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WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARTNERS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Partners of the Global Forum on Bioethics in Research, we are pleased to announce that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR-IRSC) and the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) are joining us to contribute to the global effort to enhance the quality and relevance of ethics review of international health research.

GFBR-Secretariat

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR-IRSC)



Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is the major federal agency responsible for funding health research in Canada. It aims to excel in the creation of new health knowledge, and to translate that knowledge from the research setting into real world applications.

CIHR was created under The CIHR Act that came into force on June 7, 2000, it is accountable to Parliam-

ent through the Minister of Health. CIHR is managed by the President, Dr. Alan Bernstein and the Governing Council. CIHR integrates research through a unique interdisciplinary structure made up of 13 "virtual" institutes, each institute embraces a range of research from fundamental biomedical and clinical research, to research on health systems, health services, the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of health and environmental influences on health. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca>

EUROPEAN AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CLINICAL TRIALS PARTNERSHIP (EDCTP)



The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) is a partnership between 14 EU countries, Switzerland and Norway on one hand, and African countries on the other. It aims to join relevant European national research programmes and their African partnerships to develop new clinical tools against AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, with a

focus on sub-Saharan Africa. The Joint Programme is based on Article 169 of the European Treaty, the European Commission (EC) is co-funding this Joint Programme.

The Executive Secretariat, of which Dr. Charles Mgone is the Executive Director, assures the day-to-day activities of the European Economic Interest Group (EEIG-EDCTP), the legal entity implementing the programme and managing the funding.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.edctp.org>

GFBR STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY 2008


The next GFBR Steering Committee of Partners (SCP) meeting will be held on January 28th at the MRC head office in London. Partners will discuss and decide on:

- ❖ Review of the Terms of Reference and Constitution of the Steering Committee of Partners
- ❖ Review of the Terms of Reference and financial support for GFBR-Secretariat
- ❖ Review the preparation for GFBR9
- ❖ Choose GFBR10 host organiser



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<p align="center">MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS GFBR SECRETARIAT IN 2007</p>	<p align="center">PRESENTING GFBR ACTIVITIES</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ GFBR Secretariat Established ❖ Fellowship Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2007 fellow: Xiuqin Wang -Call for applications for 2008 fellow ❖ Reports and Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Published GFBR 7 Report -Karachi, Pakistan -Published GFBR8 Report -Vilnius, Lithuania -EU Reports about GFBR periodic activities -Three Newsletters issued and distributed ❖ GFBR conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GFBR 8 Vilnius, Lithuania (2007) organised -GFBR9 Auckland, NewZealand (2008) in preparation -Open call for applications to host GFBR10 in 2009 ❖ Maintaining communication among Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Two “face-to-face” Partners meetings -Two “virtual” Partners meeting ❖ Maintaining the GFBR institutional memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GFBR website activated and updated ❖ Presenting GFBR activities at international meetings ❖ Fundraising Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Two new funding Partners CIHR and EDCTP ❖ Introducing Ethics in Health Research for the Bamako meeting in Mali 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ May 2007, Spain: Fifth World Conference on Bioethics ❖ May 2007, France: Advanced Course of Vaccinology – ADVAC 7 ❖ June 2007, Lithuania, GFBR8 ❖ August 2007, Switzerland: Swiss Bioethics Summer Academy ❖ October 2007, USA: International Research Ethics Training Program Directors Network Meeting ❖ November 2007, China: 11th Global Forum for Health Research <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>GFBR Stand at Beijing, 11th Global Forum for Health Research. Xiuqin (right) meets Jinqian Wang (left) from the ERC-Secretariat in the Ministry of Health from the P.R China</p> </div>

UPDATES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ GFBR 8 Report The 8th Global Forum on Bioethics in Research meeting report is now available; to read the full text, please click on: http://www.gfbronline.com/eighth_report.htm ❖ GFBR9 in Auckland, New Zealand Title: <i>Ethics of research involving indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations</i>, Date: 3, 4 and 5 December 2008. Call for applications for full funding is now open: http://www.gfbronline.com/index.htm http://gfbr9.hrc.govt.nz/index.php/home ❖ Call for Applications to Host GFBR10 in 2009 Deadline for full proposal submission is 15th January 2008. For more information, please click on: http://www.gfbronline.com/cGFBR10.htm

GFBR PARTNERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

GFBR Current Partners: Aga Khan University, Pakistan; Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Argentina; Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC); Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM), France; Medical Research Council (MRC-UK), United Kingdom; Fogarty International Center of the US National Institutes of Health (FIC-NIH); Vilnius University, Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom; World Health Organisation (WHO), and the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), Switzerland-which acts as host for the Secretariat of the GFBR.

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