

Controversy and clarification regarding the symposium-debate on the pharmaceutical industry and medical profession:

The debate about the pharmaceutical industry and the medical profession has started in advance! Following the email announcement of this event scheduled for the morning of April 8, controversy erupted due to the fact that the announcement that you received did not mention the fact that some of its funding has been received from various pharmaceutical companies. It was felt by several respondents that this information (which will be given out as usual at the event itself, rather than in advance via the announcement) has lowered the quality and/or credibility of the symposium.

Secondly, it was stated by some respondents that the speakers (will be) exposed to conflict of interest issues of the symposium at the event.

3. The balance between "pro" and "con" positions should be well addressed by the various speakers. They were chosen because of their expertise, different perspectives, and the variety of their involvements in this area. The very controversy that has arisen is part of the d'etre of the event itself.
4. This will not be an Oxford-Cambridge style cla