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## UCLan staff in Mongol ethics project



Staff from the Centre for Professional Ethics at the University of Central Lancashire recently returned from Mongolia where they organised, together with UNESCO, a major conference regarding their on-going Mongol Ethics project, for which they received €55,000 funding from the European Commission in 2006.

Dr Milto Ladikas and Dr Niall Scott went to Ulaanbaatar in June, alongside UNESCO, the Mongolian and Chinese Ministries of Science and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences to discuss new scientific developments and technologies in the region.

The main objectives of the project are to promote and support the introduction of a regional debate on the issue of ethical and social implications of scientific and technological developments, with a view to inform the national policy of Mongolia and those of the wider East Asian region.

Dr Ladikas said: "The conference helped initiate a national debate in Mongolia on ethics in science and recommended a policy priority in the area of science and society.

"I am excited to be involved in this as Mongolia, along with the wider region, is changing fast and we have a chance of achieving long lasting results."

The conference also raised awareness in science and society in the Chinese Ministry of Science and UNESCO both of whom are now planning new pilot studies in the area.

A network of specialists from Europe and Asia was also created during the visit in order to promote further collaborations between the two regions.

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