**27th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE  
ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE**

**Innovation in Health Care and the Life Sciences**

**14 – 17 August 2013**

**Basel, Switzerland**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

This conference will be organised by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH, see <http://espmh.org>) and the Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel, Switzerland. The focus of the conference is on Innovation in Health Care and the Life Sciences. There has been an explosion of innovations aimed at enhancing general public health, life expectancy, quality of life, diagnostic and treatment options, as well as the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the health care system. While these innovations potentially have a number of positive benefits, they also raise important philosophical, ethical and social issues. Abstracts addressing these issues in the following categories will be favoured, although work on other topics can also be submitted:

**Innovation**

* Nature and meaning
* Goals and priorities
* Costs and access
* Technology assessments and ethics

**Public health**

* Ethical principles guiding innovation in public health
* Public health, innovation and intellectual property rights
* Resources and competing interests
* Priority setting

**Biotechnology**

* Nanomedicine and Synthetic Biology
* Biosecurity
* Dual-use research of concern
* GM foods
* Reproductive technologies
* Performance enhancement

**Information and communication technology**

* Storage of biological samples and data
* Telemedicine and ambient assisted living technologies
* Social media and virtual reality
* Lifelogs and lifebraries

**Neurotechnology**

* Brain computer interfaces, deep-brain stimulation and brain implants
* Neuromodulation, agency and autonomy
* Neuroimaging
* Neuroenhancement

The programme of the conference includes plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions. Anyone wishing to present a paper at the conference should submit an abstract (500 words maximum) before March 1 2013. The Conference Programme Committee will select abstracts for oral presentation. Please send abstracts by e-mail to: Professor Bert Gordijn, Secretary of the ESPMH, Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, Ireland (E-mail: [bert.gordijn@dcu.ie](mailto:bert.gordijn@dcu.ie)).