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Research and Development on Neglected Diseases of Poverty which gaps still have to be filled?

Panel Discussion

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Program:

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Chairs:

- Prof. Dr. Korte, University of Giessen
- Dr. Bonk, Program Coordinator, World Health Summit

Lecture:

Product development in the area of neglected diseases – Where are the gaps?

- Prof. Dr. Rolf Korte, University of Giessen

Panelists:

- Prof. Dr. Jan van Lunzen, University of Hamburg
- Dr. Gerhard Möller, Chairman of the Board, FIND
- Dr. Jörg Möhrle, MMV
- Prof. Dr. Harald Noedl, University of Vienna
- Karin Roth, Member of the German Parliament

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Existing gaps in research and development for neglected and poverty-related diseases – only international cooperation can resolve this problem.

The World Health Summit brings German scientists and representatives of product development partnerships to one table.

Berlin, May 11th, 2011 – Today representatives from science, politics, industry, and different international Product Development Partnerships (PDP) met for a podium discussion on the theme 'Research and Development for Neglected Diseases – which gaps must be filled?' at the Charité Medical University in Berlin.



Prof. Dr. Rolf Korte, senior health policy advisor to the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the World Health Organization (WHO), gave the participants in his opening speech an overview of the current global situation in the field of the most common neglected diseases, including Dengue fever, leprosy, sleeping sickness, and various

worm-related diseases. Over 1 billion people, particularly children, suffer from these diseases. Korte distinctly highlighted the social and economic consequences of inadequate progress in the field of research and therapy development. There are many reasons for the lacking interest in these diseases: in most cases the diseases are not fatal, developing and conflict-burdened nations are often hit the hardest, there is no imminent threat to industrialized countries and the market potential for medication is meager.

Participants in the panel discussion included Karin Roth (SPD), member of the German parliament, Prof. Jan van Lunzen (HIV/AIDS-Researcher at the University Hospital in Hamburg), and representatives from the non-profit product-development partnerships Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) and the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND). Together they had a dynamic discussion about how to fill the gaps in research and

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development on neglected and poverty-related diseases. Representatives from the most important German research institutions on tropical infectious diseases took an active role in the discussion.

The participants were all in agreement that these long-term diseases can be eliminated. The achievement of this goal requires the cooperation of both public and private institutions on a national and international level. Developing nations must be equally included in this process, and their research institutions have to be supported. In order to overcome these challenges an international vote and coordination among industry, academic medicine, politics, and civil society is necessary. To this end multiple product development partnerships have been founded in recent years, such as the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi) and the TB-Alliance. These independent, non-governmental organizations coordinate the progression of medical and diagnostic tools from ideas to widely available products. All participants agreed that further discussions are needed to improve the cooperation between all stakeholders in this field.

A continuation of these discussions among scientists, professionals from product development partnerships, and German politicians is now scheduled for this year's World Health Summit in Berlin, from the 23rd-26th of October, 2011.

At the World Health Summit more than 1200 leading international representatives from science, politics, industry, and civil service will gather to discuss global health challenges.

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