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Conference on ethics in pharmaceuticals research

Strasbourg, 23.11.2011 – Ethics reviews of biomedical research on humans, particularly in clinical trials, will be the focus of a conference organised by the Council of Europe and the Russian Ministry of Health and Social Development on 28 and 29 November in Moscow (Borodino Hotel, Hotel Rusakovskaya Street 13, Building 5).

The conference will bring together some 200 participants from the sectors concerned: competent authorities, laboratories, researchers, patients, members of ethics committees, organisations specifically tasked with clinical trials and insurers.

Representatives of the European Commission and the European Medicines Agency will also participate in the conference. The latter agency is currently examining the ethical aspects of research carried out outside the EU in a discussion paper which already makes substantial reference to the principles laid down by the Council of Europe. Russia tops the league of European non-EU member countries running clinical trials with a view to marketing pharmaceuticals in Europe.

Discussion will also focus on legislation, the bodies involved in considering the ethics of research projects and the process of evaluating the ethics of projects.

The conference will be opened by Veronika Skvortsova, the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, and Alexander Vladychenko, the Council of Europe Director General of Social Cohesion.

It will also be the occasion for the Council of Europe to launch its Guide for Research Ethics Committee Members, aimed at facilitating implementation of the ethical principles established by European legal instruments, including the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine and its Additional Protocol on biomedical research.

The conference will be webcast at: http://www.internist.ru/sessions/events/events_203.html (28 November) and http://www.internist.ru/sessions/events/events_204.html (29 November)

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