

Twenty years ago the nuclear power station Chernobyl exploded. This catastrophe hit millions of people without any preparation. Attempts to conceal what had happened were an obstacle for protection measures which could have been carried out at the time but were not. Important data about the course of the accident or about radiation damages were either not documented or kept state secret or simply fabricated.

To this day consequences of the disaster have been recorded and examined incompletely. Important international bodies practice obscurity. In 1991 the "Chernobyl Project" headed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna concluded, that there were no health damages directly attributable to Chernobyl radiation. The Scientific Committee of the United Nations on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) declared in 2000, that except for thyroid cancer in children there was no evidence of an increase in cancers, which might be linked to exposure to radiation. And since 2003 several UN-organizations have been cooperating in the so-called "Chernobyl Forum" to find appeasing forum-lotions. In September 2005, Dr. M. Repacholi, Manager of the world Health Organisation's radiation program put it like this: "The main message of the Chernobyl Forum is: no grounds for worry."

Many physicians and scientists from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia, the countries worst hit, and from several other European countries at some distance from Chernobyl have come to entirely different conclusions. This conference wants to present those results and to make them accessible to a wider audience. We hope, this will lead to more efficient help to the people affected and to a truthful recording of their harms. We therefore invite physicians, scientists and technicians to present and discuss their research related to Chernobyl even if it has not been published so far, or has encountered difficulties in realization or publication.

The conference is primarily addressed to further education of physicians, scientists of relevant disciplines and journalists. But we also invite inter-

ested citizens, representatives of Chernobyl initiatives and politicians to get a broader perspective on the scientific foundations of their efforts in radiation protection or in alleviating radiation damages.

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Problems and Agenda:

Consequences for human health in Ukraine, Belarus, Russia: Which changes can be observed in data on diseases of the thyroid gland, on breast cancer, leukaemia, eye diseases, teratogenic damages, and on the state of health of the population in general?

Consequences for human health in other European countries: Observed health effects in other European countries shall be reported on to obtain a comprehensive survey.

Technical Questions: Are there any new informations on the cause of the catastrophe? Is the expensive construction of sarcophagus II necessary? What did we learn for disaster control in future nuclear accidents? Are we adequately insured against nuclear catastrophes? Can nuclear power stations be protected against war or terror? Are the current radiation monitoring programs in the vicinity of nuclear power stations sufficient?

Structural background, international information policy and international programs to cope with the consequences of Chernobyl: How reliable are international bodies such as ICRP, WHO, EURATOM, UNSCEAR and IAEA?

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Schedule:

Jan. 31, 2006: Deadline for lectures and posters (abstracts)

Mid-February 2006: Announcement of accepted lectures and posters

Feb. 28, 2006: Deadline for full texts to be included into the publication of proceedings

Mid-March 2006:
Mailing of Conference Program

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