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Re: Threat on the Medical School of Lübeck University

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that there are current discussions about the possibility of closing the Medical School of the University of Lübeck.

I participate as one of the work package leaders in a multinational Consortium named EURO DSD. EURO DSD is a collaborative project funded by the European Commission under the 7th Frame Work programme (www.eurodsd.org). The projects is entitled "Investigation of the molecular pathogenesis and pathophysiology of Disorders of Sex development". The grant agreement (201444) is with the University of Lübeck and of critical importance of the project is the coordination of Prof dr Olaf Hiort.

I wish to express my strong concerns about this possible decision.

Moreover, the Medical School of Lübeck is a leading force in the medical world and its disappearance would be a major disaster in Europe and in the world.

I am particularly concerned by the effects of such a negative decision on the current and future collaborative programmes set between the medical department of the University of Lübeck and our Erasmus University. A threat on the Medical School of Lübeck would definitely jeopardize our European network which clearly goes against the interests of the international scientific community.

Yours sincerely,

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