

Human Medical Research ethical, economical and socio-cultural aspects

International conference for young scholars
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Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine
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Call for Abstracts

Research involving human subjects has contributed to considerable progress of knowledge and benefit to human being. However, medical research also is associated with significant responsibilities not only for researchers but also on institutional and societal levels. The challenges regarding human research involve scientific empirical aspects as well as normative and socio-cultural aspects. A lot of questions related to human research only can be discussed by means of a multi- or even interdisciplinary approach.

This conference on ethical, economical and socio-cultural aspects of human research will focus on three interdisciplinary topics: **normative and empirical aspects of evidence based medicine** (e.g. implicit value-judgements), **conflict of interests in medical research** (e.g. to get financial or job-related advantages) and **challenges of global medical research** (such as benefit sharing or responsibility for probands). An important aim of the conference is to provide a forum for **young scholars (PhD students & post-docs)** from countries of the European Union who work in different disciplines on theoretical or empirical aspects of human medical research. The conference offers young scientists from disciplines such as medicine, medical ethics, natural sciences, philosophy, psychology, law and social sciences and other fields the opportunity to present their research projects, to discuss them with leading experts and to contribute to the interdisciplinary discourse. The conference will be held in English.

All 15 participants will have the opportunity to give a **presentation** of their work (20-30 min.), followed by a discussion (30-40 min.). Besides there will be **three workshops** according to the different topics focusing on value-judgement in systematic reviews (1), conflicts of interests in medical research (2), research ethics in global context (3). On **9th February** there will be a **public lecture** held by **Prof. Michael Parker PhD**, Director of the ETHOX Centre for Ethics and Communication in Health Care Practice, University of Oxford on ethical aspects of global research. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the lecture in detail with the speaker the following day. In addition all participants are invited to prepare a manuscript of their presentation and to submit it for peer review and **publication** in a conference volume.

Expenses for travel, accommodation and meals will be paid by the conference organisers. In addition, all contributors to the book will receive a remuneration of 300 EUR. **Abstracts (1 page) along with a brief curriculum vitae** may be submitted until **7th November 2010** via e-mail.

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