Conference venue

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Scholarship

A limited number of scholarships may be granted to students. Scholarship includes travel and accommodation expenses.
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3rd – 4th April, 2008

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Clinical Research in Vulnerable Populations

Research in vulnerable populations, especially in minors and in the mentally ill, is becoming an increasing and urgent problem. For example, a large part of pharmaceuticals which is given to minors and adolescents is not licensed for them; whereas in other cases effective pharmaceuticals have not been developed yet (e.g. dementia). Recently, politicians have taken steps to remedy this deplorable state – e.g. by introducing the regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 on medicinal products for paediatric use. The realisation of this regulation, however, is causing a number of ethical, legal and economical problems: It is debated, to begin with, to what extent and on which ethical and legal foundation risky research in vulnerable populations is acceptable at all. In addition, the realisation of clinical studies in smaller groups of patients (infants, minors, adolescents) is complex, time-consuming, and therefore very costly. Thus, the question arises whether the established ways of drug development are appropriate at all for fulfilling societal needs.

These and further questions will be discussed by experts covering the fields of paediatrics, psychiatry, pharmacology, ethics, law, and economy during the conference at the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften in Berlin.

Thursday 3rd April, 2008

13.00 Welcome
Professor Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Günter Stock,
Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin
Professor Dr. phil. Dr. h.c. Carl Friedrich Gethmann,
Europäische Akademie, Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler

SESSION I Chair: Professor Dr. med. Jörg Fegert
13.30–14.30 Clinical research in the mentally ill. Medical considerations
Professor Dr. med. Hanfried Helmchen,
Freie Universität Berlin

14.30–15.30 Clinical research in minors. Medical considerations
Professor Dr. med. Hannsjörg Seyberth,
Universität Marburg

15.30–16.00 Break

SESSION II Chair: Professor Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Günter Stock
16.00–17.00 Ethical concerns of clinical research in vulnerable populations
Jacinta Tan, M.D., Ph.D.,
University of Oxford

17.00–18.00 Clinical research in vulnerable populations. The legal framework
Professor Dr. jur. Gerfried Fischer,
Universität Halle

Friday 4th April, 2008

SESSION III Chair: Dr. med. Felix Thiele
9.00–10.00 Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 on medicinal products for paediatric use
Dr. med. Birka Lehmann
Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices, Bonn

10.00–10.30 Break

10.30–11.45 Pharmaceutical research in vulnerable populations. The industry perspective
Dr. med. André Hertkorn,
Boehringer-Ingelheim, Biberach an der Riss
Philippe Aubry, M.D., Lundbeck, Paris

11.45–12.45 Publicly funded and industry funded research-strategies in paediatric pharmacology
Benedetto Vitiello, M.D.,
US National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda

12.45 Lunch