



Preliminary Programme, Berlin 23rd-25th May 2007

Wednesday 23rd May 2007

9th Conference of National Ethics Committees (COMETH) Bioethics in a democratic society

Venue: Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW), Leibniz-Hall
Markgrafenstrasse 38, 10117 Berlin-Mitte, Germany, Tel 0049-(0)30-20 370-242
(Welcome desk open 8:30–10:30)

- 9:30 Welcome by
- Mr Lutz Diwell, Permanent Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice
 - Mr Roberto Lamponi, Director of Legal Cooperation, Directorate I - Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
 - Ms Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of the German National Ethics Council
 - Prof. Daniel Tarschys, Chair of Cometh

Chairs of session: Prof. Regine Kollek, German National Ethics Council
Prof. Göran Hermerén, Chair of the European Group on Ethics

10:00 **From advice to regulation
The role of bioethics advisory bodies in a democratic debate**

- (40 min) Introductory presentations:
- Prof. Claude Huriet, former member of French Senate, Vice Chair of the International Bioethics Committee, UNESCO, France
 - Dr Claude Longchamp, Swiss Society for Applied Social Research GfS, Bern

(20 min) Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

Chairs of session: Prof. Holger Wormer, Chair of Science Journalism, University of Dortmund, Germany
Prof. Zoreslava Shkiryak–Nyzhnyk, Vice Chair of the Ukrainian Bioethics Committee, Academy of Medical Sciences, Kiev

11:30 **How it really works**

- (30 min) Panel discussion (*10 min presentation per country*)
- Prof. Berna Arda, Chair of the Ethics Committee of Turkish Medical Association, Ankara, Turkey
 - Prof. Givi Javashvili, Chair of the National Council on Bioethics, Tbilisi, Georgia
 - Prof. Knut Ruyter, Director of the National Committee for Medical Research Ethics, Oslo, Norway

(45 min) Open discussion

12:45 Concluding remarks by Prof. Elmar Doppelfeld, Chair of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe

13:00 **Election of new Chair of Cometh and Cometh Bureau members**

13:15-14:20 Lunch (will be served on site)



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COMETH - NEC Forum Joint Meeting

- 14:20 Welcome by:
- Ms Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of the German National Ethics Council
 - Mr Jean-Michel Baer, Director Science, Economy and Society, European Commission
 - Prof. Daniel Tarschys, Chair of Cometh

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14:40 **Brain research and the limits of the scientific paradigm**

(40 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Karl Zilles, Director of the Institute of Medicine at the Research Center Jülich, Germany

(30 min) Discussion

15:50 Coffee Break

16:20 **Are we turning society's problems into medical ones?**

(30 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Jean Claude Ameisen, National Consultative Ethics Committee, France

(30 min) Discussion

17:20 Concluding remarks by Prof. Christoph Rehmann-Sutter, Chair of the National Advisory Commission on Biomedical Ethics, Switzerland

17:30 End of the joint meeting

Evening Programme

18:00 Bus shuttle, departure at Markgrafenstrasse 38

18:30 Meeting point at landing stage of ship MS Esplanade, Reichpietschufer, near bus station "Hiroshimasteg" (opposite to Grand Hotel Esplanade
Tel. ++49-(0)30-254 78 82 55)

19:00 Departure of Berlin river cruise with dinner

23:00 Arrival at Reichpietschufer



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Welcome desk open 8:30–10:30

EGE - NEC Forum Joint Meeting

9:15 Welcome by

- Mr Thomas Rachel, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Research
- Mr Jean-Michel Baer, Director Science, Economy and Society, European Commission
- Dr Maurizio Salvi, Head of EGE Secretariat, Policy Adviser at the Bureau of European Policy Advisers to the President of the European Commission

Chair of Session: Prof. Didier Sicard, Chair of the National Consultative Ethics Committee, France

9:30 **Scientific integrity and scientific publishing**

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Göran Hermerén, Chair of the European Group on Ethics

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. João Lobo Antunes, National Ethics Council for Life Sciences CNECV, Portugal

