Biodiversity, Biotechnology and the Legal Protection of Traditional Knowledge – A Conference

Held on April 4-6, 2003, co-sponsored with the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, the participants included:

- Peter Raven, Missouri Botanical Garden
- Ralph Quatrano, Washington University – Biology
- Ursula Goodenough, Washington University – Biology
- Jim Chen, University of Minnesota Law School
- Rodrigo Gamez, Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio) Costa Rica
- Ana Sittenfeld, University of Costa Rica
- James Miller, Missouri Botanical Garden
- Barbara Schaal, Washington University – Biology
- Kate Davis, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London
- Stanford Zent, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Cientificas (IVIC), Caracas, Venezuela
- Joseph Vogel, Latinoamericana de Ciencias, Quito, Ecuador
- Roger Beachy, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
- Karel Schubert, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
- Florence Wambugu, A Harvest Biotech Foundation International, Nairobi, Kenya
- Brian Halweil, Worldwatch Institute, Washington, DC
- Neil Hamilton, Drake University – Agricultural Law Center

- Gurdev Khush, International Rice Research Institute
- Charles Benbrook, Benbrook Consulting Services
- Lawrence Busch, Michigan State University – Department of Sociology
- Margaret Mellon, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Michael Roth, Monsanto Company – Intellectual Property
- Adrian Otten, World Trade Organization – Intellectual Property Division
- Glenn Stone, Washington University – Department of Anthropology
- Rabodo Andriantsiferana, Centre National d’Applications des Recherches Pharmaceutique
- Michael Balick, New York Botanical Garden, Institute of Economic Botany
- Chris Jones, Macquarie University – Center for Environmental Law and Warawawa Indigenous Studies, Australia
- John Hunter, Macquarie University – Warawawa Indigenous Studies, Australia
- Stephen Brush, University of California–Davis, Department of Human and Community Development
- Anil Gupta, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad, India and National Innovation Foundation
- Geertrui van Overwalle, Catholic University of Leuven – Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, Belgium
- Ana Maria Pacon, Catholic University of Peru
- Nuno Pires de Carvalho, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Joshua Rosenthal, National Institutes of Health

- Michael Gollin, Venable Law Firm, Washington, DC
- Walter Lewis, Washington University – Department of Biology
- Charles McManis, Washington University – School of Law
- Roger Chennells, Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa
- Maui Solomon, Auckland, New Zealand
- Meto Leach, University of the Waikato, New Zealand
- Mercedes Manriquez Roque, Confederation of Amazonian Nationalities of Peru
- Manuel Ruiz, International Affairs and Biodiversity Program, Society for Environmental Law, Peru
- Alejandro Argumedo, Asociacion ANDES, Cusco, Peru
- David Corley, Nestle – International Regulatory Relations
- Steven King, PS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Jennifer Urban, University of California – Berkeley – Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic
- Peter Jaszi, American University, Glushko – Samuelson Intellectual Property Clinic
- Kelly Bannister, University of Victoria, BC – School of Environmental Studies
- Jo Render, First Nations Development Institute
- Brendan Tobin, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan

Also attending the conference as a guest of the Harris Institute was Harris Institute Fellow Di Jiang.

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Professor McManis chaired the Conference on “Biodiversity, Biotechnology, and the Legal Protection of Traditional Knowledge,” co-sponsored by the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies, the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, the Department of Biology in Arts & Sciences, the Donald Danforth Plant Sciences Center, and the Missouri Botanical Garden. He also presented papers both at the annual meeting of the International Association of Teachers and Researchers of Intellectual Property in New Delhi, India, and again at a joint World Intellectual Property Organization/Union for the Protection of Plant Varieties Symposium in Geneva, Switzerland, on the general topic, “Patents and Plant Variety Protection in the U.S.” He also lectured at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan; the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmadabad, India; the Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute in London; and the Max Planck Institute in Munich. In addition, he chaired a University-wide workshop, funded by a grant from the Planning Committee for the University’s Center for the Study of Human Values, to examine the feasibility and design of a proposed international intellectual property clinic to be established at the School of Law. The purpose of the clinic would be to provide legal assistance to indigenous and local communities in developing countries seeking to protect and make sustainable use of local genetic resources and traditional medicinal and agricultural knowledge.