Psychiatric Neurosurgery – Ethical, Legal, and Societal Issues

Date: February 22-23, 2019
Location: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
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The participation is free of charge.

Friday, February 22, 2019, 12:30-18:00 h

12:30  Registration, Coffee & Tea
13:00  Welcome remarks and project presentation: “Psychiatric Neurosurgery – Ethical, Legal, and Societal Issues”
       Sabine Müller

Clinical topics (moderated by Sabine Müller)

13:30  Decision-making of patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder for psychiatric neurosurgery
       Merlin Bittlinger and Chris Bervoets
14:00  Deep brain stimulation for major depression
       Thomas Schläpfer
14:30  Autism surgery and ethical implications
       Roberto Martínez-Álvarez
15:00  Gamma Knife radiosurgery for obsessive-compulsive disorder
       Steven Rasmussen
15:30  Break

Legal issues (moderated by Judy Illes)

16:00  Ulysses contracts and their legal implications for deep brain stimulation patients
       Annabel Joschko
16:30  Free or not? Informed consent in the context of mental disorders
       Marisa Groß
17:00  The constitutional landscape of psychiatric neurosurgery
       Tade Spranger
17:30  Neurosurgery for psychopaths – an ethical analysis
       Lucie White
Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9:00-13:00 h

Ethical and societal issues (moderated by Tade Spranger)

09:00  Experimental deep brain stimulation for Alzheimer disease: scientific and ethical pitfalls of the exploratory research agenda
Merlin Bittlinger

09:30  Closed-loop DBS and its implications for autonomy and authenticity
Frédéric Gilbert

10:00  Ethical issues of expanding applications for deep brain stimulation: an interdisciplinary approach
Christian Ineichen

10:30  Cross-national investigations of media coverage and public reactions and attitudes about psychiatric neurosurgery
Judy Illes and Laura Cabrera

11:00  Break

Recommendations

11:30  Recommendations for a responsible research and practice in psychiatric neurosurgery
Sabine Müller

12:15  Panel and audience discussion about the recommendations and their implementation
Sabine Müller, Judy Illes, Tade Spranger, Roberto Martínez-Álvarez and Merlin Bittlinger

Speakers

- Prof. Dr. Chris Bervoets, University of Leuven, Universitair Centrum voor obsessieve-compulsieve stoornissen, Leuven, Belgium
- Merlin Bittlinger, MA, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Department for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy CCM, Germany
- Dr. Laura Cabrera, Michigan State University, Center for Ethics & Humanities in the Life Sciences, USA
- Dr. Frédéric Gilbert, University of Washington, Department for Philosophy, USA, and University of Tasmania, Australia
- Marisa Groß, LL.B., University of Bonn, Centre for the Law of Life Sciences, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Judy Illes, University of British Columbia, Neuroethics, Vancouver, Canada
- Dr. Christian Ineichen, Psychiatric & University Hospital Zurich + Institute of Biomedical Ethics & History of Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- Annabel Joschko, Mag. Iur., University of Bonn, Centre for the Law of Life Sciences, Germany
- Dr. Roberto Martínez-Álvarez, Hospital Ruber Internacional, Médico-Neurocirujano, Madrid, Spain
- PD Dr. Sabine Müller, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Department for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy CCM, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Steven Rasmussen, Medical School of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, USA
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Schläpfer, University of Freiburg, Division of Interventional Biological Psychiatry, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Tade Spranger, University of Bonn, Centre for the Law of Life Sciences, Germany
- Dr. Lucie White, University of Hannover, Department of Philosophy, Germany

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