

## **1. Summary- report from the BIOEMIT Political/bioethical group.**

### *Plans for 2003- 2004:*

- Continued Networking;
- Participation in international conferences to represent BIOEMIT to international community;
- Further development of the Course POL 1011 “The Biotech Revolution and Decision making: Analyzing Risks and Values” (included now in the study programme of the Institute of Biotechnology and the Institute of Botanics).
- Scientific articles on theoretical aspects of risk, benefit and ethics with respect to the application of biotechnology in different fields.
- Participation in the science popularization project together with the colleagues in BIOEMIT.
- Working meetings with the other BIOEMIT members to discuss common work.

## 2. Achieved Results:

- Networking (together with Bioethics Research Group):

### *Invited speakers:*

September 2003, Dr. Peter Sandøe (Denmark), President of EurSafe, the European Society on Agricultural and Food Policy, Director of the Danish Center for Risk Assessment and Bioethics. Lecture: "Why the Controversy with GM Food will not end".

April 2004, Dr. Gary Comstock (USA), Director of the North Carolina Ethics Programme, U.S. Lecture: "Vexing Nature? On the Ethical Case Against Agricultural Biotechnology".

September 2004, Dr. Humberto Rosa, (Portugal), University of Lisbon, Portugal  
Lecture: "Public debate on modern biotechnology".

September / October 2004, Research from the Sheffield Institute of Biotechnological Law and Ethics, U.K. speaker to be confirmed.

### 3. Presentations at the BIOEMIT meetings:

May 2004, meeting on food safety with the discussion of Dr. Pusztai feeding experiments with GM potatoes. Speakers: Atle Bones, Mette Langaas; Galina Gaivoronskaia.  
Topic: "Genetically modified food: risk assessment and risk perception".

Other presentations: the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Goods and Public Policy for Agricultural Biotechnology; lecture by Gaivoronskaia & Solem "Biotechnology and Governance: can Think Tanks be of help?";  
Norwegian Conference on Community Psychology, "Public perception and attitudes to food risk, GM food and labelling".  
"Technology Foresight and Assessment in Future Use of Biotechnology", presentation by Knut Erik Solem to the EU-US Scientific Seminar on New Technology Foresight, Forecasting & Assessment Methods, May 2004, Seville, Spain.

#### 4. Publications:

In: Journal of Risk Research 2004, v.7, n.5 Gaivoronskaia/Solem "Genetic testing: affected parties and decision making".

In book chapter, Gaivoronskaia with coauthors, Rosa, H.D. (ed.), 2004. "BIOÉTICA PARA AS CIÊNCIAS NATURAIS", conferências e casos de estudo do FLAD-NSF International Bioethics Institute, Curso Internacional de Bioética. ["Bioethics for the Natural Sciences", conferences and case studies from the FLAD/NSF International Bioethics Institute]. Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento, Lisboa.

In Proceedings of the EurSafe 2004, Gaivoronskaia/Hvinden "A feedback for food policy: food risk perception in allergic population".