



# Bioethical Voices

Newsletter of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

## EDITORIAL

### 19 October 2016: Challenges go global in Bioethics

The World Bioethics Day (WBD) - that will take place next 19 October - will see the participation of many Units of the Chair into this first new event in several different ways. Let's start from a deep call to Bioethics. This represents a necessity which is crucial in thousands of issues, but sometimes actually neglected and even unknown or ignored, and frequently misinterpreted. Not everywhere and always clearly conceptualized. Revamping bioethics means focusing on the fundamental values of human dignity and human rights, and giving a strong contribute to democracy, justice, public ethics, citizenship, respect of the rules. Because bioethics is "before everything else".

The establishment of the World Bioethics Day has been proposed during the last UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 11th World Conference in Naples, with the aim of celebrating the bioethical principles in all the world. The chosen day is the 19 October 2016 and the theme of this year is "Human Dignity and Human Rights", to whom is dedicated the article n.3 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

The Units of the Chair will celebrate worldwide the WBD 2016 with a program that will follow common features. The Units have been invited to involve the highest number of stakeholders (students from schools, high schools, universities, citizen, professors, teachers, children, youngsters, adults, elderly, disabled people etc....) in order to spread the bioethical spirit in the society, and through any means of

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communication, from the organization of conferences, congresses, cineforum, study days, shows and students competitions (for the best poster, essay, article related to the theme of this year) to an award for a member of the Units particularly active in the diffusion of the bioethics. Many Units have joined this celebration and we can say that in all five Continents of the globe the World Bioethics Day will be the occasion to reflect and study many crucial bioethical issues, from classical bioethics questions to the ethics of interaction between humans and robots, from experimentations with human beings to the rights of the animals and environmental bioethics.

In this Newsletter an ideal connection, a sort of *fil rouge* based on a deep certainty on the role of the bioethical reflection, will lead all of us to focusing together on an Italian initiative that have taken to the attention of the public Institutions the unique role of the Local Ethics Committees in the safeguard and promotion of the fundamental rights of life, psycho-physical integrity, dignity, freedom, individual's autonomy. A fundamental contribution into this initiative – held at the Senate of the Italian Republic in Rome, Italy – has been given by Professor Amnon Carmi, Holder and Director of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa.

The Italian “case” confirms that bioethics is not “instinctive” neither can be top-down imposed once for all: it has to be locally and constantly revitalized through frequent occasions for debating and discussing. In that way it will be reinforced the value of the social pluralism that represents the basis of the concept of democracy in itself.

These themes and reflections will have qualified occasions for a detailed study in the next UNESCO Chair in Bioethics World Conference in Cyprus. An event you cannot miss. So do not forget to update your agenda with the dates of 21,22 and 23 March 2017.

*Dr. Giacomo Sado, Editorial Board Director*





# World Bioethics Day 1016



## World Bioethics Day

Human Dignity and Human Rights

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016



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(Haifa)

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## INTRODUCTION

The establishment of the World Bioethics Day has been proposed by Prof. Amnon Carmi, Holder and Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and unanimously approved by all Units Heads during the last UNESCO Chair in Bioethics World Conference held in Naples - Italy, on October 2015. This day is aimed at celebrating the Bioethical Principles worldwide through an event that will take place each year on the 19 October from now on. The chosen theme of this first year of celebration is "Human Dignity and Human Rights" (Article 3 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights), and all the Chair's Units have decided to follow a common program, integrated by many different activities.

The collaborating Units have done a great job organizing congresses, conferences, round tables, cineforums, and so on. The details of their celebrations will follow this introduction. The core aim of this huge project is to involve as many stakeholders as possible, and to spread the Human dignity and Human Rights promotion in all the world. The celebrations will take place in Universities, Institutions, Schools, libraries, public places etc. so that all the citizen could appreciate the importance and the meaning of "bioethical thinking".

The common program is dived in six parts, and it foresees an opening speech by the Head of the Unit or the Head of the Institution, followed by the greetings of the highest local representatives, International or local representatives of UNESCO and the presentation of an award to an active member of the Units. Then there will be a Guest lecture by eminent personalities in Bioethics on the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights" and a panel discussion by experts in Bioethics/ Senior Faculty open to Junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff) and other stakeholders as decided by the Unit.

To encourage and enhance students' participation in the program, they have been programmed many activities dedicated to them, as a debate competition on "Human Dignity and Human Rights", a poster exhibition on "Human Dignity and Human Rights" and an essay writing competition on "Human Dignity and Human Rights": the winners of these competitions will be awarded during the day. There is also an International students' poster competition whose winner will be announced during the world bioethics day.

Units have been required to produce their own Banners for the event that has to carry the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa official LOGO and the World Bioethics Day official LOGO, that has been chosen among many proposals by the Units that joined an *ad hoc* competition for the best LOGO. The winner of this competition is the Italian graphic designer Emanuela Buccelli. An International Organizing Committee has been working constantly during this year to organize the event.

This Committee, appointed by Chairholder Prof Amnon Carmi, has some regional coordinators, whose names are: for the Unit and sub-units of Italy, Dr. Miroslava Vasinova; for the Units in India, Dr. Smita Deshpande; for the Units in America, Dr. Gina Lorena Garcia Martinez; for the Units in Asia, Dr. Princy Louis Palatty, for the Units in Europe, Dr. Gerhard Fortwengel. The members of the Committee are Dr. Rui Nunes; Dr. Altin Stafa and Dr. Tsai Fu Chang Daniel, while the General Coordinator is Dr. Praveen Arora.



## WORLD BIOETHICS DAY UNITS PROGRAMS AND BANNERS

The Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics inform on their WBD programs for the first World Bioethics Day celebration and present their Banners.

### ALBANIA UNIT

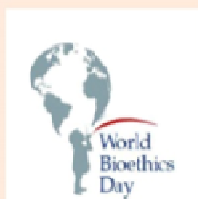
The Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair In Bioethics (Haifa), in collaboration with the Albanian National Commission for UNESCO, University of Tirana, Medical University Of Tirana, Albanian Scientific Institute "ALB-SHKENCA", will celebrate the 1st WORLD BIOETHICS DAY dedicated to "HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS" on October 19th 2016 with many events, like the opening speech by Dr. Altin Stafa, Head of the Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), the greetings of the national authorities and National Commission for UNESCO, a speech by Prof. Dr. Gentian Zyberi, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and Director of the Albanian Scientific Institute "Alb-Shkenca" on the protection of human dignity under Albanian law: a general perspective.

The second session of the congress, will see the the interventions of Mr. Besnik Mustafaj, National Coordinator of UNAOC-United Nations Alliance of Civilizations who will talk about the interreligious dialogue, the basis of mutual understanding, Ms. Elsa Ballauri, Executive Director of AHRG – Albanian Human Rights Group with her speech on Sexual orientation, a human right and another intervention on Education as a basic element of human dignity.

During the third part of the congress, Prof. Ridvan Alimehmeti it will discussed the right of the terminally ill patient to be informed; medical scenarios and current legal platform, with Dr. Armand Gurakuqi (Public Prosecutor, Tirana Court, Albania).

The confirmed members of the organizing committee are:

Dr. Altin Stafa – Head of the Albania Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); Ms. Venera Domi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Albania for UNESCO, Ms. Amanda Vrana - Secretary-General of the National Commission for UNESCO;- Prof. Mynyr Koni – Rector of Tirana University; Prof. Arben Gjata, Rector of Tirana University; Prof. Marco Leonardi – Professor of Neuroradiology, Bologna University, Italy; Prof. Ramadan Jashari – Past President of the European Association of Tissue Banks, Medical Director of the European Homograft Bank, Brussels, Belgium and Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics(Haifa); Prof. Fabio Marco Fabbri - "La Sapienza" University, Rome, and UNESCO Club of Viterbo, Italy; Dr. Alketa Hoxha, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medical Technologies, Medical University of Tirana, Albania; Ass. Prof. Ridvan Alimehmeti – Medical University of Tirana, Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); Prof. Aleksander Kocani – Social Sciences Faculty, University of Tirana, Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); Dr. Armand Gurakuqi – Public Prosecutor, Tirana Court and Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); Dr. Dritan Todhe – Medical University of Tirana and Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and Mrs. Arba Cecia – Medical Student at George Mason University, Virginia, USA and Student's wing head of the Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa).



**ALBANIA UNIT  
OF THE UNESCO CHAIR  
IN BIOETHICS (Haifa)**

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**1st WORLD BIOETHICS DAY  
"HUMAN DIGNITY AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS"**

**October 19th 2016  
Hotel Tirana International  
Tirana, Albania**

in collaboration with:

**Albanian National Commission for  
UNESCO  
University of Tirana  
Medical University of Tirana  
Scientific Institute "Alb-Shkenca"**

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

**Chair: Altin Stafa, Venera Domi,  
Mynyr Koni, Arben Gjata**

**09:10 - 09:45 - Dr. Altin Stafa, Head of the  
Albanian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics  
(Haifa), Opening speech.**

**09:45 - 10:00 - Human dignity and human  
rights under the light of the UNESCO principles  
- The representative of the Albanian National  
Commission for UNESCO.**

**10:00 - 10:30 - Human dignity and human rights  
as a guiding rule for scholars and academics in  
Albania.**

**Prof. Mynyr Koni - Rector of Tirana  
University, Albania**

**Prof. Arben Gjata - Rector of Medical  
University, Tirana, Albania**

**10:30 - 11:00 - Social bioethics and social  
conflicts, a polemologic standpoint.**

**- Prof. Fabio Marco Fabbri, "La Sapienza"  
University, Rome, and UNESCO Club of Viterbo,  
Italy.**

**11:00 - 11:20 - The protection of human dignity  
under Albanian law: a general perspective -**

**Ass. Prof. Gentian Zyberi, Norwegian Centre  
for Human Rights and Director of the "Alb-  
Shkenca" Institute**

**11:20 - 11:40 - Coffee Break**

**Chair: Ramadan Jashari, Amanda Vrana,  
Aleksander Kocani, Dritan Todhe**

**11:40 - 11:50 - Sexual orientation, a human  
right - Ms. Elsa Ballauri, Executive Director of  
AHRG - Albanian Human Rights Group**

**11:50 - 12:10 Interreligious dialogue, the basis  
of mutual understanding.**

**- Mr. Besnik Mustafaj, National Coordinator  
of UNACC-United Nations Alliance of  
Civilizations**

**12:10 - 12:30 - Blood cells, tissue and organ  
donation: cultural considerations in donation.  
An individual moral task or an institutional  
task? Prof. Ramadan Jashari, Medical  
Director of the European Homograft Bank,  
Brussels, Belgium**

**12:30 - 13:00 The right of the terminally ill  
patient to be informed; medical scenarios and  
current legal platform - Ass. Prof. Ridvan  
Alimehmeti (Medical University, Tirana) and  
Dr. Armand Guranuqi (Public Prosecutor,  
Tirana Court, Albania)**

**13:00 - 14:00 - Discussion and conclusions**

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UNESCO**

**Prof. Mynyr Koni - Rector of Tirana  
University, Albania**

**Prof. Arben Gjata - Rector of the Medical  
University of Tirana, Albania**

**Prof. Marco Leonardi - Professor of  
Neuroradiology, Bologna University, Italy**

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In an increasingly global social context, the  
scale of social and individual values is  
frequently subjected to the positive effect and  
pressure of relativism. On the one hand it  
imposes the loss of false values generated in  
certain local social contexts in a certain  
historical background; on the other hand it  
allows to true values to emerge and become  
reference points of the society.

In such a context, the respect, promotion and  
protection of the human rights and human  
dignity certainly assumes an absolute value as  
one of the keystones which underpin a solid  
and democratic society.

Considering the fact that human rights respect  
and human dignity promotion and protection  
represent the very essence of the bioethical  
thought, one may assume that bioethical  
education should become an important  
dimension of the collective education.

The Albanian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in  
Bioethics ([www.unesco-chair-bioethics.org](http://www.unesco-chair-bioethics.org))  
works for the promotion of the bioethical  
education in Albania at all levels, according to  
the UNESCO bioethics principles.

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## ARGENTINA UNIT

The Argentinean Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics under the supervision of its Head Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar M.D. Ph.D. will open the celebration starting with the speech of Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar, M.D. Ph.D., Head of the Unit, followed by Dr. Enrique Novelli, M.D., Ph.D., MEMBER OF IFT. The guest lecture will be given by Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D., MEMBER OF IFT. Then a panel discussion will follow, with the participation of Dr. Irene Cambra Badii Ph.D., MEMBER OF IFT and Dr. Eduardo Ramos M.D., MEMBER OF IFT.

It is also foreseen a poster exhibition at the University of Salvador that will take place on September 2016 for a Target audience composed by Graduate and Postgraduate students.



The poster features a central image of a hand holding a small tree growing from soil. At the top left are logos for 'ecobioetica', 'UNESCO', and 'World Bioethics Day'. The main text is in Spanish, announcing a conference at the University of Morón. The title is in large blue letters. Below the title, it lists the speaker, themes, date, and contact information. The University of Morón logo (UM) is at the bottom right.

En el marco del programa de celebración por el "Día Internacional de la Bioética" la Unidad de Bioética de la Red Internacional de la UNESCO, Cátedra de Bioética de la Universidad de Morón a través de la *Secretaría Académica* de la Universidad de Morón, la *Facultad de Filosofía, Ciencias de la Educación y Humanidades* invitan a la Conferencia

**"ASPECTOS DE LA FILOSOFÍA AMBIENTAL CONTEMPORÁNEA; INTEGRANDO CIENCIA, ÉTICA Y EDUCACIÓN"**

a cargo de:  
**Dra. Alicia Irene Bugallo**

Principales temáticas:  
El lugar de la Universidad de Morón en la recepción de la filosofía ambiental en el país. Filosofía ambiental, como atmósfera y como tendencias.  
El antropoceno y sus desafíos a la reflexión filosófica: ética ambiental, pensamiento complejo, pedagogías integradoras.

**Miércoles 31 de agosto de 2016 de 18 a 20**  
(Actividad gratuita – requiere inscripción previa)

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Other activities will include:

- 1) Postgraduate Course: 'Trauma and Disruption' taught by Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar M.D. Ph.D. and Dr. Eduardo Ramos M.D. and organized by Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, on May 12 and 13, 2016 at the National University of San Luis.
- 2) II Interdisciplinary Seminar about Ethics and Research at the University of Salvador, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology. Pilar, Buenos Aires on June 14, 2016 (from 9am to 1pm). The lecturer will be Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D. On this Seminar, projects about different researches will be presented, by researchers from the Institutes of Research, with the aim of making an epistemic, methodological and ethical exchange to deal with dilemmas in research, between



various proposals of the different Academic Units from University of Salvador, Research Institute of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology, Research Institute of Arts and Architecture, Institute for Research in Agronomy.

3) III Intercurricular Seminar about ethics and research (undergraduate and postgraduate students) at the University of Salvador, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology will be discussed themes as Ethics, Bioethics and Research, dilemmatic situations in different contexts, ethics, Moral and Deontology, Ethics, Bioethics and Ecobioethics, Professional Ethics and Research, Psychology and Educational Psychology on September 5th, 2016 (8am to 4.30pm) and September 6th, 2016 (8am- 8pm). The lecturer will be Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D. The III Intercurricular Seminar about ethics and research aim is to provide researchers, academics, PhD students and post graduate students a place to exchange and transmit their knowledge and professional experiences facing dilemmatic situations in different contexts to undergraduate students.

4) First Seminar of the Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics: World Bioethics Day at the University of Morón on September 2016. The lecturer will be Dr. Enrique Novelli, Ph.D. Seminar for teachers, graduate and undergraduate students and local authorities of Morón, Interdisciplinary integration of the Faculty of Philosophy, Economics, Law, Agriculture, Health Sciences and Natural Sciences.

5) Confidentiality in Mediation, the teacher in charge is Ruben Veiga, Ph.D. in Mediation. The targeted audience will be 4<sup>th</sup> year Students of the Medication Chair – Faculties of Psychology, Philosophy, Educational Sciences and Humanities of the University of Morón. The aim is to reflect on the importance of confidentiality, linking the eponymous principle of mediation with the professional work of psychologists, from an ethical / transdisciplinary approach. The scheduled activity will be held in Class and there will be a special debate with previous reading of specific literature and subsequent construction of a report, which will be part of the evaluation of the course. It will be held on a date to confirm, if possible close to October 19th, 2016; World Bioethics Day.

6) Ethical and anthropological character on the recognition of the Other as anthropological pair in educational practice. The teacher in charge is Dr. Maria Cecilia Colombani, Full Professor of Philosophical Problems and Philosophical Anthropology Chairs, and Director of the Gender Open Chair of the Faculty of Philosophy, Educational Sciences and Humanities of the University of Morón. The aim is to reflect on the Other as an anthropological pair in educational practice. The targeted audience will be students and the general public that will have the chance to attend an open class on the chapter 'Los lazos de reciprocidad en el aula. Saber, poder y pasión' del libro "Los estados generales de la educación filosófica y su intervención en la vida democrática" (Editorial Biblos). The approximate dates are September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am and September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm.

7) Conference: "Aspects of contemporary environmental philosophy; integrating science, ethics and education", The teacher in charge is Dr. Alicia Irene Bugallo, Visiting Professor of the PhD in Philosophy of the University of Morón, Ecophilosophy Seminar. The contents will be the place of the University of Morón in receiving environmental philosophy in the country; Environmental Philosophy, as atmosphere and as trends; the Anthropocene and challenges to philosophical re-

flection: environmental ethics, complex thinking, inclusive pedagogies. The event is aimed at analysing and reflecting on the contributions of environmental philosophy to inclusive pedagogies for an audience composed by teachers from all levels. Date: August 31 from 6 pm to 8 pm;

8) The abstinence rule in psychoanalytic treatment. The teacher in charge will be Dr. Enrique M. Novelli PhD for the audience composed by students from 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Psychology Faculty, with the aim to analyse and reflect on ethics in psychoanalytic treatments. The activity is a Special Class for Psychology Faculty, in Training area. Approximate date: October 2016, from 9 am to 1 pm and from 6 pm to 10 pm.

9) Training sessions in Boulogne Hospital: the importance of bioethics in hospitals on September 2016. For health professionals, mental health services, psychologists and psychiatrists. The discussed topics will be 1. The role of ethical principles in diagnostic communication: patient labeled or oriented? 2. Honorary clinical practice, subversion of the 'psi' system. Participants from: Municipal Hospital of Boulogne, University of Salvador, Psychoanalytic Association of Argentina (APA). Referent: Lic. Nestor Tamburini.



## AUSTRALIA UNIT

Australia Unit, under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Irina Pollard, is planning to commemorate the first World's first Bioethics Day by creating a volume of the *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics (EJAB)*, the official journal of the *Asian Bioethics Association*, dedicated to this opportune occasion. Accordingly, on the *EJAIB* Vol. 26 (3) May 2016, it has been announced that the September 2016 issue will be a special issue with contributions submitted for the first World Bioethics Day, which will be celebrated on 19 October 2016. In addition, in order to promote the WBD, during the faculty courses each possibility to inform students on this important event will be seized.



## AUSTRIA UNIT

*Medical University Innsbruck, Austria*

Under the supervision of Ao.Univ.Prof.Dr. Gabriele WernerFelmayer, Head of Austria Unit, the celebration of the first World Bioethics Day will open at the Aula of the University Main Building, Innrain 52/I, with the greetings of the rectors/vice rectors of several universities in Innsbruck: Univ.Prof.Dr. Helga Fritsch, Rector, Medical University Innsbruck; Univ.Prof. Dr. Bernhard Fügen-

schuh, Vice Rector Study Affairs, University of Innsbruck; Prof. Dr. Andreas Altmann, Rector, Management Center Innsbruck; Univ.Prof.Dr. Sabine Schindler, Rector UMIT Hall; PD Dr. Susanne Perkhofer, Scientific Director, College for Health Sciences (fhg) Innsbruck.

After the greetings, the Unit Head will talk about Ethucation, its Structure and Vision, giving a short outline on the network and its visions for the future, followed by a lecture on human dignity and human rights as key motives for bioethics by Dr. Christiane Druml, the Head of the Bioethics Commission at the Chancellor and UNESCO Chair of Bioethics in Vienna.

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Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel,  
Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Montenegro, Nepal,  
Nigeria, Netherland, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia,  
South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Uganda, United Kingdom,  
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**World Bioethics Day**  
Human Dignity and Human Rights

**2016**

**Lecture & Discussion**

19 October 2016, 16:00 – 19:30 h  
Aula, University Main Building  
Innrain 52, 1st floor, Innsbruck

After a break, it will be organised a panel discussion on doing medical research in an era of digitalization and Big Data and its implications for human dignity and human rights.

The panel consists of numerous stakeholders providing transdisciplinary views beyond data protection issues and relating to broader meanings of data transparency for research, society and individual privacy.

The names and titles of the participants are: Christine Bandtlow, Univ.Prof. Dr., Vice Rector of Research and International Affairs, Medical University Innsbruck; Rainer Böhme, Univ.Prof.Dr., Security and Privacy Lab, Institute of Informatics, University of Innsbruck; Christiane Druml, Dr., Head of the Bioethics Commission at the Austrian Chancellery; Armin Fidler, MD, International Health & Social Management, Management Center Innsbruck; Michael Ganner, Univ.Prof.Dr.,

Institute of Civil Right, University of Innsbruck; Martina Überall, PhD, Division of Medical Biochemistry, Medical University Innsbruck; Hanno Ulmer, Ao.Univ.Prof. Dr., Department of Medical Statistics, Informatics and Health Economy, Medical University Innsbruck.

The moderator will be Verena Stühlinger, Dr., LLM, Research Committee for Scientific and Ethical Questions (RCSEQ) der UMIT & fhg.

The event is organised with several stakeholders active in the field of ethics and health and the venue is the big representation hall of our university. Cooperation partners are also the students' organisations AMSA (Austrian Association of Medical Students) and ELSA (European Law Students' Association, Department of Human Rights).




## AZERBAIJAN UNIT

*The Heydar Aliyev Center*

The Azerbaijan Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics will celebrate the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2016 on the 19th October 2016 at the Heydar Aliyev Center. There will be many speakers, included Mr. Akif Alizade, Academician, Professor, President of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences who will give the opening speech; Mr. Ahliman Amiraslanov, Academician, Head of Biology/Medicine Section of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Chairman of UNESCO National Committee on Bioethics, Ethics of Technologies and Sciences, Head of Health Legislation Committee of National Parliament, Member of Parliament; Mr. Vugar Mammadov, Professor, JD, MD, Head of the Azerbaijan Unit, Head of the Azerbaijan Bioethics and Medical Law Association, Head of the Humanitarian and Social Projects Department of the Heydar Aliyev Center, Deputy Chairman of UNESCO National Committee on Bioethics, Ethics of Technologies and Sciences, Governor of the World Association of Medical Law, Member of Board of the European Association of Health Law, Honorary member of the American College of Legal Medicine.


The award for an active member will be given to Mrs. Gunay Afandiyeva, Ex-First secretary of Azerbaijan National Commission for UNESCO for the extensive support to developments in the field of bioethics in Azerbaijan and cooperation with the Unit in fulfilment of numerous projects in the field of human rights & bioethics education.

Prof. Amir Aliyev, JD, Dean of the Law Faculty, Baku State University, will give the guest lecture as eminent personality in Bioethics, followed by a panel discussion with Ganira Pashayeva, Ph.D., member of Parliament and Irada Huseynova, Professor of the Baku State University.



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Human Dignity and Human Rights

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**Programme**

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**Location**  
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Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent

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## BELGIUM UNIT

*Het Pand, Ghent University*

The UNESCO World Bioethics Day will be celebrated by the Belgian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at Het Pand, Ghent University on the 19th October 2016.

The event will be open by Prof. Guido Pennings, Director, Bioethics Institute Ghent, Ghent University and Prof. Signid Sterckx, Ghent University, Head of the Belgian Unit.

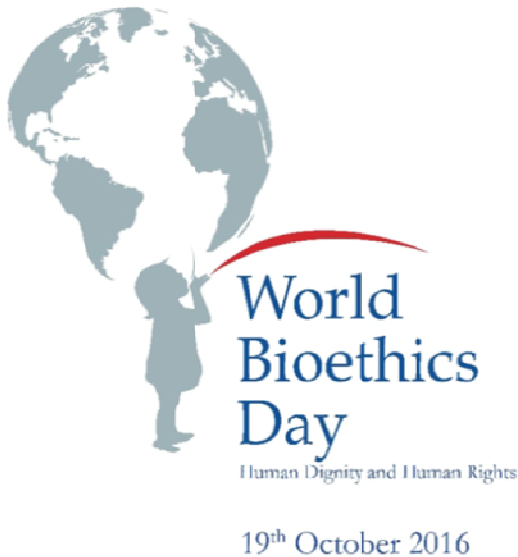
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Dr Robin Pierce, Brunel University will discuss the theme *Honoring Human Dignity in the Digital Age*. *Towards a Bioethics of Liberation* is the title of the speech by Prof. Michel Dupuis, Institut supérieur de philosophie, Université Catholique de Louvain.




After a break, *The Concept of 'Dignity' as understood in various Recommendations of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics* will be discussed by Prof. Paul Schotsmans, Em. Prof. of Medical Ethics, Faculty of Medicine, KU Leuven. The last speech will be on the theme *Imagining the Human: Human Dignity and the Challenges of Posthumanism* by Dr Britta van Beers, Faculty of Law, VU Amsterdam.


Each discussion will be followed by enough time for the discussion and the event will end with closing words and proposals for future events of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.



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## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UNIT

The World Bioethics Day 2016 will be announced prior to and during the International Conference "Bioethics in the Era of Genomics and Personalized Medicine", October 28, 2016, at the International University of Sarajevo, with the speakers announced below and additional international and national experts in the area of bioethics.



The opening speech will be by Prof. Dr. Tahsin Erkan Ture, Rector of the International University

of Sarajevo, followed by the interventions of Dr. Fahrudin Kulenovic, Primarius MD, President of the Medical Chamber Canton Sarajevo and Sabina Semiz, Bosnia and Herzegovina Unit Head.

The award for the active member will be given to Dr. Fahrudin Kulenovic, Primarius MD, President of the Medical Chamber Canton Sarajevo, because, as a member of the Steering Committee, he was very active and helped with the initiation of this Unit's activities.

Then there will be three guest lectures, cured by Heidi C. Howard, Centre for Research Ethics & Bioethics (CRB), Uppsala University, Sweden; Vojin Rakić, Director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics; Head, European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics; Chair, Cambridge Working Group for Bioethics Education; University of Belgrade, Serbia who will talk about Current realities and prospects of genetic testing and Bogi Eliassen, Head, Danish Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics; Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO




**“Bioethics in the Era of Genomics and Personalized Medicine”**

**Sarajevo, October 28, 2016.**

**DATE TO FOCUS ON:**


**Deadline for poster abstract submission:**  
**September 15, 2016.**

**Deadline for reduced registration fee:**  
**August 31, 2016.**




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It is also organized a poster exhibition on October 19-30, 2016 at the International University of Sarajevo for a target audience composed by International experts, academicians, researchers, students, government representatives, representatives of the private companies, physicians, geneticists, biologists, pharmacists, law experts, philosophers, and other professionals interested in this dynamic field of bioethics.



## **BRAZIL - RIO DE JANEIRO UNIT**

*National School of Public Health Sergio Arouca - Oswaldo Cruz*

Under the supervision of the Unit Head Prof. Sergio Rego, the opening ceremony for the celebrations of the First World Bioethics Day will see the participation of the Director of Ensp; Representative of UFRJ; Representative of UFF; Representative of UERJ; State Council of Medicine; State Council of Nursing; Bioethics and Biolaw Commission of the Lawyers State Order – OAB; Judge's School; Head of Unit.

Then there will be the Tribute to Professor Olinto Pegoraro for his life dedicated to the defense of democracy, human rights and ethics. Prof. Debora Diniz (UnB) will be present to the conference on Human Dignity and Human Rights and then there will be the panel discussion on many different bioethical issues like: Bioethics and the right to non-violence by Prof. Olinto Pegoraro – UERJ; Bioethics and reproductive and sexual rights by Dra Maira Fernandes – OAB; Bioethics and the right to housing by Prof. Maria Clara Dias – UFRJ; Bioethics and health right by Prof. Aluisio Gomes da Silva Junior – UFF.

The essay writing competition will concern the “UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human rights: the meaning, the fortress, its weakness, problems, impacts, perspectives. The place of the celebrations will be the Auditorium of the National School of Public Health.



## **BRAZIL - SAO PAULO UNIT**

*Municipal University of Jundiaí*

Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. José T. Thomé, M.D, Ph.D., Head of the Brazilian Unit, President of the Brazilian Unit of the 'Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network for Education Science and Technology of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Co- chair of the Section on Disaster Interventions from the W.P.A (World Psychiatric Association) and Chair of the Psychodynamic Course of Intervention in Crises of the Sedes Sapientiae Institute of São Paulo, the Brazilian Unit – Sao Paulo is organizing activities in the new academic address Medicine School of the Municipal University of Jundiaí. In addition, the Unit is hiring many different medical and legal groups of Bioethics fields for the creation of new units in Brazil who will take part in the celebrations for the World Bio-

ethics Day 2016.

In addition, the Brazil Unit of the Ibero—american Eco-bioethics Network and the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, with the academic address based on the Medicine School of Jundiaí, held the opening of the III Academic Congress on August 22.

The Head of Unit, Dr. José T. Thomé, presented to the participants the speech Bioethics and Medicine. The event has been followed by a workshop with an edition of the film Grey's Anatomy published by Ibero—americana Eco-bioethics Network [http:// www.eticaycine.org](http://www.eticaycine.org) . With the co-head of the Unit, Dr. Ivan Aprahamian, it was celebrated the World Bioethics Day.



## BRAZIL - SAO PAULO UNIT

*University of Campinas*

At the University of Campinas the celebrations will start with the opening speeches by Prof. Ivan Felizardo C. Toro, Dean of the Medical Sciences School; Prof. Carmino Antonio de Souza, Campinas' Secretary of Health; Prof. Flavio Cesar de Sa, Head of the Brazil-Sao Paulo Unit. The award for an active member will be given to Dr. Irene Harumi Barcellos, M.D., Ph.D., for the efforts in the organization of the entire core of disciplines of ethics and bioethics of the University, that have stimulated the participation of new teachers.

The guest lecture will be by Prof. Leocir Pessini, philosopher, theologian, doctorate in moral technology, post-doctorate in bioethics, General Superior of the Camillians about Bioethics in time of globalization.

With regard to the panel discussion, the participants will be Prof. Venancio Pereira Dantas Filho, Head of the University, Hospital Bioethics Committee and Prof. Roberto Texeira Mendes, Associate Dean of the Medicine Sciences School.

The foreseen poster exhibition will last for 3 hours and the target audience will be under and post graduate students of the University of Campinas and other educational institutions of the metropolitan area.



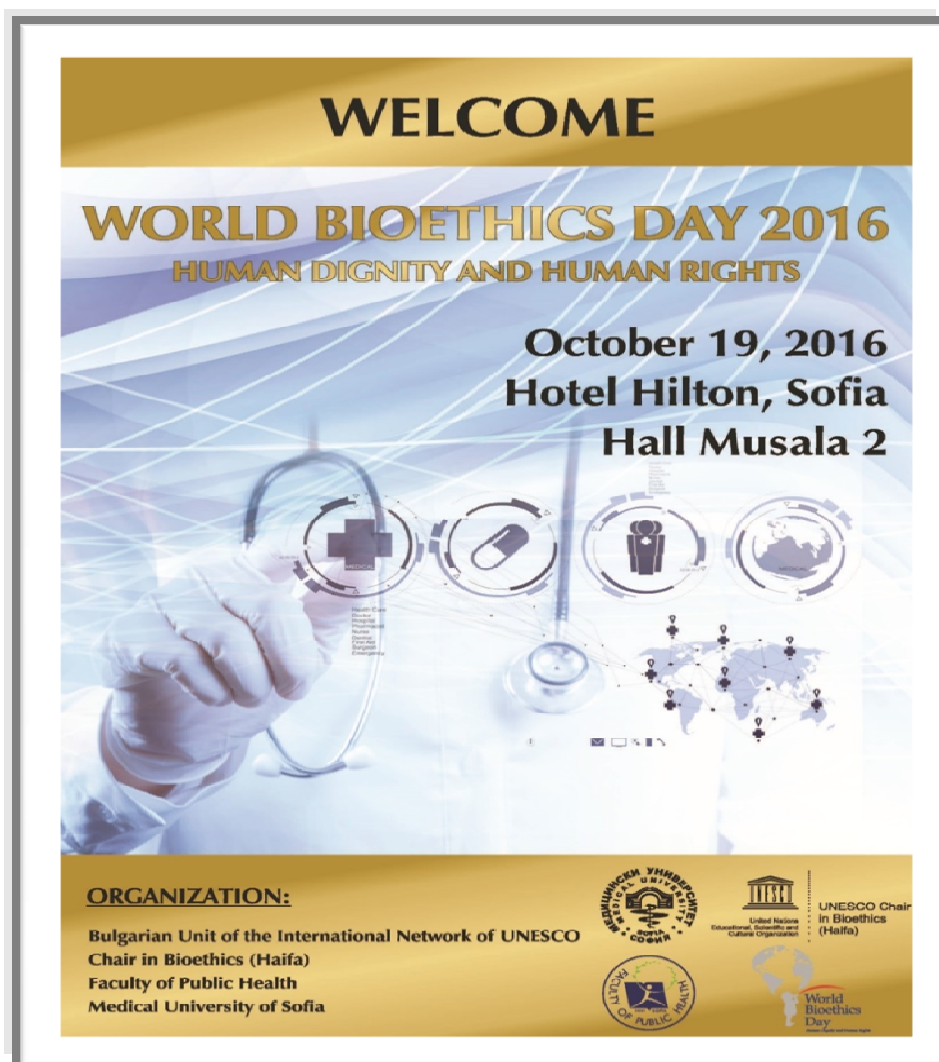
## BULGARIA UNIT

*Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria*

Prof. Sashka Popova, MD, PhD, Head of the Bulgarian Unit will supervise the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day that will start with an opening ceremony chaired by Academic Vanyo Mitev, MD, PhD, DSc, First Vice Rector in Charge of International Integration and Project Financing and with the speech of Prof. Vihra Milanova, MD, Dsc, Rector of the Medical University of Sofia.

There will be several guests and important local representatives who will attend the celebrations, as Mrs. Meglena Kuneva, Minister of Ministry of Education and Science; Dr. Petar Moskov, Minister of Ministry of Health; Dr. Daniela Daritkova, Chairperson of Healthcare Parliamentary Committee; Mrs. Desislava Atanasova, Deputy Chairperson of Legal Affairs Parliamentary Committee; Dr. Ventsislav Grozev, President of Bulgarian Medical Association and Assoc. Prof. Assena Stoimenova, Executive Director of Bulgarian Drug Agency.

With regard to representatives of UNESCO who will take part into the event, which will be celebrated at Musala Hall 2, Hilton Hotel, Sofia, there will be Mrs. Irina Bokova, Director General of





UNESCO and Mr. Rumen Alexandrov, President of National Commission of the Republic of Bulgaria for UNESCO. In the second part of the matinee there will be organized a lecture in Bioethics on the theme "Human Dignity and Human Rights" held by Prof. Tzekomir Vodenicharov, MD, PhD, DSc, Dean of Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Sofia, followed by a Discussion and then a panel discussion and suggestions on Human Dignity and Human Rights moderated by the Head of Bulgarian Unit – Prof. Sashka Popova, MD, PhD. After the discussion, there will be the session for the students' Competition and Award of Essay on Bioethics.

At the Lobby of Musala Hall 2, Hotel Hilton, for a target audience composed by students of the Medical University of Sofia, there will be the poster exhibition from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. With regard to the essay writing competition, the names of the winners will be communicated to the World Bioethics Day Committee on September 20, 2016.

## CAMEROON

### *University of Central Africa Group*

Under the Supervision of Prof. Pierre EFFA, Head of the Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics CERB – Yaoundé, the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2016 will be celebrated with the event called "Week of Ethics" From 05 to 11 October 2016, organized under the sponsorship of H.E. the Minister of Higher Education, dedicated to the theme "Human Dignity and Human Rights" and chaired by Prof. Pierre EFFA.

The event will start with the opening speech by the Vice Chancellor of University of Buea, followed by a Conference on the theme "Safeguarding the quality of care: Ethics Sphere in hospitals" at the Campus of University of Buea.

At the Campus of University of Douala, the celebration will be chaired by the Rector of the University of Douala, who will open the event. The event will see these activities: at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences there will be the round table I on the theme: "Safeguarding the quality of care: Ethics Sphere in hospitals". Moderator: Prof. Dieudonné ADIOGO, Vice Dean.

At the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences there will be the round table II on the theme: "History of Peoples, human dignity and human rights". Moderator: Prof. Samuel EFOUA MBOZO'O, Dean.

At the Higher School of Economic and Commercial Sciences of Douala there will be the round table III on the theme: "Business and trade, human dignity and human rights", Moderator: Prof. Emmanuel KAMDEM, Director.

At the Geneviève Bengono Médical Institute Mvog-Mbi Yaoundé, the event will be chaired by the Head of the Steering Committee of the Unit of UNESCO Chair of Bioethics – Yaoundé. The opening speech will be by the President of the University of Central Africa Group. Then it will be organized a Round Table on the theme "African Bioethics, human dignity and human rights." Moderator: Prof. Hubert MONO NDJANA, Chair of the Scientific Commission of CERB.

At Campus of CUCA – Nkolbisson Yaoundé, chaired by His Grace Jean MBARGA, Archbishop of Yaoundé, Chancellor of the Catholic University of Central Africa (CUCA), there will be the opening speech of the Chancellor of CUCA followed by a roundtable moderated by CERB and Circle in Applied Ethics Reflection (CREA) on “Ethical reading of the Encyclical "LAUDATO SI" in view of the Human Dignity and Human Rights”. Moderators: Prof. Fr Antoine ESSOMBA FOUA (CREA) and Prof. Rev. Pastor Jean Samuel ZOE OBIANGA (CERB).

At Campus of PUCA - Etoa Meki, Yaoundé, chaired by the Rector of the Protestant University of Central Africa (PUCA), there will be the opening speech of the Rector of the Protestant University of Central Africa followed by the roundtable moderated by CERB and the Interdisciplinary Center and Inter-Religious in Christian Ethics (CIIRE) on "Peace building, human dignity and human rights". Moderator: Prof. Fr. Jean Bertrand SALLA, Dean, Faculty of Theology, CUCA. Speaker: Prof. Rev. Pastor Charles ELOM NNANGA, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations, PUCA.

Chaired by the Rector of University of Yaoundé I, at the Campus de la FMBS University of Yaoundé I, there will be the welcoming speech by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences followed by the conference on the theme “Safeguarding the quality of care: Ethics Sphere in hospitals”. Moderator: Prof. Jacqueline ZE MINKANDE, Dean. Speaker: Prof. Anne Cécile BISSECK ZOUNG-KANYI, Director, Division of Research Operation, Ministry of Public Health.

At the Campus of University of Yaoundé II Soa, chaired by the Rector of Pan African University (PAU), there will be the opening speech by Prof. Toly MBWETTE, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the PAU followed by the round table on the theme “Governance, Human Dignity and Human Rights”. Moderator: Prof. Joseph NTUDA EBODE, Director, PAU Institute for Central Africa on Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences.

The celebration of the first World Bioethics Day is coupled with that of the 20th Anniversary of Resolution on Bioethics and Development in Africa adopted by the Bioethics Summit of 32th OAU Summit in July 1996 Yaoundé.

THEME OF THE DAY: Human Dignity and Human Rights.

SUB THEME for Africa: What Future do We Want for Our Children?

On this occasion, COPAB and the African Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), with support of the Government of Cameroon and other Member States of the Economic Community of Central Africa States (ECCAS), are organizing an International Workshop Seminar 12 to 13 October 2016 in Yaoundé. The study relates to the concerns of the operationalization of the construction of an Integrated Ethics Sphere on the entire African continent and around the world. This event aims to usher in the establishment of the WORLD ETHICS AND BIOETHICS FORUM. This Forum is a place for dialogue to promote among nations and within them, the fundamental and universal human values.

Thus, in this Forum, the African scientific and ethics community and the global ethics community maintain a dialogue with the representation of all stakeholders involved in the debate and conduct of issues of life, society and development, on the theme of the Day that addresses the universal building respect of human dignity, with sub theme for Africa, questioning the future of our

children. Seminararians are invited to explore include the following key areas: education, research, health, judicial decisions, inter religious dialogue.

#### PROGRAM OFFERS:

D1: Scientific Day, from 08:00 to 18:00. It is dedicated to the activities of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, its Units and its partners.

D2: Dialogue Day, from 08:00 to 18:00. Dialogue in the direction of the African palaver. It is dedicated to COPAB and its African and international partners. It consists of two sessions: a morning session for Experts and in the afternoon session of political and religious leaders in dialogue with scientists, in a round table hosted by Members Sponsorship Committee and the guests of honor on the Day theme.

Conclusion by the Declaration of Ministers of ECCAS region and their counterparts of the other AU regions, Members of AU Specialized Technical Committees on Education, Science and Technology - Health, Population and Drugs Control - and Justice and Judicial Affairs, on the occasion of the Celebration of both the World Bioethics Day 2016 and the 20th Anniversary of the OUA/ AU Resolution on Bioethics and Development in Africa.

D2: Evening raising funds for research, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Collecting funds for the benefit of the research activities of African Ethics Platforms of COPAB and Units of the African Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.



**DETAILED AGENDA PROPOSED**

**Wednesday, 12 October 2016. Day I: Scientific Day: WORKSHOP OF THE UNESCO CHAIR IN BIOETHICS AND ITS PARTNERS**  
**08:00 to 18:00**

Time	Activity	Venue solicited	Coordinator
8 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.	Reception of the participants	The House of Parliament	COPAB  ECCAS +Protocol
8.30 a.m. - 9 a.m.	<b>Plenary Session A</b> Presentation of delegations Election of the Presidium		
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Opening ceremony - Interventions of the Organizing Committee - Intervention of the Sponsorship Committee and special guests - Keynotes of the Conference General theme: "Ethics and Bioethics in Africa, the foundation of building peace and development in the Agenda 2063 of the vision of the African Union"		
11:00 - 11:30	HEALTH PAUSE		

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11:00a.m- 1:30 a.m.	Parallel sessions I to IV and Closed doors session I for Ministers from ECCAS region and their counterparts from other AU regions	The House of Parliament	Presidium
	Parallel session I Seminar for Members of the Specialized Technical Committee of the African Union (AU STC) for Education, Science and Technology, and those of the high Executive of the Regional Economic Communities, on the implementation of the First Syllabus for Youth Education in Bioethics, and on translation of bioethics books in African languages, as promoted by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics;		

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	Parallel session II Seminar for AU STC Members for Health, Population and Drugs Control, and those of the high Executive of the Regional Economic Communities, on the creation of an Ethics and Health Sphere in Hospitals and other health institutions, namely for advancing the international biomedical research in Africa		
	Parallel session III Seminar for Members of the Specialized Technical Committee of the African Union (AU STC) for Justice and Judiciary affairs, and those of the high Executive of the Regional Economic Communities, and also for members of the judiciary bodies (judges, lawyers, judicial staff, community leaders, etc.) on Bioethics and judicial decisions		
	Parallel session IV Forum on inter religious dialogue on education in bioethics		
1.30pm- 2.30p.m.	LUNCH PAUSE		
3p.m – 4.30p.m.	Plenary Session B Report of parallel Sessions I to IV Resolutions and Recommendations		
4.30p.m.-5p.m.	HEALTH PAUSE		
5p.m.-6p.m.	Parallel session V : Seminars on education in Bioethics and Closed doors session II of Ministers		

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Parallel session Va Seminar on education in Bioethics of grassroots communities in Africa;	The House of Parliament	Presidium
Parallel session Vb Seminar on the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics program for Africa		
Parallel session Vc Seminar on Curricula of the Master of Ethics and Bioethics proposed by CERB and COPAB to African Universities		
Parallel session Vd Meeting of African Bioethics Consortium and the African Doctoral Graduate School on Bioethics		
Parallel session Ve Preparation of the 12 <sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa		
Parallel session Vf Conference of the African Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics with the participation of Units of the other continents		

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#### Thursday, 13 October 2016. Day II: DAY OF DIALOGUE WORKSHOP OF COPAB AND IT STAKEHOLDERS

Dialogue on the construction of an integrated ethics sphere, pursuant to the Resolution N° AHG/Rés. 254 (XXXII) of the OAU on Bioethics and Development in Africa, through the Operationalization of the African Platforms of Ethics. Conclusion by the Declaration of the World Bioethics Day 2016.

