

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Second International Conference of the Tiss.EU project Privacy, Confidentiality and Personality Rights in Biobanking and Genetic Research with Human Tissue

University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany, 16-18 July, 2009

organised by:

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with input from the EU projects:

**GeneBanc (Leuven) and PRIVILEGED (Maastricht/Sheffield)**

The acronym *Tiss.EU* ([www.tisseu.org](http://www.tisseu.org)) stands for “Evaluation of Legislation and Related Guidelines on the Procurement, Storage and Transfer of Human Tissues and Cells in the European Union — an Evidence-Based Impact Analysis”. The project’s aim is to assess the impact made by European Union’s regulatory activities to date on research with human tissue in the member states (plus Switzerland). To this end, the project will gather and compare national legislative instruments and ethical guidelines with the help of external experts and make these data available to the public. As a culmination of the project, recommendations are to be drafted for possible ethical and legal guidelines in the interests of European-wide convergence and harmonisation.

For the Second International Conference of the Tiss.EU project in Göttingen, Germany, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009, we invite contributions on the following topics:

- National regulations concerning privacy and confidentiality in the field of human tissue research
- Practical approaches in ethics and law to the protection of privacy and confidentiality
- Personality rights as means for the protection of human tissue donors’ rights and interest?
- Challenges to privacy and confidentiality in the field of human tissue research
- Protection of vulnerable populations and tissue research
- Theoretical approaches to the meaning of privacy and confidentiality in the context of biobanking and genetic research with human tissue

The conference language will be English. Each presentation should have a duration of approximately 20 minutes. Key-note speakers are, amongst others, Kris Dierickx (Leuven), David Townend (Maastricht), Lars Ursin (Trondheim), Jane Kaye (Oxford). The costs for travel and accommodation for the invited speakers will be covered by the organisers. The conference is open to the public and can be attended by interested academics. The conference fee for visitors is 30,00 € (or, including conference dinner, 60,00 €).

Please send an abstract of your proposed presentation to

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no later than **10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**.