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The Network organises meetings with representatives of academies and scholarly societies every two years to discuss current developments in the field of human rights and science. This year, the Leopoldina and its Human Rights Committee host the event.

The International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies

The International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies was created in 1993 and is located at the National Academy of Sciences, USA. The Network assists scientists and scholars around the world who are subjected to repression solely for having nonviolently exercised their rights as promulgated by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also promotes and protects the independence of academies and scholarly societies worldwide and the free exchange of ideas.

The Human Rights Committee of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

The Human Rights Committee (HRC) was established in 2001 and consists of members of the Leopoldina from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In 2003, it was admitted to the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies. The HRC supports activities of the Network and regularly organises the symposium “Human Rights and Science” to discuss worldwide cases of oppressed scientists and the role of human rights in science.

Programme

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. | Welcome
Jörg Hacker ML (Leopoldina President, Germany) & Hans-Peter Zenner ML (HRC-Chair, Germany)

Session 1 | Chair: Dorairajan Balasubramanian ML (Member H.R. Network Executive Committee (EC), India)
9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Introduction
Science, Human Rights, and the Purpose of our Network
Abdallah Daar (Member H.R. Network EC, Oman/Canada)

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. | Overview
Ida Nicolaisen (Member H.R. Network EC, Denmark)

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. | Keynote Address
Mobilizing the Nobel Laureates for a Few Good Causes
Sir Richard J. Roberts (Nobel Laureate, UK/USA)

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. | Coffee Break

Session 2 | Chair: Felton Earls (Member H.R. Network EC, USA)
11:15 – 12:00 a.m. | Francois Jacob Memorial Lecture
Science Behind the Veil: Tunisia and Beyond
Farida Faouzia Charfi (Faculté des Sciences de Tunis, Tunisia)

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. | Syria: Medical Neutrality Criminalized
Zedoun M. Alzoubi (Arab International University, Syria)

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. | Lunch

Session 3 | Chair: Belita Koiller (Member H.R. Network EC, Brazil)
1:45 – 2:30 p.m. | Max Perutz Memorial Lecture
Science and Human Rights in Turkey Today
Büşra Ersanlı (Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey)

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Four Unjust Trials in Turkey & Prison Visits in Turkey and Status of Cases
Carol Corillon (Executive Director, H.R. Network, USA) & Hans-Peter Zenner ML

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Coffee Break

Session 4 | Chair: Alenka Šelih (Member H.R. Network EC, Slovenia)
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
Social Scientists in Jeopardy in Egypt
Emad Shahin (American University in Cairo, Egypt)

4:45 – 5:00 p.m. | Concluding Remarks
Pedro León Azofeifa (Member H.R. Network EC, Costa Rica)