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Laurier conference probes the ethics of a global economy

WATERLOO - The ongoing internationalization of the economy raises many moral issues that will be considered at the **Second Annual Laurier Conference on Professional Ethics in Business, Health and Education**. Academics, professionals, government, labour and business leaders will all meet at **Wilfrid Laurier University's Paul Martin Centre** on October 23 and 24, 1997.

Fifty speakers will address issues such as:

- the regulation of the Internet, the World Wide Web and cyberspace
- the limits of cultural tolerance
- the international sale of human organs
- sustainable development in 1997
- the problem of corruption between business and foreign governments

Dr. Stuart Smith, former president of Philip Utilities Management Corporation, is the keynote speaker at the luncheon on October 24, 1997 at 12:45 **p.m.** His topic is "Ethics and Globalization." Dr. Smith is a former chair of the Science Council of Canada (1982-87) and in 1990-91 was commissioner of the one-person Commission of Inquiry on Canadian University Education.

An overview of the conference, "Creating a Morally Adequate Global Business Ethic," will be presented October 24, 1997 at 4:30 **p.m.** by **Dr. Michael McDonald** of the University of British Columbia's Centre for Applied Ethics. He has recently been engaged in a major international study of cross-cultural issues in health care ethics, has written a textbook on accounting ethics and has researched the ethics of retroactive legislation.

This interdisciplinary conference is being hosted by Laurier's School of Business and Economics, Philosophy Department, Department of Religion and Culture, Faculty of Social Work, and the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary which is affiliated with the University.

The conference costs \$150 for one day and \$200 for both days. Anyone interested in participating can register by calling 519-884-0710, ext. 2623.

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