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### **Legal challenge fund progress**

Great news! Since we began our 'call to action' regarding the upcoming '[Herb Challenge](#)' against the EU's Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive (THMPD), £33,574.82 (= 39,605.37 or US\$53,878.25) has been raised as of today! That's nearly 40% of the target amount our lawyers think will be needed to cover the legal fees for the first stage of the challenge in the High Court in London.

We want to thank those of you who have put your hand in your pocket and donated to the [legal fund](#). Having seen the broad swathe of support for the challenge from users of herbal medicines, as well as suppliers who are increasingly feeling the heat from regulators as we move towards the proposed ban (1st May 2011), we are more confident than ever that—together—we can do this! Keep in mind, this is at least as much about protecting the freedoms of future generations, as it is our own freedoms.

The fund-raising target for the first stage of the legal challenge is £90,000 (= 106,201.55 or US\$144,485.62), which we need to raise in the next two months. The amount raised so far is a great start, but we've got some way to go. We now have a dedicated THMPD [legal challenge page](#) that pulls together all of the vital information about the THMPD and our joint strategy with the [European Benefyt Foundation](#) in one place. We urge you to spread [this link](#) far and wide, and if you haven't already, [PLEASE DONATE!](#)

### **Campaign update**

With the huge pressure being put on herbal products in the EU, along with pressure to cultivate more GM crops and maintain or expand the drinking water fluoridation programmes in the UK and Ireland, we've been flat out.

Our executive director, Dr Rob Verkerk, tried stitching some of these key issues together. He homed in on the corporate control agenda but instead of allowing us to feel disempowered, he shows us what we can do to really make a difference. Check out [the podcast](#) at your leisure and be truly informed.

Today, Friday 12th November, ANH-Intl is due to attend a special THMPD Forum, set up by the Chinese Medical Council (CMC) UK. The forum will be held at the Old Refectory, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. The event is co-chaired by Professor Man Fong Mei, the Chairman of the CMC, and Mr David Tredinnick MP, who is the Chairman of the UK Parliamentary Group for Integrated and Complementary Healthcare. Specially invited panelists include Rob Verkerk of ANH-Intl and Chris Dhaenens, representing our partners in the Netherlands and Belgium-based European Benefyt Foundation. Richard Woodfield of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) will also be present, as will representatives of various practitioner organisations and other interested parties. We anticipate an interesting dialogue!

As the temperature moves towards boiling point on this campaign, can you afford not to do your bit? Keep watching the [ANH Europe](#) site; [sign up](#) for our alerts; if you live in Europe, [write](#) to your MEP and MP; keep getting the message out. It does make a difference.

<http://www.campaignfortruth.com/Eclub/221110/CTM-anhherbchallenge.htm>