#### FIRST SESSION: 9 a.m. à 1.30 p.m.- EXPERTS MEETING

Day	Time	Activity	Venue solicited	Coordinator
	9a.m.-10a.m.	Plenary session C Report of parallel session V on education in Bioethics	The House of Parliament	
	10a.m.- 10.15a.m.	HEALTH PAUSE		
	10.20a.m.- 11.20p.m	PARALLEL SESSION VI AND CLOSED DOORS SESSION III OF MINISTERS	The House of Parliament	Presidium
		Session parallèle VIa National Forum of Ethics and Bioethics of Cameroon		MINREX
		Session parallèle VIb Regional Forum of Ethics and Bioethics of Central Africa		ECCAS
		Session parallèle VIc Conference of Forums of Ethics and Bioethics of the other Regional Economic Communities		ECCAS

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	<b>Parallel session VI d</b> Continental Forum on Ethics and Bioethics of African Union		AUC
	<b>Parallel session VI e</b> Business meeting of COPAB		
<b>11.30a.m.- 12.30a.m.</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION D OF PARALLEL SESSIONS VI</b> Report of Parallel sessions VI Resolutions and recommendations of the International Workshop Seminar		
<b>12.40a.m.- 1.30a.m.</b>	<b>PLENARY E</b>		
	Presentation of Resolution No. AHG/ RES.254 (XXXII) on Bioethics and the Development of Africa Presentation of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.	The House of Parliament	CERB
	Presentation of the Report of the African Union Workshop held on 26 and 27 Nov. 2015 in Addis Ababa, with COPAB technical support, on the operationalization of the African Platforms of Ethics.		

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	attention of the 28th Summit of the African Union in January 2017 in Addis Ababa		
1.30p.m – 2.30p.m	<b>LUNCH PAUSE</b>		
3p.m. – 5.30p.m.	<b>SECOND SESSION</b>		
	<b>PLENARY SESSION F: SESSION ON DIALOGUE</b> <b>Under the theme of the Celebration of the World Bioethics Day 2016</b>		
	<b>ROUND TABLE - Theme:</b> Human dignity. <b>Subtheme:</b> What future do we want for our children?	The House of Parliament	Members of the Sponsorship Committee and the guests of honor
	<b>ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY WORKSHOP</b>		ECCAS
	Adoption of Resolutions and recommendations		AUC
	Presentation of the Declaration of Ministers on the occasion of the World Bioethics Day 2016 and the 20th Anniversary of the OAU Resolution on Bioethics and the Development of Africa.		ECCAS
5.30p.m. – 6p.m.	<b>HEALTH PAUSE</b>		
19 : 30 à 22 : 00	<b>PLENARY SESSION G</b> <b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b> Signing of the partnership agreements or Introduction Letters for	Hilton Hotel Yaounde	ECCAS +Protocol

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	Agreement : - Pan African University – COPAB - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics partnership - ECCAS, COPAB and African Union partnership - Any other agreement.		
	Dedication of the bioethics book		
	Reading of the Motion of participants to the attention of the 28th Summit of the African Union in Addis Ababa in January 2017 in favor of institutionalizing the issue of ethics and bioethics.		
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		Cultural Evening and collecting of the funds for the benefit of the research activities in Ethics and Bioethics concerning the African Platforms on Ethics of COPAB and the Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.		ECCAS GICAM
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Ethics teachers of CERB are available for the CERB Yaoundé Unit, while expecting establishment other Unit in the African Division of the Chair: the following is the list with their names: *Adebamowo Clement ; Adiogo Dieudonné ; Aguessy Honorat ; Awana Jean Claude ; Bengono Toure Naoban Geneviève ; Chirimwami Raphael ; Dipoko Dibotto Emmanuel Richard ; Effa Ateba Victor Joseph Steve ; Effa Pierre ; Guillaume Hofnung Michèle ; Kabore Wendyam ; Meleku Haile Gabriel ; Mono Ndjana Hubert ; Moukouné Elombe Théodore ; Ndelo Di Phanzu Jos ; Ntoumi Francine ; Nyan Ousman ; Nze Nguema Fidèle Pierre ; Ogundiran Temidayo ; Opoku Kwaku John ; Ousoukine Abdelhafid ; Simporé Jacques.*



## COLOMBIA - BOGOTA' UNIT

*Bioethics Institute, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana*

The Unit, whose Head is Prof. Andrea Hellemeyer, will lead a series of debates and workshops related to the process of peace that is taking place in Colombia. The event will be opened by the speech of Paula Ospina on "Bioethics in the Posconflict Scenario", followed by the speech of Andrea Hellemeyer, Head of Unit, who will talk about "Public Policies for the attention of children and youth, victims of the armed conflict".

The guest lecture will be given by Eduardo Rueda, MD. Phd. Director of the Bioethics Institute on the theme “Social Politics and Peace Culture”.

The following panel discussion will see the participation of Claudia Tovar Guerra, who will talk about the “Psychosocial programs for children and youth victims of the armed conflict” and Paula Ospina on the theme “Forgiveness policies in the posconflict scenario”.



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The event is enriched by other activities like the students’ posters exhibition that will take place on October 19th in the auditorium of the Bioethics Institute for a target audience made by Professors and Master Students and the essay writing competition that will take place among the students of the Master in Bioethics from August 15th to October 10 and whose winner will be announced on October 19th.



## COLOMBIA - BOGOTA' UNIT

*Universidad Nacional de Colombia Medellín*

The Unit Head Ariel Marcel Tarazona Morales will lead the opening speech on Education in bioethics and amplification of the circles of empathy.

With regard to the Essay Writing Competition, the opening contest will be made public in April, will receive written until June 30th, during the July there will be the evaluation aimed at choosing the winner.

The celebrations will take place at the Aula Máxima. Facultad de Ciencias Agrarias.




## COLOMBIA - VILLAVICENCIO UNIT

*Universidad De Los Llanos*

Under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Gina Lorena García, the Colombia Unit will organize an opening speech by Pablo Emilio Cruz Casallas, Dean Faculty of agricultural sciences and natural resources, a speech by Gina Lorena García on Human Dignity and Human Rights and many other events, like the essay writing competition which will start on April 1th and finish on August 31th.


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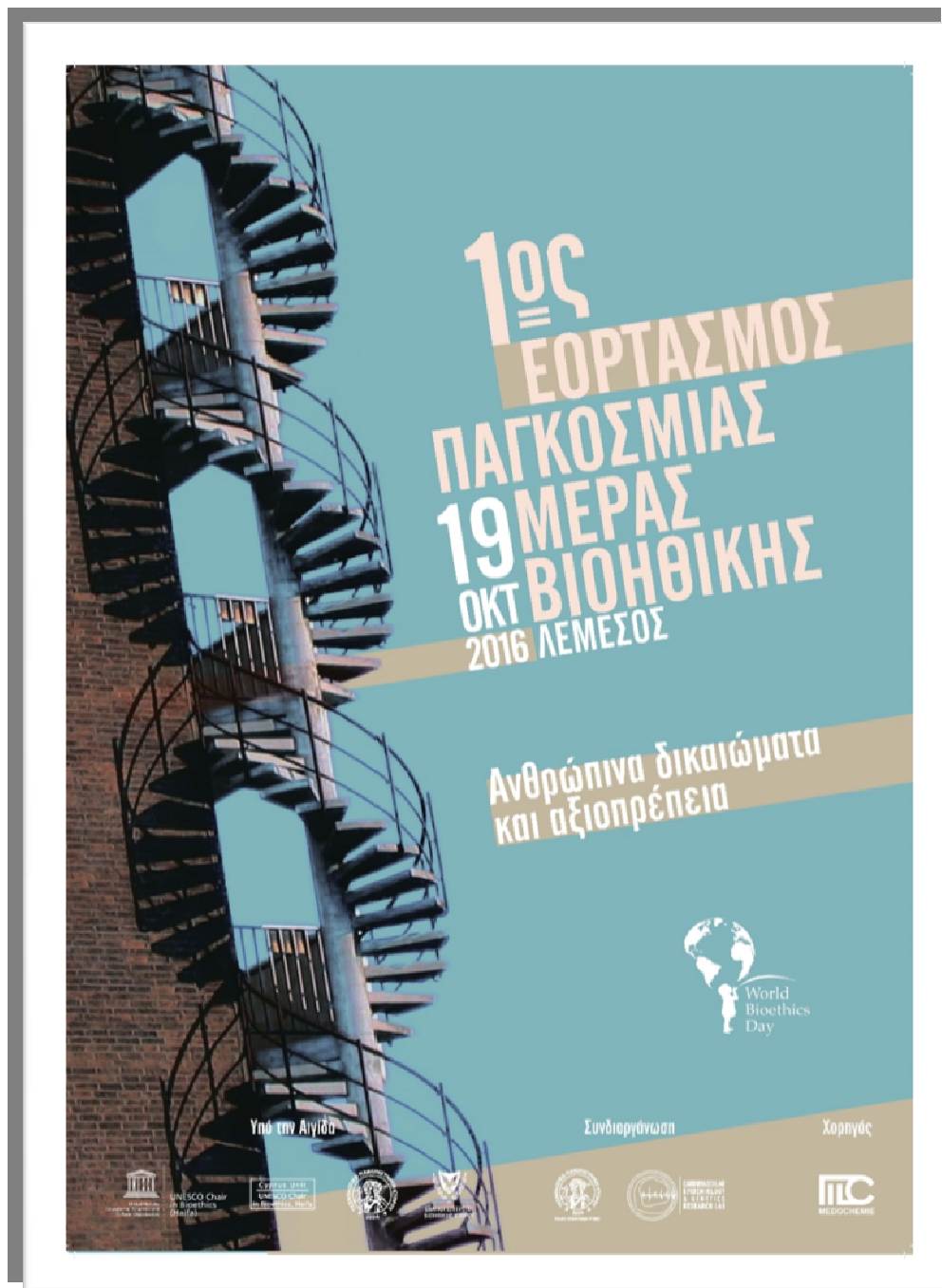
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## CYPRUS UNIT

The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) under the supervision of the Head of the Unit, Prof. Andrie Panayiotou, will open the WBD celebration with the greetings of Prof. Andreas Anayiotos, Rector of CUT, Prof. Nicos Middleton, Dean of School of Health Sciences and Dr. Andrie Panayiotou, Assistant Professor in Public Health and Head of Unit.



The opening speech will be cured by Prof. Constantinos Fellas, chair of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee, who will talk about the importance of Bioethics in research.

The Cyprus Unit has also organized invited lectures by eminent academics in Bioethics, like Achil-



leas Emilianides, Department of Law, University of Nicosia; Elena Kleanthous, Department of Nursing, Cyprus University of Technology; Melina Evripidou, Department of Nursing, Cyprus University of Technology and Andreas Tifas, Larnaca General Hospital.

After the lessons there will be the presentation of the award to the winner of the national competition for best poster by the Head of Unit and the sponsor, Medochemie LTD: the award is a 500euro check to be presented to Kyriacos Papaspyrou.

In addition, it is organized the screening of the short film prepared by the Italian students on human dignity to be followed by a discussion open to the audience for participation and input.



## CROATIA UNIT

*University of Zagreb Law School*

The Croatian Unit will organize celebrations for the World Bioethics Day which will include a debate and some lectures, under the supervision of its Head Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu/University of Zagreb Law School.

The opening speech will be cured by Prof. Dr. Sc. Dubravka Hrabar, dean, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, and will be about the topic "TBC". Prof. Dr. Sc. Ante Čović, Honorary member, Head of the Centre of Excellence in integrative bioethics, vice-rector, University of Zagreb will talk about "Integrative bioethics - Contemporary Challenges", followed by Prof. Dr. Sc. Jozo Čizmić, Faculty of Law, University of Split, who will give a speech on the "Development of medical law in Croatia". Finally, Prof. Dr. Sc. Velinka Grozdanić, Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka will talk about "Bioethics and People with Mental Disabilites".

Local representatives who will attend the congress will be Prof. Dr. Sc. Iris Golder Lang, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, with a speech on "TBC", while the representative of UNESCO Chair, Doc. Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, Head of the Croatian Unit, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb will talk about "Human dignity, human rights and world bioethics".

It is also foreseen an award for an active member upon decision of the UNESCO Chair Unit members, who will be announced on October 19th 2016.

The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Prof. Dr. Sc. Ksenija Turković, judge, European Court of Human Rights on the topic "Bioethics, Human dignity and ECHR". The commentator will be Dr. sc. Svetlana Paramonova, senior scientific researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb on the NEWFELPRO Project Bioethics and criminal law and on the Role of ECtHR in setting standards for the protection of human rights.

In addition, during the event, there will be a debate competition on Human Dignity and Human Rights: the rights of unborn child” to which the students of the Medical School, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Philosophy will take part.

The panel discussion too will be about the topic “Human Dignity and Human Rights: The rights of unborn child”, whose commentator will be Prof. Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb and whose participants will be Prof. Dr. Sc. Dubravka Hrabar, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; Prof. Dr. Sc. Tonči Matulić, Dean, Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Zagreb; Prof. Dr. Sc. Hrvoje Jurić, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb and Prof. Dr. Sc. Ana Borovečki Medical School, University of Zagreb, TBC.

It is also foreseen a student essay writing competition on the topic “Bioethics, Human Dignity and Human Rights” which will be open until October 10th 2016.



#### CZECH REPUBLIC UNIT

*Institute of State and Law of Czech Academy of Sciences*

The Czech Unit under the supervision of its head, Prof. Tomáš Doležal will celebrate the World Bioethics Day at the Institute of State and Law of Czech Academy of Sciences with an opening speech by the Director of the Institute, Prof. Jan Matejka, followed by the interventions by Dr. Radek Policar, Ministry of Health and Prof. Tomáš Doležal.

The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Prof. Josef Kuře. It will also be organized a Panel Discussion in topics related to themes of the year, to which are going to participate Dr David Černý, Dr. Adam Doležal; Dr. Josef Kuře and Dr. Petr Agha. Among the additional plans it is foreseen a conference organized with the kind support of Ministry of Health and Faculty of Medicine, Charles University.



## FINLAND UNIT

Many bioethics personalities will take part into the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day in Finland, that will be opened by the speech of Associate Professor and Head of the Unit Helena Siipi, followed by the interventions by Professor Eerik Lagerspetz and Rosa Rantanen.

The award for the active member will be given to Prof. Polaris Koi, doctoral student, for the organization of the student symposium.

Professor Ilona Autti-Ramo will give the guest lecture as eminent personality in Bioethics, followed by the panel discussion on the theme “We and others: human rights and different individuals”.

The panel discussion will be about several interesting themes, like Involuntary treatment (Speaker: Lauri Kuosmanen); Human rights and basic rights (Speaker: Prof. Juha Lavapuro); vulnerable persons’ rights (Speaker: Anne Heikkinen) and TBA.



## FRANCE UNIT

Prof Henry Coudane, Head of the French Unit, announces that the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day will take place in Paris at the Centre Administratif de Maison –Blanche on the 19th October 2016.

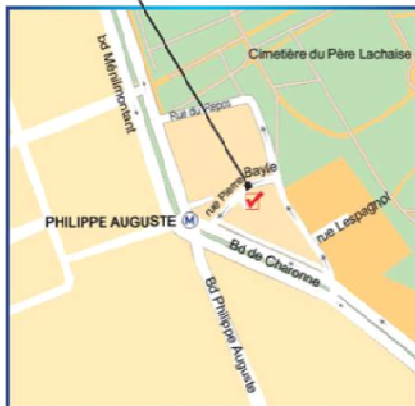
The event will start with the opening session cured by Mr Lazare Reyes, Director of the Hospital Maison –Blanche Paris and Doctor Annie Msellati, Md, President of the medical team, followed by the intervention of Prof Henry Coudane, Head of the French Unit.

The award for an active member will be given to Jane –Laure Danan Ph.D., in charge of the Department Research-Education – Ethics of Paris Maison –Blanche, for the general organisation of the day, the poster exhibition and the coordination of the scientific programs.



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**Mercredi 19 octobre 2016**

**De 9h à 16h**

**World  
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**Pré-programme**

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Doctor Jean –Pierre Blum (Conseiller Près Du Président Du Groupe D'études Parlementaire: Numérique, Assemblée Nationale, French government), will give the guest lecture on the theme "big data, human rights an ethics dilemma?" followed by a panel discussion.

To the discussion will take part Prof Bruno Py, lawyer specialist on medical law, who will talk about "Respect of dignity and human rights"; PR Gisele Kanny MD, Ph.D, who will discuss the theme "dignity and new professions for care givers, a paradox ?", and Prof. Martine BATT, Ph.D. (Human sciences and Psychology) with a speech on "Patient information: what to say, to say nothing or everything".

Other planned activities are a debate competition, that will last 1h and half; a 30minutes presentation of the winners of the poster and a poster exhibition at the hall entrance during the meeting for a target audience made by healthcare professions, caregivers and MD.



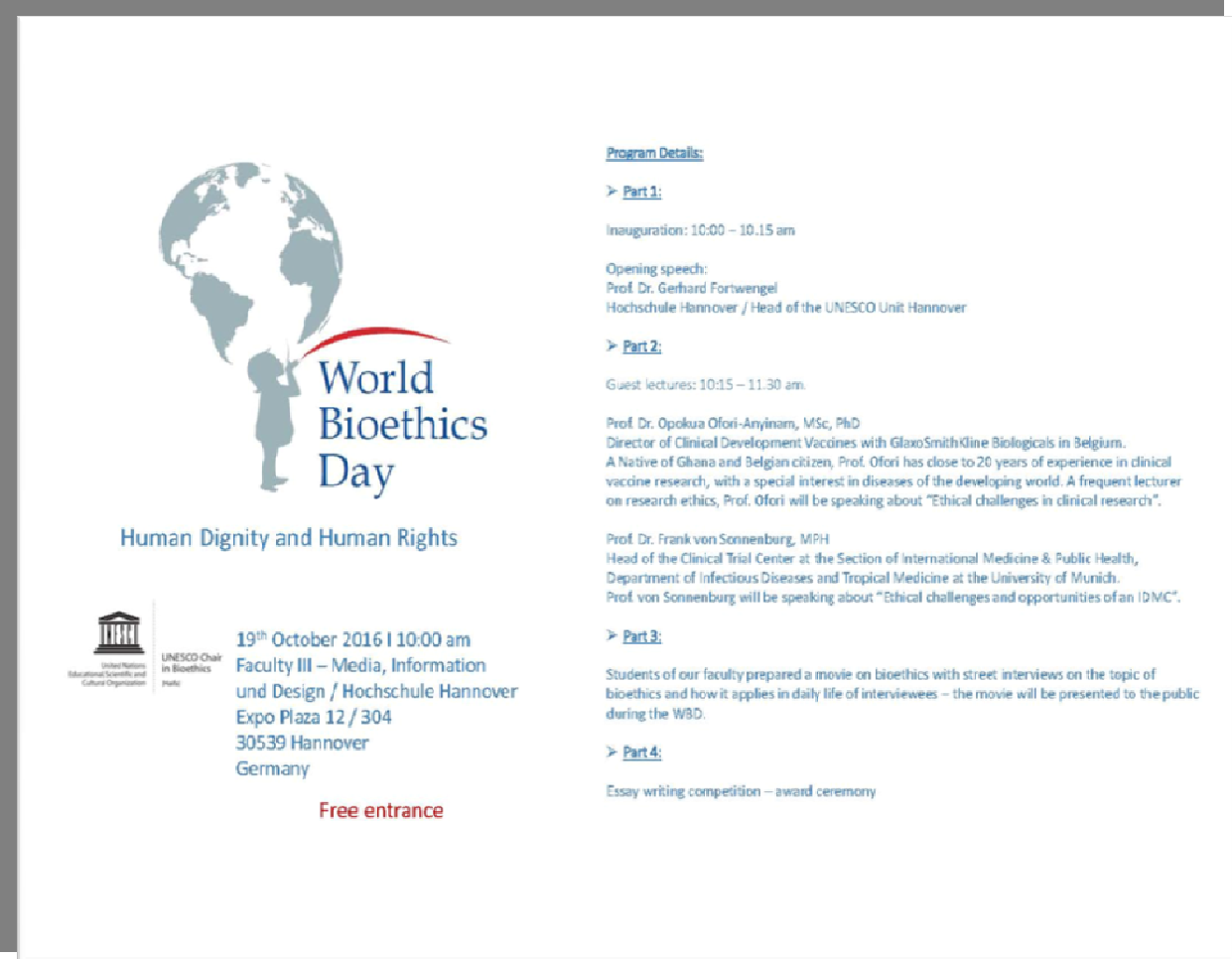
## GERMAN UNIT

University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Hannover

The opening speech for the celebration of the First World Bioethics Day in Germany will be held by Prof. Dr. Gerhard Fortwengel, Germany Unit Head while there will be two guest lectures.

The first will be given by Prof. Dr. Opokua Ofori-Anyinam, MSc, PhD, Director of Clinical Development Vaccines with GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals in Belgium. A Native of Ghana and Belgian citizen, he has close to 20 years of experience in clinical vaccine research, with a special interest in diseases of the developing world. Prof. Ofori will talk about "Ethical challenges in clinical research".

The second guest lecture by Prof. Dr. Frank von Sonnenburg, MPH, Head of the Clinical Trial Center at the Section of International Medicine & Public Health, Dept. of Infect. Diseases and Tropical Medicine at the University of Munich will be about the Ethical challenges and opportunities of an IDMC.



The poster for World Bioethics Day features a central graphic of a person holding a globe. To the right of the graphic, the text "World Bioethics Day" is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below this, the theme "Human Dignity and Human Rights" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a logo for the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, which includes a small icon of a classical building and the text "UNESCO Chair in Bioethics". Below the logo, the event details are listed: "19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 | 10:00 am", "Faculty III – Media, Information und Design / Hochschule Hannover", "Expo Plaza 12 / 304", "30539 Hannover", "Germany". At the bottom left, it says "Free entrance" in red. On the right side, under the heading "Program Details:", there are four sections: "Part 1:" with "Inauguration: 10:00 – 10:15 am" and "Opening speech: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Fortwengel, Hochschule Hannover / Head of the UNESCO Unit Hannover"; "Part 2:" with "Guest lectures: 10:15 – 11:30 am" and two paragraphs of text about Prof. Dr. Opokua Ofori-Anyinam and Prof. Dr. Frank von Sonnenburg; "Part 3:" with "Students of our faculty prepared a movie on bioethics with street interviews on the topic of bioethics and how it applies in daily life of interviewees – the movie will be presented to the public during the WBD."; and "Part 4:" with "Essay writing competition – award ceremony".

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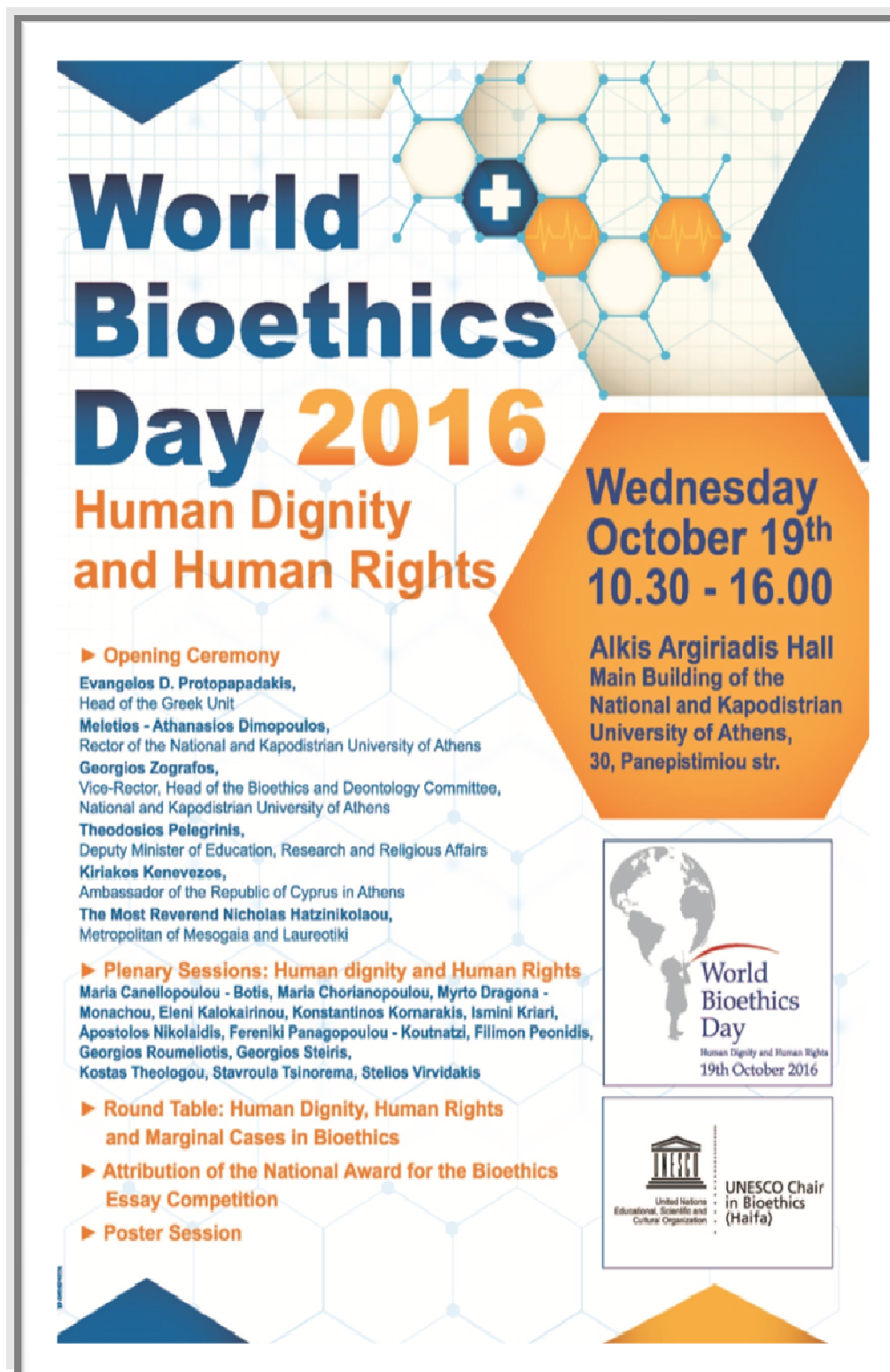
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## GREECE UNIT

At the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Unit Head Prof. Dr Evangelos D. Protopapadakis will celebrate the World Bioethics Day 2016 on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016.



# World Bioethics Day 2016

## Human Dignity and Human Rights

**Wednesday  
October 19<sup>th</sup>  
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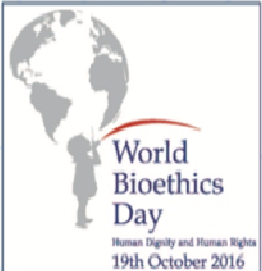
► **Opening Ceremony**  
Evangelos D. Protopapadakis,  
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Meletios - Athanasios Dimopoulos,  
Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
Georgios Zografos,  
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Kiriakos Kenevezos,  
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The Most Reverend Nicholas Hatzinikolaou,  
Metropolitan of Mesogalea and Laureotiki

► **Plenary Sessions: Human dignity and Human Rights**  
Maria Canellopoulou - Botis, Maria Chorianopoulou, Myrto Dragona -  
Monachou, Eleni Kalokairinou, Konstantinos Kornarakis, Ismini Kriari,  
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Kostas Theologou, Stavroula Tsinorema, Stelios Virvidakis


► **Round Table: Human Dignity, Human Rights  
and Marginal Cases in Bioethics**

► **Attribution of the National Award for the Bioethics  
Essay Competition**

► **Poster Session**



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Human Dignity and Human Rights  
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The event will see the kind participation of Prof. Dr Meletios-Athanasios Dimopoulos, Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Professor Emeritus Theodosios Pelegrinis, Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs; Kiriakos Kenevezos, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Athens; Prof. Dr Georgios Zografos, Vice-Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Head of the Bioethics and Deontology Committee.

The guest lecture will be by Most Reverent Nikolaos Chantz Nikolaou on Metropolitan of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki, Chair of the Special Synodical. The Plenary sessions' theme will be about Bioethics and Human Dignity and chaired by Myrto Dragona-Monachou, Professor Emerita, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & University of Crete and Ismini Kriari-Katrani, Professor, Rector of the Panteion University of Athens.

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Then there will be a round table on Human Dignity, Human Rights and Marginal Cases in Bioethics and the attribution of the National Award for the Bioethics Essay Competition by the Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Professor Meletios-Athanasios Dimopoulos. The event will also see a poster session with the posters by post- and undergraduate students.



## ICELAND UNIT

For the celebrations of the first World Bioethics Day, the Head of the Iceland Unit, Prof. S. Nordal, is organizing an event which will see the participation of several Bioethics personalities, as Vilhjálmur Anarson, Professor of Philosophy; Arnar Pálsson, Associate Professor of Bioinformatics and Astridur Stefánsdóttir, MD and Assistant Professor.



## INDIA - AURANGABAD UNIT

*Medical College*

“The most valuable part of a novel enterprise, is the first step headed towards it.” With this perception, the first event of the upcoming World Bioethics Day celebration, “e-Poster/flyer Competition themed On Human Dignity & Human Rights” was successfully accomplished on 30th Au-

gust 2016, at Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Aurangabad (M.S.), Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); pioneered by, Dr. C. B. Mhaske, Dean & Unit Head Bioethics Chair, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation by the undergraduate & the post-graduate students of the college accounting for 24 entries for the same.

The posters were reviewed by the jury members for the competition, Dr. Maya S. Indurkar, Professor, Department of Periodontology, Dr. Mandakini S. Mandale, Associate Professor, Department of Oral Pathology & Microbiology and Dr. Smita A. Khalikar, Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics. The programme was conducted by Dr. Jyoti D Bhavthankar, Member Secretary, Bioethics Chair and Dr. Jayanti Humbe, Co-ordinator, Students Bioethics Wing, Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Aurangabad.

The posters and flyers encompassed a wide arena of bioethics corresponding with human dignity and human rights; throwing a light on the diverse burning issues in the medical & dental profession and the society. The event not just being a mere competition, was an enlightening reflection of the views, opinions, current knowledge and the future perspectives of this very needed and upcoming field of bioethics.

Being embraced as one of the elements in this noble cause of fortifying the morality in the medical and dental practice and uplifting the standards of the profession, the Unit stays gratified to the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and ensure to uphold this entitled responsibility in the future.

The Unit is also grateful to Dr. C. B. Mhaske, Dean & Unit Head and Dr. Shiraz Baig, Member Secretary, Bioethics Chair, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad for igniting this concept in our minds with his farsighted beliefs for the welfare of the society.



## INDIA - BHAVNAGAR UNIT

*Government Medical College*

The Head of the Unit, Dr. Vikas Sinha, will hold the opening speech for the inauguration of the First Bioethics Day at Bhavnagar, and many other guests are expected to celebrate this important day.

One of the proposed activities will be an online lecture about Ethics in Doctor – Patient Relationship and a panel discussion with Dr. Pradeep Joshi and Dr. M R Kanani, Consultant Physicians. Then there will be organized a debate competition of one hour and the poster exhibition on bioethical themes.

## INDIA – NODAL CENTER UNIT

At SRM University the Executive Head Prof P Thangaraju and the Lead Head Prof D. Balakrishnan will celebrate the 19 October 2016 with an event starting with the opening speech by Prof K Sridhar MS MCh, Hon Pro Vice Chancellor - Medical, SRM University and the interventions of the local representatives Prof James Pandian MS MCh, Director Medical Faculty, SRM University and Prof A. Sundaram MD, Dean, SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, SRM University. The award for the active member will be given to Prof D Balakrishnan BSc MBBS, MS DLO PhD, Lead Head, India Nodal Bioethics Centre for the following reasons: (a) instrumental in founding the India Nodal Bioethics Centre (b) promoted camaraderie, by visiting various bioethics units in India & Nepal (c) conducted three international conferences, one national conclave and several local conferences (d) started the Bioethics foundation course for first year MBBS students (e) designed a novel model for teaching the medical undergraduates, vitum bioethics, which has received global acclamation.

Then there will be the panel discussion with Prof. K Thangaraj MD, Professor of Forensic Medicine (National level Bioethics Faculty); Prof. A Saravanan MD, Professor of Physiology (National level Bioethics Faculty) and Prof K. Gireesh MD DM MCh, Vice Principal & Deputy Dean. During the event there will also be the poster competition for a target audience made of students, all staff and all visitors. In addition, there will the Essay Writing Competition (last date for submission of essays: 15 September 2016) and the prize will be given on the 19 October.



## INDIA – CHENNAI TAMIL NADU UNIT


This new Unit is arranging for the Poster presentation and Essay writing competition for the World Bioethics day on 19th October 2016 under the title Human Dignity and Human Rights for faculties and Students.



## INDIA - GUJARAT UNIT

The PRAMUKHSHWAMI Medical College, Gujarat, India, in the Auditorium of the Academic Centre, under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Barna Ganguly, will organize a Debate competition about

“Why female feticide?” on the 14th October 2016, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, a Poster Exhibition on the 15th October 2016, from 9am to 1pm at the Academic Centre, P. S. Medical College, Karamsad, Gujarat, for a target audience that will be composed by all the members of the organization. Plus, there will be an essay writing competition on “Sex determination and female feticide – whose right to be honoured?”.



## World Bioethics Day

19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2016

**Venue:** Auditorium, H.M.Patel Academic Centre  
Pramukhswami Medical College, Gujarat, India

**Program**  
World Bioethics Day 19th Oct, 2016

**Venue:** Auditorium, H.M.Patel Academic Centre,  
Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad, Gujarat, India

**Inaugural speech: 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm**  
Dean, Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad - Gujarat

**Skit play: 2.30pm to 4.30pm** (by the students)

**Presentation of awards (4.30 -5.00pm)**


- (a) Debate Competition
- (b) Poster competition
- (c) Essay Writing Competition

**Additional plan :** Release of 3rd Issue of the Newsletter, “HARBINGER” by The Students

**Poster exhibition: 2pm -5pm**


**Place of poster exhibition:** Academic Centre, Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad, Gujarat

**Open for all members of the organization**



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The submission opening date will be 26 September 2016 and the deadline 03 October 2016. In order to properly celebrate the World Bioethics Day there will also be organized two skit/drama presentations by Students of P. S. Medical College, followed by discussion on issues highlighted in the skits and the release of 3rd issue of Newsletter of Gujarat Unit, Harbinger, followed by the prize distribution of the winners of debate and poster competition.



## INDIA – KERALA UNIT

*Sree Gokulam Medical College & Research Foundation*

Under the supervision of Dr. Geetha. O, Head of the Bioethics Unit, the unit will follow the

shown program:

**SREE GOKULAM MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

**VENJARAMOODU ,TRIVANDRUM ,KERALA 695607**

**BIOETHICS CONFERENCE**

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD BIOETHICS DAY**

**19<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2016**

**VENUE :LECTURE THEATRE-I ,Sree Gokulam Medical College**

<b>8.30 AM-8.45 AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
8.45AM-9.15AM	INAUGURATION
9.15AM -9.45AM	UNESCO CHAIR ON BIOETHICS -AN INTRODUCTION (Dr.Russell D'Souza,Head ,UNESCO Chair on Bioethics(Haifa) ,Asia Pacific Region )
9.45AM-10.30AM	WORLD BIOETHICS DAY –THEME PRESENTATION (Dr.E.Mohandas)
<b>10.30AM-11.00AM</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
11.00AM-11.45AM	HOSPITALS & HUMAN RIGHTS (Dr.Jawahar ,Medical Administrator ,Sree Chithra Institute of Medical Sciences )
11.45AM-12.30PM	ETHICAL ISSUES IN RESEARCH (Dr.Mala,Chairperson ,Institutional Ethics Committee, Sree Chithra Institute of Medical Sciences)
<b>12.30PM -1.15PM</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1.15PM -2.00PM	PANEL DISCUSSION ON "DYING WITH DIGNITY" (Chaired by Dr.M.R.Rajagopal ,Chairman,Pallium India
2.00PM-2.45PM	ETHICAL ISSUES IN ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES (Dr.Sheela Balakrishnan ,Head of Infertility clinic , Govt Medical College, ,Trivandrum)
<b>2.45PM-3.00PM</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
3.00PM-3.30PM	BIOETHICS IN HUMAN ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION (Dr.Thomas Mathew , State Convenor, Deceased Donor Organ Transplantation Programme Kerala )
3.30PM-4.00PM	BIOETHICS IN CHILD CARE (Dr.Lalitha Kailas ,Professor &Head of Pediatrics ,Sree Gokulam Medical College &RF)
4.00PM-4.30PM	QUIZ COMPETITION ON BIOETHICS FOR UNDER GRADUATE STUDENTS
4.30PM-5.15PM	FREE PAPER PRESENTATION ON BIOETHICS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS
<b>5.15PM-5.30PM</b>	<b>VALEDICTORY FUNCTION</b>

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## INDIA - LONI UNIT

*Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed University*

Several Bioethics eminent personalities will take part into the celebrations of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed University), Loni for the World Bioethics Day. Among these personalities, there will be Dr. Shashank D. Dalvi, Vice-chancellor, PIMS (DU) and Head of the Unit, Loni, who will hold the opening speech, followed by Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, CEO, Pravara Medical Trust, Loni and Dr. (Mrs.) Payal Bansal, Professor & Head, IMETTT, Pune.

The awards for active members will be given to Dr. Amol Hartalkar, Department of Medicine and to Dr. M.C. Tayade, Department of Physiology. The guest lecture by Dr. (Mrs.) Payal Bansal, Professor & Head, IMETTT, Pune, will be about Human Dignity & Human Rights and will be followed by a panel discussion with Dr. S.D. Dalvi, Vice-chancellor, PIMS (DU), Loni; Dr. (Mrs.) Payal Bansal, Professor & Head, IMETTT, Pune; Dr. V.B. Bangal, Member, PIMS Bioethics unit; Dr. Amol Hartalkar, Secretary, PIMS Bioethics unit.

The poster exhibition will be held for one hour in the Corridor near RED / BLUE hall and the target audience will be the Junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff). In addition, it is foreseen the involvement of Middle school & High-school students for essay writing competition / poster exhibition.



## INDIA - LUCKNOW UNIT

*Central India, King George's Medical University*

The Central India Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa at the King George's Medical University, Lucknow, will start the celebrations with the Welcome address by Dr. Shally Awasthi, Head of the Unit and Prof. Ravi Kant, Vice Chancellor and Head of Institution.

The event will see a guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics, a brief Presentations on Patients' Rights and responsibilities, a panel discussion and a role Play/Skits on Patients' Rights and responsibilities moderated by Prof. Rakesh Dixit. Finally, there will be a press conference under chairmanship of Prof. Ravi Kant, Vice Chancellor (30 minutes), coordinated by Prof. Shally Awasthi and Dr. Samir Misra.





## INDIA - MANGALORE UNIT

*Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University*

The Mangalore Unit at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, Manipal University, India under the supervision of its Unit Head, Dr. Animesh Jain will organize many activities dedicated to the celebration of the First World Bioethics Day, as the guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics, who will be Dr. G G. Laxman Prabhu who will talk about the fundamental bioethical issue of "Doctors, patient care and human dignity".



## INDIA - MANGALORE SOUTH INDIA UNIT

Under the supervision of Dr. Princy Louis Palatty, Head, the South India unit at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore India, will celebrate the World Bioethics Day as follows:

Invocation song (2 – 2.30 p.m.)

Welcome address – Dean FMMC

Lighting of lamp chief guest and dignitaries

Introduction of speaker

Presidential address – director FMCI

The opening speech will be given by Dr Nagesh K R, Prof & Head, Forensic Medicine who will talk about 'Law and rights', the local representative will be Rev Fr Rudolf Ravi D Sa, Administrator FMMCM with his speak on 'Rights in the health care industry'. As representative of UNESCO Chair will talk Dr. Princy Louis Palatty on 'The need and evolution of WBD'. The award for active member will be given to Dr Prema D Cunha, Prof & Head, OBG: it consists in the Ethical challenges in OBG prize for the incorporation of bioethics in OBG for UG, PG, staff.

The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be cured by Mr Taranath, Human Right Activist who will talk on People rights'.

The Panel Discussion on patient rights, chaired by Dr Smitha Bhat, will be composed by:

Name: Dr Varadaraj Shenoy	Title: Paediatrics
Name: Dr Sanjeev Rai	Title: Paediatrics
Name: Dr Nandakishor	Title: Dermatology
Name: Dr Adiga	Title: Orthopaedics

After the discussion, there will be the debate Competition for medical, nursing, homeopathy,

allied sciences for all colleges outside DM hall, and the poster exhibition outside DM hall. In OPD space. Competitions – medical, nursing, homeo, allied sciences for a target audience made of general public, HCP. The ceremony will then go on with felicitation judges, Vote of thanks, Institutional anthem and High tea. Finally, the Unit planned a walkathon 'Run for your Rights' at 11 am at Kankanady bus stand by FMCON students. Duration of the walkathon: 10 minutes, held in Mangalore.



## INDIA - MANIPAL KARAWATKA UNIT

Under the supervision of the Head of the chair, Dr. Mary Mathew at Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University, Manipal, Karnataka, India, the Manipal unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) will present the following program:

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 5.00 - 7.00PM:

Part 1. Opening speech by:

Name: Dr. Poornima Baliga/ Dr. Pragna Rao

Title: Dean/ Associate Dean, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University, Manipal

Part 2. Guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics: 30 minutes

Name of the Speaker: Dr. Joseph Thomas

Title: Professor of Urology & Head of Centre for Bioethics, Manipal University

Part 3. Panel Discussion: Dignity of Women in Media & Advertisements

Name and title of the participants:

Name: Dr. Joseph Thomas, Professor, Department of Urology

Name: Mrs. Gayathri Prabhu, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities

Part 4: Spot Best Photo Caption competition

Part 5: Prize Distribution

Part 6: Vote of Thanks

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Target Audience: Students and Faculty of Manipal University

Theme: Human Dignity & Human Rights

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Date	Activity	Competition	Last date of Submission
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Celebrating – ‘International Day of the Older Persons’	Essay Writing <u>Theme</u> The neglected Silver generation of India Poetry Musings through my aged eyes	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct Online submission
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Collage Competition	<u>Theme</u> Faces of Human Dignity & Rights	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct Online submission
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Photography competition	<u>Theme</u> Children & dignity	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct Online submission
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Video Clipping	<u>Theme</u> “Human Dignity” Max 3 minutes	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct Online submission
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Extempore	Topic to be decided on the spot	



## INDIA – MGUMST UNIT

At the Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur, the MGUMST Bioethics Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) under the supervision of its Head Professor Dr. Siddharth P. Dubhashi, the programs for the celebration of the or World Bioethics Day (19th October 2016) are the following:

The part 1 will consist in the inaugural ceremony, lamp lighting, felicitations, preamble by Unit Head, Speech by Pro-President, MGUMST, speech by President, MGUMST, address by Prof. Dr. M.L. Swarankar Hon’ble Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur.

