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The Ethics of Ghost Authorship in Biomedical Research: Concerns and Remedies

Workshop

Wednesday May 4th, 2011 from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm
FLA (Classroom A), Flavelle House, 78 Queen's Park Avenue
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

- 8:30-8:35 Introduction and welcome note**
Prof. Frank Cunningham, Director, Centre for Ethics, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and of Political Science, University of Toronto
Prof. Trudo Lemmens, Faculties of Law & Medicine, University of Toronto
- 8:35-10:15 Panel 1, Context**
8:35-8:55 The Senator Grassley Report on Ghost Authorship and Policies at Journals and Medical Schools.
Paul Thacker, Investigative Journalist
- 8:55-9:15 Emerging Controversies in Ghostwriting
Prof. Adriane Fugh-Berman, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Georgetown University School of Medicine
- 9:15-9:30 Being the Ghost in the Machine
Dr. Linda Lögdberg, Medical Writer, Adjunct Faculty member, Science Department, Georgia Perimeter College
- 9:30-9:45 Biomedical Authorship and Its Meaning
Prof. Mario Biagioli, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University
- 9:45-10:15 Questions and Panel Discussion
- 10:15-10:35 Coffee Break**
- 10:35-12:30 Panel 2, Remedies and Legal Aspects of Ghostwriting Practices**
10:35-10:50 Medical Journal Responses to Ghostwriting
Prof. Jocalyn Clark, Senior Editor, PLoS Medicine
- 10:50-11:15 Regulatory and Legal Options for Dealing with Ghostwriting Practices
Prof. Trudo Lemmens, Faculties of Law & Medicine, University of Toronto
Prof. Simon Stern, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto
- 11:15-12:00 Class Action Litigation, Expert Evidence, and Ghostwritten publications
Bijan Esfandiari, Attorney, Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman
Prof. Leemon McHenry, Department of Philosophy, California State University
Prof. David Healy, Department of Psychological Medicine, Cardiff University School of Medicine
- 12:00-12:30 Questions and Panel Discussion
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch**

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- 1:30-14:45** **Panel 3: Academic Integrity and Professional Ethics: Institutional Responses**
1:30-14:15 Institutional Options and Professional Ethics Perspectives
 Prof. David Korn, Vice-Provost for Research, Harvard University
 Prof. Lorraine Ferris, Associate Vice Provost, Health Sciences Policy and Strategy, University of Toronto
 Prof. David McKnight, Associate Dean, Equity & Professionalism, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
 Prof. Ross Upshur, Director, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto
- 14:15-14:45 Questions and Panel Discussion
- 14:45-15:00** **Coffee Break**
- 15:00-16:15** **Panel 4: Regulating Medical Writing and Knowledge Transfer**
15:00-15:10 Comments from a Patient Advocacy Perspective
 Prof. Harriet Rosenberg, Health and Society Program, Department of Social Science, York University
- 15:10-15:20 Regulatory Tools and Knowledge Flows
 Prof. Sergio Sismondo, Professor of Philosophy and Sociology, Queen's University
- 15:20:15:30 Comments from a Medical Writing and Industry Marketing Perspective
 Dr. Alastair Matheson, Research Consultant and Medical Writer
- 15:30-15:40 Comments from a medical community perspective
 Prof. An-Wen Chan, Women's College Research Institute, University of Toronto
- 15:40-16:15 Questions and Panel Discussion
- 16:15-17:15** **Wrap-up Session and General Discussion**
 Facilitated by Prof. Raymond De Vries, Bioethics Program, School of Medicine, University of Michigan & Maastricht University

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