EIGHTH EUROPEAN FORUM OF NATIONAL ETHICS COUNCILS  
21ST – 22ND SEPTEMBER 2006, HELSINKI, FINLAND
Venue: The House of the Estates (Säätytalo), Snellmaninkatu 9-11

FORUM DAY 1: Thursday 21st September 2006
Venue: The House of the Estates (Säätytalo), Hall 15 (2nd floor), Snellmaninkatu 9-11
Welcome desk open 8:45 – 11:00

EGE JOINT MEETING WITH THE NEC FORUM
Chairs: Chancellor Eero Vuorio, Chair of the National Advisory Board on Research Ethics and Göran Hermerén, Chairman of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE)
10:00 Welcome
   - Pēteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Ethics & Science, European Commission
   - Maurizio Salvi, Head of EGE Secretariat, Policy Adviser at the Bureau of European Policy Advisers to the President of the European Commission
10:30 Ethics and Nanotechnology
   - Göran Hermerén: Presentation from the EGE on its Future Opinion n° 21 on the Ethical Aspects of Nanomedicine
11:00 Coffee break, Hall 20 (2nd floor)
11:30 Presentations from 2-3 NECs on Current Work on Ethics and Nanotechnology
   - Wybo Dondorp, Health Council of the Netherlands
   - Jean-Claude Ameisen, National Consultative Ethics Committee for Health and Life Sciences (CCNE), France
Debate
   ➢ This session intends to open an open and free discussion between EGE and NEC-Forum Members, some of the questions that may be addressed include:
     1. Is the debate on Ethics and Nanotechnology evolving at EU member state level?
     2. Would nanomedicine involve specific new ethical issues?
     3. Needs for new regulations?
     4. Needs for more research on ELSA aspects?
     To what extent is the public involved in public discussions on Ethics and Nanomedicine? etc.
12:50 Concluding Remarks
   - Göran Hermerén
13:00 End of EGE-NEC Joint Meeting
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
   House of Sciences and Letters (Tieteiden talo), Kirkkokatu 6, 5th floor
NEC HELSINKI FORUM OPENING SESSION
continues at The House of Estates (Säätytalo), Hall 15, 2nd floor

Chair:   LL.M. Paula Kokkonen, Mayor for Social and Health Affairs, City of Helsinki, Chair of the National Advisory Board on Health Care Ethics (ETENE)

14:00 Welcoming Words from the Ministry of Education
    - Dr Sakari Karjalainen, Director General, Department of Education and Science Policy, Ministry of Education, Finland

Welcome on the behalf of the organisers
    - LL.M. Paula Kokkonen

14:10 Welcome and Presentation of Developments in Science and Society in the Light of FP7
    - Jean-Michel Baer, Director, Science in Society, DG Research, European Commission

14:20 Latest Developments in Ethics and Science at the European Commission
    - Pēteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Ethics and Science, DG Research, European Commission

14:30 Discussion

14:45 Helsinki Declaration – Past, Present and Future
    - Prof. Povl Riis, National Board for Social Service and Age Forum, Denmark
    - Dr. Kati Myllymäki, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland, former president of the World Medical Association

15:15 Discussion
15:30 Coffee break, Hall 20 (2nd floor)

INTERACTION BETWEEN SOCIETY AND SCIENCE

Chair:    Director General Jussi Nuorteva, National Archivist of the National Archives of Finland, Chair of the Committee for Public Information

16:00 Science and Society: Misunderstanding or Deal of Dupes?
    - Prof. Didier Sicard, National Consultative Ethics Committee for Health and Life Sciences (CCNE), France

16:15 Genetic Democracy and New Gene Technologies
    - Dr. Helena Siipi, University of Turku, Research Programme on Environmental, Societal and Health Effects of Genetically Modified Organisms ESGEMO, Finland

16:30 -17:00 Discussion

EVENING PROGRAMME

18:30 Reception
Helsinki City Hall, Old Court House (Helsingin kaupungintalo), Aleksanterinkatu 20

20:00 – 23:00 Dinner
House of Nobility (Ritarihuone), Ritarikatu 1
FORUM DAY 2: Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September 2006

Venue: The House of the Estates (Säätytalo), Hall 15 (2\textsuperscript{nd} floor), Snellmaninkatu 9-11

Welcome desk open 8:45 – 11:00

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEES

Chair: Chancellor Eero Vuorio, University of Turku, Finland, Chair of the National Advisory Board on Research Ethics (TENK)

9:00 Opening Remarks
   - Chancellor Eero Vuorio

9:15 Study of National Ethics Committee Opinions, Presentation and Discussion
   - Sanna Ahvenharju, Gaia Consulting Oy, Finland

9:45 News from the European Conference of National Ethics Committee (COMETH)
   - Rena Petridou, Vice Chair of COMETH

News from the Nordic Committee on Bioethics
   - Dr. Salla Lötjönen, Chair of the Nordic Committee on Bioethics

10:15 The Century of the Neurosciences? Ethical Implications of Neuroimaging and Neuroenhancement
   - Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, German National Ethics Council, Germany

Advances in Neurosciences: Ethical Implications Concerning the Notions of Free-will, Autonomy and Informed Consent
   - Dr. Jean-Claude Ameisen, National Consultative Ethics Committee for Health and Life Sciences (CCNE), France

Ethics of Animal-Human Embryonic Combinations
   - Dr. Calum MacKellar, Scottish Council on Human Bioethics

11:15 Coffee break, Hall 15 (2\textsuperscript{nd} floor)

PANDEMICS AND AVIAN FLU

Chairs: Prof. emeritus Matti Sarvas, Chair of the Board for Gene Technology, Finland and Dr. Rudolf Teuwsen, German National Ethics Council, Germany

11:45 Ethics across the borders - a European and International Perspective
   - Prof. Johan Giesecke, Head of Unit, The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Sweden

Avian flu as an animal disease
   - Dr. Riitta Maijala, Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit, Department of Food and Veterinary Control, Finnish Food Safety Authority

Ethical and Legal Considerations in Coping with Pandemics
   - Dr. Ritva Halila, National Advisory Board on Health Care Ethics, Finland

12:45 Discussion
CLOSING OF THE MEETING

13:15  Invitation to the Next Meeting of the Forum in Germany
       - Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, Chair of German National Ethics Council, Germany

       Closing Words
       - Dir. Jean-Michel Baer, European Commission

13:40  Lunch
       House of Sciences and Letters (Tieteiden talo), Kirkkokatu 6, 5th floor

The Finnish National Ethics Committees warmly welcome you and wish you a pleasant stay in Helsinki! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and concerns. The organisers can be identified from their blue coloured name badges.