



PERSONAL INVITATION

“Conflicts of interest: An assessment from a corporate accountability perspective”

9th December 2015 , Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health,
5-11 Theobalds Road London WC1X 8SH
2pm – 7 pm

Organisers:

IBFAN Asia (**Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India**, BPNI), New Delhi; in collaboration with **IBFAN-GIFA**, Geneva; **Baby Milk Action-IBFAN UK**, Cambridge; **School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool** (UK)

The objectives of the event:

- To facilitate exchange of experiences among actors from the corporate accountability, health & development NGOs and academic communities concerned about how to protect policy and programme spaces from undue corporate and other problematic influences;
- To increase their knowledge on conflict of interest (Col) and related theories, in particular institutional corruption/corrosion theory;
- To strengthen capacity of these actors to raise more effectively Col issues and to publicly argue for more appropriate Col safeguards, with focus on nutrition and health arena.

Format of the event: Presentations by invited legal and health professional experts on Conflicts of Interest who will examine, among other topics: the *psychology* of conflicts of interest; how to stimulate/raise the Col debate in the medical community; risk areas for problematic conflicts of interest; corporate influence on standard setting; sponsorship by corporate and venture philanthropies; funding of research and setting of research agenda; close relations with corporate actors under the “*partnership*”/“*stakeholder*”/“*non-state actor*” paradigm & label; further alliance and capacity building.

Presentations will be followed by questions and free discussion on conflicts of interest issues brought up by the audience. In order to encourage free discussion the media will not be invited.

Invited speakers:

- Professor of law Marc Rodwin, Suffolk University Law School, USA
- Professor of law Jonathan H. Marks, Director, Bioethics Program, Penn State, USA
- Professor David Klemperer, MD, Social Medicine and Public Health, Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule, Germany
- Professor Amandine Garde, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool (UK)

Introductory remarks:

- Judith Richter, PhD Soc. Sc.MSc Pharm. Sc. Associate Senior Research Fellow, Universität Zürich

We look forward to confirmation of your participation. There is no attendance fee for this event, however organizers would warmly welcome voluntary contributions to cover the hire of the room and equipment.

The International Baby Food Action Network is a global network of 273 citizens groups in 168 countries.