

Global Consultation

Genetics and New Biotechnologies

Proposed Program	Sunday, December 2	Monday, December 3, 2007	Tuesday, December 4	Wednesday December 5
8:30- 9:00		Opening Worship	Opening Worship	Opening Worship
9:00-9:15			Agenda Review	Agenda Review
9:15-10:30		Facilitated Session Welcome, Introductions, Program Review, Logistics, Our Common Task, The Uniqueness of this Encounter Co-chairs: Stephen Allen and Olivia White Facilitator: Martin Robra	Panel Global Perspectives: Challenge of Biotech to Societies & Cultures in the Global Community Moderator: Eileen Lindner Panellists: ➤ Priscilla Settee ➤ Pradip Thomas ➤ Aroha Te Pareake Mead	Large Group Plenary Resourcing the Trajectory of Work WCC Plans, Regional Organizations, Others Martin Robra and Eileen Lindner
10:30-11:00		Coffee and tea break; cold drinks	Coffee and tea break	Coffee and tea break; cold drinks
11:00-12:30		Presentation South Africa, Genetics and New Biotechnologies Resource Persons: Lenka Bula Puleng	Roundtable Regional Perspectives: Documenting the inventory of issues from different regions Facilitator: Peter Noteboom	Facilitated Small Group Session Prioritising the urgency and importance of issues; Looking ahead to next steps Facilitator: Peter Noteboom
12:30-2:00		Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
2:00-4:00		Panel Science Perspectives: Where Biotechnology is Headed Moderator: Richard Fischer Panellists: - Gregor Wolbring (disability) - Jim Rusthoven (human) - Mani Varghese (plant) - Sally I. Al-Rabbaa (health care)	Panel Ecclesial Perspectives: Biotech issues facing the Church and the Ecumenical Movement Moderator: Anne Mitchell Panellists: ➤ Garth Minott ➤ Heinrich Bedford Strohm ➤ Celia Dean-Drummond ➤ Mani Varghese	Small Group Pre-selected reference groups (continued) Large Group Facilitated Session: ➤ Churches and the Ecumenical Movement Finding its Voice ➤ Fulfilling the Role We Envision + Action Planning Facilitator: Peter Noteboom
4-4:30		Coffee and tea break; cold drinks	Coffee and tea break; cold drinks	Coffee and tea break; cold drinks
4:30-5:30	Reception	Plenary Synthesis: A Summary of what we see Co-chairs: Olivia White and Stephen Allen	Concurrent Sessions: 1. Framing the Moral, Ethical and Theological Issues 2. Human Rights Conventions	Plenary Ecumenical Communiqué on Emerging Biotechnologies Chairs : Stephen Allen, Olivia Masih White
5:30-6:30		Small Group Pre-selected reference groups of 8-12 people	Small Group Pre-selected reference groups of 8-12 people	Closing Worship
6:30-8:00	Dinner	Dinner (served at 7pm)	Dinner (served at 7pm)	Dinner (served at 7pm)
8:00-9:00	Opening Worship	Small Group Regional Meetings to prepare for Tuesday morning session	Small Group Theological Reflection	Free Time
9:00-		Cultural/Community Event	Cultural/Community Event	Cultural/Community Event

One-minute cameo appearances will be sprinkled throughout the program

Monday, December 3, 2007

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8:30- 9:00	Opening Worship		Worship Team: Canon Luke Pato
9:00-9:15	Introductions, Program	By the end of this opening session we will have celebrated the uniqueness of this encounter and committed to our common task.	Facilitated Session Consultation Co-chairs Stephen and Olivia Facilitator: Martin Robra
9:15-10:30	Review, Our Common Task, The Uniqueness of Encounter		
10:30-11:00	Coffee and tea; cold drinks		
11:00-12:30	South Africa, Genetics and New Biotechnologies	By the end of this presentation we will have received an update on current genetics and biotechnologies issues facing South Africa, neighbouring countries, the response of civil society, and the current role of the church.	Presentation Moderator: Eddie Makue Presenter: Lenka Bula Puleng
12:30-2:00	Lunch break		Lunch break
2:00-4:00	Science Perspectives: Where Biotechnology is Headed	By the end of this panel and the following plenary we will have summarized our current understanding of scientific developments.	Panel Moderator: Richard Fischer Panellists: ➤ Gregor Wolbring (disability) ➤ Jim Rusthoven (human) ➤ Mani Varghese (plant) ➤ Sally Ibrahim Rabbaa (health care)
4:00-4:30	Coffee and tea; cold drinks		
4:30-5:30	Synthesis A Summary of what we see	By the end of this plenary we will have summarized our current understanding of current scientific developments and research.	Plenary Chairs: Olivia Masih White & Stephen Allen
5:30-6:30	Small Group Reference Group	Through this first of three meetings of this pre-selected reference group, we will have created a safe place to share issues and concerns regarding the consultation, received an opportunity to go into personal detail on current concerns, and developed a stronger sense of community.	Facilitated Session: Peter Noteboom Small Reference Groups of Eight (see your colour!). One member of the Planning Committee will be present in each group.
6:30-8:00	Dinner (served at 7pm)		
8:00-9:00	Small Group Regional Sub-groups	By the end of this preparatory meeting, we will have prepared a regional presentation for tomorrow's roundtable and decided who will present it.	Regional Caucus
9:00-	Cultural/Community Event		

