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 Biotechnology

THE PATENTED APE

Brave New Gene Technology, Patents on Life and the Protection of Humans and Animals



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**Conference 17 June, 2015
 at the premises of the Heinrich Böll-Stiftung,
 Schumannstr. 8,
 10117 Berlin, 10am – 5pm**

New technical possibilities to radically alter the genome of plants, animals and humans have raised many questions about ethical boundaries and about the responsibility of politicians, scientists and investors.

At our conference, behavioural scientist Dr. Jane Goodall will start the conference with a video statement. Professor Dr. Hans Werner Ingensiep (University of Essen) will discuss the issue of “Ethics and legal rights for humans and apes“. Dr. Arianna Ferrari of the Institute for Technology Assessment and system Analysis (ITAS), Karlsruhe, will offer an overview of “Bio-politics and genetically modified animals in R&D”.

Special focus of the conference will be on the responsibility of investors to set and implement ethical boundaries. A report commissioned by Testbiotech will highlight the investors active in the pharmaceutical sector.

The conference will start with the crucial issue of the number of European patents granted on genetically engineered chimpanzees. These patents have been collectively challenged by more than a dozen organisations. Our debate will address these current extreme developments, including genome editing in humans:

How should we deal with new methods of genetic engineering? Do we need new regulations? How can we protect humans, animals and the environment? Who has to take responsibility, and for what?

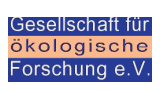
Our conference will provide an opportunity to find answers to old and new questions.



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Program

10.00 am	Welcome		
10.15 am	Dr. Jane Goodall , DBE Founder of the the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace www.janegoodall.de , www.janegoodall.org , www.facebook.com/janegoodall (Foto: Stuart Clarke)	Video Message	
10.30 am	Dr. Christoph Then , Testbiotech www.testbiotech.org	Synthetic genome technologies and patents on chimpanzees: A starting point for discussion	
10.45 am	Dr. Arianna Ferrari , ITAS, Institute for Technology Assessment and system Analysis (ITAS), Karlsruhe; www.itas.kit.edu/mitarbeiter_ferrari_arianna.php	Bio-politics and genetically modified animals in R&D	
11.30 am	Barbara Küpper , Profundo	Banks – Investments in animal suffering? An analysis.	
12.00 pm	Georg Schürmann , CEO of the Triodos Bank N.V.	Ethical Investment	
12.45 pm	First panel discussion	Representatives of organisations and speakers	
1.30 pm	Lunch break		
2.30 pm	Novartis (to be confirmed)	The point of view of the phar- maceutical industry	
3.00 pm	Professor Dr. Hans Werner Ingensiep , University of Essen www.uni-due.de/~gph220	Ethics and legal rights for humans and great apes	
3.45 pm	Dr. Christoph Then , Testbiotech	Synthetic genome technologies and patents on chimpanzees: A turning point?	
4.00 – 5.00 pm	Concluding debate	With speakers, representatives of organisations and members of the German Bundestag.	