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### IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

#### Privacy & Security Policy

Graeme Laurie has completed his work as Chair of Global Alliance on Genomic Health Task Team on Privacy and Security.

The Task Team was coordinated by MI's Edward Dove who is a Wellcome Trust doctoral candidate. The Team has produced a policy on safe and responsible practice for sharing data. Laurie presented a paper on the final P&S policy at the Global Alliance 3rd Annual Meeting, Leiden, Netherlands (9 June 2015).

[Watch the video of Laurie's presentation here](#)

### ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### Costumed Visions Network Launched

The Costumed Visions of the Enhanced Body project, funded by the Wellcome Trust, is a collaboration between the Institute for Science Ethics and Innovation at the University of Manchester, and the JK Mason Institute for Medicine, Life Sciences and Law at the University of Edinburgh.



### Journal Articles

Haddow, G., King, E., Kunkler, I., & McLaren, D. B. (2015). Cyborgs in the Everyday: Masculinity and Biosensing Cancer. *Science as Culture*. [10.1080/09505431.2015.1063597](https://doi.org/10.1080/09505431.2015.1063597)

Laurie, G., Ainsworth, J., Cunningham, J., Dobbs, C., Jones, K. H., Kaira, D., ... Sethi, N. (2015). On Moving Targets and Magic Bullets: Can the UK Lead the Way with Responsible Data Linkage for Health Research?. *International Journal of Medical Informatics*. [10.1016/j.ijmedinf.2015.08.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijmedinf.2015.08.011)

Stevens, L. (2015). [The Proposed Data Protection Regulation and Its Potential Impact on Social Sciences Research in the UK](#). *European Data Protection Law Review*, 1(2), 97-112.

### Letters & Responses

Dove, E. S. & Laurie, G. (2015). Consent and Anonymisation: Beware Binary Constructions. *BMJ*, 350(h1139), 350. [10.1136/bmj.h1139](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.h1139)

Taylor-Alexander, S., & Addison, C. (2015). Gene Editing: Advising Advice. *Science*, 349(6251), 935-935. [10.1126/science.349.6251.935-a](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.349.6251.935-a)

The project team (Gill Haddow, Shawn Harmon & David Laurence) and interested contributors met in Manchester on 16 September to launch the network.

[Find out more about the Costumed Visions Network](#)

## Sharing Data Across Sectors for the Public Good

MI's Leslie Stevens and Nayha Sethi held a workshop entitled 'Sharing data across sectors for the public good' at Edinburgh Bioquarter on 17 June. The workshop which was co-funded by the University of Edinburgh CHSS Knowledge Exchange Impact Fund and the MI, was attended by a variety of individuals involved in data sharing for research purposes.

The workshop sought to identify and explore issues around 'interoperability' of data sharing across different organisations and sectors. This is an important topic of interest given the potential benefits which can arise out of responsible reuse of data in the research setting and the considerable barriers which currently impede such cross-organisational/cross-sectoral sharing. The workshop builds on a series of research workshops conducted under the Farr Institute and ADRC and a more detailed report will follow.

## [13th World Congress of the International Association of Bioethics \(IAB 2016\)](#)

MI is leading the organisation of IAB 2016, which will take place in Edinburgh on 14-17 June 2016.

1000+ delegates from around the world will meet to discuss the theme, 'Individuals, Public Interests and Public Goods: What is the contribution of bioethics?' There will be three main strands dedicated to the academic programme, early career researcher development, and Arts+Ethics.

The Organising Committee is keen to hear from the early career researcher community on how the conference programme can best meet their needs. We have designed a short questionnaire to gather views: [please follow this link and spread the word!](#)

- [Visit the IAB website to find out more](#)
- [Register to attend IAB 2016](#)
- [Submit an abstract](#)



**8 Oct, 12:30-2**

**MI Lunch Seminar**

Dr Deborah Scott (STIS), 'Co-producing scientific uncertainties and soft law: Biofuels and synthetic biology at the UN Convention on Biological Diversity'

Find out more and book your place: [Eventbrite](#)

**26 Nov, 12:30-2**

**MI Lunch Seminar**

Dr Sarah Chan (Usher Institute)  
Details soon

Check the [MI Events Page](#) for more information.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **'Developments in Society and the Law' - Postgraduate Law Conference | 14-15 January 2016 | Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh**

*Sponsored by the Mason Institute*

The Edinburgh University Postgraduate Law Conference has announced its third annual conference. The theme 'Developments in Society and the Law' explores the most recent advances in legal research concerning both long standing and emerging challenges within diverse sub-disciplines of law. The organisation committee invites students from all fields of law to submit their abstracts. The committee, in cooperation with The Mason Institute, takes particular interest in submissions relating to Medical and Technology Law, including the topics of: Global Health, Medical Negligence, Big Data, Cyborgs and Bioethics.

[Find out more](#)

## MI News

The Mason Institute Team has been shortlisted for a College Recognition Award for 'Most Outstanding Team'. The College of Humanities and Social Science launched a set of awards in 2014 to honour outstanding contributions by members of its staff. Winners will receive £3,000 which can be used in a variety of ways to support their work.

The award winners will be named and presented with their prizes at a ceremony on Friday 2 October 2015. Good luck, Team MI!

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