Dear 2014 exhibitor,

Re: Reminder of Legal Requirements as Exhibitor at OAND Convention 2014

We remain delighted that you will be joining us at the 2014 OAND Convention and Exhibitor Showcase in Niagara Falls this November. With 10 weeks still to go, almost 300 Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) have already registered to attend the event. Exclusive time allotted for registrants to visit Exhibitor booths on Saturday and Sunday is at its highest level. We look forward to seeing you there and to the most successful convention and showcase yet!

As you're aware, the naturopathic profession in Ontario is transitioning from being regulated under the Drugless Practitioner’s Act, to the Regulated Health Professions Act. As part of this transition, there have been changes in restricted substances that are authorized for use by registered Ontario NDs, by the current regulator, the Board of Directors of Drugless Therapy – Naturopathy (BDDT’N). Specifically, sterile homeopathic substances for use by any form of injection, both compounded and non-compounded, are not authorized for use at this time. BDDT-N has the authority to discipline NDs as well as to suspend or revoke certificates to practice for NDs who do not use authorized substances.

All exhibitors have entered into an Exhibit Contract as a condition of exhibiting at the OAND Tradeshow and Convention. Each exhibitor has agreed in the Contract to comply with all applicable laws, codes and standards as well as all rules and regulations of OAND and to ensure that their materials and goods so comply. In addition, exhibitors have agreed to indemnify OAND for any damages suffered as a result of any breach of the Contract.

OAND is requiring that there be no advertisement, promotion or display of compounded and non-compounded sterile homeopathics for administration by any form of injection, to NDs at the 2014 Convention. The Contract permits OAND to withhold possession of the exhibit space if an exhibitor fails to comply with the Contract, to alter or remove exhibits, and to expel exhibitors or their personnel if, in OAND’s opinion, their conduct or presentation is objectionable. There are serious liability concerns for OAND as well as for NDs in promoting or performing the injection of sterile homeopathics at this time.

OAND has been and will continue to advocate for possible solutions to the current exclusion of compounded and non-compounded sterile homeopathics for injection by NDs practicing in Ontario, and also continue to support the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (CAND) in its lead liaison role at the Federal level.
Your cooperation is anticipated and appreciated, and we look forward to welcoming you as an exhibitor. Kindly confirm through signature, scan and return of this letter to Stephanie Lazzarini at the OAND (slazzarini@oand.org) that your company agrees not to advertise, promote or display injectable sterile homeopathics, compounded or non-compounded, at the 2014 OAND convention. All confirmed exhibitors are being asked to respond to this request, as it is not possible for the OAND to determine who may have otherwise considered advertisement, promotion or display of these products.

Yours truly,

Chrystine Langille
Chief Executive Officer

Agreement:

Company Name: ____________________________

Your Name: _________________________________

Your Signature: _____________________________

(I have authority to bind this company)

Date: _______________________________________