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Mr Joel Hasse Ferreira, MEP, member of the STOA Panel

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Discussion

(30 min)

11:30 Concluding remarks by Prof. Göran Hermerén, Chair of the European Group on Ethics
(5 min)

End of the EGE-NEC Forum joint meeting
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NEC Forum (part 1)

11:35 Opening: Ms Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of the German National Ethics Council

Chair of Session: Prof. Vladimír Viklický, Chair of the Bioethics Commission, Czech Republic

11:40 **Recent activities on Ethics and Science at the European Commission**
Funding possibilities for ethics activities under the 7th Framework Programme

(20 min) Mr Péteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Governance and Ethics, European Commission

12:00 **The NEC-Forum Database**

(20 min) Mr Yves Dumont, Governance and Ethics, European Commission

(20 min) Discussion

12:40–13:40 Lunch (will be served on site)

Chair of Session: Mr Ole Hartling, Chair of the Danish Council of Ethics

13:40 **Working together in the European Research Area: a shared dialogue on ethics**

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Eugenijus Gefenas, Chair of the Lithuanian Bioethics Committee

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Mr Wolf-Michael Catenhusen, former Permanent Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

(20 min) Discussion

14:40 Coffee Break

Chair of Session: Dr Michael Asciak, Chair of the Bioethics Consultative Committee, Malta

15:10 **Governance and Ethics – Researcher and entrepreneur: the scientist's dual role**

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Dr Siobhán O'Sullivan, Scientific Director of the Irish Council for Bioethics

(20 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Martin J. Lohse, Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Würzburg

(20 min) Discussion

16:10 Concluding remarks by Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of the German National Ethics Council

16:20 End of the NEC Forum meeting (part 1)

Evening Programme

19.30 - Dinner at Opernpalais

22.00 Unter den Linden 5, 10117 Berlin, Tel. 0049-(0)30-20 26 83

Thursday 24th May 2007 (continued)

Joint meeting of the European Group on Ethics with the German National Ethics Council

Venue: Federal Ministry of Justice (Bundesministerium der Justiz)
Gustav Heinemann Hall, Mohrenstrasse 37, 10117 Berlin, Tel. 01888-580-0

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- 16:30 Welcome by
- Ms Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of the German National Ethics Council
 - Prof. Göran Hermerén, Chair of the European Group on Ethics
- 16:45 **Organ transplantation and scarcity of donor organs**
- (25 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Jochen Taupitz, German National Ethics Council
- (25 min) Discussion
- 17:35 **Access and sharing: ethics and policy in biobanking**
- (25 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Anne Cambon-Thomsen, European Group on Ethics
- (25 min) Discussion
- 18:25 Concluding remarks by
- Prof. Göran Hermerén, Chair of the European Group on Ethics
 - Ms Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of the German National Ethics Council
- 18:30 End of the joint meeting

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Friday 25th May 2007

NEC Forum (part 2)

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Welcome and Chair of Session: Prof. Andrzej Gorski, Chair of the Bioethics Commission, Poland

9:15 **Governance and Ethics – The regulation of artificial procreation and best medical practice**

(25 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Paul Schotsmans, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium

(25 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Didi Braat, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands

(40 min) Discussion

10.45 Coffee Break

Chair of Session: Prof. Jean-Paul Harpes, Chair of the National Ethics Commission, Luxembourg

11.15 **Enhancement – The human body as property**

(25 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. Bettina Schöne-Seifert, Director of the Institute of Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine, University of Münster

(25 min) Introductory presentation: Prof. George Maniatis, Deputy Chair of the Hellenic National Bioethics Commission, Greece

(40 min) Discussion

12:45 **Closing of the meeting**

(5 min) Invitation to the next meeting of the Forum in Portugal by Dr Paula Martinho da Silva, Chair of the National Ethics Council for Life Sciences CNECV, Portugal

(10 min) Closing words by Mr Péteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Governance and Ethics, European Commission

13:00 End of the NEC-Forum meeting

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch (will be served on site)