

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLS and Comparative Public Policy

This issue of *Politics and the Life Sciences* features an international roundtable on the subject of secrecy and openness in donor insemination. The focus article, by Ken Daniels and Karyn Taylor of New Zealand, includes a number of cross-national comparisons of public policy in this area. To provide comments on this article, and to expand on the comparative perspective, the editor invited commentaries from experts in a number of different countries. Commentaries from six different countries made this a truly international roundtable. Since *PLS* is an especially good forum for such international discussions of public policy, the editor encourages submission of comparative public policy analyses in all of the fields relevant to *PLS*'s mission. In the interest of generating cross-national dialogue and stimulating creative solutions to shared problems, the journal will, whenever feasible, employ an international roundtable format for such articles.

Conference on Threatened Coastal Seas

An international conference on Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (EMECS 93) will be held November 10-13 in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. The site was chosen in part because Chesapeake Bay has become something of a model of coastal seas management. The conference will compare management in the Chesapeake region with other efforts world-wide. Sponsors for EMECS 93 are the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Center for Global Partnership, the National Science Foundation, and other national and international organizations. For more information, contact Helene Tenner, EMECS Secretariat, Tawes State Office Building, Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, USA; tel: (410) 974-5047.

Conference—Law and Science at the Crossroads

A conference on "Law and Science at the Crossroads: Biomedical Technology, Ethics, Public Policy, and the Law," will be held October 21-22, 1993 at the Hotel Le Meridien in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The conference, sponsored by Suffolk University Law School, will include half-day sessions on "Organ and Fetal Tissue Transplantation and Research" and "Genetic Engineering of Tissues and Organs." A full-day session will be devoted to "The Role of Government in the Biomedical Revolution." The speakers will include Paul R. Billings, Arthur L. Caplan, Ruth Hubbard, Eric Juengst, Katherine Klinger, Kevin J. Lafferty, Aubrey Milunsky, Joseph E. Murray, Philip R. Reilly, John A. Robertson, Congressman Henry Waxman, and Nachama Wilker. For more information, contact Carole Wagan, Director, Advanced Legal Studies Office, Suffolk University Law School, 41 Temple St., Boston, MA 02114, USA; tel: (617) 573-8627.

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