



HAI Europe Open Seminar

Safety flu out the window: Access to medicines safety data

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Het Trippenhuis, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Access to medical research data is an essential foundation of rational health care policy, and the consequences of restricting such access are the subject of growing debate. The HAI Europe Open Seminar will explore this topic using the 2009 outbreak of H1N1 influenza (also known as the Mexican or Swine flu) as a case study, and will then discuss the latest steps the EU institutions are taking to improve open access. The outbreak of H1N1 saw governments spend millions of Euros on antiviral medicines, although it later emerged that this decision was preceded by limited access to efficacy and safety data. What are EU institutions doing to open access to data to prevent such a situation from happening again, and what more should be done? The Open Seminar will bring together key players of this debate, in order to stimulate a constructive discussion about transparency of medicines safety and efficacy data in Europe.

For more information and to register, please contact Rose@haieurope.org



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12:30 Doors open for registration

13:00 Welcome words by Dr. Joel Lexchin, Chair of the HAI Europe Association Board

Session 1: Case study on Tamiflu and access to clinical trials data (~2 hrs)

Introduction by Moderator – Mr. Patrick Durisch, Berne Declaration

Ms. Deborah Cohen, British Medical Journal

Dr. Tom Jefferson, Cochrane Acute Respiratory Infections Group

Q&A session with all speakers

15:00 Coffee break (30 min)

Session 2: Access to medical research data in the EU (~2 hrs)

Introduction by Moderator – Ms. Deborah Cohen, British Medical Journal

Dr. Peter Gøtzsche, Danish Cochrane Collaboration

Mr. Fergal O' Regan, Office of the European Ombudsman

Dr. Hans-Georg Eichler, European Medicines Agency

Discussion panel with respondents:

- Ms. Teresa Leonardo Alves, La Revue Prescrire
- Mr. Tamás Bereczky, European AIDS Treatment Group
- Ms. Irene Schipper, Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO)

Q&A session with all speakers and respondents

Closing remarks

18:00 Close of event

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