

# INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

## Regulating biotechnology: At the interface between science and ethics

**Where:** Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin Street, Ottawa (Ontario) CANADA

**When:** Wednesday 27 April 2011 from 8h00 to 17h30

**Number of participants:** Maximum of fifty (50) participants

**Thank you to confirm your participation before 20 April 2011  
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Workshop attendance is free of charge. However, anyone absent without notice will be claimed an amount equivalent to expenses incurred.



## Program

8h00 - 8h15      **Welcoming remarks**  
LYNE LÉTOURNEAU  
Département des sciences animales, Université Laval

<b>Morning session – THE ISSUES AT STAKE: RESPONDING TO ETHICAL CONCERNS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY POLICY</b>
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Session chair: (to be determined)

8h15 - 8h45      **Misrepresenting the public? On the mismatch between GM food policies and public concerns**  
JESPER LASSEN  
Danish Centre for Bioethics and Risk Assessment, Department of Food and Resource Economics, Faculty of Life Sciences  
University of Copenhagen

8h45 - 9h15      **Exploring the ethical challenges to regulating biotechnology through risk frames**  
LISA F. CLARK  
Post-doctoral Fellow, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy,  
University of Saskatchewan

9h15 - 9h45      **Speeding up the policy process by making it more complex - A Netherlands example of training civil servants in ethics**  
FRANCK L. B. MEIJBOOM  
Ethics Institute, Utrecht University

9h45 - 10h15      **Discussion**

10h15 - 10h30      **Health Break**

10h30 - 11h00      **Political philosophy, moral pluralism and the problem of public policymaking: what role for the State?**  
DANIEL WEINSTOCK  
Centre de recherche en éthique de l'Université de Montréal (CRÉUM)  
Université de Montréal



11h00 - 11h30 **Responsibility and bioengineering : Beyond corporate social responsibility**  
ALLISON MARCHILDON  
Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines, Philosophie et éthique appliquée,  
Université de Sherbrooke

11h30 - 12h00 **Discussion**

12h00 - 13h00 **Lunch**

**Roundtable discussion - FACING UP ETHICAL CONCERNS: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF POLICYMAKERS ?**

Panel Chair: MARC-ANDRÉ SIRARD, Department of Animal Sciences, Canada Research Chair in Animal Genomic, Université Laval

13h00 - 14h30 **CONRAD BRUNK**  
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Victoria

**DAVID CLAPIN**  
Science advisor, Health Products and Food Branch, Health Canada

**ROBERT SLATER**  
Coleman Bright and Associates

**FRANCK L.J. MEIJBOOM**  
Ethics Institute, Utrecht University

14h30 - 14h45 **Health Break**

**Afternoon session –INFORMING THE POLICY PROCESS: FROM SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE TO PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE**

Session chair: MARC SANER, Institute for Science, Society and Policy, University of Ottawa

14h45 - 15h15 **The limits of scientific policy advice**  
ÉRIC MONTPETIT  
Département de science politique, Université de Montréal



- 15h15 - 15h45      **Public expertise and engagement in the policy process**  
MAVIS JONES  
Post-doctoral Fellow, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy,  
University of Saskatchewan
- 15h45 - 16h15      **Interest groups and public participation**  
GRAEME AULD  
School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University
- 16h15 - 16h45      **Discussion**

## Concluding remarks

- 16h45 - 17h15      PAUL B. THOMPSON  
Center for the Study of Standards in Society  
Michigan State University

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## Organising Committee

Carolina Cárdenas, Doctorate Degree Student, Faculty of Law, Université Laval.

Mavis Jones, Post-doctoral Researcher, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan.

Lyne Létourneau, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, Université Laval.

Julie Nieminen, Coordonnator, EmbryoGENE Network, Université Laval.

Marc Saner, Director, Institute for Science, Society and Policy, University of Ottawa

Marc-André Sirard, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, Canada Research Chair in Animal Genomics, Université Laval.

