promoting legal safeguards for these activities for years. It is now time to lend this work the necessary political weight by the democratic means of collecting 1 million signatures. One example of the need for this is that Demeter International has lost its sale permit following issue of the EU vitamin regulation on infant nutrition (EU guideline 96/5/EG). Demeter's own guidelines do not allow artificial vitamins in its products, whereas the EU guideline requires this.

To secure a sales permit for anthroposophic medicines in the EU a specific form of registration is needed, which takes proper account of the manufacturing processes of anthroposophic medicines and their mode of action. We need to gain general recognition of this fact.

1 million signatures have real political impact on European institutions if the signatures come from several member states. The number itself derives from the European constitution (Art. I-47 clause 4). While this has not yet come into effect, it already exerts political weight when it comes to determining whether a matter of concern or a submission to an EU body or the EU parliament has sufficient "critical mass" behind it. Thus every vote of support for this ELIANT appeal campaign will help and count. (TG)

#### **Info box:**

The Alliance's Charter and online petition can be found at: [www.eliant.eu](http://www.eliant.eu)

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The European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy, known as ELIANT for short, is a confederation of 10 associations and institutions active at a European level (see also the Charter of 29.9.2006 at [www.eliant.eu](http://www.eliant.eu)).