Programme, Berlin

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. Jochen Taupitz, Institute for German, European and International Medical Law, Public Health Law and Bioethics, Univ. of Heidelberg and Mannheim, 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”
19:00 Departure of Berlin river cruise with dinner
23:00 Arrival at Reichpietschufer