Symposium about Scientific Freedom
And the inauguration of the Institute for Scientific Freedom
Saturday, 9 March 2018 at Bethesda, Røomersgade 17, København (Israels Plads)

Programme

09.00  Introduction: Why do we need an Institute for Scientific Freedom?
Peter Breggin, Psychiatrist, Ithaca, New York, and Peter C. Gøtzsche, Professor, Copenhagen

09.15  Medical journals are an extension of the marketing arm of pharmaceutical companies
Richard Smith, former editor-in-chief, BMJ

09.45  Litigation as an instrument for silencing whistleblowers
Peter Wilmshurst, Cardiologist, Stoke-on-Trent, UK

10.15  How an ABC TV programme about depression pills was cancelled through peer pressure
Maryanne Demasi, Researcher and Journalist, Sydney

10.45  Coffee

11.00  Lessons from clinical study reports: oseltamivir for influenza and the HPV vaccines
Tom Jefferson, Professor, Oxford, UK.

11.30  WHO is the brain in the system: The sound of silence? A case study of how public health
vaccinology deals with fundamental contradictions of current policy
Peter Aaby, Professor, Bandim Health Project, Guinea-Bissau and Denmark.

12.00  Discussion

12.30  Lunch

13.15  The many forms of scientific censorship in psychiatry
Robert Whitaker, Science Journalist, Boston

13.45  The Conscience of Psychiatry: Overcoming 50 years of threats to my life, liberty, licensure and
scientific freedom
Peter Breggin, Psychiatrist, Ithaca, New York

14.15  Academic oppression and other impediments to informing about nutrition
Pam Popper, Physician, Columbus, Ohio

14.45  Coffee

15.00  Open science, open data: do we need an alternative to the Cochrane Collaboration?
David Hammerstein, Director, Commons Network

15.30  Death of a whistleblower: scientific censorship in action
Peter C. Gøtzsche, Professor, Copenhagen

16.00  Discussion

17.00  End of official programme. Informal dinner at own cost for those who wish to go on...

How to register for the symposium:

Please transfer DKK 1200 using IBAN Account number DK5867710005437934 with swiftcode LAPNDKK1 (Laegernes Bank). Danes can use the same bank account, 67715437934. Write who you are on the transfer. Students can register for DKK 600 after having requested this option in a prior email to gotzsche.peter@gmail.com.

Any surplus will be used to support Peter Gøtzsche’s legal costs related to his impending unjustified dismissal from the Nordic Cochrane Centre and the work of the new institute. You may donate using the same bank account, which will be monitored by outside accountants.

Gøtzsche was expelled from the Cochrane Collaboration, which he co-founded in 1993, on 13 September 2018 after a show trial. A key factor for his expulsion was his published criticism of the Cochrane review of the HPV vaccines (see the documents here: www.deadlymedicines.dk).