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Welcome to Freiburg at 48°


We like to invite you //

Complete, accurate and transparent reporting is an integral part of responsible research conduct. The European Medical Research Councils identify 'rigorous reporting of all clinical studies' as one of ten priorities for better implementation of medical research findings in clinical practice.

Reporting guidelines are important tools for achieving high standards in reporting health research studies. In order to reach their potential, reporting guidelines need to be used widely and routinely by researchers, editors and peer reviewers.

The symposium is aimed at health research scientists and clinicians, journal editors and peer reviewers, reporting guideline developers, publishers, research funders and other professionals involved in research education, research governance and the publication of medical research.

We invite you to present research, debate current practice with many international experts, and discuss steps needed for more efficient publication of health research studies.



The 48th parallel north is a circle of latitude that is 48 degrees north of the Earth's equatorial plane. It crosses Europe, Asia, the Pacific Ocean, North America, and the Atlantic Ocean. The circle is passing through Freiburg im Breisgau, less than 1 km north of the city centre.

The Focus of the Meeting is //

- **Highlight** critical issues in health research reporting and its wider consequences
- **Present** key findings from relevant scientific research; topics include:
 - **Reporting** quality of research studies in all areas of medicine
 - **Common** problems in research reporting (e.g. publication bias, selective reporting, inconsistencies between protocol and publication, misinterpretation of research findings)
 - **Impact** and consequences of poor reporting on systematic reviews & clinical guidelines, clinical practice & patients' care
 - **Development** of robust reporting guidelines
 - **Increasing** awareness and knowledge of principles of rigorous research reporting and available guidelines
 - **Implementation** of reporting guidelines in journals, and by research and funding organisations
 - **Development** and delivery of educational and training programmes on research reporting
- **Discuss** potential solutions for improvement of health research literature and share experiences

Confirmed Speakers include //

Professor Doug Altman, Centre for Statistics in Medicine, University of Oxford, UK

Professor Gerd Antes, German Cochrane Centre, University Medical Center Freiburg, Germany

Sir Iain Chalmers, James Lind Library, Oxford, UK

Professor Steven Goodman, University of Stanford, USA

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The EQUATOR Network //

EQUATOR (Enhancing the Quality and Transparency of Health Research) is an international initiative, led by world experts in research methodology, reporting and publishing, working to improve the reliability and value of published health research literature by promoting transparent and accurate reporting and wider use of robust reporting guidelines.

EQUATOR aims to increase the usability of available research evidence to facilitate its better translation into practice and supports the work of organisations like the Cochrane Collaboration in the development of systematic reviews or the development of clinical practice guidelines. EQUATOR supports research funders to help maximise the utility of new information arising from the research they fund. Journals publishing health research greatly benefit from our work as more efficient use of reporting guidelines increases the reporting quality of their published articles.

EQUATOR provides free online resources facilitating responsible reporting, and runs courses, workshops and other events for everyone involved in the publication of research studies.

The German Cochrane Centre //

The German Cochrane Centre (GCC) represents the international Cochrane Collaboration in Germany. Together with the two German-based Cochrane Review Groups, it is the main point of contact in Germany for all issues related to Cochrane Systematic Reviews, their application, implementation and use as a tool for evidence-based knowledge translation.

The GCC is one of fourteen regional Cochrane centres worldwide and is funded by the German Ministry for Health and the University Medical Center, Freiburg. It has branches in Austria and Switzerland and is also the reference centre for people in Liechtenstein, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. In the last decade its staff have led several projects on the translation and implementation of publication guidelines for medical research literature in Germany.

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The conference website – there you will find all the relevant information, regularly updated, about registration, call for abstracts, fees, accommodation, travel, and venue.

Important Dates //

Call for abstracts will start in April 2012

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