Symposium at the German National Library, Frankfurt/Main

Evidence-Based Medicine Meets Multimorbidity: A Blind Date?

Wednesday, October 17th, 2012

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Adickesallee 1, 60322 Frankfurt am Main

at the occasion of the appointment of

Prof. Marjan van den Akker, PhD

Maastricht University, School CAPHRI, Dept. of General Practice, Institute for Education FHML, Medical Programme, Netherlands
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Dept. of General Practice, Belgium to the

22nd Friedrich Merz Visiting Professorship

Institute of General Practice,
Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Program

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome:
Manfred Schubert-Zsilavecz (Vice President of Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, Germany),
Alexander Gebauer (CSO, Global R&D, Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH & Co KGaA, Frankfurt/Main, Germany),
Ferdinand M. Gerlach (Executive Director, Institute of General Practice, Trustee of the visiting professorship, Frankfurt/Main, Germany)

10:00 – 11:00 Session 1, Chairs: Frank Oswald, Jeanette Blom:
Multimorbidity: the insidious epidemic (Martin Fortin)
Comment (Hendrik van den Bussche)
Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:25 Session 2, Chairs: Johannes Pantel, Liam Glynn:
Problems of multimorbidity and polypharmacy (Marjan van den Akker)
Comment (Sebastian Harder)
Discussion

12:25 – 13:25 Lunch break

Clinical decision making in real heart failure patients – implications of interactions on guideline development
(Christiane Muth)
Addressing multimorbidity in clinical guidelines – experience from NICE and future plans (Phil Alderson)
Discussion
Applying evidence to individual patients with multimorbidity (Paul Glasziou)
Comment (Ulrich Thiem)
Discussion

15:25 – 15:55 Coffee break

15:55 – 17:50 Session 4, Chairs: Andrea Siebenhofer-Kroitczsch, Jose M. Valderas
Research in multimorbidity: dilemmas and challenges (François Schellevis)
Comment (Rafael Perera)
Introduction to the panel discussion (Jose M. Valderas)
Clock hour panel discussion (Phil Alderson, Ferdinand M. Gerlach, Paul Glasziou, Monika Lelegem, François Schellevis, Petra Thuermann)

17:50 – 18:00 Final remarks and farewell (Marjan van den Akker and Christiane Muth)

--------------------

Scientific Committee: Paul Glasziou, Christiane Muth, Marjan van den Akker

--------------------

Research integrity:
The editorially independent scientific committee selected the speakers and organized the program. In line with the recommendations of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, the speakers have provided disclosure statements on potential conflicts of interest.
The symposium is part of the 22nd Friedrich Merz Foundation’s visiting professorship for “General Practice and Health Services Research on Multimorbidity”. The visiting professor was selected by a special scientific Board of Trustees consisting of professors from different faculties and appointed by the President of Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main.

Funding:
The Friedrich Merz Foundation’s visiting professorship is to be organized in line with the traditions of charitable foundations of Frankfurt citizens and traces back to the founder of the Merz Pharma GmbH & Co. KGaA, a family business. Since its initiation in 1985, the foundation has earmarked funds for a visiting professorship. These have been transferred directly to the presidential department of the Frankfurt-based Goethe University. This department arranges all financial transactions and supervises and documents that the funds have been used for their intended purpose.

Trustee of the visiting professorship and executive director of hosting institute:
Ferdinand M. Gerlach
Institute of General Practice
Johann Wolfgang Goethe University
Theodor-Stern-Kai 7
D-60590 Frankfurt
Tel.: +49-(0)69-6301-5687
Fax: +49-(0)69-6301-6428