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## Invitation Medical Human Rights Network Meet-up

Thursday 17 January 2019, 8-10 pm,  
Amershof, Snouckaertlaan 11, Amersfoort (The Netherlands)

80% of the world population has no access to adequate pain treatment; millions die annually in excruciating pain. This is a medical disaster, and a serious human rights violation.

*Upon an initiative of IFHHRO and partners, the World Medical Association adopted a resolution in 2011 reaffirming the right of access to adequate pain treatment.*

The Convention against Torture of the UN is increasingly challenged by autocratic leaders who advocate torture as a legitimate measure in 'interrogations'; health professionals are then involved (or forced to cooperate) as 'advisors'.

*Physicians for Human Rights (USA) exposed the involvement of psychologists in 'interrogations' (de-facto torture) and was successful in having this practice ended.*

Rights of persons with disabilities and psychiatric patients are violated worldwide on a large scale, by gross medical negligence, isolation, physical restraint and forced 'treatment'.

*In 2014, with the help of a crucial medical expert opinion provided by IFHHRO, a Romanian human rights organization won a case before the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of a Romanian Roma boy with severe mental disability who had died in a notorious mental institution.*

These are a few examples of serious human rights violations in relation to healthcare. Many more exist and could be mentioned.

IFHHRO | Medical Human Rights Network is one of the organizations working for the protection of health-related human rights. We are currently in a process of evaluating and exploring our way forward. We have a large international network, but we work on the basis of a limited number of volunteers.

We believe that an organization such as IFHHRO is still needed. For that reason, we want to brainstorm with you how we can do better!

We want: your advice

We want: volunteers to help us

IFHHRO invites you to brainstorm with us about our plans and the continuity of our organization. Please come to the meet-up on Thursday 17 January 2019, from 8-10 pm in Amersfoort.

Please register via [adriaan@ifhhro.org](mailto:adriaan@ifhhro.org). After your registration we will send you more information.

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