

Invitation and call for abstracts

Winter meeting 8 + 9 January 2020

WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation 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 a central theme and key note lectures on the first day of the meeting, and giving opportunity to (young) researchers to discuss their work with peers on the second day.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting!

Contents of the meeting

The first day of the meeting will focus on **burden of disease** in relation to pharmaceutical policy, health decision-making and planning, risk factors as central theme. In the last decade the world has experienced many shifts in their burden of disease, e.g. more chronic conditions, outbreaks, etc.. This shift in burden of disease has important implications for the organization of health systems and medicines supply and use. Policy makers are expected to align their pharmaceutical policies to the prevailing population health needs to ensure the sustainable access to medicines. All this makes burden of disease a powerful, cross-cutting learning device for pharmaceutical policy and regulation.

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 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.

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 2019 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 8 Jan 2019 at 9.00 am and will close at 17:30 on 9 Jan 2020. The final programme will be based on abstract submissions and will be sent to all attendees before 1 Jan 2020.

Please register before 15 Dec 2019 through the following link;

<https://forms.gle/gQJgkfHojHULxZYn8>

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.

PhD defence

We would like to take this opportunity to also invite you for the PhD defence of one of the Centre's PhD students, Armina Padmasawitri, on Monday 6 January 2020 at 12.45 hr in the Senaatszaal of the Academic Hall, Domplein 29. Her thesis is on overcoming technical challenges for HTA application in low- and middle-income countries with tuberculosis as a case study. You are welcome to attend this public event.

Contact information

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