

The German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) sponsors a five-day interdisciplinary conference that takes up innovative and practice-oriented questions of all fields of research ethics from 15 young scholars (PhD-students and post-docs).

This conference aims to identify new directions for research and to improve international network building in the field of research ethics.

All participants give an oral presentation (30 min) of their research findings, which will then be discussed in a plenary session (30 min). The conference language is English.

Additional workshops moderated by international experts are part of the conference (see further information in this flyer). All experts have confirmed their participation.

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An international conference for young scholars

# Research Ethics

## Current Challenges in Preclinical, Clinical and Public Health Research

**Call for Abstracts**



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August 26-30, 2013  
at Hannover Medical School, Germany

**Deadline for Abstracts:  
April 22, 2013**

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The topics of the participants' contributions should be classifiable as (i) descriptive/empirical analyses of ethical challenges in current preclinical/clinical/public health research, or (ii) normative analyses of specific cases and problem areas in pre-clinical/clinical/public health research, or (iii) analyses of foundational concepts of research ethics.

Please send your application to [re2013@mh-hannover.de](mailto:re2013@mh-hannover.de) until **April 22, 2013**. It should contain

- > an **abstract** (max. 500 words),
- > a **curriculum vitae** and
- > a **publication list**.

After peer review, all applicants will be informed about the acceptance of their proposed talk by April 30, 2013.

Participants are paid all travel and accommodation costs and an additional expense allowance of 300 € for preparing a manuscript until January 31, 2014 that shall be published in an anthology or supplement of a notable publisher or journal edited by the conference organizers.

The conference is open to scholars (i) from the fields of biomedicine, clinical research, nursing science, or public health and other disciplines directly involved in these fields of research, and (ii) from the fields of biomedical ethics, philosophy, law, social sciences and other disciplines involved in research about ethical, legal and social issues concerning preclinical/clinical/public health research.

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### WORKSHOP A > Gene transfer and the ethics of phase 1 research

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> **Jonathan Kimmelman**, PhD, Associate Professor in the Biomedical Ethics Unit / Social Studies of Medicine with cross appointments in Experimental Medicine and Human Genetics, McGill University (Canada). Member of several international committees that oversee gene and cell therapy research

> **Christopher Baum**, MD, President of Hannover Medical School

This workshop presents and discusses methodological and practical challenges of translational gene transfer research and the closely related normative challenges for ethical review committees. The experts will moderate the normative analysis of case examples together with conference participants.

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### WORKSHOP B > Risk-benefit analysis. How to improve structure and transparency

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> **Annette Rid**, MD, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Social Science, Health & Medicine at King's College London (United Kingdom) and member of the working group for updating the CIOMS International Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects

> **Heiner Raspe**, MD, PhD, Senior Professor for Population Medicine at University at Lubeck (Germany). Chair of the research ethics committee at University at Lubeck

This workshop presents and discusses two new models for a more structured risk-benefit analysis in ethical review of clinical research (Rid/Emanuel/Wendler, 2010, JAMA and Raspe/Hüppe, 2012, WMJ). Participants will apply and discuss these models in case analyses.

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### WORKSHOP C > Consenting to biobank research

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> **Roger Brownsword**, Professor of Law at King's College London (United Kingdom) and founding director of TELOS (a research centre that focuses on technology, ethics, law and society). Chair of the Ethics and Governance Council of UK Biobank

> **Nils Hoppe**, PhD, Assistant Professor at Leibniz University of Hannover, CELLS - Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences (Germany). Co-coordinator of the EU project "TissEU. Assessing legal and ethical aspects of human tissue research"

This workshop presents the current discussion on requirements for informed/specific and broad/open consent in biobank research, as well as the methodological, legal and practical challenges of implementing consent procedures in the UK Biobank. The role of public involvement activities will also be discussed during this workshop.

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### WORKSHOP D > New trends in transparency and data sharing in biomedical research

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> **Gerd Antes**, PhD, Director of the German Cochrane Centre, University of Freiburg (Germany). Coordinator of the EU project "OPEN. Overcome the Failure to Publish Negative Findings"

> **Arnold Ganser**, MD, Department of Hematology, Hemostasis, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation, Hannover Medical School (Germany) and author/co-author of more than 450 original research publications

This workshop analyses the ideal extent of transparency and data sharing regarding trial data. Current trends regarding new policies e.g. by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or the British Medical Journal (BMJ) and experiences and perspectives from a clinical researcher will be presented and discussed.

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### WORKSHOP E > Networks, funding, publications. Experiences from the research ethics community

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> **Annette Rid**, MD (see Workshop B)

> **Nils Hoppe**, PhD (see Workshop C)

> **Daniel Strech**, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor at Hannover Medical School, CELLS – Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences (Germany). Conference chair

This workshop presents and discusses challenges and opportunities for the research ethics community regarding international networking, project funding, and publications in peer reviewed bioethics and biomedical journals. The workshop moderators share a broad range of experiences in international networks, grant applications, and publications that together with experiences from the conference participants will facilitate a fruitful discussion on how to address next steps in one's research career.