

Official programme

Thursday 18 November 2004

Conference chair

Mr Hans Hoogervorst,
Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport

assisted by

Mr Hugo Hurts,
Director Department of Pharmaceutical Affairs and Medical Technology

- 15.00** *Reception courtesy of The Hague City Council*
- 15.45** **Welcome**
Mr Wim Deetman, Mayor of the City of The Hague (which is renowned for its broad international orientation), will speak a word of welcome to the guests
- 15.55** **Opening**
Mr Hans Hoogervorst, Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, the Netherlands
- 16.05** **WHO study 'Priority Medicines for Europe and the World'**
Dr. Vladimir Lepakhin, Assistant Director-General, World Health Organization, Former USSR Deputy Minister of Health, responsible at WHO for medicines and medical technology.
The study establishes a solid methodology for priority setting, and identifies a number of pharmacotherapeutic gaps that deserve priority in R&D agendas
- 16.20** **The Role of the European Investment Bank Group in Priority Medicines:**
Finance, Incentive Mechanisms and the Project Follow-Up Phase
Mr Michel Deleau, Director-General, Projects Directorate, EIB, Luxemburg
- 16.35** **Preliminary results of the establishment of a European Research Area Network (ERANET) of European Health Research Councils**
Mr Dick Dees, chairman of the Board of the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development ('ZonMw'), former State Secretary for Health of the Netherlands

16.50

Keynote addresses

EC Commissioner for Science and Research
(to be confirmed)

EC Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection
(to be confirmed)

EC Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry
(to be confirmed)

Note

The Commissioners will comment on the WHO study and the preliminary outcome of the ERANET project, and discuss possible follow-up in common EU policy, in terms either of research, or of other types of interventions including legislation

17.20

Intermezzo – a drink will be served in the conference hall

17.45

Mini-concert by the 'Muzenkoor' (Choir of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport)

Mr Hans Matla, conductor

18.00

Stakeholder debate

Mrs Janet Voûte (US), moderator,
CEO of the World Heart Federation (Geneva) who will ensure that the patient/consumer receives adequate attention in the debate

Six panel members (in alphabetical order):

Mrs Karien van Gennip MBA, State Secretary for Economic Affairs,
Minister for Foreign Trade, the Netherlands

Remit: innovation policy

Professor Göran Hermerén (Sweden), Chairman of the European Group on Ethics, adviser to the President of the European Commission

Remit: ethics and Priority Medicines, a long-term investment

Professor Herre Kingma, Inspector-General, Dutch Health Inspectorate, providing some of the views of the Chief Medical Officers of the EU member states

Remit: public health

Dr. Richard Laing, WHO/EDM, Geneva

Remit: contribution to the discussion by the principal investigator in the WHO study

Lord Norman Warner, UK Health Minister

Remit: government policy on pharmaceutical R&D

Mr Andrew Witty, President GlaxoSmithKline Europe

Remit: What can the innovating pharma industry contribute to Priority Medicines?

19.00

Final session: Videoconference link with the Ministerial Summit on Health Research in Mexico City

In principle four participants

Mr Hans Hoogervorst, Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, the Netherlands (chair)

Remit: Priority Medicines as a basis for further policy making and research in the EU, a common endeavour: summing up and conclusions

Mr Julio Frenk Mora, Secretary of Health, Mexico

Remit: The relevance of the Priority Medicines Initiative in the global context; comments and suggestions on behalf of the Ministerial Summit on Health Research in Mexico City

Dr. Jong Wook Lee, Director-General of WHO, Geneva, speaking from Mexico City (to be confirmed)

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Lord Norman Warner, Health Minister, United Kingdom (final 10 minutes)

Remit: The forthcoming UK Presidency of the European Union: possible follow-up to the Priority Medicines Project

19.30

End of conference

Please note

reception, buffet dinner and press conference will take place at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

- 19.30-20.00** **Transfer by courtesy bus to the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport**
(although it is a short walk, the city council recommends that participants use the bus provided in the interests of security)
- 20.00** *Reception and buffet-dinner at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport*
- 20.00** *Press Conference at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport*
- 22.00** **End of programme**