From 10.30 AM to 10.45 AM there will be the speech by representative of UNESCO Chair, followed by the inaugural address by chief guest (Hon'ble Health Minister, Government of Rajasthan). Then there will be the award presentation for an active member and for best essay.

In the PART 2 of the event, there will be a guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics followed by PART 3, a panel discussion. PART 4 will consist in a debate competition for Undergraduate Students and PART 5 in a Poster competition for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students.

The Essay competition for undergraduate students will be held one week prior to the World Bioethics Day. It is also organized a poster exhibition from 2 PM onwards. Part 6 will be the valedictory function (Award for Debate & Poster competitions)



## INDIA – MULLANA UNIT

*Maharishi Markandeswar University*

Under the supervision of Dr. Patnaik V.V. Gopichand, Head of the Unit, who will open the celebration of the World Bioethics Day with the speech on "Need of Bioethics Training in Medical Education", the program foresees the interventions of Dr. Manoj Goyal on "Bioethics: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"; Prof. Dr. C.S. Gautam, Professor, Pharmacology, GMC-32 Chandigarh who will talk on Ethics and Research.

Then there will be a panel discussion with Dr. Patnaik V.V. Gopichand, who will talk about "Patient as a subject" and Dr. Manoj Goyal whose speech will be on "Ethics and drug prescribing". The debate competition will be held among the undergraduate students on "Euthanasia and end of life issues".

An Essay competition had been held at the University on Bioethical issues on 22nd April, 2016, in which more than 147 students participated from all the Institutes of the University. The winners and participants were certified during the function of establishment of students wing of the Unit.

A workshop on 18th October, for postgraduates covering various bioethical issues has been organized.



## INDIA – MUMBAI GSMC MUHS UNIT

Seth G S Medical College & K E M Hospital

At JMLT, Ground floor, Seth G S Medical College, Mumbai, on the 19 October 2016, under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Santosh Salagre, the preparations for World Bioethics Day 2016 are in full swing! GSMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit, Seth G S Medical College & K E M Hospital, Mumbai, India has organized series of events as a part of Celebrations for WBD like a poster Making Competition on Human Dignity & Human Rights, an Ebate - Debate on Ethical Issues on 16th September (12 teams of Undergraduate students are participating) and a Guest lecture on "Doctors Without Borders- MSF" on 19th September.

This is the flyer for the student debate competition:



**GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit**  
SETH GS MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL, PAREL, MUMBAI-400012

As a part of World Bioethics Day - 2016 Celebrations **Students' Wing** of Bioethics Unit invites you all for

### **Ebate - the ethical debate**

Don't raise your voice, improve your argument  
(Medium - English)

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**1 pm to 4 pm**

**Venue - JMLT, Ground floor,  
Seth G S Medical College**

*Winners will be felicitated on 19<sup>th</sup> October - World Bioethics Day*

**Be there one & all for this epic clash of students over  
the ethics of medicine!**  
**Join us to cheer your friends, as they take a stand  
in the world of ethical dilemmas for what they believe in !!**

**Volunteering with MSF- A medical humanitarian organization in  
resource - limited conditions**

**Awareness Raising Session by** 



**Speaker: Dr. Bharat Kelkar (Orthopedic Surgeon & MSF Volunteer)**






**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2 pm to 4 pm**

**Who can attend ? UGs, PGs, Interns and Faculty**  
**Venue: JMLT, Ground floor, Seth G S Medical College**

Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) is an international humanitarian medical organization working in more than 70 countries worldwide. MSF is neutral, impartial, independent, and not linked to any political party or governmental body. It provides emergency medical assistance to people in need, irrespective of their nationality, race or religion. In 1999, MSF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.  
[www.msfindia.in](http://www.msfindia.in) [www.msf.org](http://www.msf.org)



And this is the flyer for the poster competition:

**GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit**  
SETHI GS MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL, PAREL, MUMBAI-400012

As a part of celebrations of World Bioethics Day(19<sup>th</sup> October)  
GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit announces

## *Poster Making Competition on “Human Dignity & Human Rights”*

*Theme for the year 2016*

**Last Date for submission of poster (a hard copy) - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**Last date for Registration - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016**  
**(Prior registration compulsory)**

*Instructions for participants*

- Competition is **open for all** Undergraduate - Medical, OT, PT, Nursing Students, Interns(all disciplines), Postgraduate students (all disciplines), Faculty & SGSMC & KEMH employees.
- Please mention your **full name, course/year, department, mobile number & email ID** while registering for the competition and also mention it on the BACK-SIDE of your poster.
- Poster has to be based on the WBD theme of **“Human Dignity & Human Rights”**.
- Poster should be **hand made** on A3 size poster paper. Participants can use any medium of their choice while drawing/ colouring the poster.
- Participants are encouraged to make their poster in English, however use of Marathi or Hindi will be accepted.
- **Electronic – Copy pasted versions/ posters NOT of A3 size and posters NOT reflecting the theme will be rejected.**
- Each participant can submit **ONLY ONE** poster.
- Best posters in each category will be awarded. Selected posters will be displayed in the exhibition on World Bioethics Day, i.e. 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The BEST poster/s will be sent to UNESCO headquarters.
- **Submitted posters will NOT be returned.** Poster may be displayed at various relevant places in our institution in future. Participants will have to sign declaration related to same.

**Dr Avinash Supe**  
**Director & Convenor**

**Steering Committee**  
**GSMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit**

**For queries, registration and poster submission please contact:**

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2nd year MBBS / 3rd term	Dr Nayana Ingole	Microbiology	nayanaingole@gmail.com	7825
3rd year MBBS/ Minor	Dr Sachin Patil	Forensic Medicine	sachinpatilmdf@gmail.com	7073/7466
3rd year MBBS/ Major	Dr Monty Khajanchi	General Surgery	montykhajanchi@kem.edu	7497
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***Let's explore 'an artist with ethical colours' among us!***



GSMC MUHS, Seth G S Medical College & K E M Hospital Unit program is the following:



**GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit**  
SETH GS MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL, PAREL, MUMBAI-400012

## **World Bioethics Day Celebrations**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Venue – JMLT, Ground floor, Seth G S Medical College, Mumbai**

**10 am - Inauguration of Poster Exhibition on ‘Human Dignity and Human Rights’**

**2.00 pm to 2.05 pm** - Welcome: Dr Santosh Salagre, Head of Bioethics Unit

**2.05 pm to 2.15 pm** - Opening speech: Dr Avinash Supe, Dean & Director (ME& MH MCGM)

**2.15 pm to 2.30 pm** – Bioethics Skit by Student Wing Members

**2.30 pm to 3.30 pm**

### **Panel Discussion:**

*Bioethical Issues in Children related to Human Dignity & Human Rights*

*Introduction of Panelists - Dr Mariya Jandani*

**Moderator** – Dr Padmaja Samant, Professor (Addl) OBGY, SGSMC & KEMH

**3.30 pm to 4.15 pm**

### ***World Bioethics Day Celebrations – Felicitations & Awards***

**Introduction & Welcome** - Dr Padmaja Marathe – Head, Steering Committee

❖ **Release of ‘INARCH’ – The first issue of**

**Annual Bulletin of GSMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit and felicitation of contributors**

❖ **Prize distribution – Poster competition & “Ebate” competition**

❖ **Address by Chief Guest**

❖ **Vote of Thanks – Dr Nayana Ingole- Secretary, Bioethics Unit**

## INDIA - MUMBAI HBTMC & Dr. RNCH UNIT

*H.B.T. Medical College & Dr. R. N. Cooper Municipal General Hospital*

The HBTMC & Dr. RNCH Bioethics Unit at the H.B.T. Medical College and Dr. R. N. Cooper M.G.H, under the supervision of its Unit Head, Dr. P .R. Pandit, will organize an introduction on Human Dignity held by Dr. Prasad Pandit, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, Head of the Bioethics Unit (HBTMC and RNCH); Human Rights in Vulnerable populations by Dr. Rajan Bhonsle Senior Consultant in Sexual Medicine and Practicing Counsellor since 23 years, Founder Director of Heart to Heart Foundation, Mumbai; Patient Confidentiality, Dr. Sunita Bandewar, Bioethicist and Anthropologist; Respecting an individual's Decision, Dr. Minnu Bhonsle, Consulting Psychotherapist and Counsellor, Mumbai; Skit on Genetic Testing / Treatment options based on Religious Beliefs by Students' Wing of HBTMC Bioethics Unit.



## INDIA – MUMBAI MUHS UNIT

*K. J. Somaiya Medical College Hospital and Research Centre*

The World Bioethics Day 2016 Program of the K. J. Somaiya Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, K J Somaiya – MUHS – UNESCO Bioethics Unit, under the supervision of its Head Dr Geeta Niyogi, will open the celebrations with the opening speech by Dr Geeta Niyogi, who will talk about “Human Right and Human Dignity”, then the local representative: Dr Sunil Kadam will give a speech on “Negligence in Medical Practice”. The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Dr Yeolekar, on the theme “Doctor Patient Relationship”.

For 2 hours at the K J Somaiya Medical College Hospital and Research Centre Conference Hall, dedicated to an audience of MBBS Students, Faculty, Junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff) and other stakeholders, it has been organized a poster exhibition on the following topics: 1) Autonomy 2) Do No Harm 3) Informed Consent 4) Doctor Patient Communication.



## INDIA – NKPSIMS & RC, NAGPUR UNIT

The Unit under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Shubhada Gade will open the celebration of the world bioethics day with the speech of Dr. Kajal Mitra, Dean, NKPSIMS & RC, Nagpur, followed by the guest lecture of Dr. Sushil Gawande, consultant psychiatrist. In addition, there will be a panel discussion with Dr. Meenaksi Girish, Asso Prof. Pediatrics & Member of Bioethics Unit; Dr. Charuta Gadkari, Asso Prof. Anaesthesia & Member of Bioethics Unit; Dr. Suresh Chari, Member of the Advisory Board Bioethics Unit, NKPSIMS and Dr. Sudhir Bhawe, Prof. of Psychiatry, NKPSIMS & RC.



## INDIA – VPMCRCH NASHIK UNIT

At Dr. Vasant Rao Pawar Medical College Hospital and Research Center Nashik, under the supervision of the Unit Head, Dr. Pradip Barde will be celebrated the World Bioethics Day with the opening speeches by Dr. Mrunal Patil, Chairperson, Bioethics Unit and Dean, VPMCRCH, Nashik, who will talk about the role of bioethics Unit's activities in creating awareness about Human Dignity and Human rights Dignity among various stakeholders.

Dr. Pradip Barde, Head Bioethics Unit will discuss on "Human Dignity and Human rights: How Far we have reached?" followed by the speeches of Parikshit Muley, Secretary, Bioethics Unit, who will talk about "Faculty perceptions about teaching Human Dignity and Human Rights"; Bharat Sharma, Tufayl Ahmed, Nandan Somani, Student Wings Representatives, who will share the talk on "students Perceptions about learning Human Dignity and Human Rights".

Other programmed speeches will be about Human Dignity and Human right: Global Perspective; Overview of Role of UNESCO Chair in spreading and maintain awareness for Human Dignity and Human Right: Mission Statement; Human Dignity and Human Rights and its role in Clinical Practice.

The award for an active member will be given for the with UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa's Vision among all stakeholders including but not limited to teachers, doctors, students, paramedics and patients. The panel discussion on Human Dignity and Right: Going Beyond Routine Practice" will be cured by Dr Parikshit Muley (Physiology), Dr. Karan K (Anatomy) and Dr. Vrushali S (Biochemistry); Dr. Abhijeet Patil (Gynecology), Dr. Ashok V (Community Medicine) and Dr. Neeta Gangurde (Microbiology).

In addition, all day the posters of the students will be exhibited in Dermatology OPD for a target audience of Students, Teachers, Paramedics, Patient. Finally, the winners of the essay writing competition on the topic "Being Human in Health Care Delivery" will be announced to the World

Bioethics Day Committee. It is also announced the “Doctor Who” competition for students involving skits and role play challenge to students in the format of reality TV shows considering various tenets of Human Dignity and Human Rights.



## INDIA – NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATIONS UNIT

Under the supervision of Prof. (dr.) Bipin Batra of the National Board of Examinations Unit, the world bioethics day celebration will host many guests like Dr Abhijat Sheth, President, NBE; Dr Smita Deshpande, Professor and Head; Dr. Bhabatosh Biswas, Vice Chancellor, Dr O P Kalra, Vice Chancellor.

The panel discussion will be as following:

Name and title of the participants: Dr Subodh Gupta, Chairman, Ethics Committee of DMC; Dr Girish Tyagi , Secy, DMC; Dr Anupam Sachdev ; Director, Academics, SGRH; Dr A K Agarwal, Advisor Education – Apollo Foundation.

After the discussion there will be a debate competition on the “current regulations for professional ethics – Reasonable or scope for review?” The poster exhibition will last three days at the NBE office Ansari Nagar for a target audience of PG Students.



## INDIA - NEW DELHI UNIT

*Post Graduate Institute MED, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Central India*

As communicated by Dr. Smita N. Deshpande, Head of The Central India Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day will be on the 19 October 2016 and will follow the showed program.



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## World Bioethics Day - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Theme: Human Dignity and Human Rights

### Convener

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#### & Debate Committee

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Mr. Pawan Sharma

### Essay/Poetry/ Cartoon

#### Competition Committee

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### Panel Discussion

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### Workshop

To mark World Bioethics day a Workshop is being organized at PGIMER-Dr. RML Hospital. All are cordially invited to attend.

On the theme of 'Human Dignity & Human Rights', following events are planned:

1. Poster/e-poster competition (Public information, Case Reports, Reviews, Scientific articles)
2. Essay competition
3. Poems
4. Cartoons

**Entries invited (Hindi or English): prizes in each category!**

Bilingual Debate competition (teams of two for and against the motion):

Subject: **Doctor Bhagwan Hota Hai (Doctor is God)!!!**

Interested participants may please contact Debate Committee.

All HoUs are requested to nominate two members from their department to attend and participate.

Smita Deshpande

## INDIA – AMRITA UNIT

### Nodal - SARRC Region

The Nodal SARRC region at Amrita unit, under the supervision of its Haed, Dr. D Dineshan will celebrate the World Bioethics Day 2016 at AIMS on 19th October 2016 with the following program:



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(Haifa)



भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान

**UNESCO Bioethics Chair at AIMS**  
**Nodal Centre for SAARC region**

**PROGRAMME**  
WORLD BIOETHICS DAY celebration  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

10 :00 – 10:05 **PRAYER**

10:05 -10:10 **WELCOME ADDRESS**  
Prof Dr.Dineshan  
UNESCO BIOETHICS CHAIR at AMRITA

10:10 -10:15 **OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE PLANS**  
Prof Dr.Chandrasekar Janakiram  
Secretary UNESCO BIOETHICS CHAIR at AMRITA

10:15 -10:20 **SPECIAL ADDRESS**  
Dr.Prem Nair  
Medical Director AIMS

10:20 -11:15 **INAUGURATION** of WORLD BIOETHICS DAY celebration by Lamp Lighting and  
**GUEST ORATION** By Padmashree Dr.Madhava Menon  
**TOPIC - “Health as a fundamental right”**  
**AWARD CEREMONY** - POSTER and ESSAY Competition Winners  
**FELICITATION**

11:15 – 11:20 Dr.Prathapan Nair, Principal at AMRITA School of Medicine

11:20 – 11:25 Dr.Balagopal Varma, - Principal at AMRITA School of Dentistry

11:25- 11:30 K.T.Moily, Dean at AMRITA School of Nursing

11:30-11:35 **VOTE OF THANKS** by Dr.Girish Kumar, HOD Emergency Medicine

11:45–01:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION** “How Bioethics Is Important For Health Care Provider”

01:15-02:00 **LUNCH**

02:15 – 3:30 **DEBATE COMPETITION** “Patients Rights Vs Doctors Rights”



The debate competition title is “Doctors rights Versus Patients’ rights; they are foreseen five entries for and against of the topic. The debate is open to all and the duration for each participant is 8 minutes. Last date to submit the names for the debate competition is 15th October 2016.

The poster exhibition on Healthcare ethics will last from 9:00 am to 4:00pm on 19th October 2016 at Corridor of the atrium of BLOCK 1 (AIMS Hospital) open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students in Amrita Campus.

The Essay Writing Competition is on “Human Dignity and Research participants”: it is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students in Amrita Campus. The date of competition is on October 10th 2016.



## INDIA - PADMASHREE UNIT

*Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital*

Bioethics is an activity of ethical issues in health care, health science, and health policy and can be taught with the help of the media, in the academy, in classrooms, and in labs, offices, and hospital wards. It involves doctors, patients, scientists and politicians and the general public.

Padmashree Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital is pleased to be part of the celebration of the First "World Bioethics Day 2016" of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics [Haifa), on "Human Dignity & Human Rights" which will be celebrated on 19th October 2016. The Unit will be actively involved in the process of planning, formulation & circulation of the "common program" for celebration and will also invite all teaching & non - teaching staff students to join, as celebration to mark the adoption of the UNESCO Universal declaration on Bioethics & Human Rights.

Therefore, with the view of encouraging awareness regarding the principles & practices of Bioethics among students’ faculty and members of Padmashree Dr' Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital, it will be organized an event which will include several lectures, a poster presentation for students and an essay competition for students.



## INDIA - PUNE UNIT

*Maharashtra State, DPU*

DPU Unit will start celebrations at least 2 days prior i.e. from 17/10/2016 following this timeline. On day 1, 17th October 2016, from 1:30 am to 12:15 pm: the activities will be the Nukkad Natak by students of nursing College near OPD Complex, while on day 2, 18th October 2016, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm there will be the street play by students of Medical College near OPD Complex.

The Day 3, 19th October 2016, the World Bioethics Day, the event will follow this program:



### UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

(World Bioethics Day 2016)

DPU Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

**Program Details:** DPU Unit will start celebrations at least 2 days prior i.e. from 17/10/2016

**Day 1: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016: 11:30 am – 12:15 pm**

Nukkad Natak by Students of Nursing College near OPD Complex

**Day 2: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016: 11:30 am – 12:15 pm**

Street play by Students of Medical College near OPD Complex

**Day 3: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (World Bioethics Day)**

**Part 1.** (Time of inauguration: 9:30 am; Duration of part 1: 70 minutes)

**a. Opening with Bioethics Video Song (Articolo 3) (9:30-9:35 am)**

**b. Opening speech (9:35-9:45 am):** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of DPU

i. Name: Dr. P. N. Razdan

ii. Title: Vice Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.

**c. Local representative (9:45-9:55 am):**

i. Name: Dr. A. L. Kakrani

ii. Title: Dean, Faculty of Medicine, D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.

**Tea Break: 10:40-11:00 am**

**Part 2. Guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics:** (Timings: 11:00-11:45 am; Duration: 45 minutes)

- a. Name of the Speaker: Dr. Anant Bhan
- b. Title: Researcher, Bioethicist & Global Health, Adjunct Visiting Professor Yenepoya University, Mangalore, Karnataka, India

**Part 3. Panel Discussion:** (Timings 11:45 am - 12:45 pm; Duration: 60 minutes)

Name and title of the participants:

- |                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| i. Name: Dr. (Brig.) Amarjit Singh   | Title: Principal Director and CEO |
| ii. Name: Dr. (Mrs.) P. Vatsalaswamy | Title: Director, Academics        |
| iii. Name: Dr. A. L. Kakrani         | Title: Dean, Faculty of Medicine  |
| iv. Name: Dr. Anant Bhan             | Title: Researcher, Bioethicist    |
| v. Name: Dr. Praveen Arora           | Title: Head, DPU Bioethics Unit   |

**Lunch Break: 12:45-1:30 pm**

**Part 4: Bioethics Movie (Hidden Genes) and discussion: 1:30-2:30 pm**

**Part 5. Debate Competition:** (Timings: 2:30-3:30 pm; Duration: 60 minutes):

Topic: Is our social environment conducive for ethical practices?

**Tea Break: 3:30-3:45 pm**

**Part 6. Poster Exhibition:** (Theme: Human Dignity and Human Rights)

- a. Date and place of poster exhibition: **29<sup>th</sup> August 2016; MET Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, DYPMC**
- b. Display of soft copies of exhibited posters: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016; 3:45-4:00 pm
- c. Target audience: student, parents, faculty members, practicing health sciences professional.

**Part 7. Essay Writing Competition:**

Date of Start of Competition: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Last date of Submission: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Part 8. Valedictory Function: 4:00-4:30 pm**

## INDIA - PUNJAB UNIT

*Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot*

The Punjab State Nodal Bioethics Centre Unit, under the supervision of the Head of the Unit Prof. Raj Bahadur is going to celebrate the World Bioethics Day with an event opened by Prof. Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, BFUHS, Faridkot, Punjab, who will talk about “Ethics in medical profession”, followed by the guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics who will be Professor Emeritus R.C. Mahajan, PGIMER, Chandigarh (Chairman University Ethics Committee).

The Chair will also organize an essay writing competition and a debate competition in the month of September 2016 and winners will be awarded on the 19th of October.



## INDIA - SANTOSH UNIVERSITY UNIT

Under the supervision of its Head, Dr. B.R. Sharma, at Santosh University Unit it will be organized an entire week of celebrations, the "BIOETHICS WEEK" from 6<sup>th</sup> September—9<sup>th</sup> September 2016, with all these activities:

### SANTOSH UNIVERSITY

#### BIOETHICS WEEK

6<sup>th</sup> September—9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### **Patrons:**

Dr P. Mahalingam ---CMD

Dr Sharmila Anand ---MD

#### **Advisory Committee :**

Dr Yogesh Tripathi ---Dean Medical

Dr Manoj Goyal ---Dean Dental

Dr P.S. Dhot ---Dean Administration

Dr B R Sharma --- Unit Head –Bioethics Chair and Dean Research

Dr Tripta Bhagat --- Medical Superintendent

**Organizing Secretary:** Dr Jyoti Batra, Unit Secretary-Bioethics Chair, Vice Dean Research and Prof .Biochemistry

The program details are as follows:

#### **POSTER PRESENTATION:**

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

**Time:** 2 pm onwards

**Venue:** Maharaja Hall

**TOPIC:** "Bioethics In Clinical Practice"

Participants are required to submit the soft copy of content by mail latest by 1<sup>st</sup> September 16.

### **JUDGES**

Dr R K Sharma, Dean Paramedical - --Chair  
Dr Anshu Sharma, Prof and HOD Ophthalmology---Member  
Dr Seema Sharma Prof and HOD Oral Pathology---Member  
Dr Nisha Kaul, Prof Anatomy ---- Member

### **GUEST LECTURE**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

**Time:** 2 pm onwards

**Venue:** Maharaja Hall

**Topic:** "Ethics in Research and Publication"

**Speaker:** Dr O.P Murty, Professor and HOD, Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, AIIMS, New Delhi

### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

**Time:** 3 pm onwards

**Venue:** Maharaja Hall

**Topic:** "BIOETHICS: Who calls the shots?"

**MODERATOR:** Dr Alpana Agarwal

**Panel Members:**

- |                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I. Guest speaker          | —Dr O P Murty                  |
| II. Dr Shalabh Gupta      | —Prof and HOD, Surgery         |
| III. Dr Binita Srivastava | ---Prof and HOD, Paedodontics  |
| IV. Dr Alka Agarwal       | --- Prof and HOD, Paediatrics  |
| V. . Dr Shweta Bali,      | ---Prof and HOD , Periodontics |
| VI. Dr Virender Chokker   | ---Prof , Forensic Medicine    |



### **DEBATE COMPETITION**

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

**Time:** 2 pm onwards

**Venue:** Maharaja Hall

**Topic:** "Advertising in Medical Practices"

Five entries for the motion and five against the motion.

### **JUDGES**

Dr Rajiv Ahluwalia, Vice Dean, Prof. and HOD Orthodontics	---Chair
Dr Raksha Arora ,Prof and HOD Gynaecology	---Member
Dr M.Itagappa, Prof and HOD Biochemistry	--- Member
Dr Gajendra Gupta ,Prof SPM	--- Member

Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

### **ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

**Time:** 2 pm onwards

**Venue:** Maharaja Hall

**Topic:** Related to **Bioethics in Contemporary Medicine** will be given on the spot.

Each participant will be given 30 minutes.

### **JUDGES**

Dr Dakshina Bisht, Vice Dean,Prof and HOD of Microbiology	---Chair
Dr Manisha Gupta , Prof. of Gynaecology	---Member
Dr Subir Mitra , Prof of Pathology	---Member
Dr Manish Gupta, Prof and HOD, OMR	---Member

## INDIA – SIKKIM UNIT

*Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok*

At the Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok, the Sikkim Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa, under the supervision of the Unit Head Dr. Mingma Lhamu Sherpa, will open the celebrations with the speech by the Head of Institution Dr. G S Joneja, Dean, SMIMS and the local representative Dr Kumar Bhandari, Secretary, Department of Health, Government of Sikkim.

The award for active member will be given to Prerna Gogoi, Head of Student Wing for steering of the Student Committee. The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Professor Jyoti Tamang, Dean, School of Life Sciences.

The debate competition will be conducted on Work Ethics Day on 28th of April, 2016 while the poster exhibition will be on 19th October 2016 for a target audience made of Post graduate faculty and students.



## INDIA - SRINAGAR KASHMIR NORTH INDIA UNIT

*Government Medical College, Srinagar, J&K*

The North India Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bio-Ethics under the supervision of its Head, DR. S. MUHAMMAD SALIM KHAN, will see the participation of PROF. KAISER AHMAD, PRINCIPAL/ DEAN and other guests.

The debate competition among MBBS students will last 1 HOUR, as the poster exhibition that will be organized at Government Medical College, Srinagar auditorium lobby b for a target audience made by faculty, resident and students of GMC Srinagar. Finally, the essay writing competition will start on the 2nd week of October 2016.



## INDIA – TERNA MUHS UNIT

*Medical College*

The Terna Medical College MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit, under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Kanchanmala G. Ghorpade will organize a congress that will start with the opening speech by Dr. Kanchanmala G. Ghorpade, Dean and Head of Bioethics Unit, Terna Medical College, followed by the speeches by Dr. Sangita Sukumaran, Secretary, Bioethics Unit and Dr. Shekar Rajdherkar, Ex-

Pro Vice Chancellor, MUHS. The award for the active member will be given to Dr. Sangita Sukumaran, Secretary, Bioethics Unit and Professor of Pharmacology, for her active involvement in organizing Bioethics training workshops at Terna Medical College and teaching bioethics. She is speaker at all Bioethics workshops.

Seminar on Euthanasia by 2nd year MBBS students and Workshop on communication skill and medical ethics by student wings was conducted under her able guidance. She has also organized the Essay competition in bioethics for MBBS students, and she has undergone the 3-T and ETTC courses and actively coordinates all events of the Bioethics Unit. The guest lecture will be given by Dr. Amit Patil, Professor of Forensic Medicine DY Patil School of Medicine Navi Mumbai, who will talk on "Patients' rights and dignity".

After the speech, there will be the panel discussion on "Caring for Women's Health and Dignity", by Dr. V. R. Badhwar, Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, DY Patil School of Medicine, Navi Mumbai and Dr. Amit Patil. There will also be a poster exhibition at the 1st floor Lecture Hall, Terna Medical College for MBBS students of Terna Hospital and it will be organized an essay writing competition (29 August 2016). The unit banner is the following:

**World Bioethics Day**  
Human Dignity and Human Rights

**19 October 2016**  
**10.30 AM Onwards**  
**Terna Medical College (TMC)**  
**MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit**

**UNESCO**  
United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

**UNESCO Chair  
in Bioethics  
(Haifa)**

**OPENING CEREMONY:**

- Opening Speech: Dr. Kanchanmala Ghorpade (Dean & Head of Bioethics Unit, TMC)
- Local representative: Dr. Sangita Sukumaran ( Secretary, Bioethics Unit, TMC)
- Representative UNESCO Chair: Dr. Shekhar Rajderkar ( Ex-Pro Vice Chancellor, MUHS)
- Award for the Active Member

**GUEST LECTURE: PATIENTS RIGHTS & DIGNITY**

- Dr. Amit Patil (Professor, Forensic Medicine, D. Y. Patil School of Medicine, Navi Mumbai)

**PANEL DISCUSSION: CARING FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH & DIGNITY**

- Dr. V. R. Badhwar (Professor, OBGY, D. Y. Patil School of Medicine, Navi Mumbai)
- Dr. Amit Patil (Professor, Forensic Medicine, D. Y. Patil School of Medicine, Navi Mumbai)

**DEBATE COMPETITION**

**POSTER EXHIBITION**

**ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

**Terna Medical College (TMC) MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit**  
**Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**

## INDIA - THANE WESTERN UNIT

### *Rajiv Gandhi Medical College*

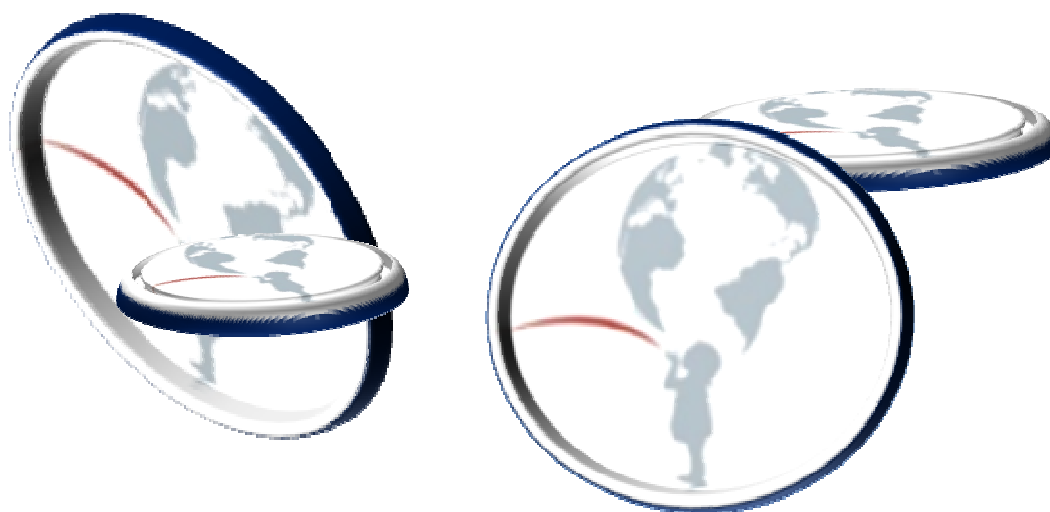
At the Rajiv Gandhi Medical College, Thane, INDIA the Western India Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Dr. Anu Kant Mital, will organize an event at the Rajiv Gandhi Medical College Kalwa Thane.

After the welcome address by the Head of Unit, there will be the opening speech by the Head of Institution, Dr. C Moitra, Dean, on the importance of Biomedical Ethics in Today's World. Then there will be the speeches by Dr. Korde, Medical Superintendent, who will talk about the importance of informed consent and by Dr. Anu Kant Mital representative of UNESCO Chair. At the St. Pious College for Bioethics, Goregaon, Mumbai INDIA, the guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Fr. Stephen Fernandes, Director of the St Pious College of Bioethics and Member of the Steering Committee.

At the S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai, there will be a panel discussion to which will take part Dr. Anuradha Soveni, Professor & HEAD, Dept. of Psychology and Vandana Chatterji, Pro-Vice Chancellor, S.N.D.T Women's University. It is also foreseen a debate competition at the Rajiv Gandhi Medical College and also at the S.N.D.T Women's University, with the participation of two teams in the finals who will discuss about these themes: A. Surrogacy - a boon and B. Prolongation of Life in Permanent Vegetative States.

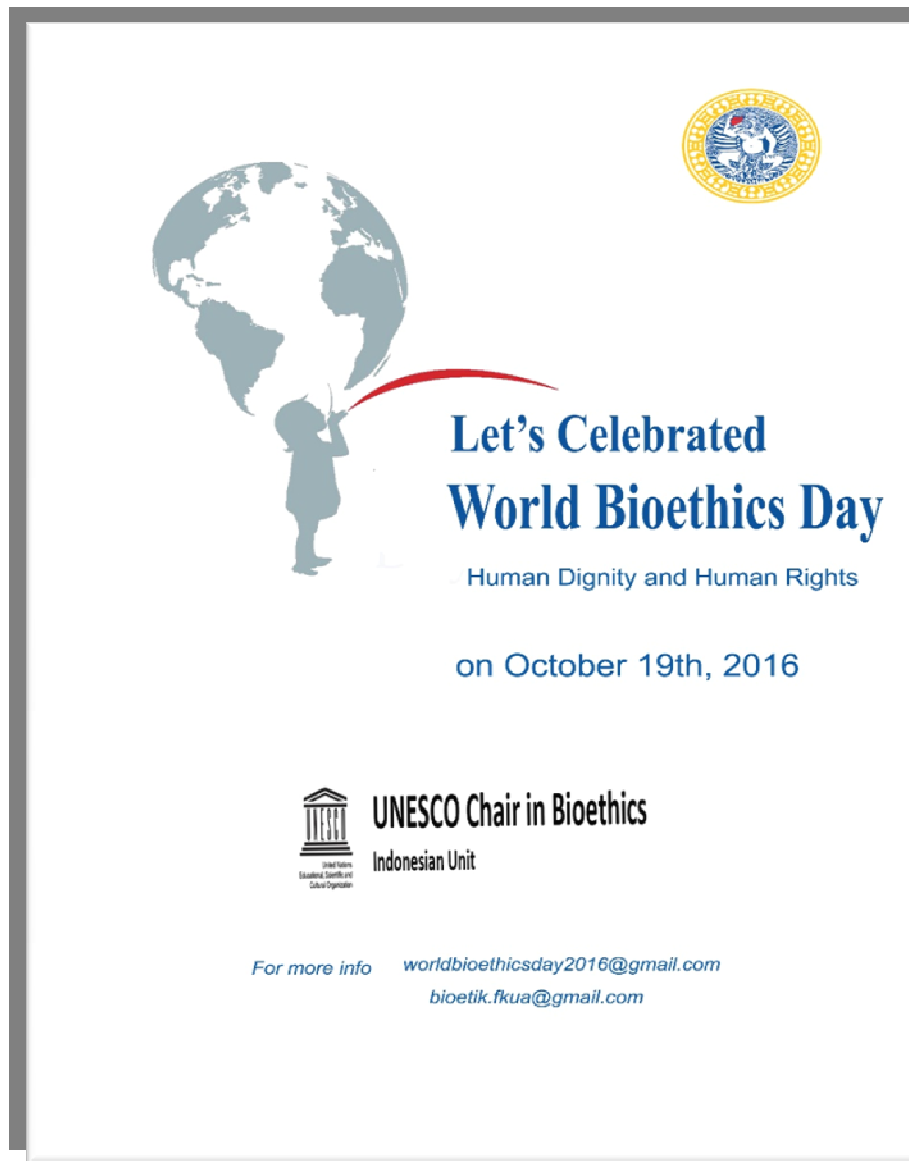
Posters painted by students of Psychology and Nursing at the S.N.D.T Women's University will be shown during the poster exhibition.

Finally, it will be organized an essay writing competition, to be conducted for the alumni of the St. Pious College of Bioethics. The winners will be awarded on the World Bioethics Day.



## INDONESIA UNIT

The Indonesian World Bioethics Day will be celebrated at the Universitas Airlangga under the supervision of its Unit Head, Prof. Siti Pariani.



The opening speech will be given by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nasih, SE., Mt., Ak., CMA, Rector of Universitas Airlangga while the Local representative will be Prof. Dr. Ni Nyoman Tri Puspaningsih, Dra., M.Si, Director of Education of Universitas Airlangga. The Representative of UNESCO Chair will be Center of UNESCO in France.

The guest lectures will be cured by Prof Kusmaryanto who will talk about Human Dignity and Human Right and by Prof. Dr. H. Fasichul Lisan, who will discuss the Bioethics Education in UN-AIR. The panel discussion will see the participation of some representatives from life science, health science and social science.

## IRELAND UNIT

*Centre of Bioethical Research and Analysis (Cobra), National University of Ireland*

The opening speech for the celebration of the First World Bioethics Day will be held by Dr. Oliver Feeney, Head of the Unit and will be about the role of UNESCO in Irish bioethics education. The guest lecture will regard the issue "Human Dignity and Human Rights: Consequences of lack of regulation of assisted human reproduction & research in Ireland (TBC)".

Then it will be organized a panel discussion that will see the participation of Dr. Heike Felzmann, who will talk about the current challenges in Irish Bioethics and other guests.

The poster exhibition, included the winner poster as selected by World Bioethics Day Committee) will be all day and will include a walking tour: its target audience are students from all universities and faculties. The celebrations will take place at Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway, Rep. of Ireland on 19th October 2016.



## ISRAEL UNIT

*University of Haifa, Faculty of Law*

Under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Shay Linn, the World Bioethics Day will be celebrated on the 26.10.16 at the International Center for Health, Law & Ethics and will be opened by the greetings of Prof. Eliezer Rivlin, Supreme Court Judge (retired), Prof. Gad Barzilai, Dean of Law Faculty, Haifa University and Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa).

Then there will be the opening speech by Prof. Jonathan Halevy, Director General of "Shaare Zedek" Medical Center, Jerusalem followed by a panel discussion on "Ethical Dilemmas of Teenagers' and Adults' Eating Disorders" chaired by Prof. Arnon Afek, Head of Medical Division, Ministry of Health.

To the discussion many personalities will take part, as Dr. Jacob Poliakov, Director of "Male Hacramel" Mental Health Hospital, Dr. Elana Cramer, Director of "Mazor" Mental Health Hospital, Acco, Adv. Talia Agmon, judicial bureau, Ministry of Health and A Family Member.

After a break, there will be the projection of the Movie: - "Hidden Genes", Directed by Prof. Ariel Revel followed by a panel discussion chaired by Prof. Ariel Revel, - Head of Ovum donation and preservation program, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ein-Karem, Hadassah Hospital Jerusalem, Gynecology and obstetrics Union. To the discussion there will be the speeches by Rabbi Yoav Andi, Head of Hinton College, Prof. Eithan Blumental, Rambam Medical Center, Haifa, Prof. Frieda Simonshtien, Emek Yizrael Academic College.

Another panel discussion, chaired by Prof. Nili Tabak, Head of Medical Professions School Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Head of Nurses Unit at the International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, Haifa University will discuss the theme "Restraining Patients".

Prof. Avraham Peled will talk about the Breaking of Physical, Mechanical and Chemical restraint; Prof. I. Straus will discuss the theme "Is Patient Restraint Care or Punishment?". RN Isar Atamana



will talk about “Decision Taking of Patient Restraint by Personnel – Is it really done according to protocol?”; Dr. Oren Asman will talk about “Ethical and Judicial Aspects Of Patient Restraint” and finally Dor Bar Noy will discuss on The Care Taker Perception of Restraint – Jailer or healthcare agents. The event will be followed by an intervention of a patient, to appreciate the patient’s perspective.



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## **International Bioethics Day 26.10.16**

**Congress Center - Haifa**

### **Program**

09.00 – 09.30	Welcome Gathering
09.30 – 10.15	Greetings: <b>Prof. Eliezer Rivlin</b> , Supreme Court Judge (retired) <b>Prof. Gad Barzilai</b> , Dean of Law Faculty, Haifa University <b>Prof. Amnon Carmi</b> , Head, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)
10.15 – 10.45	Opening Speech – <b>Prof. Jonathan Halevy</b> , Director General of “Shaare Zedek” Medical Center, Jerusalem
10.45 – 12.15	Panel: - <b>"Ethical Dilemmas of Teenagers' and Adults' Eating Disorders"</b>  Chairman: <b>Prof. Arnon Afek</b> , -Head of Medical Division, Ministry of Health  <u>Participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Dr. Jacob Poliakov</b>, Director of “Male Hacrmel” Mental Health Hospital</li> <li>o <b>Dr. Elana Cramer</b>, Director of “Mazor” Mental Health Hospital, Acco</li> <li>o <b>Adv. Talia Agmon</b>, judicial bureau, Ministry of Health</li> <li>o A Family Member</li> </ul>
12.15 – 13.00	Lunch Break

13.00 – 14.30

Movie: - "**Hidden Genes**", Directed by Prof. Ariel Revel

Panel – Chairman - **Prof. Ariel Revel**, - Head of Ovum donation and preservation program, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ein-Karem, Hadassah Hospital Jerusalem Gynecology and Obstetrics Union.

Participants:

- **Rabbi Yoav Andi**, Head of Hinton College
- **Prof. Eithan Blumental**, Rambam Medical Center, Haifa
- **Prof. Frieda Simonshtien**, Emek Yizrael Academic College

14.30 – 16.00

Panel – "**Tying Mental Patients in Psychiatric Hospitals** "

Chairman: **Prof. Nili Tabak**, Head of Nursing Department, Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Head of Nurses Unit at the International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, Haifa University.

Participants:

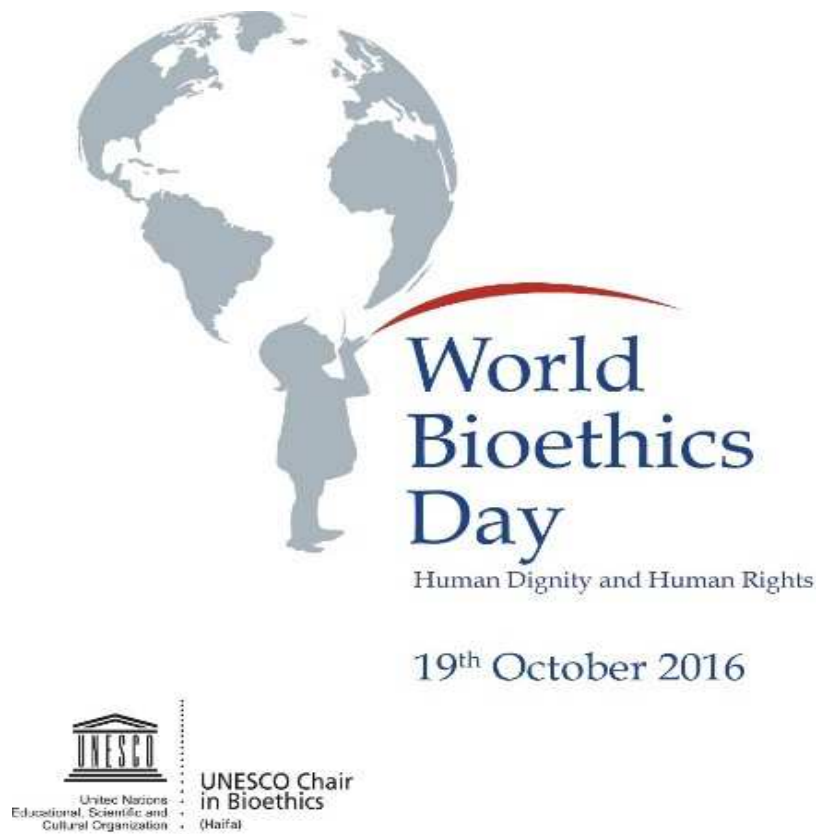
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- **Prof. I. Straus** – Is the tying of patients Care or Punishment?
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- **RN Isar Atamana** – Decision Making of tying patient by Nursing or Medical Personnel – Is it really done according to protocol?
- **Dr. Oren Asman** – Ethical and Judicial Aspects of Patient's Tying.
- **Dor Bar Noy** – The Nurse's Perception of Patient's Tying – Jailer or Healthcare Agent.
- A Patient's Perspective

Discussion and Closing Summation

View of Haifa Bay from the Campus of Haifa University



European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life -  
**UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit**



At the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit, Saint-Vincent, the Head Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, supported by Dr. Isotta Burlin, in collaboration with Directors of Institutions and Universities departments, from January has activated a wide promotion of the World Bioethics Day on the national territory.

