

**23rd EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE
19 - 22 August 2009**

“Sources and Perspectives of Bioethics”

University of Tübingen, Conference Venue: Theologicum (Theology Building),
Liebermeisterstr. 12, 72076 Tübingen, Germany

This conference will be organised by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH), the Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine as well as the Interdepartmental Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW), University of Tübingen.

Focus

The focus of the conference is on ethical and philosophical issues in public health. Abstracts addressing the philosophical dimensions of the following topics can be submitted:

Past of bioethics

- Bioethics avant la lettre: How medical ethics preceded bioethics
- Bioethics and the renaissance of normative ethics
- Social Developments in the 20th century and bioethics: Liberalism, civil rights movement, ecology movements
- The development of institutions in bioethics
- Ideologies and bioethics

Status quo of bioethics

- Current methodological and theoretical approaches in bioethics
- Bioethical institutions
- Technological innovation and paradigmatic problems of bioethics
- Bioethics, public policy, and law
- Contemporary challenges within bioethics: interdisciplinarity, pluralism, Interculturalism
- Transformations of modern medicine and bioethics

Future of bioethics

- The future of bioethics as academic discipline
- Recent and future „turns“ in bioethics (empirical turn, cultural turn)
- Bioethics and globalisation
- Utopia and bioethics
- Emerging issues and their theoretical impact on bioethics

Important Dates

- 1 March 2009: deadline for submission of abstracts
- 1st half of March 2009: selection of abstracts
- 2nd half of March 2009: draft programme
- 1 April 2009: first deadline for registration and payment

Language

The language during the conference will be English.

Organisation

The registration process, the call for abstracts, development of the programme, publication of programme announcements and mailings to participants is taken care of by the ESPMH Secretariat in Dublin, Ireland.

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The Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine and the Interdepartmental Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW) manage the local organisation of the conference.

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Registration

A registration form will be circulated by the ESPMH Secretariat. Please return it to this Secretariat as soon as possible, but no later than 01 April 2009, including the registration fee, which should be transferred to the ESPMH Treasurer according to the data provided on the registration form. The registration fee includes: Welcome Reception (Wednesday), 2 lunches, refreshments during breaks, Conference Dinner (Friday) and an abstract book.

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes the Welcome Reception (Wednesday) and the Conference Dinner (Friday).

Registration Fee

NB: The registration fee for participants who are not a member of ESPMH is higher than for ESPMH members.

Participants:

paid before 01 April 2009:

ESPMH member: 280.- Euro

Non member: 330.- Euro

Paid after 01 April 2009:

ESPMH member: 310.- Euro

Non member: 360.- Euro

Accompanying person:

Paid before 01 April 2009: 60.-Euro

Paid after 01 April 2009: 70.- Euro

Accommodation

The accommodation in Tübingen will have to be arranged by the conference participants themselves. Accommodation is possible at various price levels, both at hotels and hostels. The Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine has reserved rooms for participants of the ESPMH conference. These can be booked directly at the following hotels under the keyword ESPMH2009:

Hotel am Schloss, Burgsteige 18, 72070 Tübingen, +49-7071 92940, www.hotelamschloss.de

Hotel Domizil, Wöhrdstr. 5-9, 72072 Tübingen, +49-7071 1390, www.hotel-domizil.de

Hotel Krone, Uhlandstr. 1, 72072 Tübingen, +49-7071 13310, www.krone-tuebingen.de

Hotel Hospiz, Neckarhalde 2, 72070 Tübingen, +49-7071 9240, www.hotel-hospiz.de

For cheap overnight stays in rooms of mostly four beds, please book before June 2009:

Youth Hostel, Gartenstr. 23, 72074 Tübingen, +49-7071 23002, www.jugendherberge-tuebingen.de

Travel information

Getting to Tübingen

By train

On working days trains travel almost every hour from Stuttgart Central to Tübingen. Both information and a timetable are provided online on the website of the Deutsche Bahn AG (www.db.de).

By air

From Stuttgart International Airport, the bus lines 826, 828 and an express bus (bus stop in front of terminal 1 on the arrivals level) travel to Tübingen Central.

By car

Follow the motorway 81 (A 81 direction: from Stuttgart to Singen): Take the exit Herrenberg and follow the B 28 to Tübingen.

Follow the motorway 81 (A 81 direction: from Singen to Stuttgart): Take the exit Rottenburg for Tübingen.

Follow the motorway 8 (A 8 direction: from Munich to Stuttgart): Take the exit Stuttgart-Degerloch and follow the B 27 to Tübingen. The exit Tübingen-Nord leads then to the centre of town.

