



## PhD Bonanza!

### Completion



Congratulations to **Eva Midden** who successfully completed her PhD research on **Feminism in Multicultural Societies**. Eva examined Susan Moller Okin's claim that there are fundamental conflicts between a commitment to gender equality and the desire to respect the customs of minority cultures or religions. By looking at the different discourses on multiculturalism and feminism in the Netherlands, Eva was able to show that the relationship between the two areas is much more nuanced and subtle than Okin's claim suggests.

The doctorate will be conferred in December and Eva has already accepted a post in the Gender Studies' Department at Utrecht University.

Pictured left: Eva Midden with Director of Studies, Dr Miltos Ladikas

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### New Research Students

UCLan Senior Lecturer **Kate Chatfield** has embarked on an MPhil/PhD thesis which will analyse Ethical Challenges in Complementary and Alternative Medicine in the absence of a consensus on efficacy. Her part-time research will use the tool of the "Ethical Matrix" to identify relevant problems. The tool is particularly useful in systematically analysing diverse stakeholder concerns.

**Dr. Sally Dalton-Brown** from Johannesburg, currently Australia, has begun research into the global ethics of nanotechnology. She will compare the governance mechanisms of Russia, South Africa and China with those in Europe to establish whether a common approach of ethics analysis in science and technology is feasible. As a senior academic who graduated with a PhD from Cambridge in her twenties, Sally discovered an interest in ethics during her professional career.

**Roger Chennells**, a senior human rights barrister from Cape Town and long-term collaborator has received a prestigious Wellcome Trust scholarship to undertake PhD research at the Centre. He will



Above: Doris, Kate, Roger, Sally, Miltos

start in January 2011 and examine how access to human genetic resources can be governed to achieve justice for developing countries. The specific aspect he will focus on is: How can benefit sharing be achieved without undue influence through inappropriate inducement?

#### Promotion for Recent PhD Student

And finally Dr Peter Omonzejele, who was awarded his PhD in December 2009, has already received a promotion. In April he was appointed Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Benin.

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### Three New Appointments for Doris

#### **Adjunct Professor at the University of Oslo**

Doris has been appointed Adjunct Professor of Ethics at the University of Oslo's Ethics Programme. The Ethics Programme is an interdisciplinary and cross-faculty research programme, which promotes and supports normative reflection at the University of Oslo. Doris will provide external impetus to its PhD training. In September, she has already given a presentation in Oslo on the topic of dignity.

[http://www.etikkprogrammet.uio.no/index\\_eng.html](http://www.etikkprogrammet.uio.no/index_eng.html)



Doris visiting a traditional Norwegian house during her first official stay in Oslo

#### **Wellcome Trust Funding Committee**

Doris was appointed to the Biomedical Ethics Funding Committee, which advises the Wellcome Trust on applications for grant support.

#### **International Governing Board**

Doris was re-appointed to the International Governing Board of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for the programme "Responsible Innovation". The programme focuses on technological developments which may have a dramatic impact (positive or negative) on people and/or society. As part of her work for the board, Doris assesses the grant applications to the programme.

## Centre Away Day

This autumn, Centre staff, together with new postgraduate students, participated in an away day and teambuilding exercise in the Yorkshire Dales. As part of the itinerary, we enjoyed a walk in the grounds of Bolton Abbey. A combination of good food and good weather ensured an excellent and productive day. Colleagues David Coles and Thomas Pogge were unfortunately not able to attend.



Kate, Roger, Julie, Sally, Miltos, Cathy

## Project News

### GenBenefit, FP6

(Benefit sharing with developing countries)



After three and a half years, the FP6 project GenBenefit was concluded to the satisfaction of the European Commission earlier in 2010. During the life-time of the project we presented research or organised consultation sessions in the UK, France, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Netherlands, Germany, Croatia, Greece, the Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, India, Kenya, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Cameroon, USA, and Canada!! A book with our main findings will be completed in early 2011.

### Innova P2, FP7

(Pharmaceutical innovation and access to life saving medicines)



The work led by Prof. Thomas Pogge on amending the intellectual property rights system to increase access to drugs for the poor has been recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Thomas' **Health Impact Fund** was selected for further consideration by the WHO's Expert Working Group on Research and Development Financing. The group recommended that "efforts should be made to examine other promising proposals in their local contexts, such as open source products; patent pools; Health Impact Fund; priority review voucher scheme; and orphan drug legislation."

### Major Event in Melbourne, Australia

To complement Uclan's funding, the Australian government added 110,000 AUS\$ to fund a workshop on

**Pharmaceutical Innovation and Access to Life-Saving Medicines.** The Workshop was held at Queen's and Trinity Colleges in Melbourne in March 2010. An evening event with contributions from Prof. Peter Singer and Dr. Joshua Kimani (University of Nairobi) was attended by 110 delegates. The following day event was attended by 70 participants.



Speakers and Innova delegates, Queen's College, 25 March 2010



Peter Singer at Evening Event, Trinity College, 24 March 2010

Presenters included Innova partners from China, India, the Philippines, the Netherlands, the WHO's Director of Research Policy and Cooperation, Prof. Tikki Pang, the President of the Novartis Foundation, Prof. Klaus Leisinger as well as Professors Aidan Hollis, Judith Whitworth, Jon Altman, Jack Beetson and Clive Aspin.

A special symposium with selected papers from the workshop is currently in print with the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*.

