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News and notes

Bioethics in and from Asia

Bioethics in and from Asia: the Fifth International Tsukuba Bioethics Roundtable and Intensive Cross-cultural Bioethics Course will be held from 20-23 November 1999. It is organised by the Eubios Ethics Institute.

The intended total size is 60 people, in roundtable, workshop style, focusing on discussion and debate. Precirculated papers will be placed on the internet before the meeting. Days planned so far will be on: Methodology in cross-cultural global bioethics; Bioethics education; Clinical dilemmas across cultures;

A health global environment, and Ethical dilemmas of biotechnology and genetics.

Updated details on-line: <<http://www.biol.tsukuba.ac.jp/~macer/TRT5.html>>

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For further information please contact: Congress Secretariat, EuropaBio '99, Avenue de l'Armee 6, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium. Tel: +32 2 735 0313; fax: +32 2 735 4960; e-mail: mail@europa-bio.be; website: <http://www.europa-bio.be>

of the "Baconian project" and "standard bioethics" is not directed against straw men. The idea that medicine is striding towards the goal of eradicating suffering and expanding choice, it is true, is sometimes implied in the promotional literature of researchers in search of funding; and some of the academic literature on bioethics admittedly does have a limited agenda: as McKenny puts it, "for every new issue that arises in biomedical research and care its task is to safeguard individual autonomy, calculate potential risks and harms, and determine whether or not a just distribution will follow". But even the academic literature of "standard bioethics", nowadays has a great deal also to say about virtue, casuistry, narrative, ecological and feminist ethics, for example; and at the coal face where ethical choices are actually made, it is all too evident

that medicine advances, when it advances at all, only by small incremental steps across a minefield of new moral problems. McKenny's book perhaps will be of more interest to the theorists than to the practitioners of bioethics. Yet the basic issue with which this academic treatise is concerned – the human need not just for relief from suffering but also to find meaning in suffering – is too important to be left to theorists; and a "moral framework within which to determine what kinds of suffering should be eliminated and which choices are best" indeed could be helpful to practitioners. "That deficiency", however, (to quote McKenny's own final sentence) "alas, cannot be overcome by writing another book".

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