Austrian Physicians and National Socialism

Historical Facts, Post-War Legacy, and Implications for Today

Despite the prominent role played by medicine and medical doctors during National Socialism, 70 years after the end of the war many open questions persist.

This symposium brings together new research on this important chapter of history. We consider the intense nazification of Austrian medicine, anatomical and wartime medical research, and the persecution of Jewish physicians.

Finally, representatives of Austrian medical organizations reflect on the significance of the Nazi past and how to deal with it.

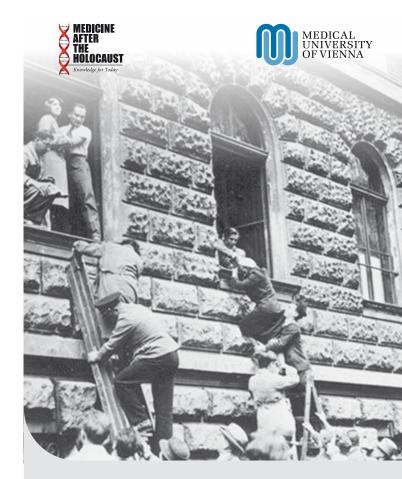
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This event is organised by the Center for Medicine after the Holocaust (CMATH) in cooperation with: Medical University of Vienna, Josephinum - Sammlungen der Medizinischen Universität Wien, Documentation Center of the Austrian Resistance (DÖW) and Museum of Natural History (NHM).



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Invitation

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April 16, 2015, 9 am - 5 pm, Van Swieten Saal, Medical University of Vienna

Program

9.00 - 9.30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks Paul Weindling, Herwig Czech (Conference Organizers)

Wolfgang Schütz, Rector of the Medical University of Vienna

Christiane Druml, Vice Rector for Clinical Affairs, Medical University of Vienna

Sheldon Rubenfeld, President of CMATH

Maria Teschler-Nicola, Museum of Natural History, Vienna

Gerhard Baumgartner, Documentation Center of the Austrian Resistance (DÖW)

9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

Panel I: The Nazification of Medicine Chair: Gerhard Baader, Free University Berlin / Hebrew University Jerusalem

Nazi Doctors in Vienna Michael Hubenstorf, Medical University of Vienna

The Institute of Racial Biology in Vienna Thomas Mayer, University of Vienna

10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 a.m.

Panel II: Victims of Nazi Medical Research

Chair: Gerrit Hohendorf, Technical University of Munich

Hans Eppinger and the Victims of the Dachau Seawater Drinking Experiments Paul Weindling, Oxford Brookes University

The Anatomical Exploitation of Nazi Victims in Innsbruck and Graz Herwig Czech, Documentation Center of the Austrian Resistance (DÖW)

12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Break

1.30 – 2.30 p.m.

Panel III: The Persecution of Jewish and other Physicians

Chair: Carola Sachse, University of Vienna

Jewish Doctors and Medical Treatment of Jewish Patients in Vienna from 1938 to 1945 Daniela Angetter, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Nazi-Persecuted Physicians 1938-1945. Exclusion, Expulsion, Murder Ilse Reiter-Zatloukal, Barbara Sauer, University of Vienna

2.30 – 3.00 p.m. **Coffee break** 3.00 – 4.45 p.m.

Panel IV: Der Umgang der österreichischen Ärzteschaft mit der NS-Vergangenheit

(Statements and Discussion in German) Chair: Volker Roelcke, Justus Liebig University Gießen

Wolfgang Schütz, Rector of the Medical University of Vienna

Thomas Szekeres, President of the Vienna Medical Chamber

Wolfgang Grisold, Secretary General of the Austrian Society of Neurology

Ernst Berger, Honorary President of the Austrian Society for Child and Youth Psychiatry

Georg Psota, President of the Austrian Society for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

Confirmation pending: Austrian Society for Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

5.00 p.m.

End of conference

Cover: Anti-Semitism had a long tradition at Austrian Universities. During a raid of the Institute of Anatomy of the University of Vienna by Nazi students in 1933 Jewish students are led to safety. (DÖW)