

# 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 **The many forms of scientific censorship in psychiatry**  
Robert Whitaker, Science Journalist, Boston
- 09.45 **The conscience of psychiatry: Overcoming 50 years of threats to my life, liberty, licensure and scientific freedom**  
Peter Breggin, Psychiatrist, Ithaca, New York
- 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 **Defending scientific integrity: Are there costs?**  
Paul Thacker, Journalist, Madrid
- 13.45 **Litigation as an instrument for silencing whistleblowers**  
Peter Wilmshurst, Cardiologist, Stoke-on-Trent, UK
- 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**
- 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, 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; request this option by writing to [gotzsche.peter@gmail.com](mailto: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 an external accountant.

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](http://www.deadlymedicines.dk)). See "[Why we're establishing an Institute for Scientific Freedom](#)." Gøtzsche's e-book about the Cochrane moral meltdown, released on 31 January, will be given to the participants. It can be bought here: [www.amazon.co.uk/Death-whistleblower-Cochranes-moral-collapse-ebook/dp/B07N927GXC/ref=sr\\_1\\_15?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1549013946&sr=1-15&keywords=death+of+a+whistleblower](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Death-whistleblower-Cochranes-moral-collapse-ebook/dp/B07N927GXC/ref=sr_1_15?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1549013946&sr=1-15&keywords=death+of+a+whistleblower)