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ROUNDTABLE

GOVERNANCE OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE AND PATIENTS' NEEDS IN INDIA

July 2, 2014, 2.00 -5.30 PM

India International Centre Annexe, Max Mueller Marg
New Delhi

I. AGENDA

Registration with Tea/Coffee: 2.00 -2.30 PM

Introduction of Speaker/Panellists: Prof. Srimati Chakrabarti (Chairperson of the Session), Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi (DU), Delhi

Welcome Address: Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, RIS, New Delhi

Presentation of the Theme of the Roundtable: Dr. Prasanna Kumar Patra, University of Sussex, UK

Discussion by Panellists:

- Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy, former Sr. Deputy Director General, ICMR
- Dr. Nandini Gokulchandran, Dy Director, Neurogen, Mumbai
- Dr. Roop Gursahani, P.D.Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai
- Mr. Rabindra Mahapatra, a spinal cord injury patient, Rourkela
- Mr. B.M. Manohar, CEO, Stempeutics Research Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore
- Mr. Louise, Exec. Director, Muscular Dystrophy Foundation of India, Madurai
- Prof. P.B. Seshagiri, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Moderator: Dr. Dr. P. K. Patra, University of Sussex, UK

Discussant: Dr. Ravi Srinivas, RIS

Open Discussion

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Nabin Panda, DU

High Tea: 5:30 PM ~

II. OBJECTIVE OF DELHI EXPERT ROUNDTABLE

The expert roundtable is co-organised by the Centre for Bionetworking (University of Sussex), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and the Department of East Asian Studies (Delhi University), Delhi. This event is specifically aimed at engaging the wider public on these issues and, further to this, informing policymaking on questions relating to biomedical innovation, regulation of new medical technologies and patient needs in India. The experts include both individuals with scientific and technical expertise such as policymakers, scientists and medical practitioners but also, importantly, panellists who can contribute insights on the day-to-day experience of patients (such as patient organisation representatives and patients themselves).

The expert roundtable builds upon a workshop co-organised by the Centre for Bionetworking in October, 2013 on the same topic ('Patient needs and stem cell research in India) held in Bangalore. Brought together a group of 14 individuals with expertise in the area of stem cell research, patient needs and/or biomedical innovation, the Bangalore workshop sought to stimulate discussion and ideas for novel solutions on how best to address patient needs, particularly for individuals living with terminal and incurable conditions such as spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. The two events seek to raise attention to how biomedical innovation can best address the needs of Indian patients and capture new insights in academic articles, policy briefings and public discussions.

III. ROUNDTABLE ORGANIZERS

Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS):

Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi based autonomous think-tank under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is an organization that specializes in policy research on international economic issues and development cooperation. RIS is envisioned as a forum for fostering effective policy dialogue and capacity-building among developing countries on international economic issues. The focus of the work programme of RIS is to promote South-South Cooperation and assist developing countries in multilateral negotiations in various forums. RIS is engaged in the Track II process of several regional initiatives. RIS is providing analytical support to the Government of India in the negotiations for concluding comprehensive economic cooperation agreements with partner countries. RIS also does research on Science, Technology and Innovation and has partnered with institutions/universities, OECD and UN agencies in this. RIS work program in this theme covers inter alia, biotechnology, emerging technologies and their socio-economic impacts. Through its intensive network of policy think tanks, RIS seeks to strengthen policy coherence on international issues.

Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi:

Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi is a premier institute that studies different aspects of East Asia, primarily; China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. While, at present, the department caters to the knowledge of conventional subjects, such as, geography, demography, politics, economics, society, language and related subjects, it also aspires to extend it to many multi-disciplinary fields like the present subject of study. That is the reason why, the department has extended its hand to the present program of Sussex University and RIS.

Centre for Bionetworking:

The Centre for Bionetworking is a group of researchers based in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sussex focusing on formal and informal collaborations in the life sciences in Asia. Our team brings together scholars with diverse regional and disciplinary expertise to investigate how innovations in the life sciences, in particular stem cell science, are conducted and organised in Asia and Europe. Through our work, we look for ways to overcome existing challenges to collaborative life science research as well as how best to promote safe, just and mutually profitable international exchanges.

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