The focus of this 9th Annual Conference of the DZNE Site Witten – in cooperation with the German Alzheimer Society – is a topic that has received increased attention since the new DNQP-Expert-Guideline has been published:

The building of relationships of and with people with dementia.

Relationships are one of the essential factors that determine and influence the quality of life of people with dementia. That building relationships is also essential in the care of people with dementia becomes apparent, amongst others, in Kitwood’s concept of person-centred care of PERSONS with dementia. Person-centred care means that the focus is on establishing personhood: for this, relationships with others are needed, as well as self-efficacy and the acknowledgement of personhood. Inherent in this process are acknowledgement, respect, and trust. This relational understanding provides persons with dementia, who have experienced cognitive decline, that possibility to experience themselves as persons. Therefore, fostering and preserving this experience is at the heart of the Expert-Guideline „Building Relationships in the Care of Persons with dementia“.

Given the context of this topic, which we consider highly relevant in the care and the support of people with dementia in need of assistance, we would like to present and discuss with you the following relationship building aspects:

a) Even though we often talk about our aim to actively focus on the perspective of people with dementia, when do we really offer an opportunity for doing so?

b) In which context do we encounter opportunities that might have an impact on building relationships?

c) Which philosophical and ethical implications arise from a participatory perspective in care practice and research?

Conference location:
Universität Witten/Herdecke
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Enrolment is for free. However, please register with your name for the conference since only a limited number of spots is available.

Please register until the 10th September 2018 by sending an email to: sabine.bauer@dzne.de
09:00 Uhr  Enrolment/Reception

09:45 Uhr  Welcome
Prof. Dr. Martina Roes, Site Speaker DZNE Witten
Prof. Pierluigi Nicotera, MD Ph.D., Scientific Director DZNE
Prof. Dr. Martina Piefke, University Witten/Herdecke gGmbH
Sabine Jansen, CEO German Alzheimer Society

10:15 Uhr  Relationships in dementia from the perspective of a person affected by dementia
Helga Rohra, Dementia activist, European Working Group of People with Dementia

11:00 Uhr  Workshops
WS 1: PELI-D: Preferences for Everyday Living Inventory – German translation
Tobias Stacke, Daniel Purwins, DZNE Witten

WS 2: Sensible communication - Counselling of persons with dementia and their caregivers using video records according to the MarteMeo® method
Dr. Martin Berwig, Claudia Dinand, DZNE Witten, Dr. med. Ursula Becker, Liz. Marte Meo-Supervisor

WS 3: Creating relationships in the context of dementia-specific counseling for family caregivers
Christoph Cavazzini, Dr. Steffen Heinrich, DZNE Witten, Birgit Hasenbein, Sabine Dziallas-Loick, Caritasverband Paderborn e.V.

WS4: „To be heard, to feel understood and accepted“
Prof. Dr. Martina Roes, DZNE Witten, Beate Fröhlich, Danuvius Haus Ingolstadt

12:30 Uhr  Lunch break
Hands-on Dementia: an interactive programme to understand dementia
Author: Leon Maluck, Facilitator: Frank Hildebrandt

13:30 Uhr  MAKE-BELIEVE MATTERS. Doing ethics of technology for person-centred dementia care
Prof. Ike Kamphof, University Maastricht

14:15 Uhr  The process of building relationships in the context of the German Long-term care insurance
Diana Friede, MDK North-Rhein

15:00 Uhr  Coffee break

15:30 Uhr  Changes in legislation to Strengthening Long Term Care - Is this the happy end?
Sabine Jansen, German Alzheimer Society

16:15 Uhr  Closing statement
(15 min)  Prof. Dr. Martina Roes, Site Speaker DZNE Witten

Presentation: Jan Dreyer, Franziska Laporte Uribe, Ph.D., DZNE Witten