The results of this huge work are in the organization of many events in different Italian Regions - 15 different locations - aimed at involving apart from professionals, scientists and students, many other stakeholders like women, elders, youngsters, disables, etc.

## **Aosta Valley Autonomous Region**

**13 October** h 11.30

Aosta, Ministry of Health of Aosta Valley Autonomous Region  
PRESS CONFERENCE

**18 October** h 17.00 - 19.30

Aosta, Regional Palace  
EACH AGE HAS ITS OWN LIFE  
(Dignity & Human Rights for the elders)

**19 October** h 09.00 - 13.00

Aosta, Regional Palace  
WOMEN, DIGNITY and CULTURES OF PEACE  
(Dignity & Human Rights to women)

**20 October** h 09.00 - 13.00

Aosta, Youth City  
THE RIGHTS OF AN UNCERTAIN AGE:  
FRAGILE BALANCE BETWEEN AN ADOLESCENT AND THE WORLD  
(Dignity & Human Rights to Adolescents)

**20 October** h 17.00 - 19.00

Pont-Saint-Martin, Library  
THOUGHTS FOR A GOOD AND SUPPORTIVE SOCIETY  
(Dignity & Human Rights of Citizen)

**21 October** h 09.30 - 13.00

Saint-Vincent, ISILT Binel Viglino Tourism and Culture section  
DIGNITY AND RIGHTS WITH ADOLESCENTS' EYES  
(Dignity & Human Rights in video)

**22 October** h 09.00 - 13.00

Aosta, Regional Palace  
FOR A EUROPE OF RIGHTS IN THE SPORT  
(Dignity & Rights in the Sport)

**Pavia Salvatore Maugeri Foundation**

**19 October** h 09.30

Pavia, Congress Centre, aula Bogoncelli

THE DIGNITY OF BECOMING INDEPENDENT AGAIN IN THE DAILY LIFE:  
RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION

In parallel fruition of "coffee in the dark":  
a plurisensorial experience in the darkness

**September / October / November**  
BIOETHICS & CINEMA

**Milan State's University**  
(Legal Medicine Department)

**19 October** h 09.30

Milan, University of Studies, Sala Napoleonica

CONVERSATIONS ON HUMAN DIGNITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL  
FREEDOMS

**Genova University of Studies**  
(Philosophy Department)

**19 October** - h 09.30

Genoa, School of Humanities, Aula Magna

DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS BETWEEN BIOETHICS AND BIO-POLITICS

**Genova University of Studies**  
(Cardiovascular Surgery Department)

**19 October** - h 09.30

Genoa University, Hospital San Martino Cardiovascular Surgery Department

TO PUBLISH OR TO PERISH: FALSIFICATION AND PLAGIARISM  
IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

**Bari University of Studies**  
(Legal Medicine Department)

**19 October** h 09.30  
Aldo Moro Bari University  
CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD BIOETHICS DAY FOCUSED ON  
“HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS” RELATED TO THE MIGRANTS

**Siena University of Studies**  
(Legal Medicine Department)

**19 October** h 09.30  
University of Siena Hall  
BIOETHICS DISCUSSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GLOBALIZATION ERA

**CNR Rome**

**19 October** h 09.30  
Rome, CNR Headquarters, Aula Marconi  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON  
BIOETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN STATE PRACTICE

**Naples UNIPEGASO University**  
(Legal Medicine Department)

**19 October** h 09.30  
Naples, S. Chiara Historical Complex  
RIGHTS TO AN HAPPY AND HEALTHY AGEING

**Naples Federico II University**  
(Legal Medicine Department)

**24 - 25 November** h 09.30  
Naples, University of Studies Federico II  
BIOETHICS AND FORENSIC MEDICINE EXAMINATION OF THE SCIENCES OF LIFE



## European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit

In Aosta Valley Autonomous Region, in the headquarter of the European Center, there will be an entire week dedicated to Bioethics, that will start with a press conference on 13 October at the Ministry of Health and Social Policies of Aosta Valley Autonomous Region.

On the 18 October at the Regional Palace in Aosta, there will be the event dedicated to theme "EACH AGE HAS ITS OWN LIFE", an open dialogue with Gianni Nuti (Regional Director of the department of the Ministry of Health and Social policies), Carlo Pasetti (Director of the Ethics Committee of the Salvatore Maugeri Foundation, Pavia), Giacomo Sado (journalist and Director of Bioethical Voices Newsletter), expressly conceived for an audience of elder people.

On the 19 October at the Regional Palace in Aosta, Marilinda Mineccia (Attorney of the Italian Republic in Aosta), Giacomo Sado, Patrizia Scaglia (Director of the Department of Youth and Family Health of the Regional Ministry of Health and Social Policies, Aosta Valley Region) will conduct an open dialogue on the theme "WOMEN, DIGNITY and CULTURES OF PEACE", dedicated to women issues.

At the Youth City in Aosta, on the 20 October, with an audience composed by youngsters, there will be discussed some movie scenes on the theme "THE RIGHTS OF AN UNCERTAIN AGE: FRAGILE BALANCE BETWEEN AN ADOLESCENT AND THE WORLD", with the participation of Fulvia Dematteis (Psychopedagogue), Gianni Nuti and Claudio Todesco (Technical Advisor for Youth Bioethics Education project and former school Dean).

At the Pont-Saint-Martin Library, Chiara Bosonim (Director of the Public Library of Pont Saint-Martin, Aosta), Patrizia Scaglia and Ornella Salvetti (High School Professor) will accompany the students of the School Institutions to present to the audience the results of the project on "THOUGHTS FOR A GOOD AND SUPPORTIVE SOCIETY".

On the 21 October at Saint-Vincent, High School ISILT Binel Viglino Tourism and Culture section, an open dialogue with Fulvia Dematteis, Ornella Salvetti and Claudio Todesco will be dedicated to the theme DIGNITY AND RIGHTS WITH ADOLESCENTS' EYES. In addition, the students will present the video-posters and drawings they produced on the theme "Human Dignity and Human Rights".

Last but not least, on the 22 October at the Regional Palace in Aosta, the open dialogue among Egidio Marchese (President of Dis-val – Disabled Athletes in Aosta Valley), Antonella Marcoz (CSV skiing guide for blind and visually impaired people and technical operator in equestrian rehabilitation of the Avres Centre, Nus), Stefano Ghidoni (psychologist) will be dedicated to the theme "FOR A EUROPE OF RIGHTS IN THE SPORT", dedicated to the rights of sportsmen (disabled and not).



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## European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit

### Aosta Valley Region Bioethics Week

18 - 23 October 2016

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STUDENTS' VIDEO-POSTERS AND DRAWINGS ON THE THEME "HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS"

**22 October**, Aosta, Regional Palace  
**FOR A EUROPE OF RIGHTS IN THE SPORT**  
Open dialogue with Egidio Marchese, Antonella Marco, Stefano Ghidoni

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## Fondazione Salvatore Maugeri, Pavia

At the Salvatore Maugeri Foundation IRCCS in PAVIA, the World Bioethics Day will be celebrated on the 19 October. The congress will start with the authorities greetings by Roberto Pedretti, Director of Pavia Scientific Institute IRCCS Salvatore Maugeri Foundation. Carlo Pasetti, Director of the Ethics Committee of the Salvatore Maugeri Foundation, will talk about "Bioethics in Rehabilitation: the dignity of being independent again in the daily life as everyone's right".

Monica Schmid, Director of U.O. Vision Rehabilitation IRCCS Salvatore Maugeri Foundation and Ines Giorgi U.O. Director of U.O. Psychology IRCCS Salvatore Maugeri Foundation, will discuss the question: "What do we mean for rehabilitation of low sight patient?".

Grazia Conforti, Expert-DG Welfare Regione Lombardia, will give a speech titled "From 284/1997 law to the draft of national's new guidelines: Lombardia's point of view", followed by the Associations' point of view on the same topic, introduced by Nicola Stilla, President of Blind People Italian Union and Giovanni Milano, Agency for prevention of blindness.

In order to involve the audience, there have been invited two patients who will give their witness to the audience.

Paolo Emilio Bianchi, Director of Cl. Ophthalmology IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo Foundation, will talk on "The relevance of rehabilitation beyond the therapy".

After the speeches, it is organized the award ceremony dedicated to the student's ethics topic of Rehabilitation Technique.

To involve the audience with an original method, it has been proposed a special experience, the "coffee in the dark" for group of 6/8 people; a plurisensorial experience in the darkness, to put people in the shoes of blind people's experiences of the world.





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LAVORO E DELLA  
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Sistema Sanitario Regione Lombardia



World Bioethics Day  
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19<sup>th</sup> October 2016



## THE DIGNITY OF BECAME INDEPENDENT AGAIN IN THE DAILY LIFE: RIGHT OF LOW VISION PEOPLE

Wednesday, 19 ottobre 2016

**UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit**  
Centro Congressi, aula Bogoncelli - Via Salvatore Maugeri, 6 Pavia

**INTRODUCTION**

UNESCO's Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) announced World Day celebration of Bioethics, 19 October 2016. This year celebration's main theme is: "Human's Dignity and Rights" (3rd article of UNESCO's Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human's Rights). IRCCS Fondazione Maugeri can boast a great experience in rehabilitation; considering this, we choose to give attention to rehabilitation of people with acquired low sight.

In parallel fruition of "coffee in the dark" for group of 6/8 people; a plurisensorial experience in the darkness.

**PROGRAM:**

09.15	Participant's check
09.30	Authority Greet Roberto Pedretti <i>Director of Pavia Scientific Institute IRCCS Fondazione Salvatore Maugeri</i>
09.45	Works introduction Bioethic in Rehabilitation: the dignity of became independent again in the daily life: everyone's rights Carlo Pasetti <i>UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit</i>
10.15	<b>Unique Session</b> What do we mean for rehabilitation of low sight patient Monica Schmid <i>Director of U.O. Vision Rehabilitation IRCCS Fondazione Salvatore Maugeri</i> Ines Giorgi <i>U.O. Director of U.O. Psychology IRCCS Fondazione Salvatore Maugeri</i>
10.45	From 284/1997 law to the draft of national's new guidelines: Lombardia's point of view Grazia Conforti <i>Expert-DG Welfare Regione Lombardia</i>
11.0	From 284/1997 law to the draft of national's new guidelines: Association's point of view Nicola Stilla <i>President of Unione Italiana Ciechi</i> Giovanni Milano <i>Agency for prevention of blindness</i>
11.30	Two patients witness
12.0	The relevance of rehabilitation beyond the therapy Paolo Emilio Bianchi <i>Director Cl. Ophthalmology Fondazione IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo</i>
12.15	Comparison and Debate – the expert's reply Carlo Pasetti, Ines Giorgi e Monica Schmid
13.00	<b>Award student's ethics topic of Rehabilitation Technique</b>

The World Bioethics Day will be preceded by a Training Course on "Bioethics and Cinema" that will be held at the Maugeri Foundation in Pavia, Italy, between September and November 2016. This is a training course in an innovative way to address the bioethical issues through the movies and the methods of narrative medicine.

How the scientific literature suggests, movies provide a systematic framework to foster the de-

velopment of critical thinking skills and the connections between theory and practice in ethical decisions. The movie telling has the opportunity not only to illustrate the bioethical issues vividly, but also to explore these topics in the disease and in treatment decisions. It allows the construction of the different perspectives of the patient, family members and care givers.

The course includes a series of 5 days lasting three hours each in which will be addressed by speakers the following bioethical topics: 1) the health worker / patient –caregiver relationship -2) Disability and dignity 3) The end of life, euthanasia 4) The technique and the sick body 5) Genetics.

After the scientific reports, every day, will be shown a picture movie as facilitator for reflection on the subject, treated by the speakers. Subsequently they will be formed discussion groups of different professional operators. The group will be an important moment for the discussion of "ethical dilemmas" emerged.

The following movies will be screened: Dear Diary by Nanni Moretti, 1993; Sea Inside (Mar adentro) of Alejandro Amenábar, 2004; Million Dollar Baby Clint Eastwood, 2004; The belly of the architect Peter Greenaway 1987; Blade Runner by Ridley Scott in 1982.

Promoters and managers of the course are Dr. Francesco Cupella (Departmental Unit of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy of Maugeri and Dr Ines Giorgi (Psychology of Maugeri Service).

The speakers of the Maugeri Foundation (doctors and psychologists) will be joined by renowned experts such as Dr. Carlo Pasetti, President of the Ethics Committee of the Maugeri Foundation, prof. Paul Danesino, for its expertise in Forensic and Professor Cesare Danesino, for his skills of Genetics and a lawyer Alessandra De Gasperi.

The course is intended for physicians, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, psychologists, professionals of the juridical sciences and medical students of Pavia University.

### **University of Studies of Milan (Forensic Medicine Department)**

The World Bioethics Day will be celebrated on the 19 October with a congress on the theme "Conversations on human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms" at Napoleonic Hall, Milan. Human dignity, consensus and participation issues will be discussed.

After the greeting by the Dean of the University, G.L. Vago and Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa, the first session will see the participation of F. Poggi who will introduce the event and P. Borsellino who will talk about how to preserve dignity at the end of life.

Then a discussion open to the participants will follow.


C. Del Bò will talk about Human dignity and the right to decide how to use our own body and then there will be the speech by F.G. Pizzetti on the biological will between human dignity and


informed consent: law and legal issues.


The second session of the congress, chaired by A. Piga, will see the speeches of M. Reichlin on Autonomy and/or Dignity? The case of the neuro-degenerative disease and of M. Tallachini, A. Biggeri, who will talk about ICT, gene and collaborative epidemiology: empowerment tools for citizen's health.

The third session chaired by R. Sala, will see the participation of V. Sanchini, who will talk about the political patient. From the "competence principle" to the "consideration principle", and of S. Pollo, who will talk on the theme: how to naturalize dignity: experience, biology and relations.

The sessions will be followed by a general discussion with the public and the congress will be closed by P. Di Fiore.

  
**LA STATALE**

  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

  
United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

**UNESCO Chair  
in Bioethics  
(Haifa)**

**WORLD BIOETHICS DAY**  
**Conversations on human dignity, consent and participation**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**  
Sala Napoleonica dell'Università di Milano  
Via Sant'Antonio, 12 - Milano

**9.45 – 10.00 Welcome message [prof. G.L. Vago, Rector]**

**10.00 – 10.15 Conference opening [prof. A. Carmi, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa]**

**10.15 – 10.30 GENERAL INTRODUCTION [F. Poggi]**

**10.30 – 11.00 P. Borsellino – *Maintaining dignity at the end of life***

**11.15 – 11.45 C. Del Bò – *Human dignity and the right over one's own body***

**12.00 – 12.30 F.G. Pizzetti – *Human dignity, informed consent and living wills: judicial and legislative viewpoints***

**14.00 – 14.30 M. Reichlin – *Autonomy and/or Dignity? The special case of neurodegenerative diseases***

**14.45 – 15.15 M. Tallachini, A. Biggeri – *ICT, genes and collaborative epidemiology: tools to empower citizens' health***

**16.00 – 16.30 V. Sanchini – *Political patients. From the competence principle to the principle of consideration***

**16.45 – 17.15 S. Pollo – *Naturalizing dignity. Experiences, biology and relations***

**17.45 – 18.00 Closing remarks [P. Di Fiore]**

Honor Committee: UNESCO (A. Carmi, M. Vasinova), UNIMI (G. Pravettoni, P.P. Di Fiore), Fondazione Giannino Bassetti (F. Samorè), Centro Studi di Etica Pubblica (R. Sala, M. Reichlin), Politeia (E. D'Orazio)

## Genoa University, School of Specialization in Humanistic Sciences

The University of Genoa, School of Humanistic Sciences will hold a Congress on “*Human Dignity between bioethics and biopolitics*” on 19 October 2016 in the Hall of the Humanistic Sciences School in Genoa, organized by Prof. Franco Manti, University of Genova, Italian Institute of Bioethics.

The congress will start with the greetings of Prof. Paolo Comanducci (Dean of University of Genoa), Prof. Michele Marsonet (Head of the School of Specialization in Humanistic Sciences), Prof. Guido Amoretti (Director of DISFOR) and Prof. Franco Montanari (Director of DAFIST).

Then Prof. Luisella Battaglia (University of Genoa, Italian National Bioethics Committee) will open the event together with Prof. Lorenzo D’Avack (University of Rome 3, President of the Italian National Bioethics Committee).

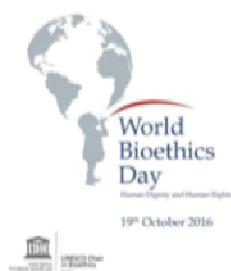
The event will consist in some round tables on the following themes: dignity and rights overcoming species divisions; care and rights: a possible pair; new boundaries of scientific research: toward a new vision of dignity and rights?; people’s dignity and human rights in the globalization era: biopolitics implications.

The guest speakers are: Prof. Maria Antonietta La Torre, (Naples, Suor Orsola Benincasa University, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Susanna Penco (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Dr. Ivana Carpanelli (Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Marianna Gensabella (University of Messina; Italian National Bioethics Committee); Dr. Alessandra Fabbri (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Sandra Morano (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Gloria Bardi (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Rosagemma Ciliberti (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Monica Toraldo di Francia (University of Florence, Italian National Bioethics Committee, Prof. Carlo Casonato (University of Trento, Italian National Bioethics Committee); Prof. Isabel Fanlo Cortes (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Prof. Sebastiano Maffettone (University LUISS Rome).

The Scientific Committee of the event is composed by Prof. Luisella Battaglia (University of Genoa, Italian National Bioethics Committee), dr. Isotta Burlin (Italian Institute of Bioethics and Delegate of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit), dr. Natasha Cola (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Dott. Eleonora Colombo (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics); Dott. Alessandra Fabbri (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics) and Prof. Franco Manti (University of Genoa, Italian Institute of Bioethics).







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World Bioethics Day  
Human Dignity and Human Rights

## Human Dignity between Bioethics and Biopolitics

19 October 2016, Genoa, School of Humanities, Aula Magna

### *round tables on*

DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OVERCOMING SPECIES DIVISIONS

CARE AND RIGHTS: A POSSIBLE PAIR

NEW BOUNDARIES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH:

TOWARD A NEW VISION OF DIGNITY AND RIGHTS?

PEOPLE'S DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GLOBALIZATION ERA:

BIOPOLITICS IMPLICATIONS

### **With the participation of**

PAOLO COMANDUCCI, MICHELE MARSONET,  
GUIDO AMORETTI, FRANCO MONTANARI, LUISELLA BATTAGLIA,  
LORENZO D'AVACK, NATASHA COLA, ELEONORA COLOMBO, MARIA  
ANTONIETTA LA TORRE, SUSANNA PENCO, IVANA CARPANELLI, MARIANNA  
GENSABELLA, ALESSANDRA FABBRI, SANDRA MORANO, GLORIA BARDI, ISOTTA  
BURLIN, ROSAGEMMA CILIBERTI, MONICA TORALDO DI FRANCIA, CARLO CASONATO,  
ISABEL FANLO CORTES, SEBASTIANO MAFFETTONE, FRANCO MANTI



### **Genoa University, Hospital San Martino Cardiovascular Surgery Department**

At the Genoa University (Vascular Surgery Department), the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day will include a conference on *“To publish or to perish: falsification and plagiarism in scientific research”* by Prof. E Bucci, the award ceremony for the best poster on “Human Dignity and Human Rights” and a discussion on clinical cases related to bioethics issues, human dignity and human rights.

In the European Society for Cardiovascular and Endovascular Surgery (ESCVS) Congress 2016 it has been established the ESCVS Bioethics Committee, with the Patronage of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics which includes UE-member countries as Germany, UK, France, Czech Republic, Greece and extra-UE countries as Serbia.

The Committee will promote the WBD celebrations and the education in bioethics field in the Countries where ESCVS operates, in their Countries members and in the Universities where it is present (Salpetriere, Regensburg University, Newcastle on Tyne (UK), Genoa University, Pilsen (Rep Ceca), Prague, Belgrade, Lion).

Under the initiative of Prof. Domenico Palombo, past president of the ESCVS, the institution is working on a book aimed at presenting clinical cases on bioethics dilemmas and issues to respect human dignity and human rights in vascular and cardiac surgery.

The book is cured by Professor Lazar Davidovic , Clinic for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Serbian Clinical Center, Belgrade, Serbia; Professor Stephan Schueler, Newcastle upon Tyne Freeman Hospital, Department for Cardiothoracic Surgery, Newcastle upon Tyne United Kingdom; Professor Francesco Snider, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Unit Policlinico Gemelli, Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Rome University; Professor Domenico Palombo, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Unit IRCCS AOU San Martino – IST Genoa University Hospital Genoa Italy; Professor Oztekin Oto, President of the ESCVS Department of Cardiovascular Surgery Dokuz Eylul University Hospital, Balcova, izmir /Turkey .

### **University of Studies of Siena (Forensic Medicine Department)**

At the University of Siena, Forensic Medicine Faculty and School of Specialization in Forensic Medicine, on the 19 October 2016 it will be organized a round table on the theme “Bioethics discusses on human rights in the globalization era”.

The round table will see the participation of Professor Belleini and Professor Gaetani from the University of Siena, as announced by Prof. Mario Gabbrielli, Professor of Forensic Medicine at University of Siena, Department of Medical Sciences, Surgery and Neurosciences and Prof. Anna Coluccia, Professor of Forensic Medicine at University of Siena, Department of Medical Sciences, Surgery and Neurosciences.

### **National Research Council (CNR), Rome**

At the CNR Headquarters, Hall Marconi, Rome, on the 19 October 2016 it will be organized an event on “the implementation of Article 3 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human

Rights in State Practice”, with the opening remarks by Cinzia Caporale, Convener of the CNR Commission on Research Ethics and Bioethics.

A speech on the evolution of the concept of human dignity in international human rights law will be given by Giuseppe Palmisano, Professor of International Law, Director of ISGI-CNR, followed by Ilja Richard Pavone, Researcher of International Law, CNR, who will discuss about the role of soft law in bioethics: the case of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. Finally, on “Multiculturalism and the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights” will talk Laura Palazzani, Professor of Bioethics, LUMSA University.

In the second part of the event, Carmela De Caro, Professor of Constitutional Law, LUISS University will talk about “The Legal Perspective of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights”, followed by the speech of Silvia Scalzini, Doctoral Research Fellow Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies who will talk about “The protection of intellectual property in the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights”.

Finally, an open debate for the attending audience will follow the speeches.



World Bioethics Day  
Human Dignity and Human Rights  
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**World Bioethics Day 2016**  
Human Dignity and Human Rights

Rome, CNR Headquarters, 19 October 2016, h. 9.30-14.00

**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 3  
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*Giuseppe Palmisano*, The evolution of the concept of human dignity in international human rights law

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*Carmela De Caro*, The Legal Perspective of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights

*Silvia Scalzini*, The protection of intellectual property in the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights

PRESENTATION (CALL FOR PAPER)  
OPEN DEBATE



## Naples Pegaso University

Under the supervision of Prof. Luigia Melillo, on 19 October 2016 the Institute will organize a congress on Human Dignity and Human Rights, whose main theme will be the “Right to the Happy and Healthy Ageing”. The welcome speech will be given by the Mayor of Naples, Luigi De Magistris, while the opening remarks will be by Danilo Iervolino, President of UNIPEGASO, who will talk about the Ageing and Lifelong Learning and the UNIPEGASO’ role.

Then Luigia Melillo, Director of International Office for Lifelong Learning Bioethics Education of the European Centre for bioethics and Quality of Life, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit, will discuss on the changes in the social image of elderly people.

During the event, it will be given the award for the Best Member of International Office for Life Long Learning Bioethics Education to Luciano Chiappetta, former general director of the Ministry of Education, Italy, for his contribute to spread the teaching of bioethics in Italian schools, promoting the integration with other disciplines, and national networks. Then there will be the *Lectio Magistralis* by Francesco Casavola, Former President of Bioethics National Committee and Emeritus President of Italian Constitutional Court who will talk about the Right to the vital ageing. After his intervention, it is organized a discussion, chaired by Elio Cardinale, President of History of Medicine and Bioethics Italian Society.

The discussants will be Feng Cheng, Professor, Research Center For Public Health And School of Medicine, Tsinghua University, China, who will talk about the Population ageing in a Global Perspective; P. Calissano, President, European Brain Institute - Fondazione Rita Levi Montalcini, whose speech is on “The Paradox of Ageing” and A. Caruso, Ambassador, Campania Region Delegate for UNESCO, who will talk about the role of healthcare system in the ageing society. It will be also given the best paper award about *Ageing Societies in Comparative Perspective* and the Best Poster Award displayed by the schools on the theme *Relationship among generations*.





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**International Research Office for Lifelong Learning Bioethics Education of the  
European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life**

**WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2016  
Human Dignity and Human Rights**

19 October, 2016

**S. Chiara Historical Monument, Naples**

## **Right to the Happy and Healthy Ageing**

**With the participation of**

**LUIGI DE MAGISTRIS, DANILO IERVOLINO,  
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FRANCESCO CASAVOLA, ELIO CARDINALE,  
FENG CHENG, PIETRO CALISSANO, ANTONIO CARUSO**

**BEST PAPER AWARD ON AGEING SOCIETIES IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

**BEST POSTER AWARD ON RELATIONSHIP AMONG GENERATIONS**



## Naples Federico II University (Forensic Medicine Department)

Under the supervision of its Director Prof. Claudio Buccelli, the International Office for Bioethics Research will organize a congress, whose theme will be "BIOETHICS AND FORENSIC MEDICINE EXAMINATION OF THE SCIENCES OF LIFE. MIND, CONSCIENCE AND BRAIN BETWEEN NEUROLOGY, PSYCHIATRY AND NEURO-PSYCHOLOGY: BIOETHICS PERSPECTIVES", that will be held in Naples, on 24 and 25 November.

The discussed themes will be different, in fact they will be given two *lectio magistralis*, on Neurosciences: state of the art and another on Brain Death and human conscience.

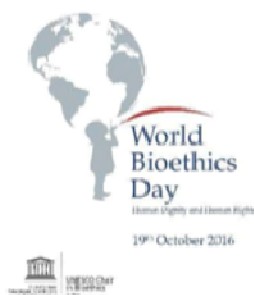
There will also be organized some Bio-medical, Theological and Philosophical sessions, to examine the complex and variegated aspects related to this topic, like the scientific knowledge in the neuro-logical, psychiatric and neuro-psychiatric field; the human intelligence vs the artificial intelligence; mind and conscience from a theological point of view; freedom and determinism as seen by neuro-sciences; moral problems on the neuro-ethics paradigm.

Other two sessions will be dedicated to legal, economics and forensic aspects, like the problems with the experiments on the states of minds; the communication with psychiatric vulnerable people; and the neurosciences and cognitive enhancement.

Other themes that will be analysed by the eminent personalities, experts and professionals that will take part into the event are: forensic medicine in forensic dynamics; thorny aspects in bio-medical experimentation; forensic medicine and ethical-deontological principles and the new endeavours in forensic medicine.

During the Congress there will also be the ceremony of the giving-award to a member particularly active in the Bioethics progress and a students' poster session on the theme "*human dignity and human rights*".





**Congress of the Ethics Committee "Carlo Romano", Naples University Federico II**

**World Bioethics Day 2016**

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## **BIOETHICS AND FORENSIC MEDICINE EXAMINATION OF THE SCIENCES OF LIFE**

**Naples, 24 - 25 November 2016**

**MIND, CONSCIENCE AND BRAIN BETWEEN NEUROLOGY,  
PSYCHIATRY AND NEURO-PSYCHOLOGY: BIOETHICS PERSPECTIVES**

*Themes*

Lectio Magistralis: Human Dignity and Human Rights (UNESCO)

**AWARD FOR GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO BIOETHICS PROGRESS**

Lectio Magistralis on Neurosciences: state of the art, Bio-medical, Theological and Philosophical sessions

Lectio Magistralis on Brain Death and human conscience; legal, economics and forensic medicine session

Forensic Medicine in forensic dynamics; thorny aspects in bio-medical experimentation;

forensic medicine and ethical-deontological principles; new endeavours in forensic medicine

**STUDENTS' POSTER SESSION ON THE THEME "HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS"**



### University of Bari “Aldo Moro” (Forensic Medicine Department)

The “Aldo Moro” Bari University will focus the World Bioethics Day 2016 on “Human Dignity and Human Rights” related to the Migrants.

At the end of a seminar with experts (they will later be specified in details) it will be the prize-giving ceremony of the photographic competition, organized for university students to let them visually express their sense of the aforementioned article. All the photos will be part of a temporary and/or permanent exposition.

In the following years, the portrayal of bioethical principles may be widen to the kindergarten and the schools of all levels through photographic, drawing, and sculpturing competitions.

Moreover, written essays and related script on specific bioethical issues could be dramatized; music and dance can be other artistic tools to properly celebrate the World Bioethics Day.

The place of celebrations will be the Forensic Medicine Institute, Policlinico of Bari.



### JAPAN UNIT

The Japanese Unit, will celebrate the WBD on October 15, 2016 at the large classroom, conference room AB, 3rd floor, Education and Research building, Tokyo Medical University Hospital. The Ceremony will start with the greetings by Masahiko USUI, Chairman of the Board of Regents, Educational Foundation Tokyo Medical University and Mamoru SUZUKI, President, Tokyo Medical University.

The Congratulatory address will be given by Masayuki OBAYASHI, Professor, Toyo Eiwa University, Former Representative Director, Japan Association for Bioethics and Sadayoshi OHBU, Professor, Rikkyo University, Former vice-chair, medical ethics and professionalism education committee, Japan society for medical education.

The memorial lecture will be given by Kazuhiro NAGAO, vice chief director, Japanese society for dying with dignity, Medical Director of Nagao Clinic, Visiting Professor, Tokyo Medical University. The discussed theme will be The Peaceful Death in Japanese Hospital and Home Hospice – from a viewpoint of the World Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights, UNESCO. It is also foreseen a Memorial Clinical Ethics Workshop with a Group discussion of clinical cases by using the 4 boxes method, devised by Jonsen et al.

The event, organized by the Japan Unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), Department of Bioethics (Medical Ethics), Tokyo Medical University has been supported by Tokyo Medical Univer-

sity Society for Clinical Ethics, Clinical Department of General Medicine, Tokyo Medical University Hospital, Department of Bioethics (Medical Ethics), Tokyo Medical University, Promotion Committee of Memorial Project for The 100th Anniversary of Foundation of Tokyo Medical University.



## KAZAKHSTAN UNIT

On the 11-12 May 2016 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, under the supervision of Dr. Sadykova Aizhan, Head of the Unit and President of the National Medical Association of Kazakhstan, it will be organized a congress of independent experts and mediators in health care in the framework of the VII general Assembly of the National Medical Association.

Issues on patient's rights protection, health workers as well as human being, participating in clinical trial will be discusses.

This congress marks the beginning of a series of events planned in honour of the World Bioethics Day 2016 celebrations.



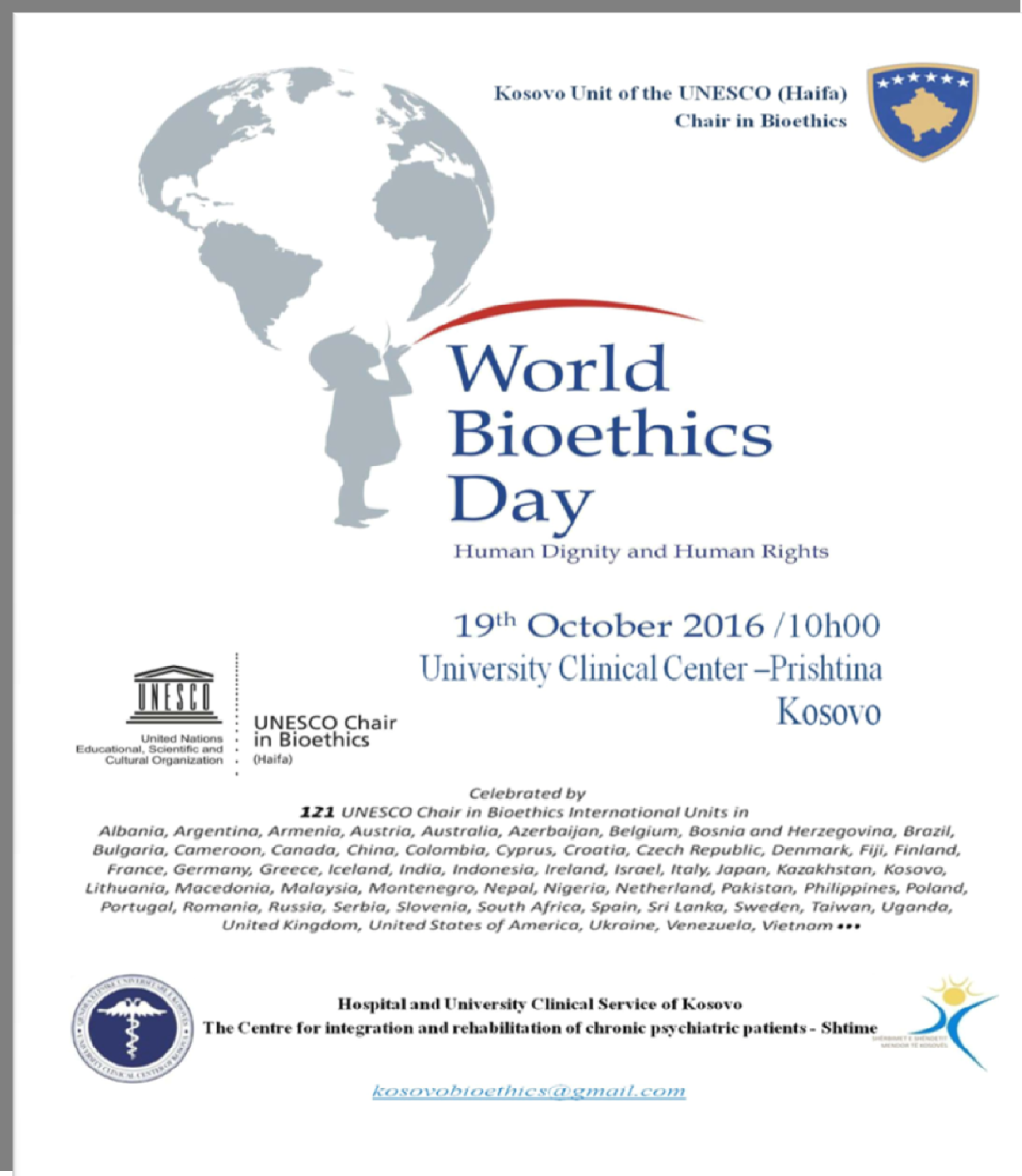
## KOSOVO UNIT

The Center for Integration and rehabilitation of Chronic ill Psychiatric Patients at the Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo, under the supervision of the Psychiatrist, Director of CIRChPI and Head of Unit Dr. Miftar Zenelaj.


The celebrations will take place at Villa Germia-Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo on the 19th October 2016. The celebrations for the World Bioethics Day will be opened with a ceremony to which will take part Mr. Kadri Veseli, President of the Kosovo Parliament; Dr. Imet Rrhmani, Minister of Health of the Republic of Kosovo; Prof. Dr. Arsim Bajrami, Minister of Education of Republic of Kosovo; Prof. Dr. Marian Dema, Rector of the Public University of Prishtina; Prof. Dr. Suzana Mangjuka, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Kosovo and Dr. Curr Gjoci, Director of Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo.


The guest lecture will be on the role of medical ethics in public health institutions and will be given by Prof. Dr. Nysret Ramadani, Ethics Lecturer of the Faculty of Medicine Prishtina and Director of the National Institute of Public Health.

Another guest lecture will be about adhering to ethical principles in mental health institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, given by Dr. Miftar Zenelaj, Head of the Kosovo Unit, followed by a lecture on the role of psychology in the advancement of bioethics, given by the political psychologist Prof. Mimoza Telaku. Dr. Arsim Gergjaliu, Director, will talk about adhering to ethical principles in the Institute of Forensic Medicine and Dr. Feride Rushiti, Director of Kosovo Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims will talk about the ethical and legal basis of involuntary treatment in psychiatric health institutions of Kosovo. After the guest lectures it will follow a panel discussion and a debate competition.



Kosovo Unit of the UNESCO (Haifa)  
Chair in Bioethics






# World Bioethics Day


Human Dignity and Human Rights


19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 / 10h00  
University Clinical Center – Prishtina  
Kosovo

  
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(Haifa)

*Celebrated by*  
**121 UNESCO Chair in Bioethics International Units in**  
*Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Montenegro, Nepal, Nigeria, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam* •••

  
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## LITHUANIA UNIT

The First celebration of WORLD BIOETHICS DAY on 9th October 2016, as announced by Prof. Gintautas Vysniauskas, Head of the Lithuanian Unit, will be opened by the speech of the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences of Klaipeda University, Prof. Dr. Artūras Razbadauskas, followed by the greetings of the highest local representatives and the greetings of local representative of UNESCO, Prof. Dr. Dalia Marija Stančienė.

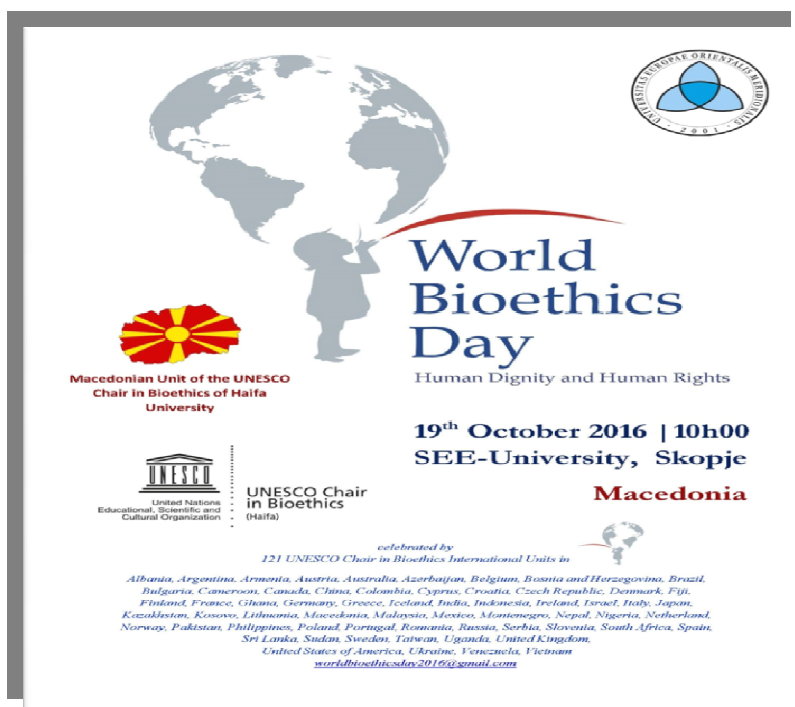
In the second part of the celebrations there will be a guest lecture by Director of Lithuanian Bioethics Committee, Prof. Dr. Eugenijus Gefenas on the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights" followed by a Conference on "Human Dignity and Human Rights".

Finally, there will be presented short videos' or posters' on human dignity and human rights competition.



## MACEDONIA UNIT

The Macedonian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics of Haifa University under the supervision of Prof. Mentor Hamiti, will open the ceremony with the interventions of Prof. Dr. Zamir Dika, SEE-University, Rector; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mentor Hamiti, Macedonian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics of Haifa University, Chair; representative members of the National Commission for UNESCO of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Helsinki Committee of the Republic of Macedonia; MSc. Bardhyl Jashar, Metamorphosis Foundation, Director and Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela, Institute for Political and International Studies, Director.



The guest lecture will be given by eminent personalities in Bioethics like Ass. Prof. Dr. Elena Ignovska, who will talk about Reproductive Responsibility: The Evolution of Humanity (Pre Genetic Diagnosis and Pre Natal Diagnosis) and Prof. Dr. Bekim Kadriu, who will talk about Human Dignity and Human Rights.

The panel discussion will see the participation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Besa Arifi, who will discuss about the Human Dignity and Human Rights, Current Situation in R. Macedonia and of a steering committee composed by Prof. Dr. Hasan Jashari; Prof. Dr. Jonuz Abdullahu; Prof. Dr. Ali Pajaziti; Prof. Dr. Liljana Sijlanovska; Prof. Dr. Azis Pollozhani; Prof. Dr. Agim Ramadani; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mentor Hamiti; Veditje Ratkoceri, MA; Vullnet Zenki, MA; Merxhivan Ismaili, MA; Dëshira Imeri, BA; Afrim Tresi, BA and Albulena Halili, BA.

The event will finish with the poster exhibition and the essay writing competition directed by Prof. Dr. Ali Pajaziti for a target audience composed by graduate and undergraduate students.



## NEPAL UNIT

The Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at the B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, under the supervision of its Unit Head, Prof. Rupa Rajbhandari Singh, will celebrate the World Bioethics Day with an opening speech by Prof. B. P. Das, VC, BPKIHS, then there will be the speeches by Prof. Rupa Singh, Chair, Div. of Neonatology & Professor Pediatrics Head, Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and a guest lecture by Prof. Ramesh K. Adhikari, Chair, Div. of Neonatology & Professor Pediatrics, Kathmandu Medical College, Jorpati, Ktm, Nepal, Former Chairman of Ethics Committee, NHRC, Ktm, Nepal.

In addition, there will be a panel discussion which will see the participation of Prof. B. N. Yadav, Prof. Sami Lama, Prof. Shivilal Sharma and Mr. Bipulendra Chakravartti.

Prof. Shivilal Sharma and team collected posters from the students from different programs. Four members (Prof. Rupa Singh, Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Sami Lama & Prof. Shivilal Sharma) judged the posters to select the best & send to WBD Committee.

Posters would be displayed during poster exhibition in the hall near October 19 Celebration program venue (Auditorium) for a target audience made by students, teachers and staff of institute. Prof. Sami Lama and team organized the essay writing competition.

In addition, programs in different parts of Nepal will be conducted by members of the Unit from those areas such as Institute of Medicine, Maharajgunj Campus, Kathmandu, NAMS, Bir Hospital, Kathmandu, & Bharatpur Cancer Hospital, Chitwan, Nepal.

## PAKISTAN UNIT

The World Bioethics Day will be celebrated on 19th October 2016 in Pakistan starting with a workshop on Medical Ethics and professionalism among physician and surgeons presented by Prof. Rizwan Taj, Head of Psychiatry Department PIMS/SZABMU Islamabad Chair UNESCO Bioethics Pakistan and Prof. Nasira Tasneem Gynecologist, PIMS/SZABMU Islamabad with the participation of consultant, surgeons physician, post graduate residents, medical officer and house officer.

Another session is the classroom Ethics and its impact on student's mental health, presented by Asima Khan, Chief clinical Psychologist PIMS/SZABMU Islamabad, Master trainer Bioethics UNESCO Pakistan Chapter for an audience made by school teachers.

The following seminar on Media and Ethics will be presented by Prof. Rizwan Taj, Head of Psychiatry Department PIMS/SZABMU Islamabad Chair UNESCO Bioethics Pakistan for an audience made by Journalist, Print media, electronic media, anchors etc.

Prof. Sharjee Siddique, Prof of Medicine, PIMS/SZABMU Islamabad and Asima Khan chief clinical Psychologist PIMS/SZABMU Islamabad, Master Trainer Bioethics UNESCO Pakistan Chapter will present the session dedicated to Medical ethics and nursing care for a target audience made by Nurses from all specialties (Government and private set up).



## POLAND - LODZ UNIT

At the Medical University of Lodz, Poland, under the supervision of its Heads Dr. Anna Alichniewicz and Dr. Monika Michałowska, World Bioethics Day celebrations will open with the speeches by Anna Alichniewicz and Monika Michałowska on "Human dignity and human rights in pluralistic societies", followed by the guest lecture by the eminent personality in Bioethics, Prof. Kazimierz Szewczyk.

