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22nd Friedrich Merz Visiting Professorship

Institute of General Practice,
Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
**Program**

09:30 – 10:00  Welcome:
- Manfred Schubert-Zsilavecz (Vice President of Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, Germany),
- Alexander Gebauer (CSO, Global R&D, Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH & Co KGaA, Frankfurt/Main, Germany),
- Ferdinand M. Gerlach (Executive Director, Institute of General Practice, Trustee of the visiting professorship, Frankfurt/Main, Germany)

10:00 – 11:00  Session 1, Chairs: Frank Oswald, Jeanette Blom:
- Multimorbidity: the insidious epidemic (Martin Fortin)
- Discussion (Hendrik van den Bussche)

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 12:25  Session 2, Chairs: Johannes Pantel, Liam Glynn:
- Problems of multimorbidity and polypharmacy (Marjan van den Akker)
- Comment (Sebastian Harder)
- Discussion

12:25 – 13:25  Lunch break

- Clinical decision making in real heart failure patients – implications of interactions on guideline development (Christiane Muth)
- Addressing multimorbidity in clinical guidelines – experience from NICE and future plans (Phil Alderson)
- Discussion
- Applying evidence to individual patients with multimorbidity (Paul Glasziou)
- Comment (Ulrich Thiem)
- Discussion

15:25 – 15:55  Coffee break

**Program**

15:55 – 17:50  Session 4, Chairs: Andrea Siebenhofer-Kroitzsch, Jose M. Valderas
- Research in multimorbidity: dilemmas and challenges (François Schellevis)
- Comment (Rafael Perera)
- Introduction to the panel discussion (Jose M. Valderas)
- Clock hour panel discussion (Phil Alderson, Ferdinand M. Gerlach, Paul Glasziou, Monika Leggemann, François Schellevis, Petra Thuermann)

17:50 – 18:00  Final remarks and farewell (Marjan van den Akker and Christiane Muth)

**Scientific Committee:** Paul Glasziou, Christiane Muth, Marjan van den Akker

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