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AT THE CANADIAN BIOETHICS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
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3rd Annual Neuroethics Information Session 2009

Date: Friday, June 12th 2009
Time: from 7:30 to 8:30 am
Location: Hamilton Convention Center, Hamilton, Ontario
Room to be announced

Come and join us to learn more about Canadian neuroethics research, neuroethics networks, collaborations, training opportunities, publications and other activities, such as:

• Discussion of projects and priorities
• Brainstorming on newsletter and website templates
• Brief review of neuroethics publication activities in 2008-9
• Information and updates on forthcoming Canadian and international events
• Brief review of publication opportunities
• Miscellaneous items

All are invited to discover more about neuroethics and ways to get involved, especially those not currently participating in current initiatives.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Eric Racine at Neuroethics Research Unit Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal Tel: (514) 987-5723 Email: neuroethics@irkc.qc.ca

For more information on the Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Meeting, please visit www.cbso.ca

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“Just Evidence/Quelle preuve pour une décision juste?”

3ième Session annuelle d’information neuroéthique

Date : le vendredi 12 juin 2009
Heure : de 7h30 à 8h30
Endroit : Hamilton Convention Center,
Hamilton, Ontario
Salle de rencontre à confirmer

Venez prendre connaissance des activités de recherche canadiennes en neuroéthique, dont les réseaux, les collaborations, les opportunités de formation, les publications et autres activités telles que :

• Discussions des projets et priorités
• Révision des projets de bulletin de nouvelles et du site Internet
• Brève aperçu des publications neuroéthiques 2008-9
• Brève aperçu des événements canadiens et internationaux à venir
• Brève aperçu des opportunités de publication
• Varia

Venez découvrir la neuroéthique et prendre connaissance des façons d’y participer, particulièrement si vous ne faites pas partie des projets en cours.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Éric Racine
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Pour de plus amples renseignements sur la rencontre annuelle de la Société canadienne de bioéthique, consultez :
www.ncbc.ca
Paul Ford, PhD

Paul J. Ford, PhD is a clinical bioethicist with a faculty appointment in the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. His work focuses on issues in innovative neurosurgery, particularly those clinical dilemmas facing patients, clinicians, and researchers. Although a philosopher by training, his work in neuroethics developed out of a series of difficult clinical ethics consultation cases requested by several neurosurgical care teams (particularly Neuromodulation and Epilepsy centers). Through direct collaborations with neurosurgeons, neurologists, neuropsychologists, and others, Professor Ford cultivated an expertise in the ethics of emerging neurological interventions within the clinic environment. Within his institution, he continues to apply this expertise through consulting on research protocols for Deep Brain Stimulation and mental health indications, participating in patient management team for epilepsy surgery, and teaching residents in the neurological institute.

Outside of his institution, Professor Ford participates broadly in promoting clinical neuroethics. He currently chairs the Neuroethics Affinity Group for the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities and is regularly invited to give lectures. Recent lectures of note include “Innovating the Brain” as the Arkansas Medical Society Distinguished Lecture and “Ethics in Neuromodulation: Beyond Informed Consent and COI” for the North American Neuromodulation Society. In 2007 he co-organized, with S. Schiff, J. Marks, M. Farah, and I. Mwase, an international conference on the ethics of neural prosthesis. Finally, he currently serves as the only non-neurosurgeon who is a regular member of the ethics committee for the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Professor Ford has more than forty neuroethics related publications that range from editorials to peer reviewed articles. The following provides a sample of his recent publications:


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May 7, 2009
The Neuroethics Challenge for the Brain and Behavioural Sciences
Judy Illes, Ph.D., Canada Research Chair in Neuroethics, The University of British Columbia
BIOS Centre for the Study of Bioscience, Biomedicine, Biotechnology and Society, London, UK
http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BIOS/events/forthcoming_events.htm

May 22-24, 2009
Conceptual Issues in fMRI
A multi-disciplinary workshop at the University of Guelph. For more information, please see www.issuesinfMRI.ca