After the speeches and the lecture, there will be an open discussion of 1 hour on bioethics issues, followed by a workshop on human rights in medicine for medical students of the Medical University of Łódź and a lesson on human dignity and human rights and challenges of contemporary medicine addressed to high school students.



## POLAND—WARSAW UNIT

At University of Warsaw, Institute of Philosophy the Polish Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics under the supervision of its Head Joanna Rozynska, PhD will organize a Conference on “Human Dignity, Human Rights and Bioethics”, opened with the speech by Head of the Institution, followed by a speech on Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, In Search of Foundations for Global Bioethics and Biolaw by Joanna Różyńska, PhD, Head of the Unit; University of Warsaw.

Then there will be a guest lecture on Indispensability of Dignity in Bioethics and Biolaw, Prof. Paweł Łuków, PhD, University of Warsaw & Warsaw Medical University and member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa.

After a break there will be the panel discussion on Bioethics and Human Rights, in particular Prof. Alicja Przyłuska-Fischer, PhD, Warsaw Academy of Physical Education and member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa will talk about Dignity and Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Prof. Zbigniew Szawarski, Head of the Bioethics Committee of the Polish Academy of Science and member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa, will talk about Dignity and Rights of the Dying Patient and Maria Boratyńska, PhD, University of Warsaw and member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa who will talk about Reproductive Rights as Human Rights.

The event will also see the exhibition of posters submitted by students, presented in the conference venue during the conference as well as after the conference in the Center for Bioethics and Biolaw affiliated at the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Warsaw.

The Announcement of the Competition for essays will be on May 1, 2016 and the deadline for essay submission is October 10, 2016 for target groups of high school students.







## UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

### World Bioethics Day 2016

### POLAND UNIT



### World Bioethics Day 2016 Symposium on “Human Dignity, Human Rights and Bioethics”

<b>Part 1 – Introduction</b>	
15.00-15.15	<b>Opening speech</b> Head of the Institution
15.15-15.45	<b>Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. In Search of Foundations for Global Bioethics and Biolaw</b> Joanna Różyńska, PhD [Head of the Unit; University of Warsaw]
15.45-16.00	<i>Announcement of the winners of the essay and poster competition</i>
<b>Part 2 – Guest lecture</b>	
16.00-16.45	<b>Indispensability of Dignity in Bioethics and Biolaw</b> Prof. Paweł Łuków, PhD [University of Warsaw & Warsaw Medical University; Member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics(Haifa)]
16.45-17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Part 3 – Panel discussion: <i>Bioethics &amp; Human Rights</i></b>	
17.00-17.20	<b>Dignity and Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b> Prof. Alicja Przyłuska-Fiszler, PhD [Warsaw Academy of Physical Education; Member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics(Haifa)]
17.20-17.40	<b>Dignity and Rights of the Dying Patient</b> Prof. Zbigniew Szawarski [Head of the Bioethics Committee of the Polish Academy of Science; Member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics(Haifa)]
17.40-18.00	<b>Reproductive Rights as Human Rights</b> Maria Boratyńska, PhD [University of Warsaw; Member of the Polish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics(Haifa)]
18.00-18.30	<i>Plenary discussion</i>
18.30	<i>The end of the symposium</i>
<b>Part 4 – Poster Exhibition</b>	
9.00-18.30	<i>Exhibition of posters submitted by students The posters will be presented in the conference venue during the conference as well as after the conference in the Center for Bioethics and Biolaw affiliated at the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Warsaw.</i>

## PORTUGAL UNIT

At the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto, the Portugal Unit whose Head is Prof. Rui Nunes, will open the ceremony with the speeches of Dr. Ana Martinho (President of the National Committee of UNESCO), Prof. Sebastião Feyo de Azevedo (Rector of the University of Porto), Prof. Amélia Ferreira (Director of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto), Dr. Miguel Guimarães (President of the Medical Council – Northern Region and Dr. Carlos Vital (President of the Federal Council of Medicine – Brasil). As local representative there will be Prof. Guilhermina Rego (Vice-Mayor, City Council).

The award for an active member will be given to dr. Francisca Rego for her huge contribution to the organization and development of the Portuguese Unit, namely with regard the implementation of research projects in this unit. The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Prof. Isabel Moreira, Portuguese Parliament.

After the speeches there will be the plenary session about Bioethics and Human Rights with Dr. José Gallo and Prof. Ivone Duarte. It is also foreseen a poster exhibition on 19/10/2016 from 9.00 to 13.00 for students, professionals and society at large.



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Human Dignity and Human Rights  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 | 10h00  
Faculty of Medicine  
of the University of Porto  
(CIM Auditorium)  
Portugal

 **UNESCO Chair in Bioethics**  
(initials)

**Program:**

- > **Opening Ceremony:**
  - President of the National Committee of UNESCO – Ana Martinho
  - Rector of the University of Porto – Sebastião Feyo de Azevedo
  - Director of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto – Amélia Ferreira
  - President of the Medical Council (North) – Miguel Guimarães
  - President of the Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine – Carlos Vital
  - Vice-President of Porto City Council – Guilhermina Rego
- > **Plenary Session:**
  - Bioethics and Human Rights – Rui Nunes (UNESCO Chair in Bioethics)
  - Human Rights and Women Rights – Isabel Moreira (Portuguese Parliament)
- > **Attribution of the National Award on Bioethics**
- > **Poster Exhibition**

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116 UNESCO Chair in Bioethics International Unites in*

*Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam.*

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## ROMANIA UNIT

The Head of Romania Unit, Prof. Sandu Frunza, announces the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day 2016 at the Faculty of Political Sciences, Administrative and Communication Sciences, No. 71, Traian Mosoiu Street, Cluj-Napoca that will foresee a Public Lecture on the Challenges of Bioethics Today, a book presentation on bioethical topics by RUUCIB members and a workshop on Bioethics in Romania open to RUUCIB members & network and students.



## RUSSIA - SAINT PETERSBURG UNIT

*State Pediatric Medical University*

The Russian Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics Chair under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Galina Mikirtichan, MD, will organize the celebrations at the Saint Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University.

The opening ceremony will be by Prof. D.O. Ivanov, MD, Rector of Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University followed by the speeches of the local representatives, Prof. Igor Gradinar, PhD - Head of the Chair of Philosophy and Bioethics at the Pavlov First Saint Petersburg State Medical University and Prof. Nikolai Shabalov, MD - Head of the Chair of Children's Diseases at the S.M. Kirov Military Medical Academy. Prof. G.L. Mikirtichan, MD, Head of the Unit, will talk about *"Twenty years' Experience of Teaching Bioethics at Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University and Collaboration of the Chair of Humanities and Bioethics with UNESCO"*.

The award for active members will be given to T. M. Kaurova, MD; M.V. Muratova, MD; O.K. Ochkur, PhD, Lecturers at the Chair of Humanities and Bioethics (Saint Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University) for the development of lecture and seminar courses, lectures and seminars for undergraduate and post-graduate students, dissertations and publications on bioethics.

The eminent O.I. Kubar, MD; PhD, Ex-Vice Chair IBC UNESCO; EFGCP Board Member responsible for education; chief researcher at the Saint-Petersburg Pasteur Scientific Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology will hold the guest lecture about *"Bioethics and Human Rights"*.

The speeches will be followed by some presentations on the theme: "Human Rights and New Reproductive Technologies"; "Moral Problems in Transplantation"; "Moral Problems and Cell Technologies", "Children's Rights in Medicine" for a target audience made by lecturers and teachers in bioethics from Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University and Pavlov First Saint Petersburg State Medical University, junior staff PG and UG students, nursing staff et al. The ceremony will be enriched by the Poster Exhibition at the Lecture Room 8 (Clinical Perinatal Center at Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University) for a Target audience of students, teachers, lecturers.

## RUSSIA - VOLGOGRAD UNIT

The Russian (Volgograd) Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics at the Volgograd State Medical University under the supervision of its Head, Professor Donika Alena, will celebrate the First World Bioethics Day 2016 with the opening speech by Petrov V.I., Full Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, Volgograd State Medical University.

Then there will be the speeches by Statsenko. M.E., Professor, Vice Rector for Research, Volgograd State Medical University and Sedova N.N., Professor, Head of department of philosophy, bioethics and law, Member of Volgograd Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics.

The award for the active member will be given to Sedova Natalia, Professor, Head of department of philosophy, bioethics and law and to Petrov Kiril, PhD, assistant professor of the department of philosophy, bioethics and law. The guest lecture will be held by Kubar O.I., Doctor of medical sciences, Head of the Pasteur clinical branch, Vice-chairman of the International Bioethics Committee at the Commission of the Russian Federation for TINESC.

Then a panel discussion will follow, whose participant will be Professor Sedova Natalia, Professor Donika Alena and Guba Tatiana, PhD (sociology), Associate professor of Foreign Languages Department with a Course of Latin, VolgGMu, Member of the Russian (Volgograd) Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics.

The poster exhibition will be organized throughout the day in the hall on 3d floors of the Volgograd State Medical University building for the target audience which will be composed by the members of students wing of the Unit.

It is foreseen an award for the winners of the best essay writing competition (the competition is held from 30th March to 30th August 2016) and finally there will be the presentation of the special issue of the journal "Bioethics" (n.1, 2016) in English by Prof. Donika Alena.



## SERBIA UNIT

*Center for The Study of Bioethics*

The Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics will open the celebrations with the speech by Professor Vojin Rakić, PhD, Head of Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and the European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. Then there will be the participation of Academician Professor Vladimir Bumbaširević, PhD, Rector of Belgrade University; Siniša Mali, Mayor of Belgrade and Professor Amira Fazlagić, PhD, MD, General Secretary of the Serbian Unit of the

## UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

The guest lecture will be by Academician Professor Vladimir Kostić, PhD, President of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

There will also be a panel discussion with Jadranka Joksimović, Minister for European Integrations of the Government of Serbia and Professor Dušanka Krajnović, PhD, Deputy Head of the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

With regard to the debate competition, the idea is to hold debates at the end of this academic year, end of May or beginning of June 2016. Students of the 8 universities of Serbia should apply to the competition, their application has to include CV and cover letter which is to explain what the significance is of the topic they propose. A selection of the best proposals will be made by the local World Bioethics Day Committee.

The selection process in the various competitions will be conducted by the local World Bioethics Day Committee. This Committee will be nominated by the Secretariat of the European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. The selected themes will be debated by those who have proposed them.

The winner of the entire competition will be introduced to the public during the celebration of 19 October. Three topics will be offered: 1. What do we mean by the term "dignity" in the 21st century? Does it correspond with the historical legacy of the term?; 2. To what extent do laws protect the dignity of humans?; 3. Do morally bioenhanced humans need laws to restrain them?

With regard to the Poster Exhibition, it will last seven days at the Center for the Study of Bioethics, University of Belgrade, starting on 12 October 2016. The poster photo exhibition will be titled "Human dignity and human rights". The five best photographs will be exhibited during the World Bioethics Day.

The selection of the best photographs will be made by the local World Bioethics Day Committee. The target is the wider public. The essay writing competition is to be held well before the World Bioethics Day 2016, the contest will be open until 15 September.

The winner will be selected by the World Bioethics Day Committee by 1 October 2016. The author of the best essay (to be selected by the local World Bioethics Day Committee) will be introduced to the public at the World Bioethics Day Celebration.

There will also be other two additional plans as "the Health Festival will be held in late September. One of the main topics is planned to be "Human dignity and human rights".

The other will be in cooperation with the Faculty of Dramatic Arts aimed at making a documentary film festival on bioethics topics. A jury will select the best film.

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

# World Bioethics Day

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

## Theme: Human Dignity & Human Rights

Prof. Vojin Rakić, PhD- Head of Serbian Unit and European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

Prof. Dušanka Krajnović, PhD- Deputy Head of Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

Prof. Amira Fazlagić, PhD- General Secretary of Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

### The schedule of events with theme 'Human Dignity & Human Rights':

1. Students` Debate: May 30<sup>th</sup>
2. Essay Competition: September 15<sup>th</sup>
3. Photo Competition: September 15<sup>th</sup>
4. Short Movie: October 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### CSB Organizational Support:

- Essay Competition: Milica Milišević
- Panel Discussion: Tanja Komnenović, Dejan Pejović
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#### Program Ceremony for 19 October:

**Opening speech:** Professor Vojin Rakić, PhD, Head of Serbian Unit and European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

**Local representatives:** a) Academician Professor Vladimir Bumbaširević, PhD, Rector of Belgrade University b) Siniša Mali, Mayor of Belgrade c) Professor Amira Fazlagić, PhD, MD, General Secretary of the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

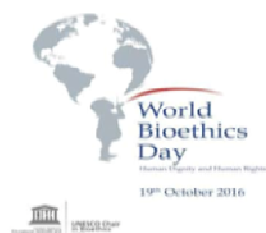
**Representative of UNESCO Chair:** TBA

**Guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics:** Academician Professor Vladimir Kostić, PhD, President of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

**Panel discussion:** a) Jadranka Joksimović, Minister for European Integrations of the Government of Serbia b) Professor Dušanka Krajnović, PhD, Deputy Head of Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics







University of Ljubljana  
Faculty of Social Sciences



### **WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2016: HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

19. October 2016, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

#### **Introductory Speeches**

9:00 Opening Speech: Prof. Toni Pustovrh

9:10 University Representative, Faculty Representative, etc.

#### **Introductory presentation**

9:45 Prof. Toni Pustovrh: *What is Bioethics and What Does It Encompass?*

#### **Thematic presentations**

10:00 Prof. Andrej A. Lukšič: *The Ethical Dimensions of Political Conflicts When Shaping Environmental Legal Norms*

10:15 Dejan Savič: *Environmental Pollution as an Intergenerational Injustice*

10:30 Prof. Franc Mali: *The Societal Challenges of Bioethics in an Era of New Genetics*

10:45 Dr. Jana Šimenc: *The Landscape of Big Data and Medicine*

#### **Break** 11:00 - 11:20

#### **Keynote presentation**

11:20 Prof. Valentina Hribar Sorčan: *Human Dignity and the Rights of the Patient at the Time of Dying*

#### **Panel discussion on the keynote theme**

11:50

#### **Results of Student Essay Competition**

12:30

Organized by the Slovenian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences



In Slovenia the World Bioethics Day will be celebrated on 19 October 2016 at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana. The introductory speeches will be given by Prof. Toni Pustovrh, Head of the Unit, and by several University representatives. The introductory presentation will be given by 45 Prof. Toni Pustovrh on the theme: *What is Bioethics and What Does It Encompass?*

There will also be organized some thematic presentations which are cured by Prof. Andrej A. Lukšič, who will talk about The Ethical Dimensions of Political Conflicts When Shaping Environmental Legal Norms; Dejan Savič who will discuss the Environmental Pollution as an Intergenerational Injustice; Prof. Franc Mali: who will analyse the Societal Challenges of Bioethics in an Era of New Genetics and Dr. Jana Šimenc who will give a speech on the Landscape of Big Data and Medicine.

After the break, there will be the keynote presentation by Prof. Valentina Hribar Sorčan on Human Dignity and the Rights of the Patient at the Time of Dying followed by a panel discussion on the keynote theme.

Finally, the organizers of the event have scheduled to reveal the results of student essay competition.



## SOUTH AFRICA UNIT

Under the supervision of its Head, Professor Ames Dhali, the South Africa Unit is organizing an interactive board two weeks before the World Bioethics Day (so starting from 5th October) that will advertise Bioethics day and allows for students to engage the theme through sharing their thoughts on the board.

After this, the 19th October there will be organized the WSBS Campus Invasion! which will see a table that will be set up outside the Adler Museum during lunch time with two students in charge of the table.

This is aimed at raising awareness on UNESCO, the actual day and the theme. If UNESCO information packs/flyers are available, they will be handed out to students. The WSBS members will also go around campus during lunch time informing students about the day, handing out fact-flyers on Bioethics.



## SPAIN UNIT

Faculty of Law - University of Murcia

The celebrations foreseen at the Spanish Unit, Faculty of Law-University of Murcia by its Head Julián Valero-Torrijos and Magnolia Pardo-López will be held at the Facultad de Derecho, Salón de Grados. UMU with the opening speech by Julián Valero Torrijos, Prof. of Administrative Law (UMU), Head of the Spanish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and by David Morillas, Dean of the Faculty of Law.

A guest lecture will follow by José Salcedo who will talk about Bioethics and the Courts, then there will be a panel discussion on Crowdfunding and Medical Research by Prof. Fernando de la Vega, Prof. Mercedes Sánchez Ruiz, Prof. María José Verdú Cañete.

The poster exhibition will take place from October 17th to October 21st 2016 at Cloister of the Faculty of Law (UMU) for the target audience of Students, Faculty members, Staff, General public considering the location and peculiarities of the Cloister.

The essay Writing Competition will be open on September 26th 2016 and the award of the winners will be on October 19th 2016.

On October 18th 2016 there will also be organized two Sessions Seminar on Ethical and Legal Issues of Medicines at the Faculty of Law, University of Murcia (Spain).



## SWEDEN UNIT

The Sweden's Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at Karolinska Institute, under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Niklas Juth, will open the celebrations with the speech by Prof. Niklas Juth and professor Gert Helgesson. The prize for the active member will be given to Professor Christian Munthe, for advancing bioethics in research ethics, particularly by bringing public attention to the subject and its importance in the aftermath of a research scandal (The Macchiarini-case).

The guest lecture by an eminent personality in Bioethics will be by Professor Erik Malmqvist, and the panel discussion will see the participation of several bioethics experts like Professor Kristin Zeiler, Ph.D. Student Erik Gustavsson; Ph.D. Lisa Furberg; Ph.D. Karl Persson; Ph.D. Jennie Ahlgren; Ph.D. Anna-Sara Lind and Daniela Cutas, senior lecturer.

There will also be a debate competition and a poster exhibition that will take place for one week at Karolinska Institute, LIME department for a target audience composed by students and co-workers at Karolinska Institute, the biggest medical University in Sweden.

## TAIWAN UNIT

The program for the Taiwan Unit, under the supervision of Prof. Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai will foresee an introduction of the meaning and values of the World Bioethics Day and of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

Then there will be a discussion on the new Taiwanese law on “Patient Self-determination Act” and amendment on “human organ Transplantation act”, as recent important bioethics and biolaw progresses in Taiwan that are worth discussing.



## UGANDA UNIT

At the Makerere University College of Health Sciences, the MakCHS Bioethics Center Unit under the supervision of its Head, Principal, College of Health Sciences Prof. Ibingira Charles, will celebrate the World Bioethics Day with many guests.

Among them there will be: Dr. Nakwagala Fred, Physician/Bioethicist; Nelson Sewankambo, Principal Investigator; Dr. Julius Ecuru, Assistant executive director of Uganda National Council for Science and Technology and Dr. Katongole Mbidde, Director of the Uganda Virus Research Institute.

Additional plans for the celebrations will include 1) Launch the college of Health Science Bioethics Centre; 2) Conduct short course training in Clinical Ethics; 3) Conduct Case study discussion (Topics on Human Dignity and Human Rights); 4) Invite the country UNESCO team to orient the Bioethics steering committee.



## UKRAINE UNIT

Unit Head Ass. Prof. Dr. Radmyla Hrevtsova will open the ceremony for the celebrations of the First Bioethics Day in Ukraine with an opening speech followed by the greetings of Prof. Dr. Tetiana Varfolomeyeva, Rector of the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine; Prof. Dr. Yuri Kundiyeu, Vice-President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Bioethics Committee of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Mr. Oleh Musii, member of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine, deputy Head of the Parliamentary Committee of Ukraine on Health-

care, ex-President of the Ukrainian Medical Association.

After the guest lecture there will be a panel discussion on “Bioethics and Human Rights: Burning issues” by Prof. Dr. Svitlana Pustovit, Chairperson of the Philosophy Department of the Shupyk National Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education; Ass. prof. Dr. Zoryana Chernenko, Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty of the Kyiv-Mohyla National Academy; Dr. Galyna Myronova, senior research fellow at the National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine; Dr. Volodymyr Medvediev, Associate Professor of the Bohomolets National Medical University of Kyiv, neurosurgeon at the Romodanov Institute for Neurosurgery of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine.

The debate competition will be about the topic “When does human life start?” At the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine there will be also organized the Poster Exhibition and the Essay Writing Competition for young scientists on “Bioethics and Human Rights”.



## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIT

The United States of America Unit, as told by Prof. Gen Tanaka, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Medicine, Associate Director of the American Unit of the UNESCO Bioethics Chair and Member of the Research Department of the UNESCO Bioethics Chair-Haifa will propose the theme "Bioethics in the midst of a trauma and helplessness".

The American Unit will expand its website with new material on this theme. In addition, the Unit has uploaded on the website an article and a presentation pertaining to the theme in hope of creating an accessible and educational portal for the public.



## UNITES STATES OF AMERICA INDIANA UNIT

At the Indiana University Northwest, School of Public & Environmental Affairs (SPEA), under the supervision of the Head of the Unit, Susan Zinner, Professor, SPEA, the World Bioethics Day will be celebrated with the opening speech of Susan Zinner and Crystal Shannon, Assist. Prof. Nursing. Dr. Marc Rodwin, Professor, Suffolk University, Boston, will give the guest lecture as eminent personality in Bioethics, that will be followed by the panel discussion to which will take part Jana Lacera, Co-Chair, IRB and Bioethics Committee, Munster Community Hospital, Minster and many

members of local hospital ethics committees.

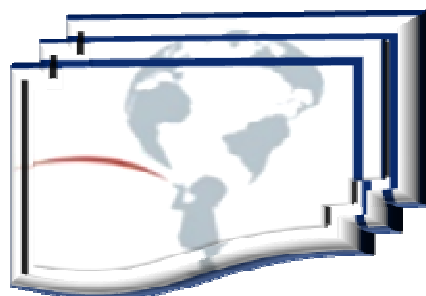
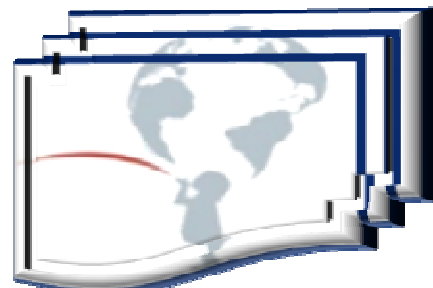
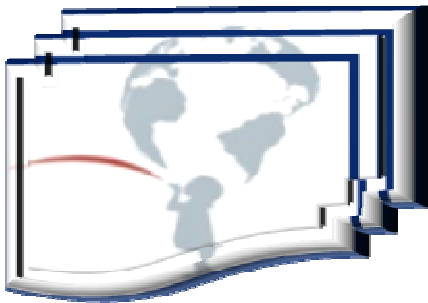
Among the additional plans, there will be a paper presentation by dr. Anja Matwijkiw, Associate Professor, Indiana University Northwest on “Bioethical Human Rights” and another paper presentation by Gianluca Dimuzio, Associate Professor, Philosophy, Indiana University Northwest, on the “Moral Status of Foetuses”.

Then there will be the screening of the film “No mas bebés” with discussion led by Dr. Monica Solinas-Saunders, Assistant Professor, SPEA, Indiana University Northwest. All the event will take place on Bergland Auditorium, Indiana University Northwest.



## VENEZUELA UNIT

Under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Ximena Paez, the Venezuela Unit will organize a big event on November to celebrate both the Bioethics Day and the Ethics in Medicine Day, organizing seminars or conferences about Academic Integrity and Responsible Conduct in Research with the participation of pre-graduate and graduate students of optional subject of Bioethics in Sciences School and another of Medical Ethics in Medical School.



# Bioethics in the World

## ITALY

### Clinical Experimentation and Ethics Committee: which future?

#### n. 536/2014 UE Regulation



Senato della Repubblica

**Commissione Igiene e Sanità  
Commissione politiche dell'Unione europea**

#### **Convegno**

***Sperimentazione clinica di medicinali e comitati etici: quale futuro?  
Regolamento (UE) n.536/2014***

Senato della Repubblica  
Palazzo Madama – Sala Koch  
Piazza San Luigi de' Francesi, 9

Roma, 12 luglio 2016 – ore 9.00

**9.30 - Indirizzi di saluto**

***Pietro Grasso***  
Presidente del Senato della Repubblica

***Beatrice Lorenzin***  
Ministro della Salute

**10.00 - Introduzione**

***Emilia De Biasi***  
Presidente Commissione Igiene e Sanità

***Vannino Chiti***  
Presidente Commissione politiche dell'Unione europea

## I SESSIONE

### Moderatori

**Maria Rizzoni**

Vicepresidente Commissione Igiene e Sanità

**Lucio Romano**

Vicepresidente Commissione Politiche dell'Unione europea

### Relatori

10.30 **Claudio Buccelli**

Presidente Società Italiana di Medicina Legale

10.45 **Elena Cattaneo**

Commissione Igiene e Sanità

11.00 **Lorenzo d'Avack**

Presidente vicario Comitato Nazionale per la Bioetica

11.15 **Silvio Garattini**

Direttore Istituto ricerche farmacologiche "M. Negri"

11.30 **Luca Pani**

Direttore Generale Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco

## II SESSIONE

### Moderatori

**Giovanni Mauro**

Vicepresidente Commissione Politiche dell'Unione europea

**Maurizio Romani**

Vicepresidente Commissione Igiene e Sanità

### Relatori

11.45 **Alfredo Anzani**

Presidente Comitato Etico IRCCS  
Ospedale San Raffaele - Milano

12.00 **Amnon Carmi**

Chairholder UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

12.15 **Carmine Donisi**

Professore Emerito Diritto Civile  
Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II

12.30 **Maurizio Mori**

Professore Ordinario di Bioetica  
Università degli Studi di Torino

12.45 **Antonio G. Spagnolo**

Direttore Istituto di Bioetica  
Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia "A. Gemelli"  
Università Cattolica del S. Cuore - Roma

13.00 - *Conclusioni*

**Vito De Filippo**

Sottosegretario Ministero della Salute

*L'accesso alla Sala Koch è consentito fino al raggiungimento della capienza massima.  
Agli uomini è richiesto di indossare giacca e cravatta.*



**Rome. July 12, 2016-** In the spellbinding scenario of the Italian House of Senate (Palazzo Madama), the member of the Senate and Vice-president of the Hygiene and Health Board of the European Union Policies, Prof. Lucio Romano, promoted the Conference: "Clinical Experimentation and Ethics Committee: which future? n. 536/2014 UE Regulation".

The 99 articles included in nineteen chapters of this regulation state the new rules concerning clinical trials on medicinal products for human use, and the repealing of Directive 2001/20/EC ([http://ec.europa.eu/health/files/eudralex/vol1/reg\\_2014\\_536/reg\\_2014\\_536\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/files/eudralex/vol1/reg_2014_536/reg_2014_536_en.pdf))

This was a very interesting opportunity for some of the main Italian experts in this field to arouse a lively debate about the utmost importance of Ethics Committees in clinical trials, as a bridge between science and ethics, watching first of all that *"the rights, safety, dignity and well-being of subjects are protected and prevail over all other interests"*, as article no. 3 of the Regulation mentions. Professor Amnon Carmi, Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, as a special guest, gave a lecture on UNESCO vision of Ethics Committees in the light of the 2005 UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

After an overview of the clinical trials and the ethics committees in the different States of Europe, the speakers, one by one, focused the core of the discussion on a misinterpretation of the EU Regulation n.536/2014 following which a unique National Ethics Committee should replace all the Local Ethics Committees, putting in danger the democratic pluralism concerning the different experts, members of an ethics committee, who should feel free to express their opinion for the sake of the person and the research at the same time.

*"Research arises conflicts and dilemmas among the rights of the individual who undertakes the experiment, the rights of the patient, the interests of the researcher, the interests of the society in acquiring increasing levels of health, economic advantages of who is promoting the research"* affirms Professor Claudio Buccelli, President of the Italian Society of Legal Medicine and Insurance (SIMLA).

*"The ethical reflection that is part of the bio-law and professionals ethics codes, has broaden its interventions on several values on which it is possible to count, and on different fields of the scientific research, paying attention to problems, dilemmas related to informed consent, to the privacy of people involved in the research and to their personal data, to the use of placebo, to the involvement of vulnerable people, to the levels of acceptable risks, to the primary interests of people, to the way to restore the possible problems arisen during the experimentation, to the compassionate use of drugs, to the scientific relevance of the protocols, to the qualifications and requirements of researchers, to the diffusion of the results in the Scientific community.*

*In order to have an ethics based experimentation, several things are necessary, like the principles of solidarity (connected to the positive results of the biomedical research), the safeguard of human lives (so that it is NOT acceptable the violation of life or a danger or risk for the patients' health), the autonomy (with the informed and free consent of the subject), the totality (or therapeutic, where the risks of the experimentation have to be proportioned with regard to the expected advantages). These are all fundamental principles and the most important one is the freedom and the self-determination of the research."*

A Single National Committee instead of the Territorial Ethics Committees *"would lead to **theoretical** and **vague** evaluations of the clinical trials, because it would have not be conducted following the irreplaceable analysis of the real and concrete context structural and environmental where the experimentations take place; this would lead to dramatic and negative con-*

sequences on the human dignity, safety, well-being of patients and on the operative environment of researchers, who would be deprived of the irreplaceable connection to ethics behavior that is guaranteed by Ethics Committees. These organisms cannot follow the directives of the promoters of the researches that can result in damages for the patients who take part into the experiments.” Prof. Carmine Dionisi considers the Local Ethics Committees as “**public guarantors**” “to safeguard the fundamental rights in an effective and efficient way”. “They are part of the Research Structures in Hospitals and other Institutions where the studies are conducted and they are the only Institutions able to evaluate Protocols in a tangible way”.

Prof. Maurizio Mori underlines that “there are many types of Ethics Committees, but they all represent a new way to take part into the social life and developing the scientific research in the bio-medical field, that is so guaranteed in its actions.” “Ethics Committees were born not to stop the bio-medical research but to encourage it.”

Prof. Alfredo Anzani resumed the question as follows: “We are convinced that a plurality of Ethics Committees is to be preferred to a Unique Ethics Committee. It is though necessary that Local Ethics Committees work well with a technical-scientific secretariat, efficient and valuable. The extensiveness of Ethics Committees is a richness that cannot be lost. This would avoid a new center of power. It represents a richness in the humanism and the diffusion of bioethics sensibility, sharable and aware. There cannot be lost the original scope of the Ethics Committees. Even Ethics Committees follow ethics principles that can be reached with a shared dialogue on sharable values of the human reason, which are fundamental and inalienable. A deep analysis of the Regulation is to be intended as a way to re-allocate the Ethics Committees and not a way to eliminate them, since science and ethics are inseparable”.



From left to right: Dr E. De Biasi, Prof. L. Romano, Dr V. Chiti



From left to right: Dr. M. Rizzotti, Dr L. D'Avack, Prof. C. Buccelli



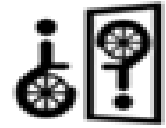
From left to right: Dr. L. Pani, Dr S. Garattini, Prof. L. Romano, Dr M. Rizzotti



From left to right: Prof. A. Anzani, Prof. A. Carmi, Prof. C. Dionisi



From left to right: Prof. Antonio G. Spagnolo, Prof. M. Mori, Dr M. Romani, Prof. L. Romano



## Olympic games: it's time to change

by Alessandra Pentone, European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit International Advisor

*"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."*

*Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, 1908 Olympic Games*

**In 776 B.C.**, in Olympia, Greece, took place the first ancient games where local and foreign athletes could test themselves competing races, chariot races, boxing, discus and javelin throws, etc., expressing their physical potentials and strength capabilities in honor of Zeus, the father of the Greek gods and goddesses.

From that time on, every four years for almost twelve centuries, these games were always held in Olympia and were named Olympics for their location in this city in the western part of the Peloponnese.

In the same peninsula, near the city of Sparta, the tradition tells that all unfit infants, such as weak, sickly, deformed or mentally retarded, were thrown into a chasm of mount Taygetus, just like the worst of criminals, abandoned to an inescapable destiny of starvation and death.

**In 1896**, in Athens, Greece, after almost 1500 years from the last Greek Olympic games, took place the first modern Olympics, largely thanks to the efforts of Baron Pierre de Coubertin (1863-1937), who strongly supported the importance of physical education. This event featured 280 participants from 13 nations, competing in 43 events. Some of the Fundamental Principles of Olympism state:

1. *"Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy of effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles."*
2. *"The goal of Olympism is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of man, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity."*
3. *"The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play..."*
4. *"Any form of discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or otherwise is incompatible with belonging to the Olympic Movement."*

**In 1960**, in Rome, Italy, took place the first official Paralympics games (from the Greek preposition "para" "beside" or "alongside" and the word "Olympic", the Paralympics being the parallel games to the Olympics) featuring 400 athletes from 23 countries. Starting with a few kind of dis-



abilities, mostly consisting in spinal cord injured or amputees' veterans from the previous world war, with the time the Paralympics games included athletes belonging to a wide variety of physical and intellectual impairments, divided in several competition categories, which differed from sport to sport. The aim of the Paralympics is *"to enable Paralympics athletes to achieve sporting excellence and inspire and excite the world"*.

These games were born to emphasize their participants' ability, not their disability, their athletes' achievements, not their limits.

A first step to get close Olympics to Paralympics games was made in 2001 by an agreement that the host city of the games had to manage both events. In fact, Paralympics games follow the Olympics ones almost after a month. But this is not and cannot be enough.

If we agree, as we do, with the articles no. 10 and no.11 of the 2005 UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (Article 10 – Equality, justice and equity - *The fundamental equality of all human beings in dignity and rights is to be respected so that they are treated justly and equitably*; Article 11 – Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization - *No individual or group should be discriminated against or stigmatized on any grounds, in violation of human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms.*) we cannot accept that these two world events have to take place separately.

If we strongly believe, as we do, that disability is part of life and should become a "normal" and "suitable" way of living, as every human being deserves, we support what Lord Sebastian Coe said about the 2012 Summer Paralympics and 2012 Summer Olympics in London: *"We want to change public attitudes towards disability, celebrate the excellence of Paralympics sport and to enshrine from the very outset that the two Games are an integrated whole."*

Olympics and Paralympics games should occur together in a unique sport celebration, where abled and disabled athletes will alternatively compete, both enhancing not only their physical records but their high values as human beings. The one and only universal competition will be the beginning of a new era, as a lively example for present and future generations of a possible and positive human integration.

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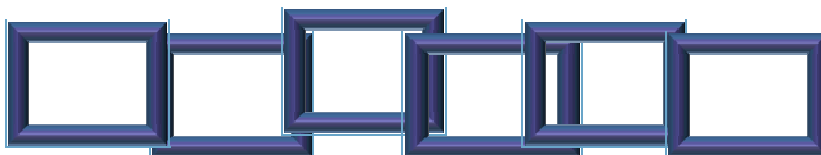
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# Bioethics & Migrants

## Speech Therapists in Europe committed to the protection of the dignity of migrants. In Italy commitment of F.L.I. (Italian Federation Speech Therapists)

*by Michèle Kaufmann-Meyer, Executive Committee CPLOL President & Tiziana Rossetto FLI (Italian Federation Speech Therapists) President & Raffaella Citro, CPLOL- FLI Delegate* <http://www.cplol.eu> <http://fli.it/>

The Comité Permanent de Liaison des Orthophonistes/Logopèdes de l'Union Européenne (CPLOL) / Standing Liaison Committee of the Speech and Language Therapists of the European Union positioned itself in favour of the human rights of the migrants currently arriving in Europe to seek peace and better conditions of life. During its General Assembly of May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016, CPLOL, according to its ethical values, approved a position statement to support the migrants and to state the role that SLTs, the professional experts in communication, can play in the reception, integration and education of the migrants.

Italian Federation Speech Therapists is engaged on the issues of the right to health and dignity of every individual. F.L.I joins the World Refugee Day by signing the CPLOL position.

You can read the CPLOL's position statement on the migrants' situation here:

[http://www.cplol.eu/images/Documents/documents/CPLOL\\_Position\\_statement\\_on\\_migrants.pdf](http://www.cplol.eu/images/Documents/documents/CPLOL_Position_statement_on_migrants.pdf)

### Position statement on the migrant situation in Europe

The influx of migrants into Europe and the consequent humanitarian crisis elicits the need for professional involvement in the fields of health and education, as well as specific accompanying measures in the areas of language and communication.

The Comité Permanent de Liaison des Orthophonistes/Logopèdes de l'Union Européenne (CPLOL) supports all actions towards the best care and support of families seeking refuge in European countries. Apart from their basic needs, this population on the move need to develop communication competences in order to have the best possible integration chances in new environments and settings. Moreover, communication strategies must be established between key workers and migrants to ensure that these families have optimal chances in these precarious situations. As Speech and Language Therapists, and as communication experts across Europe, we consider it our ethical duty and responsibility to be open to these new challenges and to respond as professionals.



**With this in view, SLTs throughout Europe can help in different areas:**

**☐ Work in the forefront:**

- ☐ Enhance communication skills during the reception phase by promoting, developing and supporting the communication skills of the key workers/volunteers.
- ☐ Raise awareness of communication strategies, facilitators and challenges in multicultural settings.
- ☐ Act as consultants in the development of Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) e.g. for communication boards.

**☐ Education:**

- ☐ Work in collaboration with language teachers to use culturally sensitive strategies in the development of basic language skills.
- ☐ Locate educators or SLTs in the migrant population and create a network which can support children and adults in need of specific services within the migrant communities.
- ☐ Train officials in host or transit countries on the basics of transcultural communication in order to facilitate in bureaucratic matters.
- ☐ Act as liaisons in promoting the acquisition of the host language on a spoken and written level.

**☐ Health:**

- ☐ Provide expert support in the field of SLT to cases where our professional expertise is needed.
- ☐ Assist in access to health services.

**☐ Integration:**

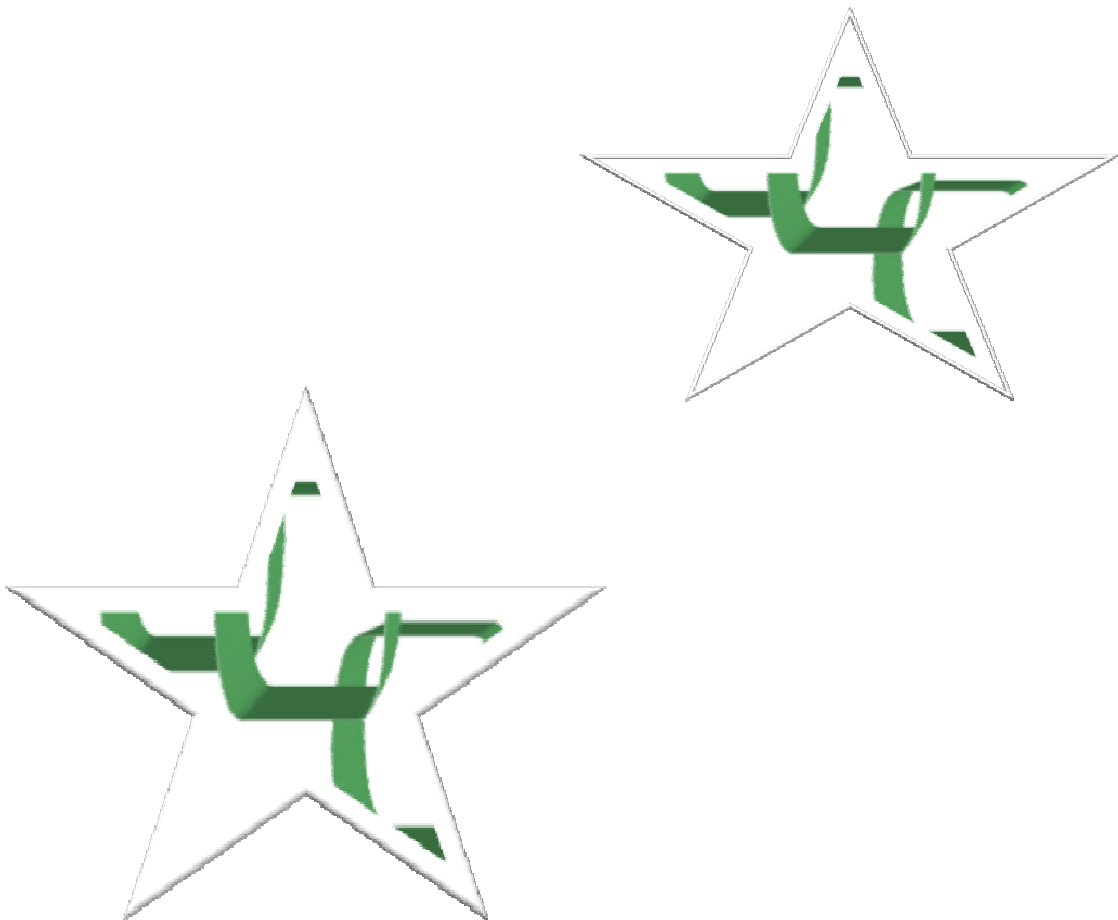
- ☐ Assist in the lowering of cultural barriers, through communication and exchange of knowledge / experiences promoting a multicultural perspective and dialogue between cultures.

- ❑ Be the interlocutor & mediator with public and private bodies.

❑ **Entrepreneurship:**

- ❑ Assist adults with specific educational requests/demands on the training level, for their integration in the labour market, based on our support in facilitating communication and language.

In conclusion, CPLOL representing the European SLT community states its support of all migrants in this humanitarian crisis and asserts that SLTs could provide part of the professional help needed in this situation and help to alleviate some of the issues created by this insecure and difficult situation for the migrants, as well as for the host countries.



# Research

## ITALY

### **Prosthesis, hybridization between humans and machines and human enhancement. When Man and Technology blend together, is it time to think about a new definition of human being?**

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The core of the article are these four questions, which represent a cause for reflection about a typical Bioethical subject, e.g. the relationship between man, science and technology and the consequences of the power of manipulation of things and life which enabled mankind to cross some limits that - since now - have been thought as fixed by Nature once for all:

- a) When does a prosthesis exceed health care limits becoming a human enhancement operation?
- b) Where is the boundary which separates a socially acceptable artificial device from a dangerous or unethical one?
- c) Which features define a human being?
- d) Is it time to re-define the current idea of human being?

When does a prosthesis exceed health care limits becoming a human enhancement operation? Always.

In order to explain this provocative answer, it could be helpful to present some introductory observations. The word *prosthesis* comes from the ancient Greek word πρόσθεσις (*prósthesis*, addition), from προστίθμι (*prostíthēmi*, I add), from πρὸς (*prós*, towards) plus τίθμι (*títhēmi*, I place).

Following the etymology of the word, the main conveyed idea is that something is added to something else which - it can be inferred - should not have necessarily missing or damaged parts. Oddly enough, in the current agreed definition of the word *prosthesis*, the ancient idea of addition has been replaced with the idea of restoring, replacing, the usual but disturbed state of affairs, as it can be seen from this definition: *a prosthesis is an artificial device that replaces, restores, in full or in part, the original functionality of a missing body part, which may be lost through trauma, disease, or congenital conditions.*

Following this definition, it is possible to include in the set of prosthesis some artificial devices

and products like drugs, artificial arms, legs, exoskeletons, artificial organs, artificial implants like cochlear ones or brain and heart pacemakers, even ART (Assisted reproductive technology), since they all are artificial devices or procedures or products used to restore the original functionality of a healthy human body. Later it will be discussed the concept of healthy human body, which is not as clear as it could seem at first glance.

On the contrary, the idea of addition is conveyed through the politically incorrect couple of word human enhancement, whose definition - according to the American Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies[1] - is any attempt to temporarily or permanently overcome the current limitations of the human body through natural or artificial means. It is the use of technological means to select or alter human characteristics and capacities, whether or not the alteration results in characteristics and capacities that lie beyond the existing human range.

The fact that the alteration could or could not result in characteristics and capacities that lie beyond the existing human range, represents an essential specification which enables us to include the artificial device known as prosthesis in the wider set of artificial means used to overcome the current limitations of the human body, so that even a prosthesis represents a sort of human enhancement.

