

## Foreword

It is a pleasure to do favors such as writing a foreword to this book. It is even more of a pleasure to do this favor for Roberto Petrucci. First of all, because he is a long-time and gentle friend. Secondly, because I have been following the many efforts Roberto has made to make a homeopathy that works available to patients, to colleagues and to students in Italy and abroad.

This book is just another effort in his endeavors to do so.

I would like to stress two aspects of this work that I have seen growing for many years. First of all, there are two ways to handle the ever-increasing amount of data we have at our disposal in the homeopathic community. One is to find shortcuts and use only a limited amount of those data, however appealing the reasons to do so may appear.

The other way is to organize all those data in a creative way and to think about how they can be accessed more easily and more comprehensively.

Roberto is introducing *concepts* and spares no effort in guiding us to use all of that information at the appropriate time. That is a great achievement!

The second aspect of this work that pleases me so much is that it combines *Materia Medica* information with information structured like a repertory. Again, this will allow us to retrieve very quickly all the information which is offered. Practicality has not been translated into less information, but into a quicker access to more information. It is amazing that more than 540 remedies are represented here and that a supplementary text has been written for 380 of them.

With these characteristics, this book will find a much deserved place next to many other valuable books on pediatrics. It brings us information about many remedies rather than a lot of information about only a few remedies we may already know. Well done Roberto!

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