Currency

The unit of currency in Germany is the Euro. Foreign currency can easily be exchanged at the airport or at exchange bureaus.

All major credit cards are accepted, including VISA, MasterCard, American Express.

Visa

EU nationals do not require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany. Generally speaking, all other foreigners require a visa for stays in Germany. A visa is not required for semi-annual visits of up to three months for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement. For details see: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen.html>

Social Programme

The following social activities will be offered:

- Welcome reception on Wednesday (19 August)
- Conference dinner on Friday (21 August)
- Excursions and tours for participants and accompanying persons for an extra fee (please inform us four weeks before the conference starts):

Guided Tübingen Tour

Hohenzollern Castle is the ancestral seat of the Prussian Kings and German Emperors as well as the Swabian branch of the Princes of Hohenzollern. It ranks among Europe's most famous and popular castles. For further information: http://www.preussen.de/en/today/burg_hohenzollern.html

Mercedes Benz Museum is an automotive museum contains more than 160 vehicles, some dating back to the very earliest days of the motor engine. Visitors are also impressed by the museum's architecture: "a double helix". For further information: <http://www.museum-mercedes-benz.com/?lang=en>

Ritter Sport is a chocolate factory producing the distinctive square chocolate bars. The company is very much engaged in ecology and fair trade projects. The excursion also involves a trip to the Ritter Art Museum which pays tribute to the “square”.

For further information: http://www.ritter-sport.com/#/en_GB/home/ and <http://www.museum-ritter.de/sprache2/n171636/i172395.html>

The city of Metzingen became famous for its factory outlet which includes brands such as Hugo Boss, Reebok, Joop, Strenesse, Escada, Puma, Adidas or Tommy Hilfiger. For further information: http://www.factory-outlet-city.com/metzingen/center_infos.html

Abstract Book

The abstract book will be handed out in Tübingen upon conference registration. Full manuscripts can be submitted for publication in the ESPMH journal "Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy. A European Journal". Participants are invited to read the instructions for authors on the website of the Journal (<http://www.springerlink.com>) and to submit an appropriately prepared article online for review.

About Baden-Württemberg

Baden-Württemberg is one of the 16 states (Bundesländer) of the Federal Republic of Germany and lies in the southwestern part of the country to the east of the Upper Rhine. With about 11 million inhabitants and about 36 million sq km, it is compared to the other states third place with respect to population and size. Next to the capital Stuttgart other famous cities are Karlsruhe (home of the German Constitutional Court) and Mannheim. With Tübingen, Freiburg and Heidelberg some of Germany's oldest and most famous and prestigious universities are located in Baden-Württemberg. A number of well-known enterprises is headquartered in the state, for example Daimler, Porsche, Robert Bosch GmbH (automobile industry), Carl Zeiss AG (optics), SAP (largest software enterprise in Europe). With the Black Forest, Neckartal Valley and the Lake Constance one can also find popular holiday destinations. For more information:

http://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/en/A_warm_welcome_to_Baden-Wuerttemberg/88737.html

About Tübingen

Tübingen is first mentioned in 1078, has around 85.000 inhabitants and provides a perfect working environment with a fully conserved medieval town center. It is considered to be one of the cities with the highest quality of life in Germany. For more information see:

<http://www.tuebingen.de/en/1559.html>

University of Tübingen

The Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, founded in 1477, encompasses all faculties and sciences of an old »universitas scientiarum«. Philipp Melanchthon, Johannes Kepler, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Friedrich Hölderlin, F. W. J. Schelling and Ernst Bloch are some of the most famous alumni of the University of Tübingen. For more information see:

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/uni/qvr/e-30/m30-01.html>

Interdepartmental Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW) and Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine

The interdepartmental Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW) and the Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine are organising the conference together.

The IZEW is an interdepartmental research centre at the University of Tübingen and was founded in 1990. We aim at research in cooperation between scholars of different disciplines and the advancement of the next generation of researchers in the field of ethics in the sciences and humanities. Another focal point is the transfer of results of research to the area of education, and the coordination of both regional and international networks on ethical topics. The IZEW maintains an extensive specialist library with a documentation centre. More information:

http://www.izew.uni-tuebingen.de/index_en.html

The *Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine* (Director: Prof. Dr. Dr. Urban Wiesing) is responsible for the design, development and delivery of specific educational programmes on medical ethics and history of medicine. The institute is characterized by multidisciplinary and international research and collaboration in ethics, history and philosophy of medicine. We are also involved in consultative tasks in biomedical ethics, e.g. Hospital Ethics Committee of University Hospital in Tübingen and the Central Ethics Committee of the Federal Physician Organization. More information: <http://www.iegm.uni-tuebingen.de/>.