Having said that, the answer to the question: “when does a prosthesis exceed health care limits becoming a human enhancement operation” cannot be different from *always* and the infamous human enhancement artificial devices suddenly lose their aura of immorality, moving the problem from the device in itself to the social acceptance of the device, which - as it has been showed - is only in part related to the device tout-court or to its usefulness.

b) Which leads us directly to the next question: “where is the boundary which separates a socially acceptable artificial device from a dangerous or unethical one?”. The thought-provoking answer is: nowhere.

To explain this answer, it is useful to start with an example showing how much weight the social acceptance of an artificial device has on the development of the device itself. The example is taken from the history of the *bancomat* (ATM), as told by C. Flamigni, 2014[2].

When the first Bankmatic automated teller machine (ATM) was invented by Luther George Simjian in 1939 and used by the Citycorp Bank of New York, many people complained about the fact that the device was only used by those people like prostitutes and gambling den who did not want to show their faces in front of a bank cashier. So the device was removed and the invention had to wait 30 years before it could be accepted later in the 60s.

Was the ATM unethical or dangerous in itself? Why did people react that way to it?

As Luther George Simjian said in his diary, it is necessity which pushes inventors to develop new technologies and devices. Maybe in the 30s there was not yet the necessity for ATMs, but nowadays that money exchange has to be fast-paced and trackable these devices are everywhere and the idea of immorality and dangerousness related to an ATM makes us smile.

But it is society who establishes what is necessary and what is not.

If we agree on this idea, technologies that society considers necessary have more chances to be welcomed and implemented. For example, if society considers desirable and necessary increasing life expectancy and its quality, many resources will be allocated to researches aimed at this purpose. Once again, if society considers necessary the development of an artificial heart in order to save the life of a human being with an original but damaged heart[3], probably a lot of resources will be invested on the development of such technology.

Turning back to prosthesis, an artificial device is more likely to be considered necessary and therefore accepted by society if it is supposed to overcome a disease or an illness. But there arises another problem related to the definition of healthy human body.

To a certain degree what is considered as disease or illness is culturally and socially constructed too, and it cannot be solved simply by defining health as the full expression of species-typical function, because this concept is variable. This phenomenon is known as the so-called medicine *nosological elasticity*, where nosology is a branch of medicine that deals with classification of diseases[4].

Actually, what society considers as a typical function of the human species has been changed throughout the centuries: living with permanently damaged lungs could have been impossible in the 15th century, but nowadays living and executing some species-typical functions with permanently damaged lungs is possible thanks to artificial lungs.

In order to give another example, it could be useful talking about some bioethical problems related to the use of ART, Assisted reproductive technology. Nowadays many scientists, researchers, academics, politicians, etc., are concerned with the ethical questions that arise from the use of some assisted human reproduction techniques. One of the most controversial issue was [5] the development of an artificial womb. It is written *was* because the project has been so stigmatized by the society and by the media that scientists who were working on it preferred not to carry on with the researches and replacing their attention to bioengineering uterine tissue to repair a damaged or malformed uterus[6].

Why the idea of repairing damaged or malformed but already existing wombs is considered desirable and supported by the society while the idea of a totally artificial womb is seen as immoral and horrific? Maybe because the popular imagination fears the creation of a sort of human being factory full of incubators where children are cultivated rather than brought up?

Supposing scientists implemented a perfectly working artificial womb and implanted it in a woman just as a socially acceptable and welcomed artificial lung, would the artificial womb be considered a socially acceptable prosthesis, being it an artificial device that replaces, restores, in full or in part, the original functionality of a missing body part, which may be lost through trauma, disease, or congenital conditions?

Or would the artificial womb be still considered an immoral or dangerous way to permit unhealthy women to enhance her-selves giving birth thanks to technology? On the other hand, why a woman with an unhealthy lung should have more chances to be assisted than a woman with an unhealthy womb? Maybe because a woman can live without a womb or with a damaged

womb but cannot live with a damaged lung. But is this the problem?

At this point, many new questions arise which would be very interesting to analyse in another article, maybe paying attention to the bio-political issues related to it: do we have to concentrate our efforts only on life-saving treatments and not on life quality-enhancing ones? Is really this what society desires? Is society aware of the consequences of its desires? Are these needs real or induced? And who or what induced that desires? And how can we establish what a real need is? To what extent these desires and needs are safe and morally acceptable and should be supported or limited?

Definitely, bioethicists have still a lot of job to carry on, provided that their job is to make questions and stimulate a wide debate on these issues which should not be confined within academic lecture halls, but should be spread across society, at any level.

In conclusion, as showed, the answer to the question “where is the boundary which separates a socially acceptable artificial device from a dangerous or immoral one?” is nowhere because that boundary is as floating as society's (real or induced, conscious or unconscious) desires and needs.

c) We do not have to forget that society is composed by human beings, whose main characteristic is (currently) to transform, as it will be discussed when answering the third question: which features do define a human being? Mutations. If humans mutate, society mutates and so its needs and desires.

Currently, all humans are mutants and the (platonic, indeed) idea of a fixed human nature is no more sustainable. To explain this statement it could be useful starting from the essay by J. Habermas, *The Future of Human Nature*, 2003[7]. In this book Habermas explains his reasons for viewing genetic manipulation and pre-natal screening as impermissible (except to prevent disease and serious impairment) and asks to the reader if it is morally acceptable enabling humans to program their genetic makeup and thus their existence through biotechnology.

As it will be shown soon, the question is misleading, because it presumes:

- a) that humans have been remaining the same since their appearance throughout the centuries;
- b) that a human existence is determined entirely by its genetic makeup.

In this article the assumption b) will not be discussed in details, as its weakness is clear: genetic reductionism. This critique is based on another assumption which is that the complexity of human beings cannot be reduced to genetic, because human beings are (hopefully) more than the result of their biological processes. Regarding to the assumption a), the problem here is that human species does not have a fixed-by-nature and immutable essence, as humans have always been programming themselves throughout the centuries using different methods, thus manipulating their bodies and the surrounding world in order to enhance the quality and the duration of life.

We start transforming and manipulating our body and the surrounding world since the day that we were born. This is easy to understand simply noticing the fact that thanks to its ability to manipulate the surrounding world and itself using different tools and processes, human species has improved its life expectancy during the centuries.

Now, the problem is that more sophisticated, powerful and potentially dangerous methods of

manipulation are available, and so mutations should be designed more carefully than before and not forbidden a priori.

According to R. Marchesini, author of Post-Human[8], the method used by humans to transform themselves and the surrounding world in order to enhance their capabilities is a continuing hybridisation with animals, vegetables and now technology, a co-evolutionary process. Marchesini criticised the obsolete definitions of human being given by humanism and trans-humanism because they assume the idea of the human's self-sufficiency, as humans were or could be totally independent and isolated from their bodies and their surrounding world. Both humanism and trans-humanism are unable to understand the essential contribution of animals, vegetables and technologies to the evolution of humankind, so they are no more sustainable.

In addition, human self-comprehension is related to the external world: they always make a comparison between what they currently can do and what vegetables, animals and now technological products can do, so they will always try to overcome their current limits and the mutation process probably would never stop. In order to make an example, human brain is usually compared to a computer, but there are many things that a computer can do and a human brain cannot do, so we discovered limits which we did not feel to have before the invention of the computers and this works as a stimulus to find new solutions to enhance natural brain potential.

If we agree on the fact that the features which define a human being are variable and unpredictable mutations, we should not fear the challenges we have to face now that science is our co-evolutionary partner and try to do our best to transform ourselves in something which could make us proud of humanity.

But how can humankind be proud of itself?

Let us try to suggest a way through which humans could answer to this question, starting from a definition of human which would be currently widely accepted.

A human being is that particular being able to transform consciously and independently itself and the surrounding world according to an autonomously set purpose.

A purpose is autonomously set when the decision is based on awareness of the facts, resulting from information and education. Knowledge and research could therefore be the key of our future mutations, associated with feelings of empathy and modesty for every creature. The way to face this difficult challenge could be giving people methods and instruments through education (starting from schools) and awareness campaigns in order to develop their personal opinion and to make their informed decisions on what they want and do not want to be and to do, without easy sensationalisms and stigmatisations, always keeping in mind that the more powerful tools are, the greater responsibilities arise.

d) In conclusion, is it time to re-define the current idea of human being? Not for now.

For many centuries being human has been synonymous with (hopefully) consciously and independently transforming on purpose and manipulating the surrounding world and them-self, and presumably this meaning will remain the same. For now, at least.

In fact, as Heraclitus reminds us, all entities move and nothing remains still[9], so even humans' attitude to transformation could change in the future, or we could be asked to re-define the idea



of human being because there will be other things or creatures able to manipulate their world and themselves the way humans do. Who know?

The challenge is open.

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## Human Cloning; an Unnecessary Harm to Humanity

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We are humans; beings with intrinsic value in a higher sense of existence and not by virtue of our status, stage of development, means of reproduction or conception. In 1997, the world was both shocked and fascinated by the announcement in the journal *Nature* by Ian Wilmut and colleagues of their successful cloning of Dolly the sheep from a single cell. This raised the prospects of Nano-biotechnology and human cloning; placing on humanity the burden of rejection or regulation of this technology with regard to the dignity and benefits of human beings. Potentially, human cloning holds enormous benefits with grave detrimental effects on all humans. Nonetheless, with ongoing research of safe and morally acceptable alternatives; human cloning proves to be quite an unnecessary harm to humanity.

Human cloning is the creation of genetically identical copy of an existing, or previously existing human being. The somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) technique is currently the most common method of cloning; which involves the fusion of the nucleus of a somatic cell and an enucleated egg cell.

The two common types of theoretical human cloning are: therapeutic cloning which involves cloning human embryos for use in medical research and organ transplants, and reproductive cloning which results in a child that's genetically identical to his/her parent.

Perhaps the most important and as well disturbing potential application of therapeutic cloning is in human stem cell research. This could lead to the treatment of genetic and regenerative diseases. However, the destruction of embryos in the process of harvesting embryonic stem cell is simply barbaric and an affront to human dignity.

It is not a myth or a religious dogma that the development of human life begins at fertilization; it's a scientific fact that should not be distorted. The human embryo is not just a clump of blood cells, it is a developing human with complete genetic composition just like other members of the human species.

Our negligence to the human rights of embryos is an expression of our unworthiness of existence because after all, we are all members of the same species. Human embryos deserve to be treated with dignity and not degraded to a mere research object. In the words of Immanuel Kant in his *Metaphysics of Morals*; "human dignity required that individuals should be treated as ends and not simply as means to an end". Alternatively, the destructive acquisition of embryonic stem cells is avoidable and stem cell research can be advanced with respect to the dignity of human life.

In 2015, some group of scientists reported in the journal *Cell* the report of their successful gen-

eration of human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) lines from blood samples. Notably, these hiPSCs could differentiate into the three germ layers, just like embryonic stem cells and they were obtained from blood which does not involve the termination of human life in embryos. This is quite a promising feat in regenerative medicine and a good alternative to the harmful embryonic stem cell research. With viable and safe alternatives available, destructive therapeutic cloning is absolutely unnecessary.

Human reproductive cloning has been projected as a possible last resort for infertile couples who wish to create genetically related children. However, this poses grave danger to the health of clones and survival of human population.

In 2013, a report in journal of veterinary internal medicine, *“Neonatal morbidity and mortality of 31 calves derived from somatic cloning”*, showed high morbidity and mortality rate in calves from birth to two years of age. Considering the high mortality rate and various health risks observed in animals, human clones would rather not be created.

In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) with a low 2%-3% risk of birth defects is an acceptable and safe alternative to human reproductive cloning. Scientific advancement and reproductive rights of infertile couples should not undermine the health of clone humans. As rightfully proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights, Article 3, *“The interest and wellbeing of the individual [clone] should have priority over the sole interest of science or society”*.

On a broader note, human reproductive cloning is a form of inbreeding, it takes away genetic diversity and increases the extinction risk of the human population. According to Frankham (2005), *“There is now compelling evidence that inbreeding depression and loss of genetic diversity increase extinction risk in laboratory populations of naturally out-breeding species”*. Lack of genetic variation increases susceptibility to diseases and shortens lifespan. Human reproductive cloning could be a solution to infertility, but the impacts of lack of genetic variation on human clone population would be devastating. In the spirit of brotherhood with potential human clones, clones should be spared the agony of existence.

In a highly polarized and discriminatory society; the weight of stigmatization and psychological trauma on clone humans would be terrible. Clone humans would be treated as less human than the naturally created humans. This is different from children created through IVF because the product of IVF retains its uniqueness. The fact that human clones would be genetically identical to an existing or death individual, deprives the clone of its individuality and demeans its human dignity. This is a defilement of the 1997 UNESCO Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights *“...to respect [humans] uniqueness and diversity”*. This feeling of worthlessness would be worsen with the realization that its other human clone counterparts are merely created as objects of scientific research.

The hallmark of medical science is to heal, prolong life and sustain humanity. In our quest for knowledge in biomedical research, it will be detrimental to neglect human dignity and undermine the age-long obligation, *“do no harm”*, without which our efforts to serving mankind is vicious and ultimately futile. Human cloning would create more problems than it solves; it lacks

genetic diversity, it would violate human right to life, deform human dignity, increase susceptibility to diseases and loss of individuality.

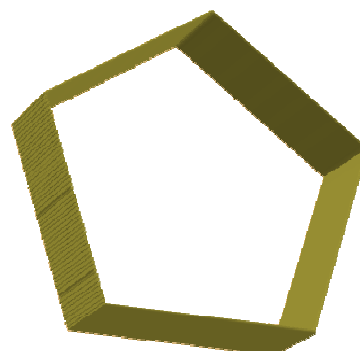
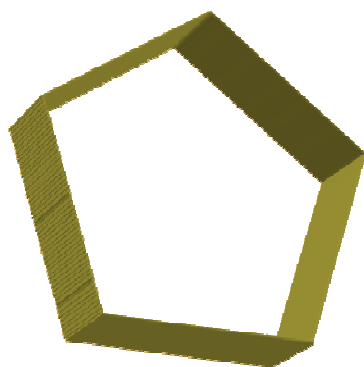
However, the availability of safe and viable alternatives such as Induced pluripotent stem cells research makes human cloning unnecessary. The energy and resources on human cloning should be channeled in exploring other safe and morally acceptable alternatives in solving human's health problems.

In my research survey, 75% of 294 respondents disapproves human cloning: an indication of humanity withholding its consent.

If we must uphold human dignity, ensure health safety and protect humanity, then there is need for a complete prohibition of human cloning across the globe.

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# Education

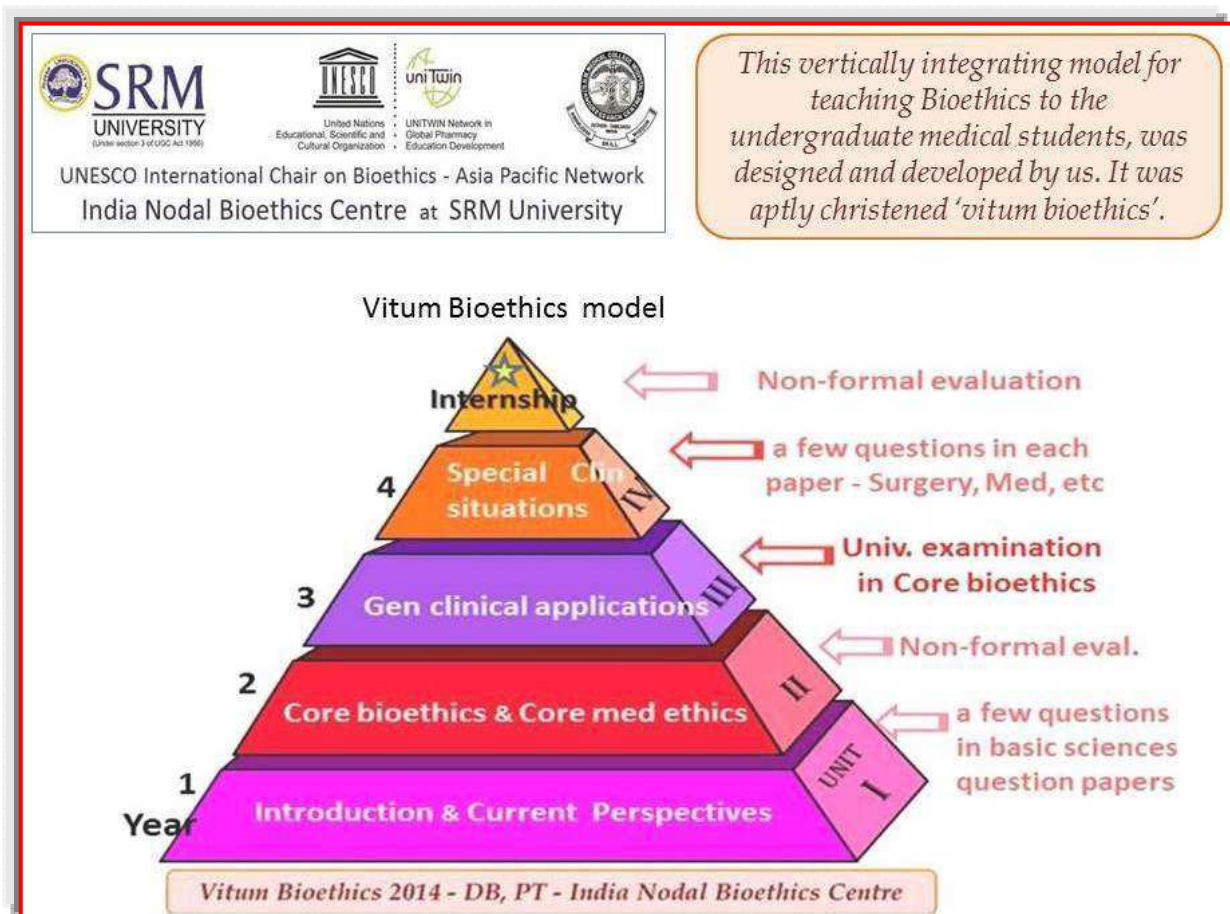
*Vitum-bioethics model for teaching medical undergraduates - DB and PT 2014*

## Vertically Integrating Model for Teaching Bioethics to the Medical Undergraduates

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A pragmatic approach for integration of Bioethics Teaching into the existing regular medical curriculum



## Preamble

The field of medicine has made rapid advances recently. *Pari passu*, newer ethical issues are also emerging in the field of medicine. But the health care providers are not equipped to effectively deal with them.

Conscious of this lacuna, several initiatives had been taken around the world.

The Division of Ethics of Science and Technology of UNESCO has published a Bioethics Core Curriculum in 2008. The International Chair on Bioethics has formed a very wide international network on Bioethics, and has taken the lead. Conscious of the need for actionable resources, the International Chair has published a series of Case books and Ethical Commentaries. Several countries have gainfully utilized all these resources.

Everyone realizes the utility of learning Bioethics. Several countries have actually started courses in Bioethics. But, at the field level, two issues hamper effective and universal implementation of a bioethics curriculum. The undergraduate medical student is already burdened with a voluminous study load and the time available during the undergraduate course is very short. This issue is compounded by the unavailability of teachers, who are trained in bioethics. These two vexatious issues are sought to be solved by us, by designing a novel model.

In this novel model, designed by us, the UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum mentioned above, forms the mainstay; the lesson plan integrates the bioethics modules vertically into the existing general medical curriculum. The USP of this model is the requirement of (i) minimal additional time and, (ii) less number of exclusive bioethics teachers. Due to this unique design, this model is christened as 'Vertically Integrated Teaching of Bioethics to the Undergraduate Medical students (acronym: vitum-bioethics).

The design of such a curriculum is a demanding task. This novel design was first presented in the form of an invited lecture at the International Seminar of the Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Bioethics Network (22-23 Jan 2014). Subsequently, the same was submitted to the 7<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Indonesian Network of Health Bioethics and Humanities (14-16 Mar 2014).

The Asia Pacific Chair, Prof Russell D'Souza and the International Chair, Prof Amnon Carmi have commended it and have graciously given critiques. They have also agreed to lend their titles to the future refinements of this model. The development of this model is a continuous process. Consultations are under way with several chairs, in India and abroad. A conclave is scheduled on 20 November 2014, in the SRM University in Chennai, India, towards this direction. A short description of the vitum-bioethics model is given below.

## The objectives of the 'vitum-bioethics' model

The course should equip the students with the following skill sets

1. Be able to identify the ethical issues, which occur during medical practice; also, be able to anticipate any issue, which might arise. Apply ethical principles to those issues and arrive at decisions.



2. Be able to defend his decisions, by providing rational justifications.
3. Additionally, be able to fine tune his decisions, on the basis of moral beliefs, and traditional practices in the particular cultural *milieu*.

Target participants in this course:

The discourse of this model (in the present form) would deal with the undergraduate medical curriculum. Quite obviously, several parts of this model would be eminently applicable to students and practitioners of related streams also, namely (i) allied health sciences, traditional and alternative systems of medicine e.g. nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, homeopathy, ayurveda, unani, acupuncture, eastern systems of medicine, naturopathy etc. and, (ii) Law, Social work, Philosophy, Management etc. In fact, bioethics permeates every walk of life, and everyone will benefit from this course.

General principles underlying the design of the Vitum Bioethics model:

- The Curriculum: The curriculum must be uniform across all countries (country). The syllabus incorporates all the 17 modules of the Bioethics Core Curriculum UNESCO 2008 ver1 and all the 15 principles and the 28 articles enshrined in the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights of UNESCO 2005.
- Resources: Standardized text books covering the entire syllabus shall be prepared. The Case books and Ethical Commentaries published by the International Chair will be utilized. Teacher manuals and all resources shall be made available in the web, as free downloads.
- The Lesson plans: the learning starts from the first day of entry into the medical school. The contents integrate into the regular curriculum, and regular teaching. The total teaching hours is proposed to be around 80-90 hours, spread throughout the entire undergraduate course. It may be adapted, after wide consultations, based on the collective wisdom of all experts.
- The teaching methods: Integrated teaching-learning method shall be employed. Innovative modalities shall occupy a significant number of hours, across all the academic years. Thus, the students will develop a participatory feeling and harbor sustained interest.
- Attendance will be compulsory. A portion of the Internal Assessment marks shall be apportioned exclusively for the attendance.
- Evaluation: The purpose of this evaluation is to assess whether the curriculum has resulted in the achievement of its objectives. Hence, the evaluation shall be two-fold (i) Evaluation of the course curriculum itself and (ii) Evaluation of the students' performance.
- Evaluation of the course curriculum itself, shall be done by constant feedback from students. Such feedback must trigger a response to refine the curriculum.
- Evaluation of the students' performance shall be achieved by (a) traditional written tests and, (b) non formal evaluation (case presentations, assignments, case analysis, group discussions and seminars) shall be given more emphasis.
- Examinations: During the initial period of three years, the evaluation shall be restricted to non-formal methods. When the student has completed the first three units, there shall be



one formal university examination. This examination shall comprise of the usual written pattern – essay questions, short notes, multiple choice questions and oral examination. One of two questions requiring analysis of clinical situations also may be included. Rationale for the timing of this examination: at this period of the regular medical course, the undergraduate medical student would have been well-exposed to the clinical fields - and, he would be relatively free to appear for a written test. The credit for this examination shall not exceed 40% of the total credit mandated for the subject of bioethics for a medical graduand.

After this formal examination, the non-formal evaluation methods shall commence once again. The credit for such non-formal evaluation shall be 40%. Within this non-formal format, objective and measurable parameters (like number and standard of activities) shall be used to award the credits. During the internship period, the credit for learning bioethics (by non-formal evaluation methods) shall be 20% of the total credits.

#### Further Plans

For the purpose of *training the trainers*, another course material is being prepared. It will be at the level of Masters. Within that curriculum, the core bioethics syllabus will be present. In addition, education technology will be incorporated. The students in that course will consist of existing senior medical teachers. The graduates of that masters course, should be able to function as master teachers/course coordinators of Bioethics. This masters course has already received the approval of the Academic Council of SRM University.

#### Annexure: The Syllabus and Curriculum of 'vitum-bioethics'

Note: The entire syllabus is presented as Five units. All the seventeen modules of the UNESCO Core Curriculum have been incorporated into these five units. Each unit will be taught during a specific period of the existing undergraduate medical course, in parallel with the regular medical curriculum. Under the heading of each unit, we have described (a) learning objectives (b) syllabus (c) curriculum and (d) evaluation methods, which are specific to that particular unit.

#### Unit I. Introduction to Bioethics & Current perspectives in Bioethics (Total 12 hours)

##### Learning objectives of Unit I

- (i) To get an insight into the field of Bio ethics, including current perspectives.

##### Syllabus of Unit I

##### Unit I Sec 1. Introduction (3 hours)

What is ethics, bioethics, and medical ethics? Disciplines within bioethics, brief history of different bioethics codes over the centuries, moral values across different cultures and religions, how spiritual (religious) beliefs and societal customs have influenced the fundamental

moral values? Changes over the centuries, brief description of western streams of philosophy, the traditional philosophy and values in the eastern world. How migration of people(s) has resulted in a confluence of principles, how the recently found mobility across the continents has accelerated an amalgamation?

#### Unit I Section 2. Modern perspectives in bioethics and in medical ethics (3 hours)

Different codes of bioethics and medical ethics, the current efforts to evolve a globally applicable ethical code, Hippocratic Oath, the ten principles of Nuremberg code of 1947, Declaration of Geneva (Physician's oath) 1948, amended in 2006, Helsinki declaration of the World Medical Association 1964 and its 6<sup>th</sup> revision in 2008, UNESCO Universal Declaration on Human rights, the role of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and the international network on bioethics, Current perspectives.

#### Unit I Section 3. Codes of the statutory medical licensing authorities (3 hours)

Standard codes and guidelines of different countries, those specific to each country shall be presented to the medical students e.g. Medical Council of India Code of Ethics 2002, Care shall be taken to explain how each clause of the code is relevant. In addition, comparative study of each of the clauses, across countries and cultures.

#### Unit I Section 4. Bio ethics related to the fundamental sciences (3 hours)

Dignity of human in life and death, physiological and biochemical experimentation in human and in animals and rights of a persona, humaneness, the principle of equality of races and justice, philosophical ruminations into certain experiments conducted in human history - a dubious and recent example of this would be Auschwitz.

#### Lesson Plan of Unit I

This unit I will be taught in the first academic year, right from the first day of entry into medical school. In addition to didactic lectures, each session shall be interactive. The master teacher of Bioethics of the institution (the course coordinator himself) will personally handle the first three sections. The section Four shall be handled by senior professors in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry - one hour each.

#### Evaluation for the unit I

No individual university examination shall be prescribed. Non formal evaluation shall be done by alternate means like seminars, group discussions and assignments etc. A few brief questions shall be included in the question papers of fundamental sciences, in the regular examination .

Unit II. Core Bioethics and Basics of Medical ethics (Total 24 hours) (didactic teaching 12 hours + interactive discussions, case-work studies, seminars etc., by students 12 hours)

## Learning Objectives of unit II

Unit II will cover the core bioethics related the basic sciences.

Syllabus of unit II (didactic lectures only: 12 hours)

### Unit II Section 1. Concepts of health (2 hours)

Disease and healing, Right to Health, Patient as a person, An individual's dignity, privacy and confidentiality. The limitations of an individual's confidentiality, in the interest of general society.

### Unit II Section 2. Patient's bill of rights (2 hours)

Right of a patient to have information about his/her medical condition, autonomy and freedom of choice of treatment. The responsibilities of a patient as a member of the society.

### Unit II Section 3. Equality and Justice (6 hours)

Ethics of human life, right to live with health, duties of the society and the state to provide for every individual, equitable distribution of services, allocation of resources in health care systems, case studies like selection of patients for renal dialysis in the United States in the eighties. Religious beliefs and bioethics like aversion to blood transfusion, the Buddhist tradition of eye donation, etc. Human duty to rescue a fellow human being or other forms of life. Duty of individuals (bystanders) to the society, and to the general public. Non Discrimination and Non Stigmatization in HIV, AIDS, TB, Hansen's disease, Legal issues, the law, court judgments and directives .

### Unit II Section 4. Environmental issues and Protecting the future generations (2 hours)

Sustainable world, Public health issues, Environmental issues, Biosphere and biodiversity, genetic engineering, Ecological protection.

## Lesson plan of unit II

During this period (second academic year), the students will be studying pathology, microbiology and forensic sciences. This is the time that the student will start attending the clinical classes and will come into contact with real patients. This unit is the solid base on which the next unit III will be based. The first two sections are in the clinical sphere and can be handled by the clinicians. The sections 3 and 4 may be fruitfully dealt by the teachers of community medicine.

## Evaluation for the unit II

Non formal evaluation shall be done by alternate means like seminars, group discussions and assignments etc. A few brief questions shall be included in the regular question papers of basic sciences.

Unit III. Application of Medical Ethics to the Clinical practice, in general (Total 24 hours)  
(didactic teaching 12 hours + interactive discussions, case-work studies, seminars etc., by stu-

dents 12 hours)

Learning objectives of unit III

Unit III will cover the core bioethics related to clinical settings, legal insights and case laws, interactive discussions and case studies.

Syllabus and lesson plan of Unit III (didactic lectures only: 12 hours)

Unit III Sec 1. The principles of Evidence Based Medicine (3 hours)

Beneficence, non maleficence, *primum non nocere*, responsibility of a medical personnel, treatment choices and decision making by the treating doctor, Concepts with clinical examples.

Unit III Sec 2. Consent, Assent and Autonomy (3 hours)

The ingredients of an informed consent, Autonomy and the right of a patient to make decisions, the meaning of 'capacity to consent', Persons without the capacity to consent, vulnerable populations, dependency and guardianship, role of family and society in decision making by the patient.

Unit III Sec 3. Professionalism (3 hours)

Contract, Code of conduct, responsibility of a medical personnel in the personal sphere, personal integrity, the Hippocratic oath and the integrity values embodied in that document, human vulnerability on the part of the physicians, procedures to be adopted to prevent human pitfalls (and also false accusations) e.g. chaperoning. The freedom of a doctor to withdraw from a contract, Legal perspectives.

Unit III Sec 4. Physician Patient relationship (3 hours)

Empathy (solidarity and cooperation with the patient), compassion, responsibility of a medical personnel in the professional sphere.

Evaluation methods for Unit III

There must be one formal university examination, when the student has completed the first three units. The questions shall cover all the three units. It shall be a separate university paper, as described earlier.

Unit IV. Special Clinical issues - application of Bioethical principles (Total 24 hours)

(didactic teaching 12 hours + interactive discussions, case-work studies, seminars etc., by students 12 hours.)

Learning objectives of unit IV

This unit will equip the student to apply bioethical principles (i) in the clinical practice of advanced specialities and to (ii) the clinical situations, which have emerged due to advanced technologies.

Syllabus & Lesson plan of Unit IV (didactic lectures only: 12 hours)

Unit IV Section 1. Beginning of Life Issues (2 hours)

Prenatal diagnosis, genetic counseling pediatric stroke neonatal euthanasia, assisted reproductive technologies, surrogacy, designer babies, genetically modified food.

Unit IV Section 2. End of life issues (2 hours)

Definition of death, advanced life support systems, prolongation of life, support to the patient who awaits imminent death, euthanasia (both active and passive.)

Unit IV Section 3. Ethics of human sexuality (1 hour)

Gender reassignment, transgender.

Unit IV Section 4. Organ donation (3 hours)

Organ transplant (liver, eye, bone marrow, stem cell), xenografts, sperm banking, egg banking.

Unit IV Section 5. Ethical principles in conducting research (1 hour)

Experimental research in human subjects and in animals, humane perspectives, human experimentation, conflict of interest. Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects Indian Council of Medical Research 2000, subsequent and similar documents from other countries.

Unit IV Section 6. Research and Clinical trials (3 hours)

Drug trials, remuneration to the investigators, conflict of interest, volunteer research, financial support to participants, difference between inducements and legitimate compensation for loss of earning hours during the trial period, ethics of reporting results, selective reporting, publication ethics, plagiarism.

Curriculum of unit IV

During this period, the students would have already appeared for the clinical examinations in ENT and in Ophthalmology. They would undergo in depth training in all clinical subjects, namely, medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynaecology, orthopaedics, paediatrics etc. This is the time that the student will be grasping the crux of medical practice. Hence, these topics shall be taken by the respective clinical professors themselves, supplemented by some seminars, and discussions, case scenarios and case studies.

Evaluation methods

There shall not be a separate university paper. The objectives of bioethics teaching would be best served by including one or two compulsory questions, within the main regular paper for each clinical subject, itself. These questions should require some introspection on the part of the students.

## Unit V. Internship and skill development    (Teaching hours - unlimited - 24x7)

Learning objectives of unit V

This period shall ingrain bioethical principles and medical ethics, in each medical graduand.

### Syllabus of Unit V

#### Unit V Section 1. Equality, Justice and non-discrimination

Society's duty to render assistance to fellow beings, Principles of allocation of scarce facilities, duty to rescue on the part of the bystanders and the general public, the duties of a professional care giver (empathy, compassion, and professional reasoning), non-discrimination and non-stigmatization in the case of diseases like HIV, AIDS, Hansen's disease, tuberculosis etc. World and Environmental issues, Biocentrism, Biosphere and biodiversity, genetic engineering, Ecological and environmental issues in Bioethics, Public health issues.

#### Unit IV Section 2. Value systems on one's professional life

Guarding oneself from malpractices, Issues like over-investigating the patient, charging of fees, fee splitting prescription of drugs, medical insurance norms, Legitimate defensive practices for self-protection against allegations of malpractice and negligence, documentation of management. The Law, Judgements and court directives in general, specific case law discussions, interactive discussions.

### Curriculum of unit V

During this period, the students will be learning by precept and by personal practice. Hence, these topics shall be taken by the respective clinical professors themselves at the bedside and the wards. It shall be supplemented by some seminars, and group discussions, case scenarios and case studies.

### Evaluation methods for unit V

There need not be any university examinations. The non-formal evaluation shall have an element of objectivity. Examples are assignments like writing articles on specific topics, review of a current case scenario, conducting seminars for the junior students, active participation in group discussions etc.

Recommended Reading for all the units.

1. Case book series and booklets on individual topics, already published by the UNESCO International Chair on Bioethics (available as free downloads). Teacher manual of the UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum 2008. Study material accompanying the bioethics core curriculum (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002109/210933e.pdf>).
2. Further resources must be prepared comprehensively (more case books, case studies, lecture notes, power point presentations and posters). We intend to prepare a compendium of resources. It will be globally sourced and the contents shall be peer reviewed.

3. Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, 2000, and, similar Guidelines prescribed by the various statutory bodies of all countries.



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**HALL B**

**Bioethics: Education (1)**  
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Co-Chair: S. Davtyan

**A vertically integrating model for teaching bioethics to undergraduate medical students**  
*D. Balakrishnan, India*

**National Bioethics Conclave - November 2014**

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Prof. M. Mingma - Head of the Bioethics unit of Sikkim.

Prof Smitha Deshpande - Bioethics unit in New Delhi.

Prof Bikram Prasad Shrestha - Rector of B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Nepal.

Dr K K Aggarwal - Secretary General Indian Medical Association, Member Ethics Committee of MCI.

Prof A Marthandan Pillai - National President of Indian Medical Association.

Prof Russell D Souza - Head of the Asia Pacific network of Unesco Bioethics chair



# Publications

## ITALY

### **Birth, a bioethical issue. Assisted reproduction, artificial wombs and human dignity - CLEUP EDITORE, Padova, Italy, 2016**

*by ISOTTA BURLIN, Ph.D. in Bioethics, Scientific Advisor of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit*

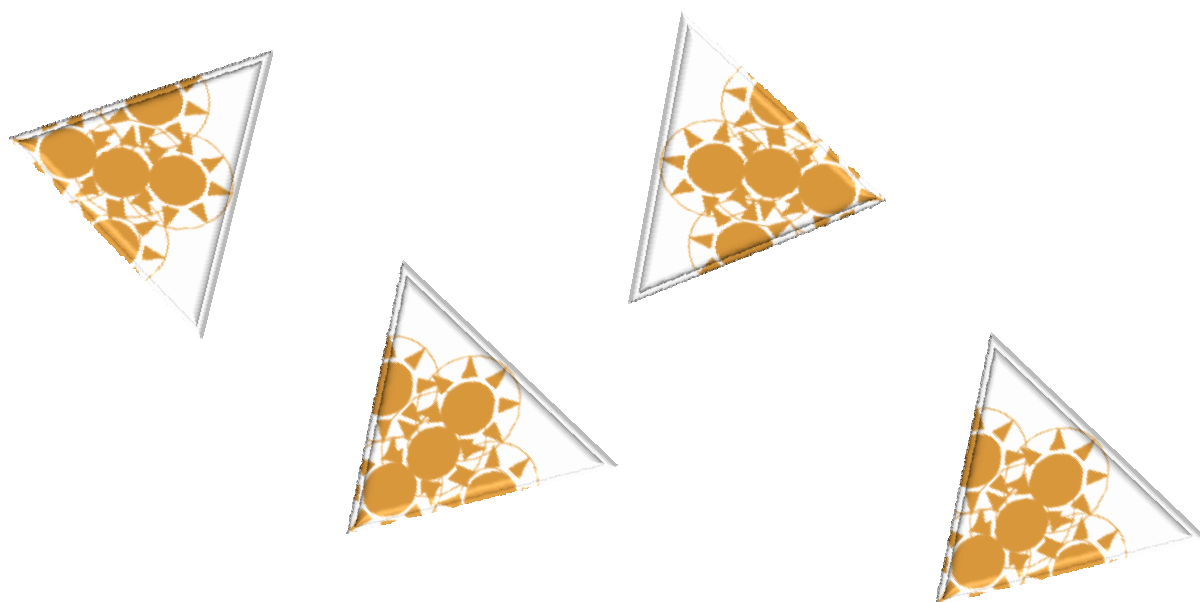
Since the dawn of history, *Mother* has been the one who carried the child in her womb, and the child actually was brought to life through the delivery. *Mother*. Other adjectives were redundant. But nowadays the idea of mother is not so intuitive. With the introduction of the Assisted Reproduction Technologies we have learnt to face *biological, uterine, surrogate* mothers, even too-aged mothers (in Italy called *grandma-mothers*).

Inspired by those changes, the author tries to answer to some questions: what does it mean being human?

The idea of human being is related to the way we are brought to life? Why do we fear that the technological manipulation of life could represent a danger for our dignity?

And what if we could use artificial wombs? Will we have to change our idea of humanity? Would it lead to a social (r)evolution?

A journey through the theme of "Birth", free from ideologically found prejudices, to find shareable solutions to the questions arisen from the use of the technologies applied to human beings.



Isotta Burlin

# **La nascita Una questione di bioetica**

Procreazione Medicalmente Assistita,  
uteri artificiali e dignità umana

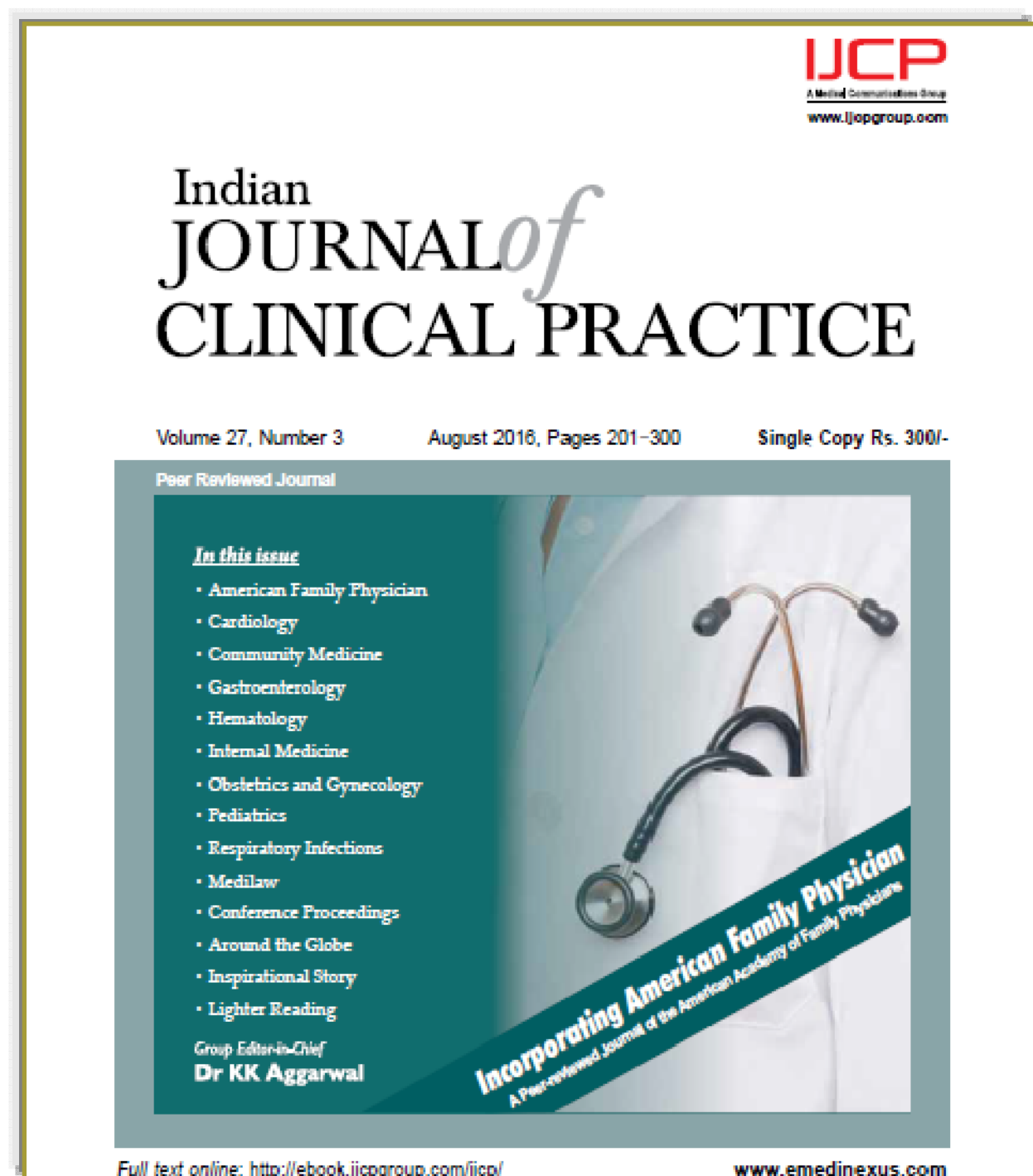


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INDIA NEW DEHLI, Central India

## The importance bioethics in everyday clinical practice

by Prof. Smita N. Deshpande (pag. 229-232)



# Focus on Unit

## CAMEROON

CERB Unit– Yaounde



*Pierre EFFA is the head of the UNIT of the Ethics and Bioethics Research Centre (CERB) and Chairman of the CERB.*

*CERB was born in 1995 on the concerns of researchers and members of the African Movement for Ethics and Bioethics.*

*The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit was established in October 2015.*

**- Short presentation: name, professional qualification, University affiliation, and Country of origin:**

Pierre EFFA is an officer of the Cameroon national health services. Chairman of the Pan African Congress for Ethics and Bioethics (COPAB), the Scientific and political Commission on ethics and bioethics of the African Union. He coordinates the development and facilitation of national forums, regional, continental and International Bioethics in Africa.

International expert in public health and bioethics, Pierre EFFA, is Advisor of major public and private institutions in Africa and as such, it conducts multifaceted activities some of which have resulted in reference publications.

**- When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**

Since October 2015.

**- What does Bioethics mean to you?**

We define the African paradigm of Bioethics as "the set of strategies to protect, enhance and promote life".

**- About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (specify your particular expertise and interest, please)**

We shall only mention the institutional achievements here.

