



ALLEA Standing Committee Meeting

Science & Ethics

Académie des Sciences
Paris, 1-3 November 2010



Programme

MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2010

19:30: Dinner (Le Procope)

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2010

10:00: Opening of the meeting

Item 1: Welcome and approval of the Agenda

Chair L. Honnefelder

Item 2: ALLEA and its Standing Committee for Science & Ethics: an induction for SCSE members

- Executive Director R. Klein:
(the role of SCSE under the strategic plan (incl. SCSE terms of reference): survey of history; relationship to other ALLEA bodies, to ALLEA Member Academies, to other organisations)
- Chair L. Honnefelder:
(purpose, priorities and functions of the Committee, as proposed at recent ALLEA strategy meetings, incl. format of publications and update of the work-plan as discussed previously)
- All: discussion

11:00 - 11:20: Coffee break

Item 3: Self-presentation of SCSE members

- All
(presenting the following elements: scientific background; interest and activities in the field of science & ethics; past, present, and envisaged future activities in other national or international bodies related to science & ethics; comments on possible additional topics of interest for SCSE; general remarks about science & ethics activities at the home academy)

Followed by a tour de table with comments on the current work-plan and possible future topics

13:00 - 14:30: Lunch

Item 4: Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

Item 5: Ethics education as part of research training: analysis and recommendations

- L. Honnefelder / D. Føllesdal: draft guidelines on the teaching of ethics as part of research training, prepared as follow-up of the last workshop in Oslo, February 2010. DISC
- A. Fagot-Largeault (guest; French Academy of Sciences): Additional contributions arising from the debates on the reform of curricula in French Higher Education / doctoral studies INFO
- R. Klein: brief report on workshop "Preparing for Social Responsibility: Teaching ethics, peace and sustainability to students in science and engineering", Delft, 13-15 Oct 2010 INFO
- All: discussion (incl.: contributions to the drafting process; consultation of MA's)

15:40 – 16:00: Coffee break

Item 5: Ethics education as part of research training: analysis and recommendations
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Item 6: European Code of Conduct on research integrity

- P. Drenth / P. Kratochvil: report from the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI) in Singapore, July 2010
- P. Drenth / R. Klein: dissemination and implementation of the CoC among and through Member Academies (case studies: Netherlands, Ireland and Switzerland)
- R. Klein: report from the Singapore Euro-Asian seminar "Science, society and ethics" (and possible follow-up with Chinese Academy of Sciences)
- All: discussion

Suggestion: workshop on plagiarism

- P. Drenth / R. Klein: additional suggestions received during 2nd WCRI (focus: notions of plagiarism and authority in cultural contexts; legal concerns about the notion of plagiarism)
- All: discussion (what new contributions from the Academies?)

18:00: End of Session

19:30 Dinner Restaurant Polidor

WEDNESDAY 03 NOVEMBER

09:00 Begin of meeting

Item 7: Support for Higher Education and research in Palestine

- D. Føllesdal: report on the Oslo workshop and follow-up
- All: discussion and proposals for follow-up action

Item 8: Science and Human Rights

- P. Drenth: report on the Berlin workshop and possible follow-up (Interest Group)
- All: discussion and proposals for follow-up action

Item 9: Survey on ethics committees of Member Academies

- P. Kratochvil / R. Klein: rationale for and outcome of the survey
- All: discussion and proposals for follow-up action

Item 10: Information on ongoing science and ethics activities

- G. Toulouse: "Endangered Science" (new texts)

11:00-11:20 Coffee break

Item 11: Planning of new SCSE activities for 2011/12; already mentioned at previous meetings):

- L. Honnefelder: focus of next SCSE meeting: exchange with international organisations that deal with science and ethics
- L. Honnefelder: workshop on ethical dimensions of scientific policy advice [2011/12]
- D. Føllesdal: workshop / policy-document on re-use for scientific purposes of personal data collected for a specific purpose
- P. Kratochvil: the role of ethics committees – a capacity building exercise for Member Academies [following the completion of the survey; in parallel]

Item 12: Possible additional areas of intervention (together with partners):

- Synthetic Biology (request EASAC)
- Biosecurity and dual use research (discussion with NAS; see also PAN)
- Evaluation and ethics (with ALLEA WG Evaluating for Science)
- Legal and ethical issues surrounding stem-cell research (with ALLEA SC Intellectual Property Rights)

13:00 Lunch and end of the meeting