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for a Science Policy Briefing on the

Socio-Economic Value of Medical Research



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Main Objectives of the Workshop:

The EMRC (European Medical Research Councils) that addresses, among its current activities, medical science policy issues, has recognised that there is a **pressing need to investigate the Socio-Economic Value of Medical Research at the European level.** Most studies that are currently available have been carried out in the USA and Australia. Very little research has been done in Europe in the past decade and there is a need to obtain data from Europe. There is also a need to raise public awareness. The benefits of medical discoveries as well as the economic benefits of increasing funding for medical research have to be conveyed to the public as well as to politicians. Solid research on the Socio-Economic Value of Medical Research at the European level would be the base for such communication.

The main objectives of the workshop are to benefit from the North-American experience, to identify how the socio-economic impact of medical research can be best investigated, and to address the expectations of European stakeholders. It is anticipated that the workshop will yield an ESF Science Policy Briefing addressing these main objectives. This document will serve as a basis for further activities that may include comissioning studies funded by charities, increasing and coordinating research activities funded by national institutions at the European level to further develop research in this area in Europe.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 25 May 2005

Welcome Dinner at 20:00

Thursday 26 May 2005

09:30 - 10:00: registration and coffee

Тіме	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION	TITLE
10:00 – 10:10	John Marks	ESF	Welcome Presentation of the European Science Foundation – the role of ESF within the European Research Area
10:10 – 10:30	Clemens Sorg	EMRC	Introduction to the Workshop and presentation of participants

Session I: Gaining from National Experiences (Chair: C. Sorg, Rapporteur T. Bruhn)

Тіме	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION	TITLE
10:30 - 11:10	Eugene Garfield	Institute for Scientific Information – now- Thomson Scientific	The Origins of My Interest in the Economic Impact of Research & Development
11:10 - 11:30	Mary Woolley	Research!America	Increasing Public Support for Medical Research: recent experience in the USA
11:30 – 11:50	Martin Roland	Evaluation Forum	Working out the Societal Benefits of Medical Research: the approach of the UK Evaluation Forum
11:50 – 12:45			Discussion chaired by Clemens Sorg

12:45 - 13:45: lunch

Session II: Assessing the Impact of Medical Research (Chair: G. Licht, Rapporteur R. Cottone)

Тіме	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION	TITLE
14:00 – 14:40	Kevin Murphy	University of Chicago	The Value of Health and Longevity
14:40 – 15:00	Stephen Hanney	University of Brunel	Developing and Applying a Framework for Assessing the Payback from Health/Medical Research
15:00 – 15:30	Samuel Silverstein	Funding First/Lasker Foundation	What does economic research tell us about the economic benefits of investments in medical and health research?
15:30 – 16:30			Discussion chaired by Georg Licht

16:30 - 17:00: coffee break

Session III: European Stakeholders Expectations (*Chair: S. Petrou, Rapporteur C. Moquin-Pattey*)

Тіме	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION	TITLE
13:45 – 14:00	Fergal Donnelly	DG Research	European Technology Platforms & Innovative Medicines for the Citizens of Europe
17:00 – 17:15	Liz Allen	Wellcome Trust	Valuing Medical Research: Wellcome Trust Perspective
17:15 – 17:30	Robert Goldstein	JDRFI Patient Organisation	The Role of Patient Advocacy in Directing National and International Biomedical Research
17:30 – 17:45	Miklos Toth	Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Funding Medical Research: the point of view of an ESF Member Organisation
17:45 – 18:15			Discussion chaired by Stavros Petrou

19:00: aperitif and official workshop dinner

Friday 27 May 2005

Session IV: Towards a ESF Science Policy Briefing (SPB) (Chair: C. Sorg)

TIME	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION	TITLE
09:00 - 09:30	Rapporteurs		Sessions summaries I to III
09:30 – 11:30			Panel discussion chaired by Clemens Sorg
11:30 – 12:30			Recommendations for a SPB Action Plan

12:30: lunch

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