

Welcoming Speech from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Münster

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The Dean of the Medical Faculty, Professor Dr. Ute Witting, has asked me to take her place in this opening ceremony, and I do so with pleasure.

Since I myself have often suffered from the long welcoming remarks of colleagues of mine, I will restrict myself to the expression of only one idea I personally feel strongly about. The greatest need in medical science is, in my opinion, the strong collaboration between experimental and clinical scientists. Only when the colleagues who are working in the experimental labs and the colleagues who are engaged in everyday medical

practice pay attention to each other, will it be possible to really transfer the results from the labs into the clinics and to stimulate the scientists in the labs with everyday clinical experience. I believe this is the basis and the only way for an improvement in medical science. To bring this into consciousness is in my opinion one of the important aims of medical education. After having had a short look at your program, I am sure that this meeting will contribute to that.

In keeping with this, I wish you a very fruitful conference and a pleasant stay in Münster.