

European Course on Biotechnology Ethics

- an interactive approach -

The Biotethed consortium offers an innovative course on **Ethical Issues in Biotechnology** at the **graduate level**. It is aimed at Ph.D. students / young researchers of Life Sciences and Ethics. It fulfils the interdisciplinary requirements for the European Doctorate in biotechnology (www.eurodoctor.it). It is designed to provide, through a case-based approach, an interactive, interdisciplinary forum of discussion, covering the themes of ethical theory and practice, European law on biotechnology and New Member States problems, risk and risk perception, social, ethical factors in new research and developments, and technological practice and policy and politics.

Biotethed is EC-funded and is run by 16 institutes and research centres from 13 different European countries. The course will be facilitated by internationally recognized academics, many of whom have taught in earlier courses, including Mike Adcock, Franco Celada, Brunetto Chiarelli Eugenijus Gefenas, Louis-Marie Houdebine, Matthias Kaiser, Josef Kure, Julian Kinderlerer, Laurens Landeweerd, Anna Olsson, Alex Quintanilha, Carlos Romeo-Casabona, Imre Szebik, David Townend, Lisbeth Witthoff Nielsen.

The course will take place from June 29-6 July, 2006 at the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic (a new EU Member State); Director of the Course is Josef Kure, with the assistance of the Biotethed Scientific Committee. Participations in the course are limited to **30 students**, selected to give a wide interdisciplinary group of students. **Applications must be made on line and supported by a letter of recommendation** (to be printed on official stationery and sent by fax to the number +39 010 35338152). The Course is subsidized by the EC, covering the cost of single-room accommodation and meals. Participants will need to cover their own travel expenses. A limited number of travel bursaries are available (details on the website).

The application form and further details can be found on www.biotethics.org

Deadline for application: 20 May 2006.
Successful applicants will be notified by **1 June 2006.**



Brno, Czech Republic: Gregor Mendel's Abbey where the course will begin.

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