



**The role and remit of Ethics Committees:
comparisons and best practice**

Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
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Draft Programme

Monday 13 June 2011

20:00 Welcome dinner (for Committee members)

Tuesday 14 June 2011

Committee meeting

09:00 Opening of the Committee working meeting

Item 1 Welcome and approval of the agenda and of the minutes of the last meeting

Welcome: H. Illnerova, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
Chair L. Honnefelder

Item 2 Ethics education as part of research training: analysis and recommendations

All members: discussion on the revised text

Item 3 Other Updates (members):

- European Code of Conduct on research integrity (incl. symposium at HAZU, Zagreb)
- ALLEA-KNAW symposium on plagiarism (December 2011)
- Support for Higher Education and research in Palestine
- Science and Human Rights
- Ethics and costs of peer-reviewing (proposal to COPE)

Item 4 Interaction with other initiatives by ALLEA and networks (secretariat)

- Ethical dimensions in EASAC report on Synthetic Biology (statement)
- ALLEA SC-IPR: Statement on stem cell research

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Item 5 Interaction with other European institutions and networks (update) (secretariat)

- FP programmes: ETICA (plus others)
- EU consultation on "common strategic framework"
- Contacts with BEPA (EGE)
- Contacts with Council of Europe (CDBI)

Item 6 Preparation for an activity on „Ethics of scientific policy advice“

- *External speaker* on „German Academies‘ project on guidelines for scientific policy advice“
- *R. Klein*: Update on IAP-EASAC project on communicating scientific policy advice

Item 7 Reflections on horizon-scanning activity on „Ethics and emerging science fields“

- *F. Garcia*: reflections on ethics in new science policy fields: energy policy; land-use [see also the recent Nuffield report: <http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/biofuels-0>]
- *D. Føllesdal*: reuse of data with privacy restrictions

Item 8 **Members' reports**

Item 9 **Any other business**

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch** (*Villa Lana*)

Symposium "The role and remit of Ethics Committees: comparisons and best practice"

14:30 **Opening of the symposium**

Item 10 **"The role and remit of Ethics Committees: comparisons and best practice"**

External speakers:

- "Ethics Committees in a global perspective" (presentation *D. Feinholz*, UNESCO)
- "Activities of the ICSU Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the conduct of Science (CFRS)" (presentation *B. Gustafsson*, ICSU)

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

Item 10 **"The role and remit of Ethics Committees: comparisons and best practice" cont'd**

External speaker:

- Typology of ethics committees in Europe" (presentation *M. Fuchs*)
- Short sessions with introductory case studies from *members* on issues such as:
- establishment and composition of (new) committees (members, regulations etc.);
 - activities in support of research integrity (codes of conduct and other documentation; enforcement; education; etc.);
 - specific roles of Academy-based ethics committees (for example: awareness raising; science policy advice);
 - science-society interaction

19:30 **Informal dinner at the old-Prague restaurant „Konirna“**

Wednesday 15 June 2011

09:00 - 12:00 **Symposium (cont'd)**

Item 10 **"The role and remit of Ethics Committees: comparisons and best practice" cont'd**
leading up to preliminary agreement on guidelines for best practice

12:30 -13:30 **Lunch** (*Villa Lana*)

Closure of the meeting