

Sixth European Forum of National Ethics Councils

17-18 November 2005

Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BL

PROGRAMME

17 November: 18:30 Drinks reception, 19:30 Dinner hosted by the *Nuffield Council on Bioethics* and *Human Genetics Commission*, Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BL

18 November

OPENING SESSION

Chair: Sir John Sulston, *Vice-Chair, Human Genetics Commission (UK)*

9.00 **Welcome**

Sir John Sulston, *Vice-Chair, Human Genetics Commission (UK)*

Professor Sir Bob Hepple QC, *Chairman, Nuffield Council on Bioethics (UK)*

9.15 **The Science and Society Programme and its role in FP7**

Dr J-M Baer, *Director, Science and Society Programme, EC*

9.35 **News and Current Activities on Ethics in UK**

Professor Sandy Thomas, *Director, Nuffield Council on Bioethics (UK)*

10.55 **News and Current Activities on Ethics at the EC**

Dr P Zilgalvis, *Head of Unit, Ethics and Science, EC*

10.15 **News on the EGE**

Dr P Zilgalvis, *Head of Unit, Ethics and Science, EC*

10.30 **Coffee Break**

SESSION 1: Public health

Chair: Professor Sir Bob Hepple QC, *Chairman, Nuffield Council on Bioethics (UK)*

11.00 **Introduction by the Chair**

11.10 **Ethics and Public Health: Community Benefit vs. Individual Autonomy**

Professor Peter Smith, *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK)*

Respondent: Professor Sadek Beloucif, *CHU d'Amiens, Hôpital Sud (FR)*

11.50 **General Discussion**

12.50 **Summary by the Chair**

13.00 **Lunch**

SESSION 2: Forensic databases, biometrics and use of personal information

Chair: Dr O'Sullivan, *Head of the Secretariat of Irish National Ethics Committee*

14.00 **Introduction by the Chair**

14.10 **Forensic Databases: Implications and Secondary Use**

Sir John Sulston, *Vice-Chair, Human Genetics Commission (UK)*

Ethical Implications of Biometrics

Professor Mordini, *Coordinator of EU project on ethics and biometrics – BITE, Director of Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship*

15.00 **General Discussion**

16.00 **Coffee Break**

SESSION 3: How to reinforce links between NEC?

Chair: Dr Rudolf Teuwsen, *Head of Office of the German National Ethics Council*

16.30 **Introduction by the Chair**

16.40 **General Discussion**

Topics: Overview of current bilateral or multilateral activities between NECs

Should one of the next Forum meetings be organised in conjunction with the COMETH meeting?

17.00 **Any Other Business**

Preparation of the next NEC Forum in Vienna

17.15 **Closing Remarks**

Sir John Sulston, *Vice-Chair, Human Genetics Commission (UK)*

Professor Sir Bob Hepple QC, *Chairman, Nuffield Council on Bioethics (UK)*

Dr P Zilgalvis, *Head of Unit, Ethics and Science, EC*

17.30 **Close**