

**FINAL CONFERENCE
BIO-T-ETHICS PROJECT**

**‘ETHICS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY.
TEACHING AND DECISION-MAKING’**

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VENUE

**VAESHARTELT CASTLE
MAASTRICHT, APRIL 21-23, 2005**

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Day 1, Thursday, April 21

9.00 Opening and Welcome

Franco Celada (Project-leader)
Ruud ter Meulen (Local organising committee)

9.15 The role of ethics in the sixth and the seventh framework program of the European Union
Maurizio Salvi, Science and Society Unit, DG Research, European Commission

10.00 Discussion

10.30 Break

Theme 1: Teaching ethics in biotechnology

11.00 Teaching ethics in science and biotechnology
A critical examination of various models
Peter Bouhuys (University of Maastricht)

11.45 Discussion

12.15 Lunch break

Theme 2: Ethical decision-making in science and policy-making

13.30 How to make decisions on ethical issues in bio-technology.
Julian Kinderler

14.15 Discussion

14.30 Break

14.45 Small group sessions on various cases of ethical decision-making in biotech

16.00 Plenary session

16.45 End of Day 1

17.15 Reception at the City Hall

19.00 Conference dinner at Fort St. Pieter, Luikerweg 80
www.fortsintpieter.nl

Day 2, Friday, April 22

Theme 3: Ethics in EU-funded Research Projects

- 10.00** Opening
- 10.00** Embedding Ethics in EU Research. Possibilities and limits.
Line Matthiessen, European Commission, DG Research, Biotechnology, agriculture and food research
- 10.30** Discussion
- 11.00** Break
- 11.15** Two examples of ethics programs in European Research Projects in Priority 1 and 5. (Networks of Excellence, Integrated Projects)
Guido de Wert/Norbert Fraeyman
- 12.15** Lunch Break

Theme 4: Public expectations of today's bioscientist (session presented by EMBO Science & Society)

"The scientist-ethicist: societal imperative or hidden peril?- an interactive session examining the demands increasingly placed on biologists and biotechnologists to be ethics experts, the ways they can respond to this trend, the positive and potentially negative consequences".

14.00 Brief introduction from Andrew Moore (session organiser), Programme Manager for Science & Society, EMBO

14.05 First talk: Frank Grosveld, Molecular Biologist, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, NL - **20 minutes, plus 10 minutes questions**

14.35 Second talk: Donald Bruce, Church of Scotland Society Religion and Technology Project, UK - **20 minutes, plus 10 minutes questions**

15.10 Panel discussion with selected BioT-Ethics expert group members

16.15 Break

16:45 Interactive part, run by Frank Burnet, Head of the Graphic Science Department, University of the West of England, UK

16.45 Meet the mighty gene machine: a staged confrontation between scientist and non-scientist, followed by discussion

17:15 Role playing (simulated encounters between a scientist and non-scientist) demonstrated by two people

17.15 Staged confrontations between members of the audience, and particular types, played by an "agent provocateur" e.g. scientist plus: member of general public / opponent of science / radio programme host / journalist / philosopher etc.

18:00 end of session

19.00 Dinner of Speakers, EMBO and Bio-T-Ethics Consortium

End of dinner

Presentation of the BioT-Ethics Book (R. Ter Meulen, L.M. Houdebine, L.Landeweerd)

Day 3, Saturday, April 23

Theme 5: Master Class of writing on and presenting of ethical issues in biotechnology

- 9.00** Introduction
Matthias Kaiser
- 9.15** Presentations of Student Contributions
- 10.45** Break

Theme 6: Bio-T-Ethics in the New States of the European Union

- 11.00** State of the art presentations
Josef Kure / Imre Szebik / Eugenius Gefenas / Zbigniew Szawarski
- 12.30** Closing of the conference
- 15.00** Social Program
City tour
- 19.00** Dinner tour in various restaurants Maastricht