

# Patents on Life:

## Through the Lenses of Law, Religious Faith and Social Justice

4-5 September 2015 | Hosted by the Von Hügel Institute  
St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge

Patents are monopoly ownerships for commercial exploitation and can also apply to living matter, from genes to plants and seeds, microorganisms to animals:

- ♦ Should control of living matter be in the hands of private corporations?
- ♦ Are patents on seeds defensible in developing countries?
- ♦ Should information on the human genome be privatised?
- ♦ Who should decide when a patent should be forbidden on grounds of immorality?

This unique interdisciplinary conference will address these and other related ethical questions, and features top Vatican officials, academics, lawyers, industry professionals, theologians and representatives of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### Who should attend?

- ♦ lawyers and patent attorneys\*
- ♦ theologians
- ♦ bioethicists
- ♦ social and political scientists
- ♦ environmentalists
- ♦ life scientists
- ♦ students of law, religion and social justice

\*This event is accredited with 11 hours CPD by the Law Society and the Bar Standards Board

Distinguished speakers include:

**H.E. Archbishop Silvano Tomasi**, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN Office in Geneva

**The Hon. Mr. Justice Richard Arnold**, Judge of the High Court of England and Wales

**Mons. Osvaldo Neves de Almeida**, Secretariat of State (Holy See), with responsibility for TRIPS (WTO) and UNCTAD

**Stephen Colecchi**, Director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Dr. Michael Kock**, Global Head of IP, Syngenta

**Prof. David Albert Jones**, Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford

...and many more

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standard rate: £250 (inc. refreshments, lunches & gala dinner) | student: £160 (gala dinner not included)

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