International Human Subjects Research

• Emory Institutional Review Board
• Host Country IRB
  – University?
  – Council of elders?
    • Cultural considerations?
• Prior Informed Consent (PIC)
  – Oral?
  – Written?
  – Language?
  – Levels of consent?
Genetic Resources

• Genetic resource rights
  – Bioprospecting?
  – Biopiracy??

• International Law
  – Host country
    • Export permits?
    • Local collection permits?
    • University collaborators?
  – Example: Convention on Biological Diversity (www.cbd.org)
    • Who are the signatories?
    • What are our responsibilities?
    • Working with indigenous people? Traditional resource rights?

• USA
  – Import permits?
Intellectual Property

• Does your research have commercial potential?
  – University disclosures must precede public disclosure (even Emory seminars or posters!)

• International collaborators
  – Access and benefit sharing agreements
  – Intellectual property rights (including traditional knowledge)

• University collaborators
  – Material transfer agreements

• Need help? Emory Tech Transfer Office: http://www.ott.emory.edu/
Just be...

Respectful  Informed  Prepared

Ethical