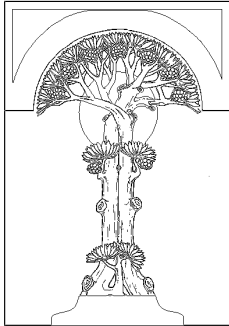


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Unit 39

PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE methodological studies or case 7

Principles and Practice Supplement

Throughout the history of homeopathy it has always been challenging to model the action of homeopathy.

In the mid 20th Century, William Boyd (father of Hamish Boyd) was the Medical Superintendent at the Glasgow Homeopathic Hospital. He attempted to investigate direct biological effects from the introduction of homeopathic remedies into living subjects. His electronic equipment was of the highest sensitivity possible with the technology of the time.

Boyd's results were initially encouraging, but a demonstration of the system in London failed to reproduce the results he obtained in Glasgow and his research was finally considered inconclusive.



William Boyd

Jacques Benveniste worked in the 1990s to examine the effects of ultramolecular potencies on basophils.

Following publication of his results in *Nature*, there was a highly intrusive and controversial 'debunking' and, later, retraction of Benveniste's research that was instigated by the publishers themselves.

A shameful and aggressive media campaign followed which inhibited similar research for some time. There are some in the research community who believe that Benveniste's untimely death is, at least partly, attributable to the stress he endured during the witch-hunt that followed publication of his work.

Nevertheless, good quality research into the possible biological actions of homeopathic remedies continues apace. Many modern experiments use plant models in highly controlled experiments. Much of the best research available today is published in the Faculty of Homeopathy's peer reviewed journal 'Homeopathy'.



Jacques Benveniste

One of our most eminent contemporary researchers is Iris Bell.

Activity:

Watch the following presentation by Iris Bell on the models for action of homeopathy.



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