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

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8:30- 9:00	Opening Worship		Worship Team: Canon Luke Pato
9:00-9:15	Agenda Review		Co-chairs Stephen and Olivia
9:15-10:30	Global Perspectives: Challenge of Biotech to Societies and Cultures in the Global Community	By the end of this panel we will have named challenges to societies and cultures related to genetics and new biotechnologies in the global community.	Moderator: Eileen Lindner Panellists: ➤ Priscilla Settee ➤ Pradip Thomas ➤ Aroha Te Pareake Mead
10:30-11:00	Coffee and tea; cold drinks		
11:00-12:30	Regional Perspectives: Documenting the inventory of issues from different regions	By the end of this roundtable we will have heard the concerns of the regions and examined where we stand with respect to each regions' concerns.	Roundtable Presentations by Presenters from each region. Facilitator: Peter Noteboom
12:30-2:00	Lunch break		
2:00-4:00	Ecclesial Perspectives: Biotech issues facing the Church and the Ecumenical Movement	By the end of this panel we will have explored and named the role of the church and the ecumenical movement in addressing emerging biotechnology issues.	Moderator: Anne Mitchell Panellists: ➤ Garth Minott ➤ Heinrich Bedford-Strohm ➤ Celia Dean-Drummond ➤ Mani Varghese
4:00-4:30	Coffee and tea; cold drinks		
4:30-5:30	Concurrent Sessions: 1. Framing the Moral, Ethical and Theological Issues 2. Human Rights Conventions	By the end of these two workshops we will have named the ethical/moral issues related to genetics and new biotechnologies, examined how human rights legislation and conventions address the issues, and framed both in a faith response.	Moral, Ethical and Theological Issues: Linda Nicholls Human Rights Conventions: Javiera Rulli & Leslie Lowe
5:30-6:30	Small Group Reference Group	Through this second of three meetings of this pre-selected reference group, we will have received an opportunity to share personal concerns.	Small Reference Groups of Eight (see your colour!). One member of the Planning Committee will be present.
6:30-8:00	Dinner		
8:00-9:00	Small Group Theological Reflection	By the end of this small group work inspired one another to create ongoing cooperation among those who work in the nexus of theology & biotech.	Self-selected Theological Reflection Groups of 8-12 persons.
9:00-	Cultural/Community Event		

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

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8:30- 9:00	Opening Worship		Worship Team: Canon Luke Pato
9:00-9:15	Agenda Review		Co-chairs Stephen and Olivia
9:15-10:30	Resourcing the Trajectory of Work: WCC Plans, Regional Organizations, Others	By the end of this session we will have reviewed the draft communiqué, named and defined what we hope to accomplish, available resources, and who our partners might be.	Large Group Plenary: Martin Robra & Eileen Lindner
10:30-11:00	Coffee and tea; cold drinks		
11:00-12:30	Prioritising the urgency and importance of issues; Looking ahead to next steps	By the end of this session we will have prioritised the issues, prepared a strategic response, and clarified personal and organizational commitments to accomplish the strategic goals/activities.	Small Group Facilitator: Peter Noteboom
12:30-2:00	Lunch break		
2:00-4:00	Small Group Reference Group	Through this last meeting of the pre-selected reference groups, we will have ensured that no important issues have been neglected, and named ways to continue important conversations after the consultation.	Small Reference Groups of Eight (see your colour!). One member of the Planning Committee will be present.
	Churches and the Ecumenical Movement Finding its Voice Fulfilling the Role We Envision + Action Planning	By the end of this session we will have shared our strategies for specific issues, and prepared a work plan of events and documents leading up to the 30 th anniversary event on Faith, Science and the Future at MIT.	Large Group Facilitator: Peter Noteboom
4:00-4:30	Coffee and tea; cold drinks		
4:30-5:30	Ecumenical Communiqué on Emerging Biotechnologies	By the end of this last session, we will have examined and achieved consensus on an ecumenical communiqué that shares with others the mind of the Consultation	Plenary & Consultation Co-Chairs Olivia Masih White & Stephen Allen
5:30-6:30	Closing Worship	By the end of this closing worship, we will have prayed, worshipped, praised (and danced?) together.	Canon Luke Pato
6:30-8:00	Dinner		
8:00-9:00	Free Time		