

ORPHEUS 2009. Fourth European Conference

Setting Standards for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences

Aarhus, 23-25 April 2009

Lake Auditorium, 1250 University Park, Aarhus University, Denmark

We cordially invite all those interested in developing the PhD degree as a cornerstone of European biomedical and health science research to come to Aarhus for ORPHEUS 2009. This will be the Fourth European Conference on PhD education in biomedicine and health sciences, and is expected to be a significant event. The program includes contributions from many of the main actors concerned with PhD training in Europe, and will also provide the opportunity for all graduate schools and PhD students/candidates to present their own ideas. Full details on the home page www.orpheus2009.org/.

Registration

Space is limited, and early registration is advised. Early bird registration closes 1 March 2009. Registration through the homepage: www.orpheus2009.org/.

Call for abstracts

The conference programme includes free communications and posters, and the organizers invite all delegates to submit abstracts. Both from those who organize PhD programmes, and also from PhD students. Abstract submission through the homepage: www.orpheus2009.org/. Deadline for submission is 1 March 2009.

Call for proceedings

Delegates may also submit a manuscript based on a submitted abstract to be considered for inclusion in the Proceeding of the meeting. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the scientific secretariat (iha@sun.au.dk) Deadline for submission 1 April 2009.

Contact

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Thursday, 23 April

15.00 Registration and poster setup

Opening and introduction

17.00 Welcome from the University
Lauritz Holm-Nielsen, Rector, University of Aarhus

Welcome from the Faculty
Søren Mogensen, Dean Faculty of Health Sciences

A brief introduction to ORPHEUS.
Zdravko Lackovic, President ORPHEUS

Importance of standards in PhD education
Steffan Lindgren, President World Federation of Medical Education

The aims of ORPHEUS 2009.
Michael Mulvany, Head Aarhus Graduate School of Health Sciences

17.30 The PhD degree in the context of EU plans for Science and Research
Theodius Lennon, Director of Directorate T under DGXII at the European Commission

18.15 Busses to reception

18.30 Reception at Aarhus City Hall

Friday, 24 April

Session 1. European organisations involved in health science PhD training

- 09.00 European University Association
Leslie Wilson, General Secretary, EUA
- 09.15 EUA Council for Doctoral Education,
Jean Chambaz, Chair EUA-CDE
- 09.30 Association of Medical Schools in Europe.
David Gordon, President AMSE
- 09.45 Discussion. How should ORPHEUS interact with these organizations?
- 10.00 Coffee

Session 2. Keynote lecture

- 10.30 Empowering young scientists and promoting a creative research environment
Patrik Brundin, University of Lund

Session 3. European PhD degrees and programmes in health sciences

- 11.25 European PhD programs in health sciences. Presentation of document.
Zdravko Lackovic, University of Zagreb. President ORPHEUS
11. The ORPHEUS position papers 2004-2007.
Seppo Meri, University of Helsinki, Secretary ORPHEUS
- 12.05 Position paper
Distribution of questions to be considered for a "*position paper*". This *position paper* will give suggestions for standards for PhD programs to be presented at the meeting of the Association of Medical Schools in Europe (AMSE) to be held June 2009.
- 12.20 Lunch

Session 4. Principles of setting standards

- 13.30 Setting standards for medical education
 Hans Karle. World Federation for Medical Education
- 13.50 Setting standards for PhD Education
 Michael Mulvany, University of Aarhus
- 14.10 Quality assurance
 Eeva Pyörälä, University of Helsinki
- 14.30 Setting standards for the PhD. A student/candidate perspective.
 (speaker to be announced)
- 14.50 Poster session and coffee
- 16.00 General discussion

Session 5. The position paper

- 16.45 Procedure for preparation of the position paper
- 17.00 General discussion in groups
-18.00
- 19.00 Dinner at Aarhus Concert Hall

Saturday, 25 April

- 08.30 ORPHEUS general assembly

Session 6. The PhD degree: what should it consist of?

- 09.00 The PhD degree: research, training og both?
 Chris Van Schravendijk, Free University Brussels
- 09.20 Different formats of external quality evaluation
 Jadwiga Mirecka, Jagiellonian University Medical College, Krakow
- 09.40 Reports from groups concerning position paper
- 10.15 Break

Session 7. Free communications

10.45 Five communications selected from submitted abstracts

12.00 Distribution of proposed *position paper*

12.15 Lunch

Session 8. Conclusions

13.15 Presentation of final version of proposed *position paper*

13.30 Discussion

14.00 Provisional acceptance of *position paper* and appointment of a Working Group

14.15 Concluding remarks