May 29, Jun 4, 2009
3rd US/Canada Region International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) School of Neuroscience
Vancouver, Canada

June 4-5, 2009
Meeting on Coma and Consciousness Clinical, Societal and Ethical Implications
Berlin, Germany

June 4, 2009
XIIIth Congress of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC):"Coma and Consciousness: Clinical, societal and ethical implications"
Berlin, Germany
http://www.assc13.com/
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**June 5-8, 2009**
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness  
Berlin, Germany  

**July 6-7, 2009**
UCL Law & Neuroscience Colloquium  
University College London Law School, London, UK

**June 11-12, 2009**
Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Preconference workshop on Animal Neuroethics  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
Featuring Colin Allen, Martha Farah, Valerie Hardcastle, Adrienne Martin, Mena Morales, Adam Schriver and Ken Sufka.

**CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS**

TRAMES: A Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences  
Editor in Chief Urmas Sutrop has announced that Issue No. 4 of Trames 2010 will be devoted to neuroethics. The Special Issue will be edited by two Finnish scholars, Dr. Tuija Takala and Dr. Veikko Launis.  

**July 31, 2011** Abstract deadline  
Neuroethics: The Monist will publish a Special Issue on Neuroethics in 2012.  
Advisory Editor: Juha Räikkä (University of Turku)  
[http://monist.buffalo.edu/callsforpapers.html#Neuroethics](http://monist.buffalo.edu/callsforpapers.html#Neuroethics)
Announcements-Annonces

Medicine Studies International Journal for History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine & Allied Sciences is in the process of developing a themed issue on:

*Medicine in a Neurocentric World*

Explanatory models generated by the neurosciences are now gaining more and more importance not only in the reshaping of clinical applications but also with regard to the biomedical and cultural understanding of the human mind. Consequently, tools from the neurosciences, such as imaging techniques, appear to provide a novel knowledge base for the reconceptualisation of both somatic and mental pathological entities.

Altogether, these challenges have given rise to new debates in medical ethics in general and in neuroethics in particular. However, to reach an in-depth understanding of the ongoing transformations triggered by the neurosciences, we need insights into the historical and cultural contexts and processes, together with an epistemological analysis of the theoretical foundations of medicine in a neurocentric world.

This themed issue of the Journal is dedicated to the endeavour of contextualising these recent developments in neurosciences and ethics.

We invite original research papers addressing the aims and scope of this themed issue. Manuscripts need to be submitted online before 1st June 2009 in order to be considered for publication. Further details for submission are available at the journal's website:


SCHOLARSHIPS

OFFRES DE BOURSES

Ouvertures (bourses) pour étudiants dans le domaine de l’éthique biomédicale appliquée aux neurosciences (neuroéthique) à l’IRCM pour des étudiants gradués, 2009-2011.

Pour des renseignements: neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca

Student Opportunities (Scholarship) in Biomedical Ethics and Neuroscience (neuroethics) at the IRCM graduate student scholarships, 2009-2011.

For information: neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca
BROCHER FOUNDATION CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SYMPOSIA, 2010

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
The Brocher Foundation is inviting junior and senior researchers to submit a one day and a half pluridisciplinary symposia project on the ethical, legal and social implications for humankind of recent medical research and new technologies.

Application form available at www.brocher.ch

The deadline for submission is the 8th May 2009.
Announcements - Announcements

CIHR Café Scientifique:

CIHR is looking for non-profit, university, research centre partners to host Café Scientifique.
Provide educational and informal discussions regarding popular health topics.
Successful partners receive $3,000 to host events.

