

ANNEX 2
STANDARD TEMPLATE
QUARTERLY UPDATES

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Project Title: **ASEAN-EU LEMLIFE: A Collaborative International Training Programme in Law, Ethics and Management in the Life Sciences**

Name of Beneficiary: **Chulalongkorn University**

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I. Introduction

- *This is sixth 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 and the Third Workshop of the Project
- *The participants met each other at Quality Inn Tegel Hotel, Berlin, Germany on June 3 to 5, 2005, to discuss the course material and the detailed syllabus. There was much progress and each agreed on their task that was agreed upon during the meeting. Also on the agenda of the meeting was the program for the next and final meeting in Bangkok, which will take place from September 16 to 18. During the meeting in Berlin there was also a session on paper presentation. Profs. Jürgen Simon and Carlos Romeo-Casabona presented their papers, so did Drs. Minakshi Bhardwaj and Brigitte Jansen. The group also discussed the possibility of publishing a book together on biobanking in Asia. More details will be worked out later through email communication and when the participants meet again in Bangkok in September. In addition, the group also read and discussed Chulalongkorn University's draft MA Program in bioethics and provided many useful comments.*
- Meeting on Establishing a Degree Program on Bioethics
- *The ASEAN-EU LEMLIFE Project hosted two meetings of concerned faculty members of Chulalongkorn University to discuss the possibility of establishing the MA Degree Program in Bioethics at the university. The first meeting took place at Room 707, Faculty of Arts Building on April 25, 2005. Around twenty faculty members came to the meeting, representing such diverse disciplines as medicine, biological sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, nursing, medicine, law, philosophy and others. The Dean of Graduate School also attended this meeting. The meeting agreed on the need for the university to set up such a program, which would be the first in Thailand and which would respond to the growing needs of sustained and intensive effort at understanding the bioethical implications as well as the various dimensions in which science and technology are related to society. The second meeting took place at the Graduate School Meeting Room on May 26, 2005. The group discussed the draft MA program that had already been distributed electronically. The meeting went on for more than three hours and the draft was much improved.*
- *As a result of these meetings, the Graduate School has agreed to host the Program and the Dean herself expressed strong interest in it. It is likely that the Program will be operational in the first semester of the Academic Year B.E. 2549, which begins in June 2006.*

- Newsletters
- *The third newsletter of the Project is now being printed. The issue contains articles on the Cartagena Protocol and its consequences for Thailand; Buddhist bioethics; research ethics, and on the need for biomedical ethics in society. As always there is a section on news and developments in biomedical research worldwide and their social implications. The fourth newsletter is scheduled to follow closely.*
- Website
- *The website of the Project, at <http://www.asean-eu-lemlife.org/>, contains new material on the draft syllabi supplied by Prof. Nikolaus Knoepffler, Dr. Chaichana Nimnuan and other members of the Project. The newsletter will also be made available electronically.*
- The Center for Science, Technology and Society
- *Dr. Soraj Hongladarom submitted a new proposal for the Center for Science, Technology and Society to the university in April, and as of now the university is in the process of convening the meeting of experts to evaluate it. However, the prospect of actually establishing the Center is very likely. The Center will be a key focus on activities related to bioethics and other related issues for the University and is aimed to become a center of excellence in bioethics, ethics of science and technology and on science and society in Thailand and internationally. Moreover, the Center will also serve as the institutional base for the MA Program in bioethics too.*
- Meeting on Dreams and Spirituality: Dialog between Religion and Science
- *The LEMLIFE Project, in collaboration with the Thousand Stars Foundation, is organizing a conference on Dreams and Spirituality: Dialog between Religion and Science at Room 707, Faculty of Arts Building on August 19 to 20, 2005. The conference is also partially supported by the Metanexus Institute, through its Local Society Initiatives.*
- Meeting on Research Ethics
- *The Project plans to organize another meeting on research ethics some time around July or August. The purpose is to familiarize the public with the need for research ethics in biomedical sciences as well as for systematic co-ordination of ethical review committees in the university.*

III. Other Issues

- *Some participants of the LEMLIFE Project will be attending the First UNESCO Bangkok Roundtable at Imperial Tara Hotel, Bangkok from September 11 to 15, 2005. The meeting is designed to coincide with the final LEMLIFE workshop. Among those who will present their papers are Prof. Jürgen Simon, Dr. Brigitte Jansen, Dr. Soraj Hongladarom, Dr. Somparn Promta, Dr. Chaichana Nimnuan and Dr. Minakshi Bhardwaj.*

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