

Sharing the benefits from research in developing countries: equity and intellectual property

Programme

Thursday April 22nd 2004

9.00:

Welcome

Monique Capron (Président of INSERM Board of Administration)

9.10:

Introduction and overview of ethical issues in IPR and research. Goals of the 5th Forum

Jean-Claude Ameisen (President of INSERM Ethics Committee)

9.30:

Keynote speech

Mario Stasi (National French Ethics Committee)

First session: Benefit sharing in Research

Chairpersons:

Olga Kubar (Pasteur Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia)

Xiong Lei (Capital Women's Journalist Association, China)

10.00:

Plenary presentation:

Significance of benefit sharing in research, incorporating the issue of research benefit as an undue inducement.

Ambrose Talisuna (Ministry of Health, Uganda)

10.20:

Questions

10.30:

Plenary presentation of a case study Tonga vs Estonia:

Should the potential economic gains related to a population genetic database be considered an undue inducement?

Simote Vea (Human Rights and Democracy Movement, Tonga)

Ants Nomper (Estonia)

10.40:

Discussion of case studies :

Chair group 1: Simote Vea, (Human Rights & Democracy Movement, Tonga)

Chair group 2: Partha P Majumder (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata)

Chair group 3: Ants Nomper (Estonia)

Chair group 4: Dafna Feinholtz (Comision Para el Genoma Humano, Mexico).

11.40:

Report back from groups

12.00:

Round table on the case studies: Tonga vs Estonia Discussion

Sandy Thomas (Nuffield Council on Bioethics, UK)

12.40:
Lunch

14.00:
What is a community and who has authority to represent community interests?
Assetou Derme (Centre National de Recherche et de Formation sur le Paludisme, Burkina Faso)

14.20:
Questions

14.30:
Plenary presentation of case study
Case centered around Chiapas
Luis E. Garcia Barrios (ECOSUR, Mexico)

14.40:
Discussion of case studies:
Chair group 1 : Luis E. Garcia Barrios (ECOSUR, Mexico)
Chair group 2 : Nhlanhla Mkhize (University of Natal, South Africa)
Chair group 3 : Jim Lavery (Centre for Global Health Research and Inner City Health Research Unit, Canada)
Chair group 4 : Pierre Effa (Pan African Bioethics Initiative - PABIN, Cameroon)

15.40:
Report back from groups

16.00:
Round table on the case studies: Chiapas discussion
case study Chiapas discussion Carel IJsselmuiden (COHRED)

16.40
Adjourn

20.00
Dinner

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Session 2: approaches to benefit sharing

Chairpersons:
Donna K. Van Bogaert (Medical University of South Africa)
Emmanuel Hirsch (Paris-Sud University, AP-HP, France)

9.00:
Introduction: Approaches to sharing benefits
Dominique Lecourt (Ethics Committee - Institut de Recherche pour le Développement)

9.20:
Plenary presentation
Approaches to sharing benefits from traditional medicines
John Kilama (Global Bioscience Development Institute, Inc)

9.40:
Questions

9.50:

Plenary presentation of case study case centered around the San people and the hoodia plant
Roger Chennells (South African San Institute)

10.00:

Discussion of case studies: San people

Chair group 1: Roger Chennells (South African San Institute)

Chair group 2: Udo Schuklenk (Division of Bioethics, Univ. Witwatersrand, South Africa)

Chair group 3: Amarillis Saravia Gomez (University of San Carlos de Guatemala)

Chair group 4: Sibongile Pefile (Centre for the Management of Intellectual Property
in Health)

11.00:

Report back from groups

11.20:

Round table on the case studies:

Zulfiqar Bhutta (Aga Khan University, Pakistan)
with the 4 group chairs

12.00:

Global Forum business meeting

Karen Hofman (Fogarty International Center, USA)

Imogen Evans (Medical Research Council, UK)

12.30:

Lunch

14.00:

Plenary presentation:

Appropriation and misappropriation of life: Ethical and political implication in Latin America

Sergio Zorilla (Facultad de Ciencias Medicas, Univ. Santiago de Chile)

14.20:

Questions

14.30:

Plenary presentation: Benefit sharing in the context of TRIPS

(trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights)

Cristina d'Almeida (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil)

14.50:

Questions

15.00:

Coffee Break

15.30:

General discussion on the key issues of the meeting with:

Florencia Luna (Facultad Latino americana de Ciencias Sociales, Argentina)

Zulfiqar Bhutta (Aga Khan University, Pakistan)

Alexander Capron (WHO)

Achille Massougbojji (Université Abomey-Calavi, Bénin)

16.30:

Overall summary and closing remarks

Barbara Rhode (Unit Science and Society, European Commission)

17.00:

Close of meeting