

Invitation and call for abstracts

Winter meeting 9 + 10 January 2019

WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation

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

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting!

Contents of the meeting

On the first 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 second day; all research in the field of pharmaceutical policy analysis or regulatory science is eligible for submission. The focus of the sessions will be on methods used or proposed. At the end of the first day one of the Centre's PhD students, **Haggar Hilda Ampadu**, will defend her thesis entitled "Evolving national pharmacovigilance systems in Africa". All participants in the meeting are invited to attend this public event.

The second day of the meeting will focus on **Access to medicines for children: clinical, policy and regulatory aspects** as central theme.

When it comes to improve access to efficacious, safe and affordable medicines for children, one runs into many clinical, policy and regulatory debates. While nobody will be against improving access to our beloved little ones, the road towards innovative and sustainable access scenarios for pharmacotherapy in children is rather bumpy and long. Children are not just young adults is a widely accepted notion, but to translate this notion into action, reaching out and building sustainable pediatric therapy systems, requires excellent science, but also vision and leadership. All this makes access to medicines for children a powerful, cross-cutting learning device for pharmaceutical policy and regulation.

The meeting will be closed by the inaugural lecture of Prof. dr. **Aukje Mantel-Teeuwisse** who will accept her appointment as professor of Pharmacy and Global Health.

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 1 Dec 2018 using the template. This template can be found using the following link;

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ecDtJPgK93r1rv1UCGaUU-y1GtvqA70eECbE72RjMrY>. You will be informed whether your abstract is accepted by 10 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 or regulation 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 9 Jan 2019 at 9.00 am and will close at 17:30 on 10 Jan 2019. The final programme will be based on abstract submissions and will be sent to all attendees before 1 Jan 2019.

Please register before 15 Dec 2018 through the following link;

<https://goo.gl/forms/xtq3Yka3g1LoLWLL2>

The meeting is free for all participants and will include coffee, tea, lunch, drinks 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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