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Message from the Co-Directors

Since the publication of our first quarterly newsletter in November of 2006, the Center for Ethics in Science and Technology has continued to deliver and develop programs that will serve our community. As discussed in this new issue, we have programs scheduled in each of our three principal areas of focus: stem cell ethics (April 6), computer ethics (July 9-14), and neuroethics (Oct 1-6). These events are all intended to engage the interested members of our community.

We are particularly excited about plans to engage high school students, the next generation of community leaders. We are now reaching out to science teachers in many San Diego high schools to invite them and some of their students to join us for the April 6th stem cell conference. We are also in conversations now to develop a program that will parallel science fair activities by recognizing high school student contributions in the area of ethics in science and technology. We hope to announce this new program later this year.

The Ethics Center is defined most clearly by its activities, but it is also important that we and our supporters remain clear about our mission. We recently revised our mission statement to better define the purpose of our Center:

The mission of the Center for Ethics in Science and Technology is to foster science in the public interest by promoting awareness, understanding, and discussion of the ethical implications of new developments in science and technology. To carry out its mission, the Center promotes more informed policy development and ethical decision-making on the part of individuals and institutions through education, outreach, and scholarly forums.

We hope this statement speaks for itself, but if not we would greatly appreciate hearing from you so we can better meet our goal of fostering science in the public interest.

Lawrence M. Hinman and Michael Kalichman

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Laurie Zoloth, Keynote Speaker

A free, public program for the San Diego Community in collaboration with the San Diego Research Ethics Consortium which includes the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, The Scripps Research Institute, and UCSD.

The conference will promote community discussion about some of the ethical challenges associated with human embryonic stem cell research. In particular, we will focus on oocyte and embryo donation and on the necessary milestones before the clinical testing of the safety and efficacy of treatments with this new technology.

STEM CELL ETHICS CONFERENCE

Friday, April 6, 2007, 1 – 6 p.m.
Salk Institute for Biological Studies

Program & Panelists

Welcome: **Richard Murphy**, Salk Institute for Biological Studies
Keynote: **Laurie Zoloth**, Northwestern University

Panel 1: Donation of Eggs and Embryos

Moderator: **Jeanne F. Loring**, Burnham Institute
Mary Devereaux, University of California San Diego
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Panel 2: Strategic Plans for Stem Cell Research

Moderator: **Christopher Thomas Scott**, Stanford University
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Panel 3: Milestones for Clinical Trials

Moderator: **Sidney Golub**, University of California Irvine
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July 9-14, 2007 - Computer Ethics Week and CEPE Conference

The CEPE (Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry) conference series is recognized as one of the premier international events on computer and information ethics attended by delegates from all over the world. For conference information, go to:

<http://cepe2007.sandiego.edu> or e-mail the conference organizers at CEPE2007@sandiego.edu.

The Center for Ethics in Science & Technology will sponsor a Computer/IT Ethics Week on July 9-14, 2007. During this time, a number of computer ethics-related events will be scheduled at various local institutions. Details will be made available as the scheduling of these events is confirmed. Please go to <http://ethicscenter.net>.

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October 2007 - Neuroethics

Planning is now underway for a series of neuroethics events to be held during the week of October 1-6, 2007. Neuroscientists are using genetics, advanced imaging technologies, and other measurements to tell us more about the brain and how it works. The results of some of those studies suggest that we might be able, for example, to predict whether someone is more likely than others to be aggressive, or to determine whether someone is telling the truth. The focus of this week's events will be the implications of such research. Leading neuroscientists from San Diego and from around the country will be invited to present lectures or participate in panel discussions to help our community to understand and to discuss both what is possible and what we should do about it. Please save these dates on your calendar. We will keep you posted as plans develop.