

Invitation and call for abstracts

Winter meeting 10 + 11 January 2017

WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation (head: Prof. Dr. Bert Leufkens) in collaboration with the Department of Essential Medicines and Health Products, WHO will organise a Winter Meeting for researchers in the field of pharmaceutical policy analysis and regulatory science. As in previous years, we have chosen to combine a central theme and key note lectures on the first day with the opportunity for (young) researchers to discuss their work with peers on the second day of the meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting!

Contents of the meeting

The first day of the meeting will focus on "**Reliance and regulatory science**". More and more we are looking for possibilities of work-sharing between different authorities and other stakeholders within the pharmaceutical policy and regulation sector. Interesting initiatives have been undertaken by WHO, national and regional regulatory agencies, e.g. in Sub-Saharan countries or the EU, and by reimbursement and payers (e.g. EUnetHTA). Several invited speakers will present their views on benefits and risks, opportunities and challenges during plenary lectures and there will be ample room for discussions and sharing of experiences.

On the second day of the meeting, submitted abstracts will be presented and discussed in the morning and afternoon (oral and poster presentations). Abstracts are *not* limited to the central theme of the first day; all research in the field of pharmaceutical policy analysis is eligible for submission. The focus of the sessions will be on methods used or proposed. At the end of this day one of the Centre's PhD students, Daniel Ankrah, will defend his thesis entitled "**Pharmaceutical policies and access to medicines - a hospital-pharmacy perspective from Ghana**". All participants in the meeting are invited to attend this public event.

Abstracts for presentations

Abstracts should relate to planned or ongoing research and should at least state rationale, objective(s) and methods. Where possible early results can be presented. Abstracts should be in English. Text should not exceed 350 words. Abstracts for presentations must be submitted before 2 Dec 2016 using the template. This template can be found using the following link; <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByPOpJF1NQe6MzN3bmp0d1gxaTA/view?usp=sharing>. You will be informed whether your abstract is accepted by 16 December. Only one abstract should be submitted from a single person because of the limited number of abstracts that can be presented. The presentations should be for a maximum time of 15

minutes and should be based on a maximum of 10 PowerPoint slides. All sessions will be chaired by two senior researchers. Full papers should not be submitted in advance.

Target group

The primary target group for participation in this winter meeting are Masters and PhD students directly related to or closely working with any WHO Collaborating Centre. However, other Masters and PhD students, post docs and (senior) researchers who have an interest in the policy aspects of pharmaceuticals are welcome to submit abstracts. The maximum number of participants is expected to be 50.

Meeting details

The conference will be held in the Faculty Club, Achter de Dom 7a, Utrecht, the Netherlands. The meeting will start 10 Jan 2017 at 10.00 am and will close at 17:30 on 11 Jan 2017. The final programme will be based on abstract submissions and will be sent to all attendees before 1 Jan 2017.

Please register before 16 Dec 2016 through the following link; <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/128qvBaBAnQXn8HID0PpZ1ve3Pnf1yM32FCWef25PRiw/edit>

The meeting is free for all participants and will include coffee, tea, lunch, drinks on Tuesday and an abstract book. Scholarships are not available. Please note that travel funding and accommodation are at participants' own expenses. The meeting organisers will not be able to assist with accommodation or travel arrangements.

Contact information

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