Period	Particular expertise and interest
1990 - 1995	Top leader of the African Movement for Ethics and Bioethics and President of the Cameroon Bioethics Society (CBS), the first Bioethics institution in African soil. (Association statement Receipt No. 00036 / RDA / J06 / BAPP of 13 February 1995; based in Yaoundé) that created Ethics and Bioethics Research Centre (CERB)
1994-2001	Organizer of the African International Days of Bioethics Yaoundé, I did conduct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all the development of the technical dossier of Bioethics of the OAU 32<sup>nd</sup> Summit, including the proposal of the Draft Resolution (July 1996);</li> <li>- conceived the 'Integrated Ethics Sphere in Africa ', a sophisticated variant of the ethics sphere of the Assistance Publique Hôpitaux de Paris; the African Platforms for Ethics and Bioethics, as the place of the African scientific and thematic Palaver for the resolution of ethical dilemmas concerning the life and the network of the Pan African Certification System for Ethics Evaluation.</li> </ul>
Since 2008	As President of the Pan African Congress for Ethics and Bioethics (COPAB), he conducted the preparation and the implementation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions of COPAB. Their major outcomes of both are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- an integrated Ethics and Bioethics sphere characterized in particular by the establishment by the parliaments and national governments of legislative texts Bioethics and Human Rights through an Act-type Pan African Bioethics;</li> <li>- The establishment of a tool for the implementation of the African and international texts and instruments on Bioethics and Human Rights.</li> <li>- the African framing of the scope of intervention of the Bioethics: it is interested in all human activities for securing of life, as well as products derived therefrom;</li> <li>- The implementation of the African Platform for Ethics and Bioethics, as the place of the African scientific and thematic Palaver, for the resolution of ethical dilemmas concerning life, research and development, to which the member states African Union and communities could face and as the network of the Pan African Certification System for Ethics Evaluation,</li> <li>- The preparation of the texts establishing the Pan African Congress for Ethics and Bioethics (COPAB), regulatory texts and tools for Ethics and Bioethics, the Protocol to the African Charter of Human Rights and Peoples on Ethics and Bioethics and its project orientation declaration the Orientation Law - type wearing Code of Ethics and Bioethics ", based on the African reference texts, namely the African Charter of Human Rights and Peoples and the Charter of the African Cultural Renaissance, that will also help to elaborate the regulatory texts in all areas of human activity;</li> <li>- the proposition of two major orientations in the activities of the African Movement for Ethics and Bioethics, namely the Pan African Congress of Health Actors (COPAS) that cares about the health and its dilemmas and the Pan African Congress for ethics</li> </ul>



	<p>and Bioethics (COPAB) to watch over bioethics and ethics of development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the establishment of African Platforms for Ethics and Bioethics;</li> <li>- Study of the proposed program for the Professional Master in Teaching and Research for Ethics and Bioethics;</li> <li>- Creation and implementation of the Continental Forum for Ethics and Bioethics and its branches in the regions and Member States of the AU, with the bonus installation in Brazzaville of the Bureau of the Regional Forum for Ethics for Africa Central;</li> <li>- Harmonization of the issuing of ethical clearance for protocols of research;</li> <li>- Was the African Union representative at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ECIDB program concerning the High-level consultation meeting between the European Union and the African Union on the dialogue of bioethics. This meeting was organized by EGE and BEPA, in collaboration with the COPAB.</li> </ul>
Further challenges to address	<p>The effective implementation of legislation at national, regional and continental levels;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harmonization of reference for Africa's Guidelines for the orientation of research and for the ethics of health research standards;</li> <li>- The implementation of the educational project in ethics from kindergarten to the African Doctoral School of Bioethics;</li> <li>- The establishment of the Pan African Certification System for Ethics Evaluation;</li> <li>- The establishment of forums at different levels;</li> <li>- The establishment of ethics sphere in health institutions.</li> </ul>

**- How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

- Offer a home to the African Movement for Ethics and Bioethics, organize the Bioethics Summit of the 32<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the OAU in July 1996 in Yaoundé that adopted the Resolution No. AHG / Res.254 (XXXII) on Bioethics and the Development of Africa;
- Give a legal personality as a "foreign association" to COPAB by Order No. 00000167 MINATD / A/ MINATD/DAP/SDLP of November 12, 2012;
- Transmit COPAB documents by verbal notes (the Minister of External Relations) to various authorities of African Union;
- Sponsor some of the activities COPAB organized.

- **Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

All the difficulties encountered are linked to the fact that the African paradigm of Bioethics is not yet spread enough.

- **What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

COPAB is committed to spread his paradigm to the grassroots and to all systems that concern man in order to put in place the Integrated Ethics and Bioethics Sphere where ever it will be necessary.

- **Describe your Unit's future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference.**

The Unit's future projects consist of organizing the teaching of Bioethics in both academic milieu and communities. The outcome of their implementations will be:

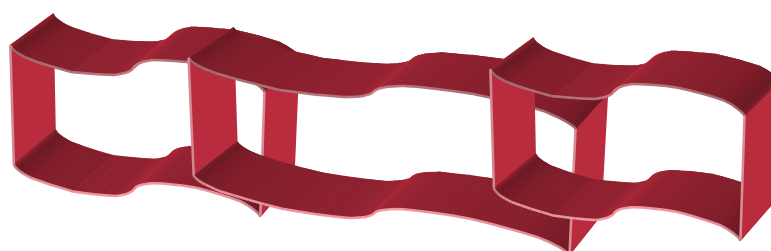
- Versions of the Syllabus in African languages (national and local);
- Cascade training of trainers in Bioethics;
- Monitoring and field evaluation of the training.

These will be implemented in partnership with Pan African Congress for Ethics and Bioethics, and African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities and AU member States.

Please, find below abstracts of the presentations in the World Bioethics Conference in Cyprus on March 2017 will be on:

The following topics will be of some interest:

- The African paradigm of bioethics: Definition, the reasons for its development, its development framework, the impact of this paradigm in the development of Integrated Ethics and Bioethics Sphere in the Continent and in the world;
- Ethical African Platforms and Bioethics: design, nature, roles in Integrated Ethics and Bioethics Sphere in the Continent and in the world;
- The Network of Ethics and Bioethics: Forums: motivations of their design, operation, National, Regional, Continental and Global, the implementation of Integrated Ethics and Bioethics Sphere in the Continent and in the world;
- The establishment and operation of the Pan African System of Ethics Assessment Certification: its nature, the motives of its creation, organization and functioning, its contribution to the development of Integrated Ethics and Bioethics Sphere in the Continent and in the world.





## COLOMBIA Bogotá

*Prof. Andrea Hellemeyer, Head of Unit*



**- Short presentation: name, professional qualification, University affiliation, and Country of origin**

Andrea Hellemeyer. Psychologist, Social Psychologist, Professor and Researcher Bioethics Institute, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá-Colombia, Head of Unit Bogotá-Colombia, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics - Haifa.

**- When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**

Our Unit was established in December 2014.

**- What does Bioethics mean to you?**

As we can agree bioethics field includes different topics and various meanings. I have been working on human rights for the last 10 years, and I am now very much involved in the peace process that Colombia is facing. Bioethics means now to me a discipline from which professors and researchers can think about complex human situations that challenge our previous knowledge and experience.

**About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (specify your particular expertise and interest, please)**

I have been involved in the field since 2006, when I started working in the Department of Ethics

and Human Rights in the Faculty of Psychology, with Professor Juan Jorge Michel Fariña in Argentina.

- **How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

Our university is one of the oldest and prestigious in Colombia. It was founded in 1623. The fact that we have a specific Bioethics Institute to teach and research is a very good sign on the importance that it has within the academic community.

- **Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

Our community is very interested in this field. Our Institute offers a Bioethics Masters Degree, having students coming from different disciplines, Medicine, Philosophy, Social Sciences etc. The academic community and general public are open and interested in this field. We are not facing any particular problem spreading bioethical message.

- **What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

Currently, Colombia faces a historical opportunity to put to an end to the armed conflict with one of the oldest guerillas and to begin the transition to peace. Negotiations between the Colombian state and FARC in Havana have reached an advanced stage. In the post-conflict context it comes the need to reconfigure symbolic territory as a reorganization of public social spaces.

- **Describe your Unit's future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference.**

In our last international conference in Naples, my presentation was related to a major consequence of the war in Colombia: Children and forced displacement.

The armed conflict in Colombia has been ongoing since the mid-1960s. Five decades of war has inflicted profound effects on the fabric of society. Apart from the countless deaths that deserve to be mentioned in the first place, Colombia has the highest number of internally displaced persons with most recent reports at 6 million people. According to Unicef, 55% of this population is under 18 years old and 13% are under the age of 5. Although the armed conflict has provoked many problems, this is among the most significant due to its magnitude.

Unavoidably the war involves forced migration, the displacement of the poor, and an exponential rise of social disassociation. Forced displacement in Colombia has mainly affected farmers, who have had to abandon their land and migrate to mid-sized and large cities in search of humanitarian help. Since the late 1990s, Colombians have expressed concern for the armed conflict's impact on children and youth. Negative mental health outcomes are a well-known and troubling consequence that affects more than two million girls, boys and youth. In order to confront this issue, the state and civil society organization have developed and implemented programs with a psychosocial focus. These programs were developed in different regions of the country to fundamentally address the populations that have been directly affected by the armed conflict.

The various perspectives guiding intervention approaches and proposals generally focus on three ways in which the armed conflict impacts children and youth: first, as direct suffering of violence from the armed conflict; second, as a violation of their rights to life within the context of the armed conflict; and lastly, as reluctant actors in the armed conflict.

Additionally, it is worth noting that as a consequence of the conflict the general population of children and youth has experienced a disruption in their perception of justice, legality, and accountability, which are fundamental to the promotion and strengthening of a peace agreement. Our unit is currently focused in a research project related to Political Culture for Peace.

#### General Objective:

To contribute to the design and/ or to influence the public policies of mental health and psychosocial care strategies that promote the subjectivation processes and transformative uses of memory in children and youth affected by the Colombian armed conflict.

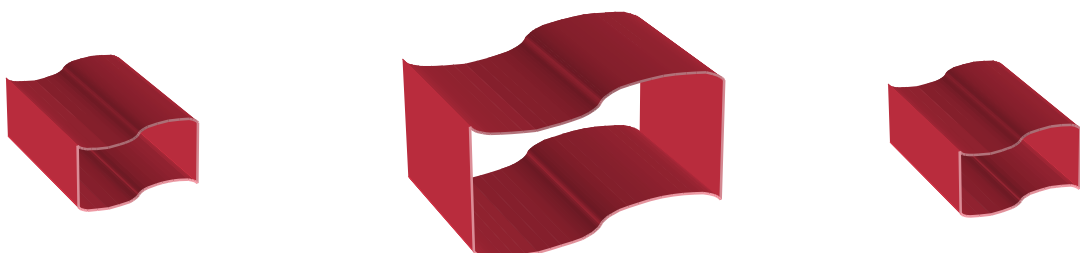
Identification of designs and practices of the programs themselves will produce interventional methods for psychosocial care. Furthermore, it will estimate the scope and effects of the diverse psychosocial public policies from the state and civil society organizations in order to contribute to the processes of systemization, adjustments, and empowerment.

This project will contribute to current work because conceptual and methodological exploration (i.e. application), categories of subjectivation, and transformative uses of memory are essential to resolve the conceptual gaps and content of mental health policies, as well as the care strategies already implemented by many organizations.

#### Specific Objectives

1. Explore and map notions of subjectivation and the transformative use of memory of the armed conflict and its practical implications.
2. Against this categorical and practical map, analyze the scope, limits, gaps, and problems that are present in public policies.
3. Identify and evaluate the contribution that psychosocial care practices offer to processes of subjectivation and transformative uses of memory of the armed conflict in children and youth.
4. Create recommendations for the development and/ or adjustment of public policies for the psychosocial care of children and youth affected by the armed conflict.
5. Design a training strategy aimed at the implementation of the project's results by the program operators of psychosocial care in public entities and civil society organizations.

*Bogotá- Colombia Unit is very interested in inviting other Units, which are working on some of these topics: Human Rights, Politics and Peace Culture, War and post conflict scenarios, forced displacement, among others, to be part of this research project. We are willing to share ideas, methodologies and establishing partnerships.*



## CYPRUS



*Dr. Andrie Panayiotou, Head of Unit*

- **Short presentation: name, professional qualification, university affiliation, and Country :**

Dr. Andrie Panayiotou, PhD; Assistant Professor in Public Health at the Cyprus International Institute for Environmental and Public Health, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus. I am of Cypriot origin.

- **When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**

The Cyprus Unit of the UNESCO Chair was established on February 2016 and it's hosted at the Cyprus University of Technology in Limassol.

- **What does Bioethics mean to you?**

Bioethics is an integral part of my work in health sciences and public health, although one may not always think about such issues directly if one is not familiar with bioethical concepts. From genetic testing projects for familial diseases to designing and running epidemiological studies for common diseases, asking the right ethical questions and starting a debate (without always necessarily reaching a consensus answer) among those involved helps ensure that participants are treated in the best possible way. Given my background in biology, genetics and epidemiology I am more focused on medical ethics but through my involvement in the activities of the Chair I hope to improve my understanding of ethics in other areas as well, such as law and philosophy.

- **About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (specify your**

**particular expertise and interest, please)**

I first became aware of ethics when taking an undergraduate course in Ethics while studying biology. It was a very brief introduction, which was then followed by a graduate course in Bioethics during my MSc in Epidemiology. I was intrigued by the questions posed in issues I dealt with frequently, but never really gave much thought to and when I started teaching I tried to incorporate such issues in my epidemiology and genetics courses. Since 2015, I also serve as a member in the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee and I chair my University's Committee on Ethics. As I said before, and given my expertise in epidemiology and study design, my interest lies mainly in medical ethics that have to do with the participation of both healthy individuals and patients in population studies and clinical trials, as well as patient care and management.

**- How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

I believe that Bioethics may still be a relatively new concept for Cyprus, at least for the wider public, however in the past decade or so, efforts have been made to promote knowledge about such issues, albeit with an emphasis on medical ethics that have to do with patient care. The Cyprus National Bioethics Committee was established in 2001 and has played a big part in promoting bioethics knowledge among the research community in Cyprus. Currently, all research involving humans has to get approval by the Committee and efforts are continuing to bring such concepts forward to the wider public. Alongside the National Committee, Universities in Cyprus, both public and private, are making serious efforts to promote bioethics to their students, although emphasis is still placed mostly on medical students. The Cyprus University of Technology, which hosts the Cyprus Unit, has established an Ethics Committee in order to promote knowledge among students and faculty and ensure research is held to the highest ethical standards.

**- Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

I found that once people understood what Bioethics is about they would be more than positive about it and especially students would find the concept very intriguing. The biggest problem, perhaps, is convincing people from non-medical disciplines that Bioethics may also apply to their work if it affects human beings, as they may have never thought of it under that light before and getting them to see that thinking about ethics is not about making things more difficult but better.

**- What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

Seeing students get excited about debating such issues and reaching their own conclusions.

**- Describe your Unit's future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference:**

The Cyprus Unit is a very recent one and we didn't have a chance to participate at the Naples Conference. We are currently working on the celebrations for the first World Bioethics Day in October and have just held a national competition for the poster design to be used. We hope that as we spread the message of Bioethics more and more people –and especially students- will get involved and we hope to see a great participation in the next World Conference in Limassol. I

am delighted the Chair has chosen Cyprus for this prestigious event and especially Limassol the home of the Cyprus University of Technology and would like to take this opportunity to address a warm welcome to all participants. We look forward to seeing all of you in Cyprus in March!

## INDIA PUNE



*Prof. Praveen Kumar Arora, Head of Unit*

- **Short presentation:**
  - o Name: Prof. Praveen Kumar Arora
  - o Professional qualification: M.B.B.S., M.D. (Forensic Medicine and Toxicology)
  - o University affiliation: Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (DPU), Pune, India
  - o Country of origin: India
- **When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**
  - o DPU Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa was established in May 2015
- **What does Bioethics mean to you?**

o Bioethics for me is 'Respect'. Respect for the human beings, for the existence of other living and non-living beings on earth and for our environment. It is the essence of life. Respect for people's dignity, their rights, opinions, values and every other aspect is what I feel Bioethics is. All other living beings (animals and plants including) also have equal rights as us to be on planet earth. They all make it complete and we have no right to encroach upon their territories. All these diverse spheres of respecting humans, all other living and non living beings and environment are very comprehensively covered under 15 Bioethical Principles adopted by UNESCO.

- **About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (specify your particular expertise and interest, please):**

o As a student of Medical ethics and law, I learned the importance of ethics in medical practice. Further, during my training as a surgeon and work in intensive care units, I actually recognized the value of following ethics and realized how fragile the relationship between a patient and medical professional was. I realized how important it was to be sensitive and empathetic about people we treat and meet.

My involvement in UNESCO Bioethics, started with the establishment of our unit and soon after with a formal 4 days 3T Bioethics Workshop, organized at our institute by Prof. Russell D'Souza. Having already exposed and realized the importance of some of these issues during my training and practice, I was immediately into it. I decided to give in my best to disseminate the knowledge and experience I had gained and committed myself for the cause.

I am especially interested in bioethical aspects of medical practice and scientific research. Patients, especially uneducated and those of lower socio-economic classes are most vulnerable to exploitation, mostly by the quacks, who are first level health care providers to them. My special interest in research ethics comes from my role in our institutional human research ethics committee.

- **How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

o Well, I would say I am fortunate in this respect too as Bioethics is trending at my institution. Since establishment of our unit last year, we have conducted 3 bioethics workshops, 2 for faculty members and recently one for students. There was overwhelming response from everyone. Seniors and colleagues keep asking me when next we are going to hold one. Our institution has included Bioethics as vertically integrated program in medical graduate curriculum from first to final year.

o My University (DPU, Pune) is very supportive and proactive about the program. Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. P. D. Patil and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. N. Razdan are very keen on including bioethics in diverse courses offered by DPU and its various institutions. Their active interest led to incorporation of bioethics in our Medical, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy and Biotechnology courses. We are also working on incorporating the same to Ayurvedic and Homeopathic courses. In April this year, we have established National Students' Wing Coordination Centre of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa at DPU. On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016, we hosted inauguration of MSAI-UNESCO Chair in Bioethics-AIHSU National Program and held First National Level Workshop on Bioethics



for medical students of various medical colleges of India.

Bioethics in India is like a movement, a passion. India is known for having written and incorporated ethics in medical profession as early as 600 B.C. (Sushruta Samhita), which reflected teachings from distant past. As of now, in India we have 50 Units of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa, thanks to Prof. Russell D'Souza, whose untiring efforts and motivation led us reach to this level.

- **Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

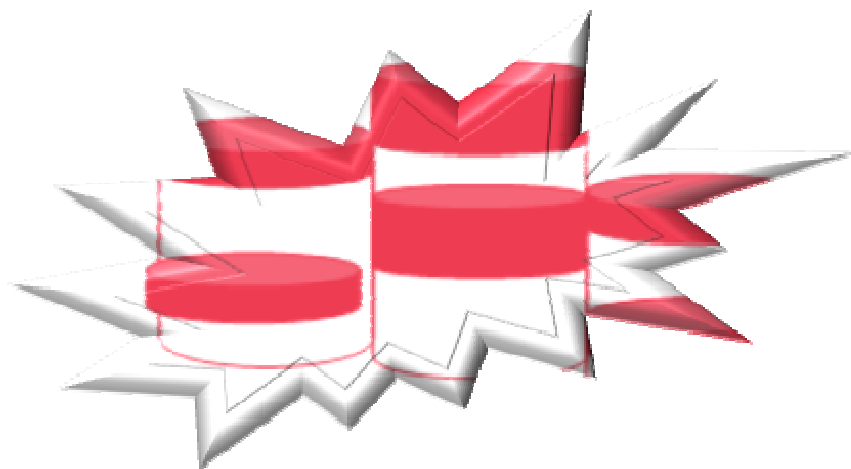
o Well, in the beginning it was a bit difficult to make people realize, what bioethics is and how is it different from medical ethics, which we had been practising since long. There was another hitch before incorporating this in curriculum because of extra time needed for it in already tightly packed medical curriculum, we also needed number of trained faculty members to train students. We discussed the topics with head of the departments and designed the curriculum in such a way so as to make it an integrated part of already existing teaching schedule. Our faculty was trained by 3T plus E workshop.

- **What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

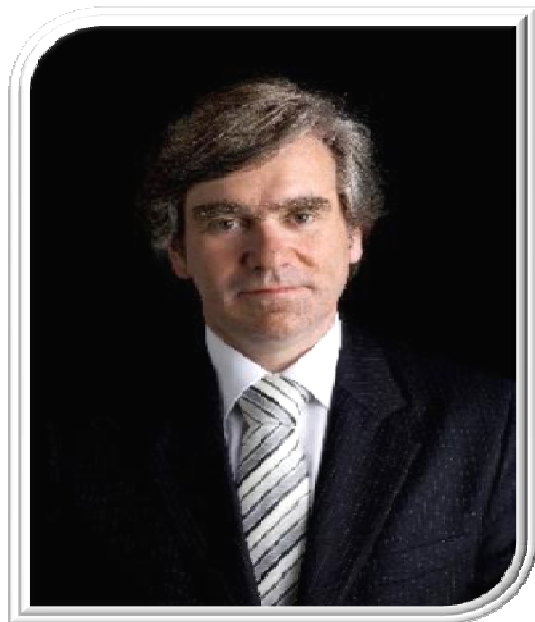
o Once understood, most of the teaching faculty members were for it, as they felt it needs to be formally taught to students. The realization was so, that our unit was invited to hold talks on Bioethics. Wherever, it was discussed the concepts were highly accepted.

- **Describe your Unit's future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference:**

o Our unit, as I said, is very enthusiastically involved in Bioethical training. In future, we are planning to incorporate Bioethical training in various other relevant courses available at DPU including Ph.D. Through our students' wing, we are planning to take various social support activities. Many others are on the card, let's see.



## PORTUGAL



*Prof. Rui Nunes, Head of Unit*

- **Short presentation: name, professional qualification, university affiliation, and Country of origin:**

Rui Nunes, MD, PhD, University of Porto, Portugal.

- **When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**

November, 2015.

- **What does Bioethics mean to you?**

A way of life: respecting human dignity and the fundamental rights and freedom are the only ways to develop a true secular and pluralistic society. Also, these values are of outstanding importance in medical practice and in biomedical research, namely in biology and genetics because it is a way to guarantee an authentically human future.

- **About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (Specify your particular expertise and interest, please):**

I am involved in bioethics since 1990 and I got my PhD in the field of bioethics in 1996. I am in charge of organizing the lectures and research at my university, namely in the Faculty of Medicine. Since 1998, I organize a Master Degree in Bioethics and since 2007 a PhD in Bioethics. With more than 350 students enrolled in this program, it is the largest in the Portuguese speaking

world, and more than half of the students are Brazilian due to a partnership between my university and the Federal Council of Medicine (Brazil). Moreover, I was the founder of the Portuguese Association of Bioethics in 2002, the most relevant NGO in Bioethics in Portugal.

**- How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

Both my university as my country are deeply committed to the development of Bioethics. Indeed, there was a significant growth of Bioethics in Portugal in the last 20 years that can be measured by a different set of indicators. First of all, the overall number of graduates in Bioethics that has grown exponentially in the last years. Also, the fact that all Portuguese hospitals, public and private ones, have now an ethics committee to regulate research on human beings as well as in animal research. And finally, the fact that Portugal has a modern legislation in most areas of bioethics, from the living will, to genetic engineering or even pregnancy termination and surrogate motherhood. Moreover, there is a huge interest in the media about bioethical questions and dilemmas.

**- Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

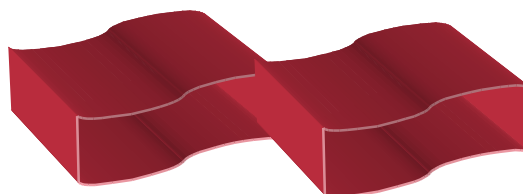
The main problems were related to medical practice and to the implementation of innovative legislation. In the last two decades, the acceptance of the informed consent by physicians was problematic given the paternalistic view of medicine common at that time, and to overcome this millenary tradition it was necessary a huge effort from bioethicists namely in medical education. Nevertheless, it is now a generalized and accepted practice in Portugal. Also, with regard to the main sociological and cultural evolutions worldwide, the approval of a different set of laws on bioethics at the Portuguese Parliament indicated some problems namely concerning the awareness of the public regarding the main consequences of enacting this kind of legislation.

**- What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

The positive side of spreading bioethical messages is perceiving a huge societal change in the last two decades, in medical practice, in human research, in animal ethics, or even in environmental protection. And also, witnessing how young generations face bioethical problems in an open and tolerant way, enabling society to evolve in a democratic, plural and participatory way. Indeed, in Portugal huge changes could be perceived in Bioethics and Biolaw and this evolution is generally considered as a main driver of society towards the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**- Describe your Unit's future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference:**

The Portuguese Unit will develop its activities in three main areas: a) Repro-genetics; b) End of life care; and c) Teaching of bioethics.



## SWEDEN



*Prof. Niklas Juth, Head of Unit*

- **Short presentation: name, professional qualification, University affiliation, and Country of origin:**

Niklas Juth, Associate professor in medical ethics at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm Centre for Healthcare Ethics (CHE), Sweden

- **When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**

January 2016

- **What does Bioethics mean to you?**

To me, it means the investigation of values and norms within and about health care and health-related issues, which includes basic philosophical questions about, for instance, quality of life and fair allocation of resources. These investigations include both empirically studying what these evaluative and normative judgements actually are and philosophically studying what they ought to be.

- **About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (specify your particular expertise and interest, please):**

I've been involved with bioethics more seriously since I started my doctoral project on genetic information in 2000. However, before that I worked in health care and also studied ethics for several years. My main research interests are in ethics and bioethics, genetics, and the intersection between political philosophy and medical ethics, e.g. autonomy and justice in health care.

- **How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

Since our centre (CHE) is a bioethics centre and our university (Karolinska Institutet) is a Medical University that includes ethics in all its programs, the involvement and interest in Bioethics is huge and growing. The same goes, I would say, for Sweden at large. There are some pressing bioethical issues that receive a lot of public interest and media coverage, for instance regarding prioritization, scientific misconduct in life sciences, end-of-life decisions, and conscientious objections.

- **Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

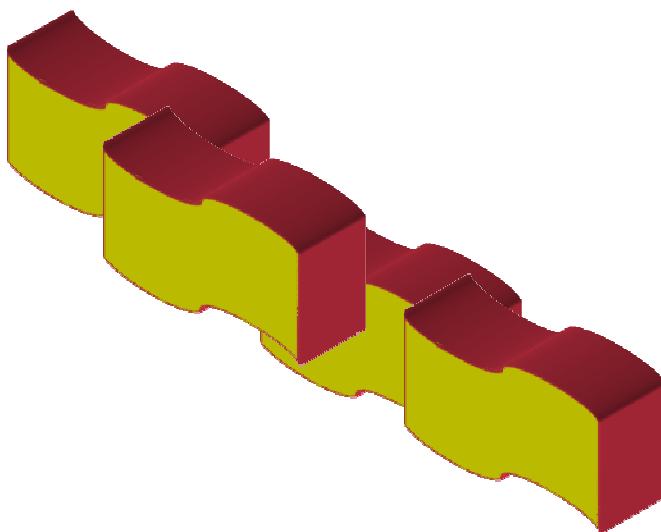
Since Bioethics deals with controversial issues, not seldom dramatic ones about life and death, it evokes a lot of emotions, including psychological strategies to avoid the issues. This becomes apparent when teaching the subject, discussing it with students. One such reaction is that issues within Bioethics cannot be the subject of rational discussion: any position goes since it is merely a matter of gut reaction. Another is that these issues should be left entirely to the medical professions and that all Bioethical questions can be transformed to medical or technical questions.

- **What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

That one hopefully increases awareness of the Bioethical issues and the importance of addressing them as systematically and thoughtfully as one can.

- **Describe your Unit's future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference:**

Since the Unit is so new, we did not attend the Naples conference. One of the Unit's future projects is to look more in depth into the notion of Patient-Centred Care, which is now public policy in Sweden despite a rather sketchy idea about what the notion actually implies in practice.



## TAIWAN



*Prof. Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai, Head of Unit*

*Interview by Miss Yen-Heng Liu*

- **Short presentation: name, professional qualification, university affiliation, and Country of origin:**

Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai, MD., Ph.D., Professor, Department & Research Institute of Medical Education & Bioethics, National Taiwan University College of Medicine, Taiwan, Attending Physician, Department of Medical Research, National Taiwan University Hospital Director, Center for Biomedical Ethics, National Taiwan University Head of Taiwan Unit, International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Vice President, International Association of Bioethics (2016).

**When was your UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit established?**

It was established in 2007, after the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics international conference in Elat, Israel.

- **What does Bioethics mean to you?**

As a physician, bioethics is part of my work. From 1996 to 1999, I undertook my Ph.D. study in bioethics at University of Manchester, UK that was the start of my career in bioethics. My daily work is also about bioethics: I am responsible for the education and research in bioethics, and for establishing policies and laws related to bioethics.

**- About Bioethics: since when have you been involved in this field and how? (specify your particular expertise and interest, please):**

I was interested in medical ethics as a medical student. Then, for my career planning as a family physician, I thought that apart from clinical services, I could, at the same time, be a medical ethics researcher and teacher. So I started to prepare for this. After graduating from medical school and practicing family medicine for 7 years, I moved to UK to study bioethics. I returned to Taiwan in 1999 and was involved in the teaching of medical ethics for students in medicine, pharmacy, nursing and physical therapy. I also taught bioethics to students in engineering, philosophy, and life sciences. I was involved in ethics mechanisms in hospitals, such as the clinical ethics committees and research ethics committee/IRB. I have developed clinical ethics for the past 17 years, resulting in a full-function clinical ethics committee in our university hospital. That is, the committee provides ethics consultation, education, and policy development.

I'm also involved with research ethics—like the IRB/REC operation. I am currently the chairman of research ethics committee of NTUH. This Research Ethics Committee has four panels, each holding a monthly meeting. Our RECs review over 1,000 medical research and clinical trial protocols per year. I also work for a few national programs in clinical ethics, research ethics, and medical education.

Apart from these public services, my personal research interests include genetics ethics, transplantation ethics, bioethics methods, and cross-cultural bioethics—specifically, comparing Confucius ethics with modern bioethics theories, such as theory of justice, autonomy, and family involvement in decision-making.

**- How much is your place of work, your University, your Country interested or involved in Bioethics?**

The interest and the involvement of my university, hospital, and country have increased remarkably after my returning and devoting to bioethics development in Taiwan. For example, we have a fully-functioning clinical ethics committee and research ethics committee in hospitals and a centre for biomedical ethics at the University. Also, the Ministry of Health and Welfare and the Ministry of Education both sponsored many bioethics education programs, bioethics and ELSI research programs at national level. However, the levels of engagement from different hospitals and universities varied.

**- Can you describe which kind of problems you found talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical message, if any, and why?**

This is a very practical issue to me. In earlier times (around 1999), most doctors and students saw medical ethics with a very traditional perspective, seeing it as a kind of “moral preaching” or propaganda asking doctors to be good doctors. “Moral preaching” is not welcomed and repels students, making them reluctant to taking classes.

Therefore, I worked on bringing in the analytical and philosophical perspectives of bioethics and introduced bioethics as a scholarly discipline that can be learned and practiced. Bioethics is to be



perceived as a clinical skill—a practical skill that can help ethical problem-solving and improve the quality of care and patient satisfaction. Very importantly, it also helps students and physicians in training know what is “morally right” and “legally safe” in their practices. Our efforts have been fruitful—we now have more healthcare professionals and students interested in entering the field of bioethics, as they have a better understanding of bioethics as scholarly discipline and as important clinical skills.

- **What were the positive sides talking about Bioethics and spreading bioethical messages?**

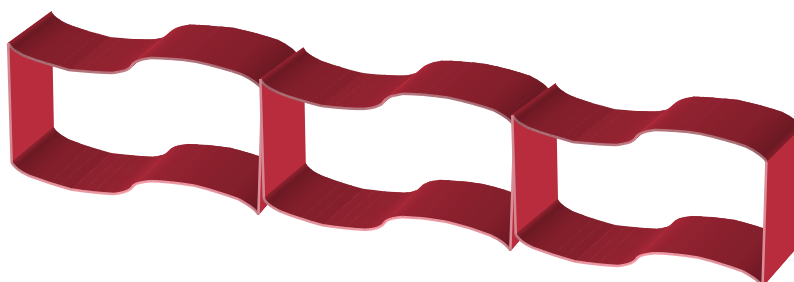
It reminds the learners of the “core values” of medicine and the “aims” of medical education. For the society, it helps people think about the impact of modern biomedical technologies on individuals, families, and society, as well as the ethical, legal and social dimensions that they should be concerned with. It is important to understand the issues and think about how technology influences us—how to apply technology and not to be ruled by technology. Eventually, learning bioethics is to reflect and appreciate the value of life and living, and to enjoy what modern technology can bring to the human race, while avoid the undesired consequences, such as becoming dehumanized. Modern bioethics is largely enhanced by the development of modern biomedical technology. It is important not to let technology take away your humanity and human dignity—you can appreciate its convenience and positive contributions to your life, but should be careful not to be objectified. One should always reflect on the value and the meaning of life.

- **Describe your Unit’s future projects, and your presentation for last Naples Conference:**

At the Naples Conference last year, I presented a paper on “Culture of Red Envelopes in Medical Practice: A Confucian Reflection on Conflict of Interests.”

In past few years, I was in charge of the projects on “Promoting education in Science, Technology and Society (STS)”, “National project in enhancing humanities and social science education in medical education”, and currently the “Program for research ethics education” entrusted by the Ministry of Education. I was also in charge of the “Project of building Taiwan clinical ethics network” entrusted by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and “ELSI group for National Research Program for Biopharmaceuticals” entrusted by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

I am currently the coordinator for “Medical education discipline” commissioned by the Department of International Cooperation and Science Education, Ministry of Science and Technology. I also lead another ELSI project on the development of new vaccines. I also do research in genetic ethics, transplantation ethics, cross-cultural bioethics, and medical education. Lastly, I have established a Master program in medical education and bioethics 2 years ago, and I hope to create an independent master program in bioethics in the future.



# About Units

## ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires

### **1) Postgraduate Course: 'Trauma and Disruption**

Taught by: Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar M.D. Ph.D. and Dr. Eduardo Ramos M.D.

Organized by: Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa.

May 12 and 13, 2016, National University of San Luis

### **2) II Interdisciplinary Seminar about Ethics and Research**

University of Salvador, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology. Pilar, Buenos Aires ,

Lecturer: Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D

June 14, 2016 (from 9am to 1pm)

On this Seminar, projects about different researches will be presented, by researchers from the Institutes of Research, with the aim of making an epistemic, methodological and ethical exchange to deal with dilemmas in research, between various proposals of the different Academic Units from University of Salvador: Research Institute of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology, Research Institute of Arts and Architecture and Institute for Research in Agronomy.

### **3) III Intercurricular Seminar about ethics and research (undergraduate and postgraduate students)**

University of Salvador, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology.

Topic: Ethics, Bioethics and Research. Dilemmatic situations in different contexts. Ethics, Moral and Deontology. Ethics, Bioethics and Ecobioethics. Professional Ethics and Research, Psychology and Educational Psychology

September 5th, 2016 (8am to 4.30pm) and September 6th, 2016 (8am- 8pm).

Lecturer: Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D.

The III Intercurricular Seminar about ethics and research aim is to provide researchers, academics, PhD students and post graduate students a place to exchange and transmit their knowledge and professional experiences facing dilemmatic situations in different contexts to undergraduate students.

### **4) First Seminar of the Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics: World Bioethics Day 2016**

Place: University of Morón

Date: September 2016

Lecturer: Dr. Enrique Novelli Ph.D.

Seminar for teachers, graduate and undergraduate students and local authorities of Morón.

Interdisciplinary integration of the Faculty of Philosophy, Economics, Law, Agriculture, Health Sciences and Natural Sciences.

### **5) Confidentiality in Mediation**

Teacher in charge: Ruben Veiga, Ph.D. in Mediation

Audience: 4th year Students of the Medication Chair – Faculties of Psychology, Philosophy, Educational Sciences and Humanities of the University of Morón.

Related content: Confidentiality.

Aim: To reflect on the importance of confidentiality, linking the eponymous principle of mediation with the professional work of psychologists, from an ethical / transdisciplinary approach.

Activity: Class / Special Debate with previous reading of specific literature and subsequent construction of a report, which will be part of the evaluation of the course. It will be held on a date to confirm, if possible close to October 19th, 2016, World Bioethics Day.

### **6) Ethical and anthropological character on the recognition of the Other as anthropological pair in educational practice**

Teacher in charge: Dr. Maria Cecilia Colombani. Full Professor of Philosophical Problems and Philosophical Anthropology Chairs, and Director of the Gender Open Chair of the Faculty of Philosophy, Educational Sciences and Humanities of the University of Morón. Related content: Reciprocity ties in the classroom.

Aim: To reflect on the Other as an anthropological pair in educational practice.

Audience: Students and the general public.

Activity: Open class on the chapter '*Los lazos de reciprocidad en el aula. Saber, poder y pasión*' of the book "*Los estados generales de la educación filosófica y su intervención en la vida democrática*" (Editorial Biblos). Exposure of the subject and commented reading of most significant parts. Work in small discussion groups on an idea or phrase.

Approximate dates: September 23rd, 10 am and September 28th, 8 pm.

### **7) Conference: "Aspects of contemporary environmental philosophy; integrating science, ethics and education"**

Teacher in charge: Dr. Alicia Irene Bugallo. Visiting Professor of the PhD in Philosophy of the University of Morón, Ecophilosophy Seminar.

Contents:

- \* The place of the University of Morón in receiving environmental philosophy in the country.
- \* Environmental Philosophy, as atmosphere and as trends.
- \* The Anthropocene and challenges to philosophical reflection: environmental ethics, complex thinking, inclusive pedagogies.

Aim: To analyze and reflect on the contributions of environmental philosophy to inclusive pedagogies.

Audience: Teachers from all levels, Date: August 31 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

### **8) The abstinence rule in psychoanalytic treatment**

Teacher in charge: Dr. Enrique M. Novelli PhD

Audience: Students from 4th year of the Psychology Faculty.

Related content: Ethical issues in psychoanalytic treatment

Aim: To analyze and reflect on ethics in psychoanalytic treatments.

Activity: Special Class for Psychology Faculty, in Training area

Approximate date: October 2016, from 9 am to 1 pm and from 6 pm to 10 pm.

### **9) Training sessions in Boulogne Hospital: the importance of bioethics in hospitals**

For health professionals, mental health services, psychologists and psychiatrists.

Topics:

1. The role of ethical principles in diagnostic communication: patient labeled or oriented?
2. Honorary clinical practice, subversion of the 'psi' system.

Participants from: Municipal Hospital of Boulogne, University of Salvador, Psychoanalytic Association of Argentina (APA).

Referent: Lic. Nestor Tamburini

September 2016

## GERMANY

### *German Unit at University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Hannover:*

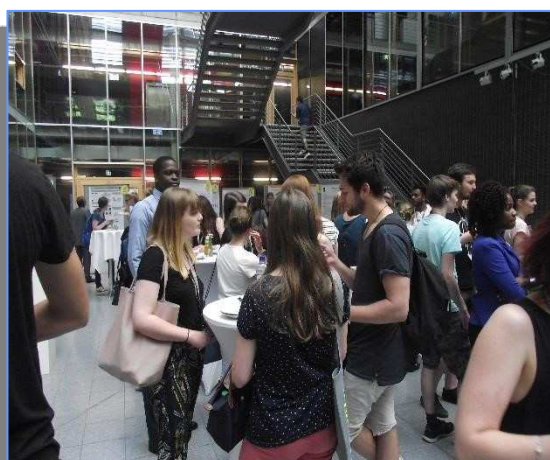
- We work in the area of medical research in developing countries from the standpoint of ethical, legal, socio-economic conditions. One of the current research is the development of drugs in the so-called low income countries, to check whether the patients participating in the studies of the pharmaceutical industry, will also benefit from the results of this research by a subsequent marketing approval of new drugs in their countries. We have research projects in Nigeria, Sudan, Lebanon and India.

- We organized an "International Conference on Health Research 2016 - Ethics, Policies and Practice for Patient Benefit" from 7th - 9th June 2016 at Hochschule Hannover, Germany. The conference was designed to offer a platform for the exchange of information and knowledge and to hold discussions, lectures and workshops enabling future key personnel to gain and expand knowledge and understanding of essential aspects of Health Research.

Our Conference on Health Research was formed to be a forum to discuss and learn about rise in research activity in the medical/clinical area. As commonly known this area is strictly regulated and based on well-defined ethical principles. The need of the time was to discuss the overall potential and those aspects which might include critical and/or diverse interpretations.

Our Chair, Prof. Amnon Carmi attended the Conference as well as other Unit Heads and made the Conference a successful event with speakers and participants from 12 different countries.

Also Prof. Gerhard Fortwengel and Dr. Sam Ibeneme presented in 21st International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa and both will represent the unit at the SoCRA 2016 Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada on the end of September/early October.



## INDIA NODAL CENTRE

**UNESCO Ethics Teachers Training Course (ETTC)** at SRM University, 10-14 Apr 2016 and **7<sup>th</sup> Conclave of Vice Chancellors of Indian Health Sciences Universities**, 16 Apr 2016.

### Report

**Preamble:** The demand for medical teachers to teach bioethics to the medical students and professionals has been largely unmet. Hence, Bioethics teaching program could not be started in several institutions, worldwide. To bridge this gap, the UNESCO started the ETTC program for training the trainers.

The India Nodal Bioethics Centre of SRM University has always taken the lead in this field. In the year 2014, the India Nodal Bioethics Centre (SRM University) designed a pragmatic curriculum, under the name and style of vitum bioethics. The syllabus of this course followed the UNESCO Core Curriculum of Bioethics. This model was presented in various forums in Nepal, Philippines, India, 10th World Conference on bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law and in the International Forum of Teachers of Bioethics, in Jerusalem. It received widespread appreciation of all, including the UNESCO Chair on Bioethics at Haifa. For wider dissemination worldwide, it was published in the premiere issue of Global Bioethics Enquiry in 2015. Since that time, this vitum bioethics model has been adapted in various forms, by several institutions, globally.

In 2015 itself, the first module of this teaching model, was taught to the First year MBBS class of SRM University. This first module, styled as 'Essential Bioethics Foundation Course' has a curriculum of 10 contact teaching hours, spread over six weeks. Based on the feedback already received from the students themselves, we are in the process of increasing the contact hours to twelve.



*UNESCO Ethics Teachers Training Course at SRM University*

True to its tradition, SRM University took the lead role in training Medical Teachers from various countries in Asia Pacific Australia region. This ETT course was conducted under the auspices of UNESCO Bangkok office on 10-15 April 2016 and was the second in this region. The SRM University hosted the entire project.



**Pre conference optional lectures:** On the first day, 10 April 2016, there was an optional introductory course on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Dr Sue Vize, Regional Adviser at the UNESCO Bangkok office.

**The Inaugural function:** On 11 April 2016, the course was formally inaugurated. Dr. K. Sridhar, Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical) of SRM University welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor of Tamilnadu Dr. MGR Medical University, in her inaugural address, stressed that ethics is the core of medical and the allied health practices. With advances in medical technology and biomedical engineering, newer ethical issues emerge every day. She applauded the initiative taken by SRM University in conducting this capacity building. Ms. Sue Vize, Regional Adviser, UNESCO Bangkok in her special address, said such projects, would certainly increase the awareness among the public and the medical professionals. She also said that the UNESCO appreciates the efforts taken by SRM university, in conducting this course and is proud to be associated with SRM university. Dr. Russell D'Souza, Head, Asia-Pacific Division of UNESCO Bioethics, Australia in his speech, narrated the starting of Bioethics units in India and neighbouring countries. He said that more than 100 units had been established in 52 countries, out of which the highest number of 22 units were functioning in India. The Pro Vice Chancellor (Planning & Development) of SRM University, the Registrar, the Director (Medical), the Director (Health Sciences) and the Dean Medical of SRM university graced the occasion and felicitated the ETTC.

