

## 1<sup>st</sup> Day: 20 November 2012

09:30–09:45 am

### Welcome

Professor Dr. Dr. Andreas Hensel,  
BfR President

09:45–10:00 am

### Opening and Welcome

Parliamentary State Secretary Peter Bleser, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV), Berlin

### Hosted by:

Dr. Patrick Illinger, Süddeutsche Zeitung

10:00–10:30 am

### Why is the independence of science important and what does it comprise?

Professor Dr. Armin Grunwald, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

10:30–11:00 am

### The independence of science – a delusion?

Dr. Heinz Riesenhuber, Ex-Federal Minister, President by Age of the German Bundestag, Berlin

11:00–11:30 am Coffee break

11:30–12:00 noon

### Scientific Integrity and Political Conflict: Are they Compatible?

Dr. Roger Pielke, Jr. Center for Science and Technology Policy Research, USA

12:00–12:30 pm

### The independence of scientific advice in Europe

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

12:30–12:45 pm

Questions to the speakers from the audience

12:45–1:45 pm Lunch break

1:45–2:15 pm

### Living in the real world

Professor Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Advisor of the European Commission, Brussels

2:15–2:45 pm

### Independent Political Consultancy in Times of Economic Crisis

Professor Dr. Walter Krämer, Head of the Institute for Economic and Social Statistics, Technical University Dortmund

2:45–3:15 pm

### Is the independence of science still a goal of higher education? Critical questions on the current development

Professor Dr. Ulrich Bartosch, Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, President of the Federation of German Scientists

3:15–3:45 pm Coffee break

3:45–4:15 pm

### The Role of the Academy in the Scientific Landscape

Professor Dr. Jörg Hacker, German Academy of Sciences, Leopoldina, Halle

4:15–4:45 pm

### The Independence of Scientific Institutions – an Estimation

Professor Dr. Manfred Hennecke, President of the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing, Berlin

4:45–5:30 pm

### Podium Discussion

Hosted by: Dr. Patrick Illinger

From 5:30 pm

**Ceremony** to mark the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the BfR and **opening of the exhibition** “The History of Consumer Health Protection in Germany”. Festive event to be opened by Consumer Protection Minister Ilse Aigner

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: 21 November 2012

### Hosted by:

Dr. Patrick Illinger

09:00–09:30 am

### Elements of independent political consulting using the example of the BfR

Professor Dr. Reiner Wittkowski, BfR Vice-President

09:30–11:00 am

### Stakeholder positions:

### “Limits, possibilities and necessities of the independence of science”

Confirmed up to now:

Foodwatch, Berlin

Stiftung Warentest, Berlin

Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband, Berlin

Bund für Lebensmittelrecht und Lebensmittelkunde e.V., Berlin

Verband der Chemischen Industrie, Frankfurt

Transparency International Deutschland e.V., Berlin

11:00–11:30 am Coffee break

11:30–12:45 pm

### Podium Discussion

Hosted by: Dr. Patrick Illinger

12:45 am

### Closing remarks

Professor Dr. Dr. Andreas Hensel

## European Stakeholder Conference “How Independent can Science be?”

To mark the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment is organising a two-day European Stakeholder Conference entitled “How Independent can Science be?” On both days, national and international experts will be discussing the question regarding the conditions under which scientific independence is possible. It will also be discussed what this means for scientific political consulting, which finds itself torn between politics and science.

What are the criteria which enable and characterise scientific independence? Is scientific independence possible and if yes, on what levels and where are its limits?

Speakers from the fields of Politics, Trade and Industry and Science will be elucidating these issues from different points of view. Following this, representatives of social interest groups and BfR stakeholders will be discussing the limits, possibilities and necessities of independent science on the second day of the event. Of vital importance here will be the conveyance of an understanding of the conditions under which scientific independence can be guaranteed.

### Organiser:

Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR)  
Standort Marienfelde, Diedersdorfer Weg 1  
D-12277 Berlin, Deutschland

### Venue:

Auditorium of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment  
Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin (Marienfelde)



### Registration:

The event is open to the public and free of charge.

Please register by **07 Nov. 2012** using the online form available under the menu item “Events”:  
<http://www.bfr.bund.de/veranstaltungen.html>

or write to us listing your name and address using the catchword

“**Stakeholderkonferenz**” at:

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