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The scope of the workshop was an intense scientific exchange of scientists working in the cutting area of neurosciences and neuroethics. Neuroethics encompasses a wide array of ethical issues emerging from different branches of clinical neuroscience (neurology, psychiatry, psychopharmacology) and basic neuroscience (cognitive neuroscience, affective neuroscience). The contributions deal with a variety of topics such as ethical problems raised by functional neuroimaging, (pharmacological) neuroenhancement, brain surgery, brain-machine interfaces,

neuromarketing/neuroeconomy, stigmatization of psychiatric patients, psychiatric coercion versus autonomy, with neuronal correlates of moral judgements, brain science in public discourse and neuroscientific progress and the mind-body problem.