

Symposium about Scientific Freedom

And the inauguration of the Institute for Scientific Freedom

Saturday, 9 March 2019 at Bethesda, Rømersgade 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 **Public interest healthcare research and the change of our biomedical innovation model**
David Hammerstein, Director, Commons Network
- 15.30 **Death of a whistleblower: scientific censorship in action**
Peter C. Gøtzsche, Professor, Copenhagen
- 16.00 **Discussion**
- Introduction** by Paul Thacker, Journalist, Spain
- 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). If needed, the account holder is: Peter Gøtzsche, and the bank address: Dirch Passers Allé 76, DK-2000 Frederiksberg. 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 gotsche.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). See "[Why we're establishing an Institute for Scientific Freedom.](#)"