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The annual summit of the heads of state and government of the Group of Twenty (G20), comprising major industrialised and emerging economies, will be held in Hamburg on 7-8 July 2017 under German presidency. In addition to issues related to global economic growth and financial market regulation, health will also be an important focus of the G20 Summit.

During the G20 Presidency, Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel will be conducting a wide-ranging dialogue with civil society. For the first time, the science and research community is included into this dialogue as “Science20”. Under the leadership of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the science academies of the G20 countries have elaborated science-based recommendations on improving global health.

At the Science20 Dialogue Forum on 22 March 2017 in Halle (Saale), strategies and tools to combat communicable and non-communicable diseases will be discussed by national and international experts. Moreover, the Science20 Statement will be officially handed over to Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel.

Participation is free of charge. Registration is required until 19 March 2017: www.leopoldina.org/en/s20

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Programme

Opening Session

09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome Address
Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker ML
President of the Leopoldina

09:10 – 09:45 | Keynote Lecture
Virus-related Neurodegenerative Diseases and Cancer
Prof. Harald zur Hausen ML
Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine 2008

Session I: Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases – Current Threats and Challenges

09:45 – 10:30 | Scientific Presentations
New and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases
Prof. Dr. Bernhard Fleischer ML
Secretary General of the German Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health

Epidemiology of Metabolic Diseases
Prof. Dr. Erwin Böttinger
CEO of the Berlin Institute of Health

The Economic Impact of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases in the G20 Countries
Prof. Dr. Franco Sassi
Chair in International Health Policy and Economics, Imperial College London & Senior Health Economist, OECD

10:30 – 11:00 | Panel Discussion with the Speakers
The Complex Nature of Diseases and their Interrelation
Chair: Prof. Dr. Katja Becker ML
Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Interdisciplinary Research Center, Justus Liebig University Giessen

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee and Tea Break

Session II: Successful Approaches to Tackle Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases

11:30 – 12:15 | Scientific Presentations
Prevention and Preparedness as Public Health Deliverables
Prof. Dr. Lothar H. Wieler ML
President of the Robert Koch Institute

The Role of Education, Training and Research for Global Health Equity
Prof. Dr. Abdallah S. Daar
Professor of Clinical Public Health and Global Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Disease Control and Global Surveillance
Prof. Dr. Christian Bréchot
President of the Institut Pasteur

12:15 – 12:45 | Panel Discussion with the Speakers
Reducing the Burden of Diseases – Implementation of Existing Knowledge
Chair: Prof. Dr. Erika von Mutius ML
Head of the Asthma and Allergy Department, Dr. von Hauner Children’s Hospital of the University Hospital of Munich (LMU)

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch Break

13:45 – 14:00 | Taking Seats for the High-Level Policy Session

High-Level Policy Session

14:00 – 14:05 | Welcome to the Federal Chancellor
Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker ML
President of the Leopoldina

14:05 – 14:10 | Welcome Address
Dr. Reiner Haseloff
Minister President of the State of Saxony-Anhalt

14:10 – 14:15 | Presentation of the Science20 Statement
Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker ML
President of the Leopoldina


14:20 – 14:50 | Keynote Speech
Dr. Angela Merkel
Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

14:50 – 15:05 | Discussion

15:05 – 15:10 | Farewell to the Federal Chancellor
Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker ML
President of the Leopoldina

15:10 – 15:30 | Coffee and Tea Break

Session III: Implementation Strategies and Options for Action by the G20

15:30 – 16:45 | Panel Discussion
Chair: Dr. Patrick Illinger
Süddeutsche Zeitung

Prof. Dr. Andreas Barner
President of the Stifterverband & Member of the Shareholders’ Committee of Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH

Dr. Hajime Inoue
Assistant Director-General and Special Representative for Antimicrobial Resistance, WHO

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schölmerich ML
Former Medical Director and Chair of the Board of Directors, University Hospital Frankfurt/Main

Dr. Georg Schütte
State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Research and Education

16:45 – 16:50 | Science20 under the G20 Presidency of Argentina in 2018
Prof. Dr. Roberto Williams
President of the National Academy of Sciences of Argentina

16:50 – 17:00 | Farewell
Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker ML
President of the Leopoldina