**Bilat-Silk, FP7**

(Forming strategic partnerships between the EU and China)

Rescheduled after April's ash cloud chaos, the Bilat Silk Project workshop to promote EU-China collaboration in Science and Technology Policy Advisory areas was held in Beijing on 2-3 September 2010. The workshop was organised by Dr Miltos Ladikas of UCLAN with collaboration from CSTEC (the Chinese Science & Technology Exchange Center) and CASTED (the Chinese Academy of Science & Technology for Development). Participants included some of the main European Parliamentary Offices of S&T (European Parliament, Germany, Netherlands), other major Technology Assessment organisations (ITAS, BGI) as well as similar Chinese S&T Think-Tanks of the Ministry of S&T. Two paradigmatic case studies on Nanotechnologies and Genetically Modified Crops were chosen for presentation as best practices in TA with presentations by key experts from the two regions. In addition, the European experts had the opportunity to discuss issues directly with their Chinese counterparts during a series of visits to TA institutes in Beijing.



Top left: participants at Beijing workshop; Top right: **Leo Hennen**, Co-ordinator European Technology Assessment Group; Bottom left: Prof **Huanming Yang**, Director, Beijing Genomics Institute; Bottom right: **Chen Heping**, Deputy Director General, China Science and Technology Exchange Center, Ministry of Science & Technology, China

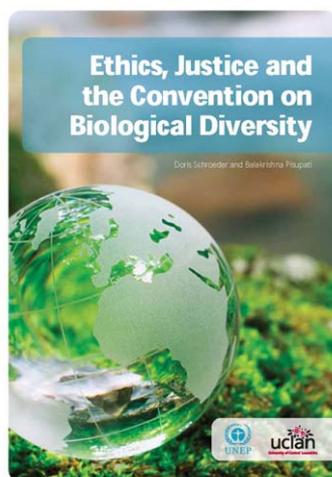
## Recent Major Publications

Commissioned by the United Nations Environment Programme, Doris co-authored a 47-page report on **Ethics, Justice**



Balakrishna Pisupati (second from left) and Doris at COP9 in Bonn, 2008 (photo: iisd).

**and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** with UNEP's Chief of the Biodiversity, Land, Law and Governance Unit, Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati. The report examines the philosophical foundations of the CBD and explains how intergenerational, procedural and international justice could be achieved if CBD negotiators put common concerns of humankind before national self-interest. The report has received several pre-publication endorsements, including one from the Co-Chair of the CBD's Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, Tim Hodges wrote: "This is a new perspective for many CBD hands and I can't wait to hear their reactions. An excellent piece! I hope all those who read the report will react and hopefully think further." The report is available in print from the Centre or as pdf from the UNEP website at: <http://hqweb.unep.org/DEC/PDF/publicationEthicsJusticeandCBD.pdf>

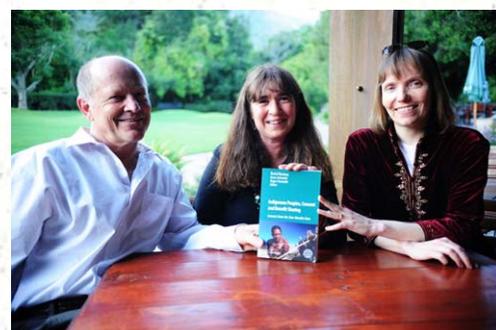


**Indigenous Peoples, Consent and Benefit Sharing** is the first in-depth account of the *Hoodia* bioprospecting case and use of San traditional knowledge, placing it in the global context of indigenous peoples' rights, consent and benefit-sharing. It is unique as the first interdisciplinary analysis of consent and benefit sharing in which philosophers apply their minds to questions of justice & biodiversity, lawyers interrogate the use of intellectual property rights to protect traditional knowledge, environmental scientists analyse implications for national policies, anthropologists grapple with the commodification of knowledge and, uniquely, case experts from Asia, Australia and North America bring their collective expertise and experiences to bear on the San-*Hoodia* case. Edited by Doris, Roger Chennells (see new PhD students above) and a senior academic and policy advisor from the University of Cape Town, Dr. Rachel Wynberg, the book has received excellent pre-publication endorsements. Launch events took place in Montreal and Cape Town.

Rachel Wynberg  
Doris Schroeder  
Roger Chennells  
Editors

### Indigenous Peoples, Consent and Benefit Sharing

Lessons from the San-Hoodia Case



The three editors in Cape Town: Roger, Rachel, Doris

## Meet Our Collaborators

A regular feature taking a look at the eminent careers of some of our key collaborators.



Dr Dafna Feinholz of UNESCO

Dr. Dafna Feinholz is Chief of the Bioethics Section in the Division of Ethics of Science and Technology at UNESCO in Paris. She has a Master in Bioethics and a PhD in research psychology. Her specialist expertise is in international research ethics and gender issues in health. Prior to joining UNESCO, she was the Executive Director of the National Commission of Bioethics in Mexico with a mandate in policy making regarding health policies, research ethics and clinical bioethics. In that capacity, she represented her country at the Council of Europe and the UNESCO. For instance, she was part of the intergovernmental committee on bioethics when the UNESCO's Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights was finalised and approved by the Committee.

Leading up to the directorship, Dafna was also the founder of the Latin American Forum of Ethics Committees in Health Research (supported by the World Health Organization); the academic Director of the governmental program Women and Health in Mexico, the Head of Department at the National Institute of Health in Mexico, the academic Director of the National Commission for the Human Genome and she taught research ethics at the National University in Mexico UNAM. For a considerable time, she has been an active member of the board of International Network of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics. Dafna has been collaborating with Centre colleagues on a variety of projects since 2004.