



UNESCO Ethics Education Workshop

Science Centre for Education, 924 Sukhumvit Rd,
Bangkok, Thailand

9:00 to 3:00 pm on Monday, 23 March, 2009

Aim: the workshop will focus on methodologies of application and integration of scientific facts, technology and ethical knowledge and ideas into practice. How can we teach science and ethics of research, policy making and empower individuals to make informed choices? The examples will include medical ethics, biotechnology, public health and environmental issues, and teaching ethics.

Workshop objectives include:

1. Participants will learn about the means, methods and resources to teach ethical issues in the context of different subject materials.
2. Participants will share experience and develop skills to teach ethics of science and technology. They will receive feedback from experienced experts.
3. Participants will develop/revise their own teaching programs after consideration of the available content and methods.

Faculty: The workshop will be led by Professor Darryl Macer (UNESCO Bangkok) who is an experienced facilitator in international bioethics, and has also authored approximately 200 academic paper and 20 books.

Request of participants: Participants are invited to bring related cases and materials to share, cases to discuss, and to send suggestions to the secretariat.

Venue: The workshop will be held at the site of a 300 square metre bilingual (English and Thai) display on Bioethics and Biotechnology that is jointly prepared by UNESCO, Science Centre for Education (SCE), and the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, National Science and Technology Development Agency (BIOTEC). The exhibition covers various aspects of biotechnology and bioethics such as introduction to bioethics and moral choices, stem cell and cloning, genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and GM food, DNA and genome, gene therapy and nanobiotechnology. It traces the history of technology and how ethical issues are applied also in construction, information, agriculture, space, energy and our relations to other lives and the environment. We also invite schools to come for student visits to the exhibition that will be open until at least June 2009. The contents are applicable to a range of units in the IB system, as well as other common school curriculum.

Registration: There is no registration fee, but participants will be provided with morning and afternoon tea, and lunch. The secretariat for the conference is Ms. Raine Boonlong, UNESCO Bangkok. Pre-registration is required to email: rushsap@unesco Bangkok.org

Background Information: Regional Unit for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific (RUSHSAP), UNESCO Bangkok. www.unescobkk.org/rushsap
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