George Vithoulkas Homeopathy Challenge - Starting Anew

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The brouhaha that began as a comprehensive homeopathy test In Greece, has been consuming far too much of my time and attention, and of my colleagues, as well. Forget all previous correspondence exchanged on the subject. What appears HERE is the current status.

<u>We're starting anew.</u> Bear in mind that WE are offering the million-dollar prize, and WE will control the parameters, in line with the rules of the challenge – which are available to everyone. There will be no more exceptions, which I had – unwisely – granted to certain persons in order to be more accommodating; they have always chosen to be difficult, capricious, and arrogant as a result of this courtesy. No more.

First, we require that George Vithoulkas submit a regular, properly-filled-out application, and submit it – just as we require EVERYONE to do. After that has been received, we'll go ahead – as with any regular applicant – with the arrangements, including the requirement for the preliminary stage. Since I'm not personally handling the challenge applications, I'm not aware of how many places George Vithoulkas has tried for a venue, but I know that his own country turned him down, as well as some others. Second, we'll require that Mr. Vithoulkas obtain a venue and all the necessary facilities for conducting a double-blind, correct, acceptable protocol, before we will go ahead – following the receipt of the application.

The protocol used by the Royal Society/BBC tests in the UK – based on Jacques Benveniste's design, and carefully supervised by the homeopathic community there – would be acceptable for this set of tests.

Don't contact me personally on this matter. I'll not entertain any arguments or pleas. It will be handled by Alison Smith, working with others on our staff.

These 300 words constitute my entire commentary on the matter.

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