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**HYGEIA SYMPOSIUM**  
Exploring Natural Medicine

## **The Great Debate: Can the NHS become a a Natural Health Service?**

**Date:** Wednesday 26th January 2010  
**Time:** 5.00 to 9.00 pm  
**Venue:** Intercollegiate Garden Halls (University of London)  
[Conference Room](#), Canterbury Hall  
19-26 Cartwright Gardens  
London WC1H 9EF  
**Cost:** £10 at the door (£7.50 for students)  
£15 assured seat ([prepay](#) with PayPal)

**Come along, express and exchange your views  
with members of our distinguished panel in this  
ground-breaking, recorded debate**

### **Panelists:**

Professor [George Lewith](#) - Vice Chair, College of Medicine; Complementary & Integrated Medicine Research Unit, University of Southampton

[Roger Newman Turner](#) - Practitioner of osteopathy, naturopathy & acupuncture

[Robert Verkerk](#) PhD - Executive & Scientific Director, Alliance for Natural Health International

[Stan Switala](#) PhD - Naturopathic Physician, Practitioner of Functional Medicine

[Chris Burley](#) - Naturopathic Practitioner

[Harald C Gaier](#) - Naturopathic Physician (Symposium convener)

[Chantal Cooke](#) - Broadcaster (Chair)

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## Kicking off the debate: Address by Peter Hain MP

Owing to an urgent commitment, Mr Peter Hain MP, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is now unable to attend the Hygeia Symposium in person. However, he has asked for his address to be read out on his behalf.

Mr Hain's important message will include reference to the [successful pilot experiment](#) involving Natural Medicine and the NHS that was organised by him around 2 years ago in Northern Ireland while he was NI Secretary of State. The question now is: should a similar study be undertaken in the mainland UK?

Each panelist will contribute a 5 minute presentation relevant to the theme of the debate.

Audience participation relevant to the evening's theme will be encouraged on the understanding that it is constructive and respectful! The event will be recorded for subsequent dissemination and it is hoped that the outcomes may be used to influence government policy.

## Programme

5.00 - 5.30	<b>Registration</b>	
5.30 - 5.40	Opening remarks	Harald Gaier and Chantal Cooke
5.40 - 6.15	How Natural Medicine considers evidence and interprets research	Professor George Lewith
	Is 'evidence-based medicine' in the best interests of our patients?	Roger Newman Turner
	The distinct uniqueness of naturopathic medicine	Chris Burley
	Interconnectedness of everything in nature, in us and in medicine	Stan Switala PhD
	Scientific and legal challenges to mainstream adoption of natural medicine	Robert Verkerk PhD
	Historical schism in medical thought sketching from antiquity to the present	Harald Gaier
6.15 - 6.30	Presentation prepared by Peter Hain MP	(to be read out)
6.30 - 6.40	<b>Break</b>	
6.40 - 7.30	Public debate and panelist input (Part 1)	
7.30 - 7.35	Summation of key issues discussed	Chantal Cooke
7.35 - 8.00	<b>Break (we suggest you bring something to eat!)</b>	
8.00 - 8.40	Public debate and panelist input (Part 2)	
8.40 - 9.00	Summing up, conclusions and close	Chair and Panelists

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