

ANNEX 2  
STANDARD TEMPLATE  
QUARTERLY UPDATES

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Project Title: <b>ASEAN-EU LEMLIFE: A Collaborative International Training Programme in Law, Ethics and Management in the Life Sciences</b>
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**I. Introduction**

- *This is second update of the ASEAN-EU LEMLIFE Project. During the previous three months, the Project has accomplished the objectives set out in the proposal and the contract. Please see details below.*

**II. Description of Activities**

- Preparing of the Course Material
  - *This is the main activity of the Project. The participants of the Project are preparing the teaching material on bioethics, biolaw and biomanagement, and these materials will be distributed beforehand and discussed during the Second Workshop, which will take place in Bilbao from November 19 to 21, 2004. These materials will form chapters in Biotechnology in Society: Ethical, Legal and Management Issues from ASEAN and EU, which will be published through the funds of the Project through co-operation with Chulalongkorn University Press.*
- Newsletters
  - *The Project has published two newsletters, one in English and the other in Thai. The English newsletter is 4 pages long and contains an introduction to the Project as well as a brief report of the First Workshop. The Thai newsletter is much more substantial, is around 36 pages long and contains an article from Dr. Somparn Promta on Modern Science and Buddhism. It also contains news and reports on the advances in biotechnology and life sciences worldwide. These news are not widely available to the Thai audience due to the limited space given to such issues in the traditional media. The newsletter also contains a brief article introducing some basic concepts in bioethics by Dr. Soraj Hongladarom.*
  - *The Thai newsletter will be distributed to educational institutions, both at the college and pre-college level, as well as to research agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations nationwide.*
- Website
  - *The website of the Project, at <http://www.asean-eu-lemlife.org/>, contains material from the First Workshop and the articles from the newsletters. It also contains links to the important sites on bioethics and bioethics education worldwide.*
- Arrangement of Meetings
  - *There will be three meetings at Chulalongkorn University this year which are supported by and thus are parts of the Project. The first meeting is on Buddhism and Bioethics, and is organized jointly with the Center for Buddhist Studies. The meeting will feature talks and discussion led by well known Buddhist scholars, philosophers and leading intellectuals in Thailand. The main purpose is to explore ways that the Buddhist teachings could contribute to the global debate and dialog on bioethics. This meeting will take place around October or November this year.*

- *The second meeting is a one-day conference on ‘Science in Thai Culture and Society’, which is jointly organized with the Research Program on Science in Thai Culture and Society. The meeting will consist of reports of the member projects which are part of the Research Program, all of which aiming at investigating the relations between Thai culture and modern techno-science in various dimensions. The meeting will take place on September 17, 2004 at the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University.*
- *Another meeting is the first of the training sessions as stated in the Contract. The training session, to be conducted in Thai and is entitled “Introduction to Bioethics: Choices for the Thai Society” will be jointly conducted by the Project and the Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University. This will be an important meeting in that it represents some of the first attempts in the country at organizing and disseminating the knowledge base on bioethical issues as well as the relevant legal and management aspects. The training will take place from 6 to 9 December, 2004, at the Prajadhipok-Rambaibarni Building, Chulalongkorn University. It is projected that around 120 people will attend the session, representing a cross section of disciplines, agencies, gender, educational attainment (the minimum requirement for attending being only a high school diploma) and age groups.*
- Research Activity
  - *This section of the activities of the Project represent an attempt to disseminate the awareness of bioethical issues further in Thai society through production of a book-length volume on the salient bioethical issues affecting various aspects of Thai society and culture. This book is scheduled to finish toward the middle of 2005 and will be published through the funds of the Project. Several potential authors have already been contacted. This book will accompany the book on Biotechnology in Society: Ethical, Legal and Management Issues from ASEAN and EU that is the main output of the Project. The main difference between the two is that the former will be in Thai, while the latter is in English so is more oriented toward the global readers.*

**III. Other Issues**

- *Dr. Soraj Hongladarom met Dr. Nantana Gajaseni, Co-Director of the AUNP Programme at her office. We discussed about the Project in general, especially the problem of the EC withdrawing an amount of fund from the Project because some other agencies within the university had owed the EC in their previous projects. Dr. Nantana said that she would raise this matter with Dr. Supachai, Secretary General of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) in order to find ways to help the Project.*
- *Dr. Soraj Hongladarom has also met with Dr. Sootiporn Chitmitraphap, Vice President for Research Affairs of Chulalongkorn University, on June 15 to report to him the progress of the Project and to discuss the various ways in which the administration could help. The result was very positive, as the Vice President agreed to provide the Project with the much needed office space as well as other assistance.*

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 (Dr. Soraj Hongladarom)

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