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Invitation and call for abstracts

Winter meeting 6 + 7 January 2011

WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmaceutical Policy Analysis

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmaceutical Policy Analysis (head: Prof. Dr. Bert Leufkens) in collaboration with Dr. Richard Laing (Department of Essential Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policies, WHO) will organise again a Winter Meeting for researchers in the field of pharmaceutical policy analysis. This year, we have again 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 central theme of the first meeting day is "Policy challenges in benefit-risk assessment". Worldwide, safety decisions are taken based on established benefits and risks of medicines. However, policy implications of decisions, e.g. in pharmacovigilance, may vary across different countries or regions of the world as a result of differences in local needs, local absence of alternatives and many other reasons. This is just one of the hot topics in pharmaceutical regulation in general and pharmacovigilance in particular, where policy decisions may vary according to different circumstances. Invited speakers will present studies, experiences and views on these and other policy challenges that are faced by decision-makers, industry, health care professionals and academia. Lessons learned from case examples will be discussed by an expert panel.

On the second day, submitted abstracts will be presented and discussed in the morning (oral presentations) and during lunch (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. 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. Abstracts accepted or submitted for ICIUM 2011 may be submitted.

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 structured and in English. Text should not exceed 300 words.



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Abstracts for presentations must be submitted before 1 Dec 2010. You will be informed whether your abstract is accepted by December 10th. Only one abstract should be submitted from a single person because of the limited number of abstracts that can be presented.

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 Academiegebouw, Utrecht, the Netherlands. The meeting will start 6 Jan 2011 at 10.00 am and will close at 14:00 on 7 Jan 2011. The final programme will be based on abstract submissions and will be sent to all attendees before 30 December 2010.

Please apply before 10th Dec 2010. The meeting is free for all participants and will include coffee, tea, lunch and an abstract book. Scholarships are not available. Please note that travel funding and accommodation are at participants' own expense. The meeting organisers will not be able to assist with accommodation or travel arrangements.

Contact information

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For a report of the 2010 meeting please go to:

<http://www.pharmaceuticalpolicy.nl/PDFs/WHO%20conferentie%202010%20LR%20voor%20web.pdf>

For a description of the 2010 meeting with links to the abstracts and presentations go to:

<http://www.pharmaceuticalpolicy.nl/2010.html#Winter%20Meeting>