



National Institute of Genetic  
Engineering and Biotechnology  
(NIGEB)



International Centre for Genetic  
Engineering and Biotechnology  
(ICGEB)

## **FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON BIOETHICS AND ETHICAL ASPECTS OF BIOSAFETY**

**Date: 20-22 November 2011**

**Venue: National Institute of Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology (NIGEB), Tehran, Iran**

**Organizer:** Prof. Abbas Lotfi (NIGEB, Tehran, Iran)

**Course Topics:**

- Cultural and religious observations of modern technologies,
- Most recent advances in Bioethics and Biosafety,
- Ethical aspects of biosafety,
- Biosecurity and Biosafety

**Background:** In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, namely the age of the relative flourishing of science and technology, and in the accelerating wheel of information and communication technologies, coinciding with the progress and evolution of humanity in all arenas and various disciplines, mankind has continuously suffered from a lack and shortage of ethics and moral integrity. With the increase in the progress and elevation of sciences and technologies in societies, the need for ethical norms is felt even more.

Consequently, many organizations, associations and governmental or civil ethical committees have been formed, which are researching the fundamentals and principles of ethics with respect to science and technology, thus making available a set of values that represent the codes of ethics to scientists and innovators of novel scientific processes. In the meantime, ethical aspects of biosafety is becoming more and more important.

Placing the above mentioned efforts to one side, many religions have regulations and protocols that can be used as the basic principles of bioethics. If such principles are clarified and promoted, then without any doubt, the position of ethics will become stronger and more favorable than what is already available.

**Aim:** So far, different protocols and declarations related to legal and technical aspects of biosafety have been developed and approved. The emphasis of this workshop is to discuss the ethical aspects of biosafety in discussion panels and at the end, to develop a protocol on bioethical aspects of biosafety.

**Eligibility criteria  
for participants**

All scientists, medical doctors, biologists and theologians, who are interested in finding more information and the recent advances in the area of bioethics and biosafety.

Preference will be given to applicants from developing countries.

**Funding**

A limited number of grants, covering accommodation (twin share beds) and local hospitality (meals and local transportation) for the duration of the Course, are available to nationals of ICGEB Member States\*. Applicants coming from these countries will also be considered in terms of priority during the selection of the Course participants. Travel is NOT funded. Please note that there is no registration fee.

**Closing date  
for applications**

**23 September 2011**

**Contacts**

Submit your application form, curriculum vitae in English and a short list of publications (if any) to: Ms. Nasrin Esmailzadeh (nasrin@nigeb.ac.ir). National Institute of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (NIGEB), P.O. Box 14965/161, Tehran, Iran. Tel: +98-21-44580367&8; Fax: +98-21- 44580395, 44580347, Website: <http://www.nigeb.ac.ir>