Apply for funding by June 26, 2009.
Guidelines and more information:
http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/documents/cafescientifique_evaluation_e.pdf

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Programme du 77e Congrès » 114 - Neuroimagerie et Santé Mentale

Responsables:
Emmanuel STIP et Genevieve LETOURNEAU, Université de Montréal

Informations sur le colloque

Description du colloque :
Dans un premier temps, ce colloque se propose de traiter de différentes techniques de neuroimagerie utilisées en santé mentale/psychiatrie : résonance magnétique, fonctionnelle et structurale, DTI (Diffusion Tensor Imaging), PET (Positron Emission Tomography) et SPECT (Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography). Ceci comprend une revue des principes sous-tendant les applications de ces techniques à l'étude des problématiques de santé mentale, une discussion sur leurs forces et leurs faiblesses, et divers exemples de travaux de pointe dans des domaines tels que la dépression, des troubles obsessionnels-compulsifs, dépendances, démences et schizophrénie.

L'inscription au 77e Congrès est obligatoire pour toute personne qui participe ou qui assiste aux activités du congrès.

Les inscriptions sur place, de même que la remise du matériel aux congressistes inscrits à l'avance, se tiendront au Pavillon Tabaret (TBT), situé sur le campus de l'Université d'Ottawa (550, Cumberland), pendant toute la durée du congrès.

Le port du badge d'identification remis aux congressistes est obligatoire pour assister aux présentations et un contrôle sera effectué par le personnel et les bénévoles de l'Acfas et de l'Université d'Ottawa pendant toute la durée du congrès.
BOOKS AND BOOK REVIEWS

La neuroéthique: Ce que les neurosciences font à nos conceptions morales

Neuroéthique : Quand la matière s'éveille

ARTICLES

Incidental findings during functional magnetic resonance imaging: ethical and procedural issues

The neural basis of human social values: evidence from functional MRI

The Medical Device Safety Act of 2009

Deep brain stimulation: avoiding the errors of psychosurgery

Ethical suicide research: a survey of researchers
Being conscious of their burden: severe brain injury and the two cultures challenge

Ethical issues in the treatment of severe brain injury: the impact of new technologies

Central thalamic deep-brain stimulation in the severely injured brain: rationale and proposed mechanisms of action

Further arguments in support of a social humanistic perspective in physiotherapy versus the biomedical model

Canadian government reaffirms support for science and discovery

Can evolution explain how minds work?

What is an altered state of consciousness?

Findings on alcohol dependence point to promising avenues for targeted therapies

The impact of selective publication on clinical research in pain

Research with children exposed to disasters
Withdrawal of care

The murky ethics of stem-cell tourism

Neural correlates of the judgment of lying: a functional magnetic resonance imaging study

Differentiating between rights-based and relational ethical approaches

NEWS

Dead when the doctor says you are; Ethicists wrestle with the changing nature and timing of death

PM urged to restore science funds: More than 2,000 scientists galvanized into 'Don't leave Canada behind' campaign
McIlroy A. Globe and Mail Update, April 16, 2009
http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20090415.wscience0416/BNStory/Front/home

The brains of babes
**Contributions**

If you would like to post any events, letters, articles or news of interest please contact us at neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca

**Resources-Ressources**

- Neuroethics at the University of Pennsylvania  
  [http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/](http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/)
- University of British Columbia, National Core for Neuroethics  
  [www.neuroethics.ubc.ca](http://www.neuroethics.ubc.ca)
- Canadian Neuroethics Network  
  [http://www.neuroethics.ca](http://www.neuroethics.ca)
- Neuroethics Society  
- Neuroethics Research Unit / L’Unité de recherche en neuroéthique  
- Journal of Ethics in Mental Health  
  [www.jemh.ca](http://www.jemh.ca)
- Novel Techethics  
  [www.noveltechethics.ca](http://www.noveltechethics.ca)
- Centre for Neurosciences, Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz  
- Neuroethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics  
- Berman Institute of Bioethics’ Program in Ethics and Brain Sciences (PEBS)  
  [www.bioethicsinstitute.org/neuroethics](http://www.bioethicsinstitute.org/neuroethics)

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