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Accommodation
Please book your room (71,– € for a single room incl. breakfast) directly at the SETA Hotel.

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Bioethics in a Small World

The world seems ever smaller and ever quicker: environmental, public health, industrial and cultural processes operate ever more on a global, rather than a local scale. Does this process, sometimes known as globalisation, draw us closer together, or drive us further apart, from a moral point of view?

In recent years, bioethics has addressed many of the issues that arise in the context of globalisation: solidarity, conflict, and autonomy; human rights, liberty and toleration; the political and economic context of health care and inequalities in health; environmental and public health change. At the same time, bioethics has often been merely an agent of obscure political forces, and has been challenged for its emphasis on autonomy over considerations of justice.

This conference will bring together scientists from the fields of medicine, law, and philosophy. The group will be relatively small to facilitate open discussions of foundational and applied problems of bioethics from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. The proceedings of the conference will be published as volume of the series Ethics and Technology Assessment edited by the Europäische Akademie.

Programme

Thursday 10 April 2003
from 17:00 Registration
20:00 Reception

Friday 11 April 2003
8:30 Welcome
Carl Friedrich Gethmann
Director, Europäische Akademie GmbH, Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler
Introduction
Richard Ashcroft
Imperial College, London
Felix Thiele
Europäische Akademie GmbH, Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler

9:00 Session 1: Bioethics. A science and its application in politics
Talk 1: Udo Schüklenk
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Talk 2: Edgar Morscher
University of Salzburg

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 Session 2: Culture-dependent ethics?
Talk 1: Godfrey Tangwa
University of Yaounde
Talk 2: Oswald Schwemmer
Humboldt-University, Berlin

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Saturday 12 April 2003
9:00 Session 5: GMO's and the world nutrition problem
Talk 1: Abdallah Daar
University of Toronto
Talk 2: Michiel Korthals
Wageningen University

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 Session 6: Patents on biomaterials. A new colonialism?
Talk 1: Bronwyn Parry
King’s College, Cambridge
Talk 2: Joseph Strauss
Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich

12:30 Lunch
End of conference