



ACADEMIA ENGELBERG

## **Taboos**

### **Decision-making in the Health Service**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Science**

**28 – 30 September 2005 in Engelberg, Switzerland**

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### **Where is healthcare going?**

**The fourth Dialogue on Science organized by Academia Engelberg critically examines both the advances in healthcare and the nature of decision-making processes.**

From 28 to 30 September 2005, representatives from the worlds of science, business, politics and society will be discussing how healthcare in western industrialized nations should have developed in 2010. The concrete questions that will form the focus of group work and plenary sessions are: "How long can the health service continue to be financed? Should everything which is possible in medicine and is vital for patients also be financed? How can a change be brought about in people's expectations, which have grown over the decades?"

#### **Changing decision-making processes**

At the fourth Dialogue on Science, Academia Engelberg's aims to change the familiar conference procedure. Participants will swap roles, will represent opposing opinions and thus be confronted with their own taboos. Play will be used as a way of breaking through forbidden ideas and temporarily accepting unaccustomed and unusual roles. Participants will question the automatisms associated with their own position. Alien and perhaps senseless positions are to be given careful consideration. Discussions in confrontation and rotation, which will bring new findings also for their own decision-making processes.



## The programme in brief

### Wednesday, 28 September 2005

- 11.00 to 18.00 h Welcome, paper on decision making with Dr. Roger Busch, theories and group work
- 20.00 to 22.00 h Public evening "Healthcare in a time of changing values" with Prof. Thomas Zeltner, Prof. Susanne Suter, Dr Thomas Held, Elisabeth Gander, and others.  
Chaired by: Prof. Fritz Gutbrodt

### Thursday, 29 September 2005

- 8.30 to 12.45 h Experts offer their views: Intensive-care medicine, holistic treatment, law/privacy, ethics, research in humans, costs. With Prof. Walter Siegenthaler, Prof. Pierre Alain Clavien, Drs Anina and Christian Hess, Barbara Bleisch, Dr Jan von Overbeck, Dr Reto Dahinden
- 14.00 to 17.30 h Papers with Prof. Miroslav Radmann, Prof. Em. Alois Haas and Prof. Axel Olaf Kern.  
Review of theories and workshops
- 17.30 h Evening event on Titlis

### Friday, 30 September 2005

- 8.30 to 12.45 h Coping with taboos in decision making, Comments and Discussion in the Plenum. Conclusions and questions for the future by former Federal Councillor Ruth Dreifuss. Closing words and outlook for the 5<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Science 2006

**Please note** By way of exception, the conference language in 2005 will be German only (without translation service)

*Fundamental insights of science often meet with strong reservations and a sense of mistrust in the public. Academia Engelberg aims to do its part in helping the basic conditions to become established for a new sense of trust through a dialogue between science and the public. With this in mind, around 150 leading representatives from the worlds of science, business, culture and politics in the German-speaking region, and also media representatives, will be meeting in Engelberg in the autumn.*

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