Dr. D. Balakrishnan, the Lead Head of India Nodal Bioethics Centre (INBC), read the report of the INBC, from its inception on 14.08.2013. He proudly listed the milestones achieved, namely (i) the incubation and establishment of the various other units in India and in neighboring countries (ii) the pragmatic vitum bioethics (vertically integrating model for teaching Bioethics to the UG Medical students), and (iii) the Essential Bioethics foundation course. Both these modules had been developed by SRM University and are much acclaimed widely. Finally, Dr. P. Thangaraju, the Head of India Nodal Bioethics Centre, SRM University proposed vote of thanks. He acknowledged the unstinting support of the management of SRM University, in scaling such heights.





**The activities, during the ETTC:**

This ETTC was conducted in the Potheri campus of SRM university. 36 senior teachers, selected from various countries viz. Australia, Ireland, Srilanka, Nepal and India benefitted from this course. They were trained, by an eminent faculty from UNESCO. The faculty was led by Ms. Sue Vize, Regional Adviser, UNESCO, Bangkok. The other foreign faculty were Prof Muzaherul Haq (Bangladesh), Dr. Russell D'Souza (Melbourne) and Dr Danielle (Israel). Each participant was individually trained in the education technology, specific to Bioethics.

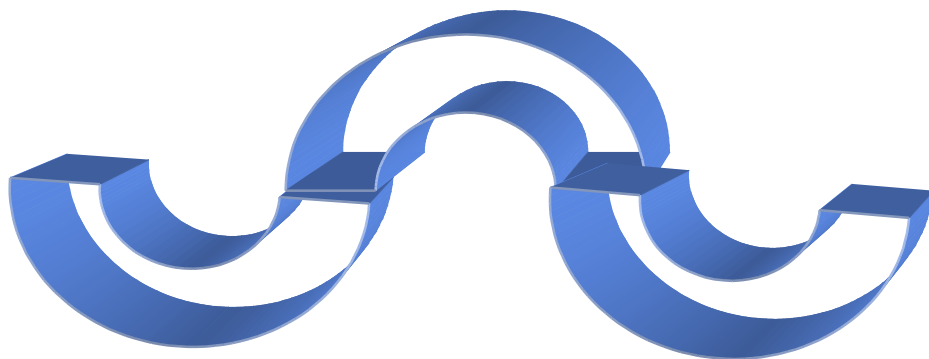
The sessions included the following:

1. Global and National Perspectives on Ethics teaching trends, challenges and opportunities.
2. Gender perspectives and Ethics.
3. Ethics teaching in action: teaching methods to implement the UNESCO core curriculum.
4. Classroom communication: understanding, pedagogy and psychology of students and simulated teaching presentation.
5. Ethics teaching in action: Informed consent using case studies to teach Bioethics.
6. Ethics teaching in action: Autonomy using case studies to teach Bioethics.
7. Ethics teaching action: Benefit & Harm using case studies to teach Bioethics.
8. Ethics teaching action: Bioethics Committees.
9. Professional Ethics in South Asia.
10. Ethics teaching in action: Lesson planning and evaluation.
11. Ethics teaching in action: Building a case study.
12. Class room communication: Pedagogy and psychology - using effective communication in classroom.
13. Classroom communication: Pedagogy and psychology -using emotional intelligence.
14. Every day, the participants held Round table discussion of the topics of the day.
15. Additionally, at the start of each day, the participants actively recalled the previous day's sessions and this simple technique reinforced the learning process.
16. Participant's presentations: this was a unique feature. Each of the participants made a presentation (a multimedia lecture) on a topic of his / her choice related to bioethics. These presentations were held in four parallel sessions. The faculty observed the content, delivery and style of the lecture. Based on such an in-depth analysis, the faculty suggested improvements.
17. Closing session: In this session, the trainees outlined their future plans, on return to their stations. Concluding remarks were made by Ms. Sue Vize, Dr. P. Thangaraju and by Dr. Russell D Souza. The course completion certificates were distributed by Dr P Thangaraju, the Head of the INBC of SRM University. This ETTC is a course to train the trainers. The participants of this course will get back to their own institutions and conduct several such training camps. Thus, this ETTC will have a cascading effect in capacity building, in the entire region.

**Feedback from the participants and the Faculty:** Each one was thrilled at the enthusiasm shown by the India Nodal Bioethics Centre and by the SRM University. The logistics, infrastructure, and scheduling were praised by all. In particular, the comprehensive hosting included not only the faculty; it also, exemplarily, had included each of the participants.

**A follow up action of SRM University:** On the request of several participants, the India Nodal Bioethics Centre (SRM University) shall widely and freely disseminate the vitum bioethics and the essential bioethics foundation modules, to enable everyone to use them.





## 7th Conclave of Association of Vice Chancellors of Indian Health Sciences Universities



By virtue of its pre eminence, the India Nodal Bioethics Centre (SRM University), also conducted the 7th Conclave of the Vice Chancellors of the Indian Health Sciences Universities. Thirteen Vice Chancellors from various Health Sciences Universities of India attended this national conclave. This conclave was also entirely hosted by SRM University.

The Conclave was called to order by the outgoing president of the association, Dr Arun Jamkar of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences. The new President Dr O P Kalra, the Vice-Chancellor of Pandit B D Sharma University of Health Sciences, was installed. The conclave was inaugurated by Prof. Prabir K. Bagchi, Vice Chancellor of SRM University. He initiated the discussion by indicating that the health care delivery system in India has not reached the rural areas. He expressed a hope that sustainable solutions would emerge to provide better access to medical aid, for the millions of poor of our country. He later presented the Vitum Bioethics curriculum for undergraduate medical students, developed and tested by the India Nodal Bioethics Centre at the SRM University. The conclave discussed the practical points on implementing this model. The vice chancellors discussed elaborately on the challenges faced by medical education and medical practice. Several targeted solutions were arrived at. They appreciated the generous support of SRM University for the ETTTC Training and the 7th Conclave.





**Publication in Newspapers:** The proceedings of the ETTC Training Course and the 7th Conclave had been covered widely in the national and local press. Thus, a public awareness had been created. A few clippings and photographs are appended to this report

**உயிரிய நன்னெறி கற்பித்தல் பயிற்சி**

**துணைவேந்தர் கீதாலட்சுமி துவக்கி வைத்தார்**

எஸ்.ஆர்.எம்.பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் தெற்காசிய நாடுகளின் மருத்துவர்களுக்கான உயிரிய நன்னெறி பயிற்சியை தமிழ்நாடு டாக்டர் எம்.ஜி.ஆர். பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் கீதாலட்சுமி துவக்கி வைத்தார்.

புனெஸ்கோ சமூக மற்றும் மானிடவியல் அமைப்பின் கீழ் 2015-ம் ஆண்டு நவம்பர் மாதம் எஸ்.ஆர்.எம். பல்கலைக் கழகத்திற்கு வருகைப் புரிந்து நன்னெறி ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி ஏப்ரல் மாதம் நடத்தப்படும் என அறிவித்தனர். புனெஸ்கோ அளிக்கும் பயிற்சியில் இந்தியா, இலங்கை, வங்கதேசம், நேபாளம், பாகிஸ்தான் உள்ளிட்ட தெற்காசிய நாடுகளில் இருந்து 36 பேர் பயிற்சி பெறுகின்றனர்.

புனெஸ்கோ வின் பயிற்சித் திட்டத்தை தமிழ்நாடு டாக்டர் எம்.ஜி.ஆர்.மருத்துவப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் கீதாலட்சுமி துவக்கி வைத்து பேசும்போது, மருத்துவத் தொழில்நுட்பம் மற்றும் உயிரிய மருத்துவப் பொறியியல் ஆகியவற்றில் மாபெரும் முன்னேற்றத்தில் புதிய நன்னெறிச் சிக்கல்கள் தினமும் ஏற்படுகிறது. இந்த பிரச்சனைகளை எப்படி கையாள்வது என்பது இளம் மருத்துவர்களுக்கு தெரிவதில்லை. எனவே இந்த நன்னெறியில் அவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அளிக்க வேண்டியத் தேவை பெருகி வருகிறது. ஒவ்வொரு கட்டமைகள் குறித்து உயிரிய நன்னெறி பிரச்சனைகளை குறிப்பிடலாம். இத்தகைய சிக்கல்கள் குறித்த கல்விதான் உயிரிய நன்னெறியில் என்பது.

இந்த பயிற்சித் துறைக்கு இன் அடிப்படைத் துறை. மருத்துவ ஆராய்ச்சியாளர் மருத்துவ மா உயிரிய நன்னெறிகளில் பயிற்சி பெறும் என கூறினார். இந்த பயிற்சி களுக்கு யுனெஸ்கோ தன் உயிரிய சான்றிதழ் வழங்குகிறது. இந்நிகழ்ச்சி சேனாபதி, நன்னெறி நடுவ தங்கராசு உட்ப கொண்டனர்.

12 April 2016

## எஸ்.ஆர்.எம் பல்கலை.யில் துணைவேந்தர்கள் கலந்தாய்வு



எஸ்.ஆர்.எம் பல்கலை.யில் இந்திய மருத்துவப் பல்கலை.களின் துணைவேந்தர்கள் கலந்தாய்வுக் கூட்டத்தை எஸ்.ஆர்.எம் பல்கலை. துணைவேந்தர் பிரபீப் கபலி தொடங்கி வைத்தார். கற்பித்தல் பயிற்சிமுதலமை எம்ஜிஆர் பல்கலை. துணைவேந்தர் கீதாலட்சுமி தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.யுனெஸ்கோ நன்னெறிப்பிரிவுத் தலைவர் ரஸ்ஸல், எஸ்.ஆர்.எம் பல்கலை. இந்திய உயிரிய நன்னெறி மையத் தலைவர் ப.தங்கராஜ் உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர்.





## INDIA PUNE

### Activities of the DPU Unit from April 2016 to August 2016

#### 1. Inauguration of DPU National Coordination Centre for Students' Wings of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa and 3T plus ETTC Workshop

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as part of ambitious project of Indian program of Asia-Pacific division of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa National Coordination Centre for Students' Wings of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa was established and inaugurated at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (DPU), Pune.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. N. Razdan, Prof. Russell D'Souza (Head, Asia-Pacific Division), Dr. (Brig.) Amarjit Singh (Principal Director and CEO, DYPMC), Dr C. B. Mhaske (Dean, GMC, Aurangabad), Dr. (Mrs.) P. Vatsalawamy (Dean, DYPMC, Pune) graced the occasion. Dr. P. N. Razdan and Dr. Bhabatos Biswas were appointed as Co-Chairs of the coordination centre and Dr. Praveen Arora as National Coordinator of the Students' Wings.

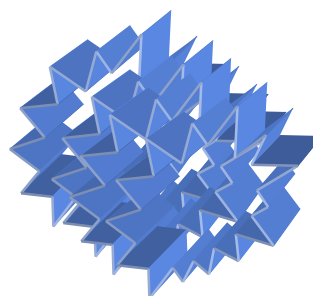
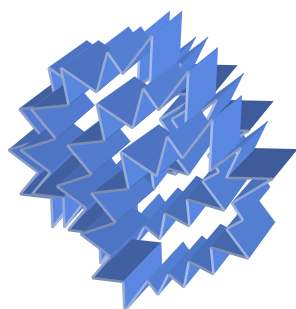
A National Level Steering Committee was constituted with Dr. C. B. Mhaske and Dr. (Mrs.) P. Vatsalawamy as co-chairs of the committee. Dr. O. P. Kalra, Dr. Mary Mathew, Dr. Bipin Batra, Dr. Thangaraju, Dr. E. Mohnadas, Dr. S. P. Dubhashi, Dr. Princy Louis Palatty and Dr. Brana Ganguly were appointed as members. Dr. Praveen Arora was appointed as member secretary of the National Committee.

Inauguration of National Coordination Centre was followed by 3T plus ETTC workshop organized for the training of teaching faculty of DPU from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Distinguished International and National accredited faculty members facilitated the training. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. N. Razdan welcomed the guest speakers and emphasized on the need for bioethical deliberations and understanding in day to day medical practice and dealing with patients. Prof. Russell D'Souza, Course Director and Head, Asia-Pacific division of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa inaugurated the workshop with overview to 3T plus ETTC program and the role of trainer to Train, Teach and Transfer. Dr. Mary Mathew, Dr. Derek D'Souza, Dr. Santosh Salagre, Dr. Prasad Pandit, Dr. Payal Bansal, Dr. Pradip Barde and Dr. Praveen Arora were among the training faculty.

Teaching faculty from Medical, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Ayurvedic, Homeopathic and Biotechnology institutes of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune attended the workshop. Deliberations were highly appreciated by the participant faculty members and abundant interactive sessions made workshop lively. There was positive feedback from participants regarding the topics deliberated upon during the 3 days workshop, which included History and various codes of ethics, Autonomy and Consent, equality and justice, privacy, confidentiality, environmental ethics, Human dignity, human rights and Health law related topics among many others. Role plays observed thumping response from participants.



Prof. Russell D'Souza inaugurating the Workshop







Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. N. Razdan felicitating Prof. Russell D'Souza



Prof. Russell D'Souza addresses the gathering



Dr. P. N. Razdan addresses the participants



Dr. Mary Mathew giving her talk



Role play by Dr. Derek D'Souza and Dr. Pradip Barde as part of the Workshop



Participants divided in groups for group activities (Dr. Santosh Salagre speaks)

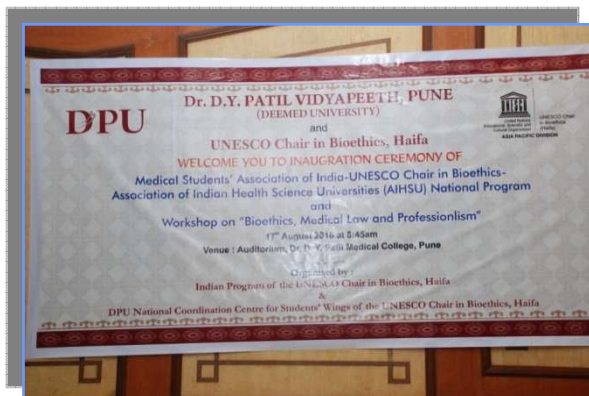


Dr. Praveen Arora (Head, DPU Unit) delivering his talk

2. Dr. (Mrs.) P. Vatsalaswamy, Dean, DYPMC and Dr. Praveen Arora attended [ETTC Bioethics Workshop of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa](#) held at SRM Medical Collge, Chennai from 11-14<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The Workshop was very informative and sensitizing about array of bioethical issues prevalent in various parts of the world. Prof. Sue Vize, Prof. Daniella Keidar, Prof. Muzaherul Huq and Prof. Mary Mathew were the facilitators for the workshop.
3. On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Medical Students' Association of India (MSAI), UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa and Association of Indian Health Sciences Universities (AIHSU) [National Program](#) was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. O. P. Kalra, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Pandit B. D. Sharma University of Health Sciences, Haryana at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidaypeeth, Pune under the auspices of Indian Program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa and DPU National Coordination Centre for Students' Wings of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa. The Program was inaugurated. Dr. Bhabatos Biswas, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor West Bengal University of Health Sciences; Prof. Russell D'Souza; Dr. P. N. Razdan, Dr. A. Jamkar, Dr. Mary Mathew, Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar and Dr. Yashraj Patil graced the occasion with their revered presence. This program is launched to foster the dissemination of bioethical principles among medical students across the country.

The inauguration of this joint National Program was followed by First National Level Students Workshop on Bioethics, Health Law and Professionalism. 90 medical students from various medical colleges across India attended the workshop & International and National distinguished faculty members including Prof. Russell D'Souza, Dr. O. P. Kalra, Dr. Bhabatos Biswas and Dr. Mary Mathew facilitated students' learning of bioethical principles in medical practice. Dr. C. B. Mhaske, Dean GMC Aurangabad; Dr. Barna Ganguly, PSMC Gujrat; Dr. Santosh Salagre, KEM Mumbai and Dr. Praveen Arora Head, DPU Bioethics Unit and National Coordinator of Students' Program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics were among the training faculty. Various aspects of bioethics, including historical evolution, ethical decision making, legal aspects of medical practice and communication skills were told to students.





Dr. Yashraj Patil, Dr. Arun Jamkar, Dr. Russell D'Souza, Dr. O. P. Kalra, Dr. P. N. Razdan, Dr. Bhabatos Biswas, Dr. Mary Matew, Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar (from left to right)



Hon'ble Dr. O. P. Kalra inaugurated the MSAI-UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa-AIHSU National Program by lamp lighting



Dr. P. N. Razdan felicitating Dr. O. P. Kalra



Dr. P. N. Razdan felicitating Dr. Bhabatos Biswas



Dr. Russell D'Souza addressing the students



Dr. Bhabatos Biswas addressing the gathering





Dr. O. P. Kalra addressing the students



Dr. Praveen Arora, Head DPU Unit speaks



Medical students from all across the Country and MSAI members attending workshop



Students participating in “Practical Deliberation in Ethical Decision Making”



Ongoing session with Dr. Mary Mathew and Dr. Barna Ganguly

4. “Poster Making Competition” was organized on 29th August 2016 to mark the beginning of World Bioethics Day celebrations. Students from all the institutes under the ambit of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune participated in the competition. Posters prepared by students exhibited various aspects of “Human dignity and Human Rights”.

Students explaining their posters to external judges.







## INVITE TO STUDENT WING OF UNIT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM OF UNESCO CHAIR IN BIOETHICS - TRAINING WORKSHOP IN BIOETHICS HEALTH LAW AND PROFESSIONALISM 17th AUGUST 2016 AT DPU PUNE

*Heads of Bioethics Units / Nodal Officers*

*Indian Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics*

*Chairs of Student Wings of Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, 18.07.16*

You are invited to send a student wing representative from your Unit of your Medical College and University to participate in the inauguration meeting of the Medical Students Association of India joining the Bioethics Education National Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. A Bioethics Health Law and Professionalism Workshop is taking place after the inauguration. This meeting and workshop will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at The National Student Wing Coordination Centre of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics hosted at Dr D Y Patil University Medical College at Pune.

An outstanding curriculum for the workshop on Bioethics, Health Law and Professionalism designed for senior medical students, Interns and Post graduates and facilitated by very senior medical teachers will be offered for participants. The program is attached.

As it is a work shop there are limited number of participants. Your unit and college is invited to deput only 1 / 2 participants for this meeting and workshop. The Medical Students Association of India who have a large national membership, will have access to limited number of participants positions.

Please send your nominated student participant name and details to Dr Praveen Arora, Coordinator of the National Student program at

[dr.praveen2811@gmail.com](mailto:dr.praveen2811@gmail.com) by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

## SOUTH INDIA

### Report on the Bioethics activity of the South India Unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Venue: Knowledge Centre Hall, Father Muller Medical College

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Guest speaker: Dr. Russell D'Souza, Director, Asia Pacific Program, UNESCO Chair Bioethics, Haifa.

Talk: ETHICS OF CARING AND ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN CLINICAL ROUNDS.

The program was conducted in the Knowledge Center Hall at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore on 8th April, 2016. It began at 3.30 pm after the Prayer song by the students.



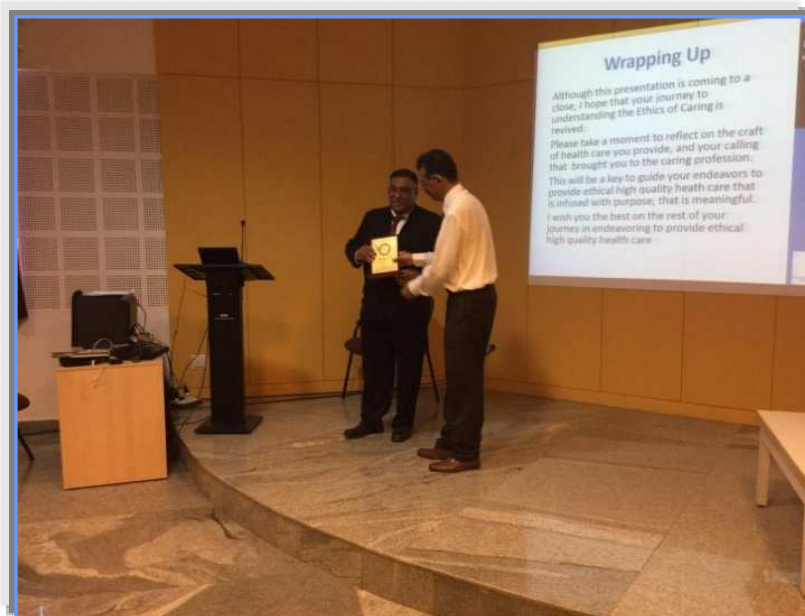
Dr M. S. Baliga, programme coordinator welcomed all the dignitaries and the audience.



The Dean, Dr. Jayaprakash Alva, shared the guest lecture session. Dr. Russell D'Souza, Director, Asia Pacific Program, UNESCO Chair Bioethics, Haifa, gave an interesting talk on "ETHICS OF CARING AND ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN CLINICAL ROUNDS"



The dean gave a token of appreciation for the to the guest speaker.



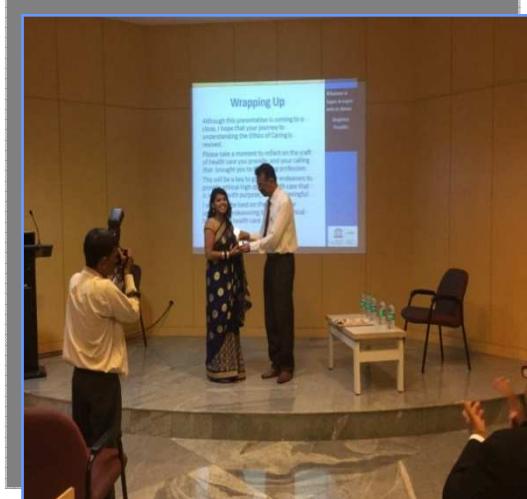
It was followed by the solemn Installation Ceremony of the Students Wing of Bioethics South India Unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa at Father Muller Medical College by handing lapel pins to Executive Committee members by Dr. Jayaprakash Alva to;



1. Mr. Ancel Eric Crasta - President
2. Mr. Gabriel Ernest – Vice President
3. Ms. Chavali Jessica – General Secretary
4. Mr. Prajwal Phinehas – Joint Secretary
5. Mr. Arun George John - Media Head
6. Ms. Roshan Mariam Manu - Logistics Secretary
7. Mr. Tareh S. Naik - Logistics under Secretary



Winners of the photo essay competition was declared and prizes were distributed by our beloved dean Dr. Jayprakash Alva. The topic was “DISCRIMINATION” and the participants showed wide ranging aspects on this topic. The judges for the competition were Dr. Nagesh, HOD of Forensic Science, Father Muller Medical College and Dr M. S. Baliga, program coordinator, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore. The first prize was bagged by Mr. Bichu Kuriyan Joy, The second prize by Ms. Liz Sweeta and third prize by Ms. Vinal Ezita Mascarenhas from Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore.



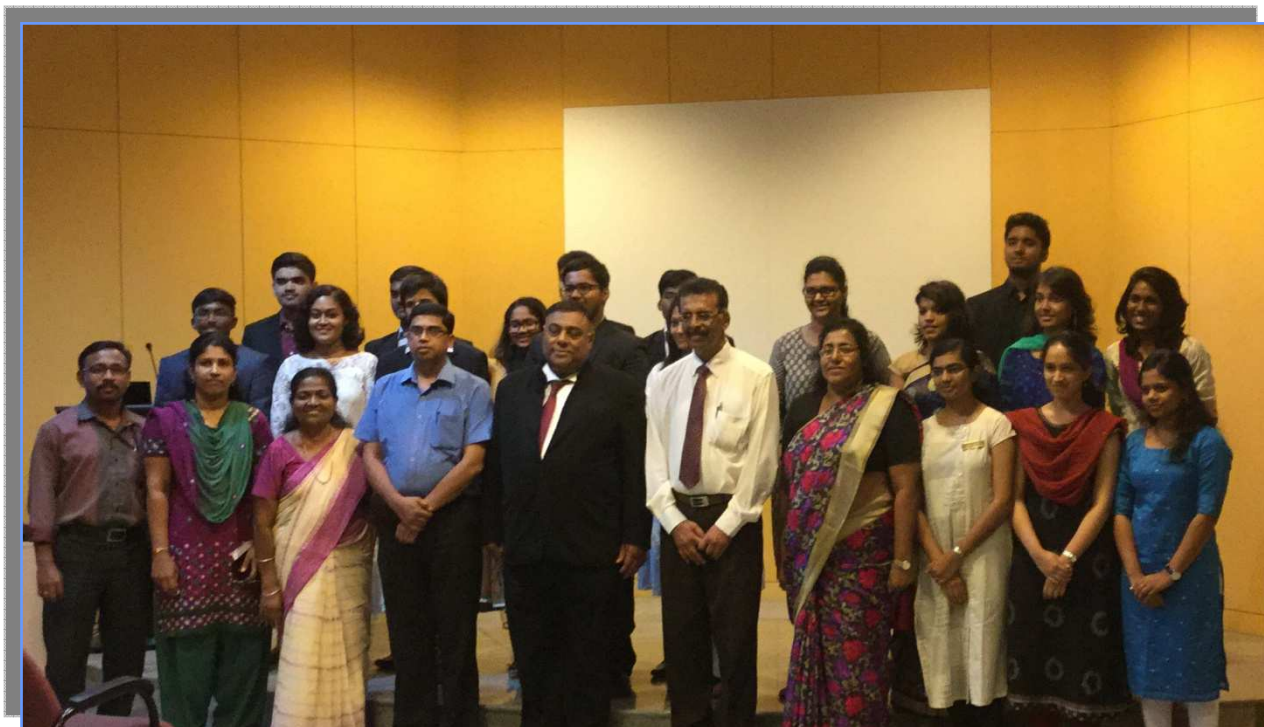
The staff in charge of the program was Dr. M. S. Baliga, program coordinator, Father Muller Medical College



The vote of thanks was given by the newly elected president Mr. Ancel Eric Crasta



he program was kept alive under the master of ceremony, Samantha, MBBS2014 batch. The program closed with our institutional anthem followed by the traditional mullerian hospitality



## ITALY

The Italian Unit has been very active in the promotion of the next UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 12th World Conference Bioethics, Medical Ethics & Health Law Limassol, Cyprus March 21-23, 2017 in Italy, sending twice more than 8000 e-mails to Institutions, Professors, Teacher, Professionals and Associations. Italian Unit was also very active in the promotion of the World Bioethics Day 2016 for the publication of the Units' programs in the Bioethical Voices Newsletter, obtaining a very intensive and enthusiastic participation of many Institutions and involving many stakeholders from different fields, ages and cultural backgrounds.

## NEPAL

### Workshop for the inclusion of Bioethics in medical curriculum

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Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics organized the 'Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the Inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG Medical Curriculum' in May 30, 2016 in B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal, with the main objective of opening avenues for inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG medical curriculum of Nepal.

This workshop was coordinated by Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, chaired by Prof. Rupa R. Singh and was inaugurated by Prof. B. P. Shrestha, Rector of BPKIHS. It provided a forum among nearly 50 academic leaders of representative Nepalese medical institutes across the country and other invited delegates with experience of establishing bioethics in medical curriculum. In a session conducted by the coordinator, National expert Prof. RK Adhikari, delivered lecture on 'Introducing Bioethics in UG / PG Nepalese medical education curriculum: Need and Strategies', International faculty Prof. Prof. Mingma L. Sherpa, Head Sikkim Bioethics Unit, India on 'Bio-ethics to Medical students- a vertically integrating model' and Prof. Rupa R Singh, Head of Nepal Unit on 'Bioethics Education in Health Professional Training in Nepal and Introduction to the Network and Nepal Unit'.

This 1-day workshop explored the scope of inclusion and its objective is based on the UNESCO Core Curriculum on Bioethics. This workshop advocated for the current medical teachers with additional training to give necessary competences required to teach the syllabus. The delegates were actively involved in Group discussions moderated by the faculties to develop a consensus about the strategies for development of model curriculum compatible to the one commended by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and by the Asia Pacific Program Chair. The group presentations came up with various practical and realistic strategies, aspiration to work in their respective areas and institutes and suggestions to proceed with the unified movement in this direction under the Unit. A committee was formed to coordinate the activity across the country under the lead of Prof. Rupa Singh and other committee led by Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya to prepare a report.

The outcome of the deliberations of the workshop were introduction of the Unit, brain storming and concern raising among the participants and develop a consensus on the inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG curriculum of Nepal. This event was supported by the Country Office WHO and BPKIHS.

Another important part of the day was the establishment ceremony of 'BPKIHS Students' Wing' of Nepal National Unit at BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal.

#### REPORT

#### **Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the Inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG Medical Curriculum**

30<sup>th</sup> May 2016





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B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal

Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the inclusion of Bioethics in  
UG and PG Medical Curriculum

At a Glance

1. Project Title: Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG medical curriculum
2. Unit involved: Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, BPKIHS, Dharan
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6. Patron:

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7. Target participants: Deans, Academic Leaders of representative Medical institutes on Nepal, members of the Committee of Nepal Bioethics Unit of UNESCO Chair

8. Duration of the workshop: One day

9. Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016

10. Supported by: Nepal-India Corporate (NIC) Fund, BPKIHS; The World Health Organization (WHO), Nepal

Details of the Project Proposal:

**Title-** Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the Inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG Medical Curriculum

**Aims** To Include Bioethics in UG and PG medical curriculum of Nepal

**Objectives**

1. To introduce Bioethics Unit of UNESCO Chair and raise the concern for bioethics among the participants
2. To over view the scope of Bioethics in medical field
3. To open avenue for inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG medical curriculum of Nepal

**Summary of the Project**

The mandate of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics is to introduce teaching, training and research in medical ethics in medical schools and adopt innovative methods of teaching. Nepal has increasing number of medical schools in various parts. In addition to teaching conventional bioethics modeled on Western philosophy, addressing cultural relevant issues unique to the sub-continent needs to be incorporated in the curriculum. Increasing litigation, globalization and advances in technology has posed new ethical dilemmas for which medical graduates are ill prepared and hence, a legal and social dimension in ethics are to be included in the curriculum.

The aim of this Workshop is to address the introduction on the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics among participants, explore the ways to include it in UG and PG medical curriculum of Nepal. The input from the participants and also from external faculty with experience involved in 'Bioethics in medical curriculum' was expected to spear-head this initiative.



## The Bioethics Curriculum Workshop

The Workshop provided a forum among academic leaders of representative Nepalese medical institutes and other invited delegate with experience of establishing bioethics in medical curriculum. This 1-day workshop explored the scope of inclusion and its objective is based on the UNESCO Core Curriculum on Bioethics.

The UNESCO Core Curriculum on Bioethics model conceptualizes to merge it vertically with the existing medical curriculum without much over loading to the medical syllabus. This workshop advocated for the current medical teachers with additional training to give necessary competences required to teach the syllabus. Attempt was made to discuss and develop a consensus about the development of model curriculum compatible to the one commended by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and by the Asia Pacific Program Chair.

The Academic leaders of the Nepalese medical institutions and the expert invitees, who have great expertise in this regard, arrived with their observations. And, a discussion and refining was in order. The outcome of the deliberations of the workshop were introduction of the Unit, brain storming and concern raising among the participants and develop a consensus on the inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG curriculum of Nepal.





Inauguration of 'Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG medical curriculum' & Establishment ceremony of 'BPKIHS Students' Wing' of Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics' at BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal

### ***Program***

Date: May 30, 2016, Monday Time: 8:30 AM

Venue: Auditorium, BPKIHS

Schedule:

- Call on the Dias- Chief Guest Prof. Bikram Prasad Shrestha, Rector- BPKIHS; Prof. Arvind Kumar Sinha, Hospital Director; Prof. Ramesh Kant Adhikari, National expert in ethics; Prof. Mingma L. Sherpa, Head Sikkim Bioethics Unit, India, International faculty; Prof. Rupa R Singh, Head; Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator/ Member Secretary of Nepal Unit

- Invited: Representatives from Ministry of Health, WHO, Nepal Medical Council, Nepal Nursing Council, Nepal Health Research Council, Deans, Chiefs, HODs, Faculties, Staff, Students, Media personals & Members of civic society.

- National Anthem

- Inauguration of BPKIHS Students' wing of Nepal National Bioethics Unit of UNESCO Chair- by chief guest and dignitaries on the dias by lighting the auspicious lamp

- Introductory and Welcome speech - Prof. Rupa Rajbhandari Singh, Head, Nepal National Unit

Introduction of New Members of the Unit and the Student wing members by the Head,  
Nepal National  
Unit

- Address – Prof. Ramesh Kant Adhikari
- Remarks- Dr. Prakash Ghimire, WHO representative
- Short Speech- David Thapa, Student Chair
- Certificate to the new members: The Rector/ Head/ Member secretary
- Address – Prof. Bikram Prasad Shrestha, Chief guest, Rector
- Vote of Thanks - Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Member Secretary, Nepal National Unit
- Tea break (10:00 – 10:15 AM)

‘I really feel good about the establishment of the Students’ wing of Bioethics in BPKIHS. I trust this Wing will add to the Bioethics movement further ahead and prove to be a source of encouragement for other institutes in Nepal.’  
Prof. Bikram Prasad Shrestha Rector, BPKIHS, Nepal



*‘It is the mandate of the UNESCO Chair at Bioethics to facilitate teaching learning Bioethics in medical institutes and Nepal Unit has been persevering to conduct this workshop for more than a year. Because of devastating earth-quake and country situation, it was not possible. We are happy to welcome all of you in this important workshop.’*

*Prof. Rupa R Singh, Head Nepal Unit*





*'We BPKIHS students feel happy to be a part of the Bioethics Unit and hope that we will receive necessary support and guidance from the respective authorities for the future activities of this Unit and the Students' wing.'*

*David Thapa, Head- BPKIHS Students' wing, Nepal*

### Workshop of Academic leaders of Medical Institutes of Nepal for the inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG medical curriculum

- 10:30 - 11:00 AM: Introduction of the participants
- 11:00- 11:15 AM: Introduction and Objectives of the Workshop - Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya
- 11:15 - 11:45 AM: Bioethics Education in Health Professional Training in Nepal & Introduction to the Network and Nepal Unit: Prof. Rupa Rajbhandari Singh
- 11:45 - 12:30: Teaching Bio-ethics to Medical students- a vertically integrating model: Prof. Mingma L Sherpa
- 12:30 - 13:30 PM: Introducing Bioethics in UG / PG Nepalese medical education curriculum: Need and Strategies: Prof. Ramesh K. Adhikari
- 13:30 -14:30: Lunch Break



*'Both the workshop and the Students' wing have been a high priority of this Unit since its inception in January 2014 and I feel honored to propose the vote of thanks to All of you and All of those who directly and indirectly contributed to organize this important Workshop and to the establishment of the BPKIHS Students' wing of Nepal Unit at BPKIHS.'*

*Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator/ Member Secretary*



*'Teaching of ethics is inadequate. This initiative will help and we are in the right direction. I congratulate the Unit and BPKIHS for this.'*

*- Prof. Ramesh Kant Adhikari*



*Medical students must learn to identify the ethical issues and apply the fundamental principles. Current curriculum is, however already loaded and there is little time available to teach Bioethics. This is our humble effort to initiate this need and eliminate some hurdles as a team.'*

*Prof. Mingma L. Sherpa*

· 14:30 - 15:30 PM: Group discussion 'Strategies to include bioethics in curriculum of various programs in your institute' Resource/ Moderator- Profs. Ramesh Kant Adhikari/ Shival Sharma, Prof. Mingma L Sherpa/ Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Profs. Rupa R Singh/ Sami Lama

Group-A Question: What steps will you take (Strategies) to include bioethics in curriculum of PG (MD/MS) programs in your institute?' Resource/ Moderator- Profs. Ramesh Kant Adhikari/ Shival Sharma

Prof. Bhagwat P Nepal	Prof. Nilambar Jha
Prof. Badri P Badhu	Dr. Sangha R Bajracharya
Dr. Pradip KC	Prof. Bishwa Nath Yadav
Prof. Madhab Lamsal	Dr. Ashish Shrestha (A)
Prof. Sanjiv Kumar Sharma	PG Resident 1



Kindly list the strategies (Sensitization, Advocacy, Inclusion process in the curriculum, Curriculum Content, Model, Modality to cover the content)



*'Important step of Bioethics inclusion in curriculum involves need assessment and analysis through various means involving various stakeholders.'*

- Group-A consensus Group-B Question: What steps will you take (Strategies) to include bioethics in curriculum of MBBS/ BDS programs in your institute? Resource/ Moderator: Prof. Mingma L Sherpa/ Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya

Participants:

Dr. Imran Ansari	Bipulendra Chakravarti
Prof. Satya Vrat Gaur	Dr. Anju Pradhan
Dr. Satish K Deo	Dr. Prabhat Ranjan Pokharel
Dr. Sita Ghimire	Dr. Ashish Shrestha (B)
Dr. Piyush Kanodia	Dr. Kumud Chapagai Pokharel
Dr. Ajay Agrawal	MBBS/ BDS Student- 2

Kindly list the strategies (Sensitization, Advocacy, Inclusion process in the curriculum, Curriculum Content, Model, Modality to cover the content)



*'We participants feel that these strategies are possible to execute in our institutes and express our commitment for that.'*

- Group B Commitment Group-C Question: What steps will you take (Strategies) to include bioethics in curriculum of Nursing and other health related (BSc) programs in your institute?' Resource/ Moderator: Profs. Rupa R Singh/ Sami

Lama Participants:

Mrs. Chandrakala Sharma	Prof. Bandana Koirala
Dr. Anup Ghimire	Prof. Angur Badhu
Dr. Prakash Ghimire, WHO	Dr. Ram S Mehta
Mr. Basant K. Karna	Mrs. Nirmala Pradhan
Mrs. Bhagwati Kalikote	Dr. Krishna Sagar Sharma
Student Representative- 2	

Kindly list the strategies (Sensitization, Advocacy, Inclusion process in the curriculum, Curriculum Content, Model, Modality to cover the content)



15:30-16:30: Group presentations and discussion Representative Presenters

Group A- Presenter- Dr. Ashish Shrestha (A)

Strategies

*Need assessment/ analysis:*

Review Literature/ secondary literature

Focus group discussion with different stake holders

Interviews

Faculties feedback

Students feedback/ recent graduate

Critical incidence (documentary evidence) *Recent advances in theory and evaluation:*

Introduction

Materials and methods

Informal curriculum o Ethical dilemmas *Advocacy:* o Critical authority

Workshop

Subject committee..... (process according to the institution)

Informal program- talk program/ debates

Collection of documents to find out the need  
Advocacy of needed steps in one's organization  
Role modeling  
Institutional Ethics Committee or peer groups  
Follow the Law if mentioned otherwise work for beneficence or non-malificence of patient in clinical practice

Group B- Presenter- Dr. Imran Ansari

#### Strategies

##### *a. Sensitization/ Advocacy*

1. Workshops, conferences with stakeholders (students, administrators, faculties, societies)
2. Writing editorials and articles in medical journals
3. Nepal Medical council is already in the process of endorsing the inclusion as per NMC Ethical chair. *b. Inclusion Process-*
4. Form in-house/ University curriculum revision committee to include bioethics *core Curriculum content-*
5. UNESCO Core curriculum content- 15 points/topics/subjects: both General (common) and Specialty (Subject) specific
6. Horizontal and vertical
7. Examinations- 5% marks (MCQs, Portfolio, regular observation) : Formative and Summative
8. Develop *proforma* for evaluation

##### *d. Modality-*

9. Lectures/ PBL, case based, Ward round based, continuous evaluation, feedback- both ways

Group C- Presenter- Mrs. Chandrakala Sharma

#### Strategies-

- Entry level- aptitude test need to be incorporated
- Orientation- value clarification- What to do? What not to do?
- Review desk – find out the gaps – Workshops to identify the standard – Contribution from different organizations and academic organizations
- Sensitization- to faculty, students
- Continuous process- Bioethics needs to be included from the first to last year
- More emphasis should be given to practical situations (Role play), e.g. privacy (teacher needs to be role model).
- Provide training to the teachers and organize workshop.



- Try to bridge up the gap between theory and practice, e.g. Good listener, Communication, build up trust, rapport
- Case study- incorporate ethical issues
- Content- prioritize basic principles/ universal code of ethics (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Bring change in teaching/ learning methods, e.g. role play. Bring change in attitude



- 16:30-16:45 PM: Drawing Summary / conclusions of the presentations of the Workshop - Dr. D. R. Shakya / Prof. Sami Lama

#### Formation of Committees for way forward

- Bioethics curriculum inclusion co-ordination committee  
(For continuous communication, monitoring, collaboration, communication among various organizations in days to come)  
[Lead- Prof. Rupa R Singh, Members- Prof. Bhagwat Prasad Nepal (KUMS), Dr. Krishna Sagar Sharma (BPKMCH), Dr. Raviram Shrestha, Chandrakala Sharma (Nepal Nursing Council), Dr. Imran Ansaari (PAHS), Mr. Bipulendra Chakravartti, Prof. BN Yadav, NHRC, Student Observer (Nabin Bhatta, Seema Adhikari); Advisor- Prof. Ramesh Kant Adhikari]
- Prepare the Report of the Workshop for the Inclusion of Bioethics in Medical curriculum (For the write up / Report about the Workshop to be distributed in various related organizations and institutes)

[Lead- Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Members- Prof. Rupa R Singh, Prof. Shivilal Sharma, Prof. Sami Lama, Dr. Sangha Ratna Bajracharya, Dr. Satish Kumar Deo, Student observer (Ashish Subedi, Srista Manandhar)]

- 16:45 - 17:15 PM - Closing ceremony: Certificates distribution

Remarks by: Prof. Bhagwat Prasad Nepal, Prof. Bandana Koirala, Prof. Madhab Lamsal, Dr. Krishna Sagar Sharma, Dr. Jyotsna Rimal and Prof. Rupa R Singh



*'WHO emphasizes on the ethics in health field and wishes to extend collaboration further in various activities towards this direction'*

*- Dr. Prakash Ghimire, Ethics committee, WHO Country office, Nepal*



*'Nepal Medical council will soon take necessary step in the direction of inclusion of Bioethics in medical curriculum of Nepal'*

*Dr. Satish Kumar Deo, Chair-Ethics committee, Nepal Medical Council*





*'This workshop would prove a sensitization workshop for the inclusion, revision or improvement of Bioethics in Health science curriculum of Nepal.'*

*- Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics*

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*Head, Member Secretary and members (Prof's. Sami Lama and Shivlal Sharma) with the members of newly established BPKIHS Students' Wing*

## KAZAKHSTAN

### Activity of the Kazakhstan Unit

*by Sadykova Aizhan, President of the NMA Almaty*

In the Republic of Kazakhstan some changes were introduced in the existing legislation which provides for a mandatory condition compliance with standards and regulations in the conduct of clinical trials. Central and local bioethics committees were established; standard operating procedures for conducting clinical trials were developed and approved.

In order to prepare professionals to work in local committees, as well as for putting into practice the requirements of current legislation on bioethics, Republican Public Association "National Medical Association" has developed a training program to improve training for specialists with higher medical and pharmaceutical education and created "Medical Law and Bioethics" Chair.

Since 2015, Kazakhstan Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics has created, which is accredited by the Institute of Psychology and Psychotherapy (Almaty). On behalf of the Department seminars, lectures on bioethics, as well as conferences with the participation of the experts near and far abroad, were conducted for health workers of the country.

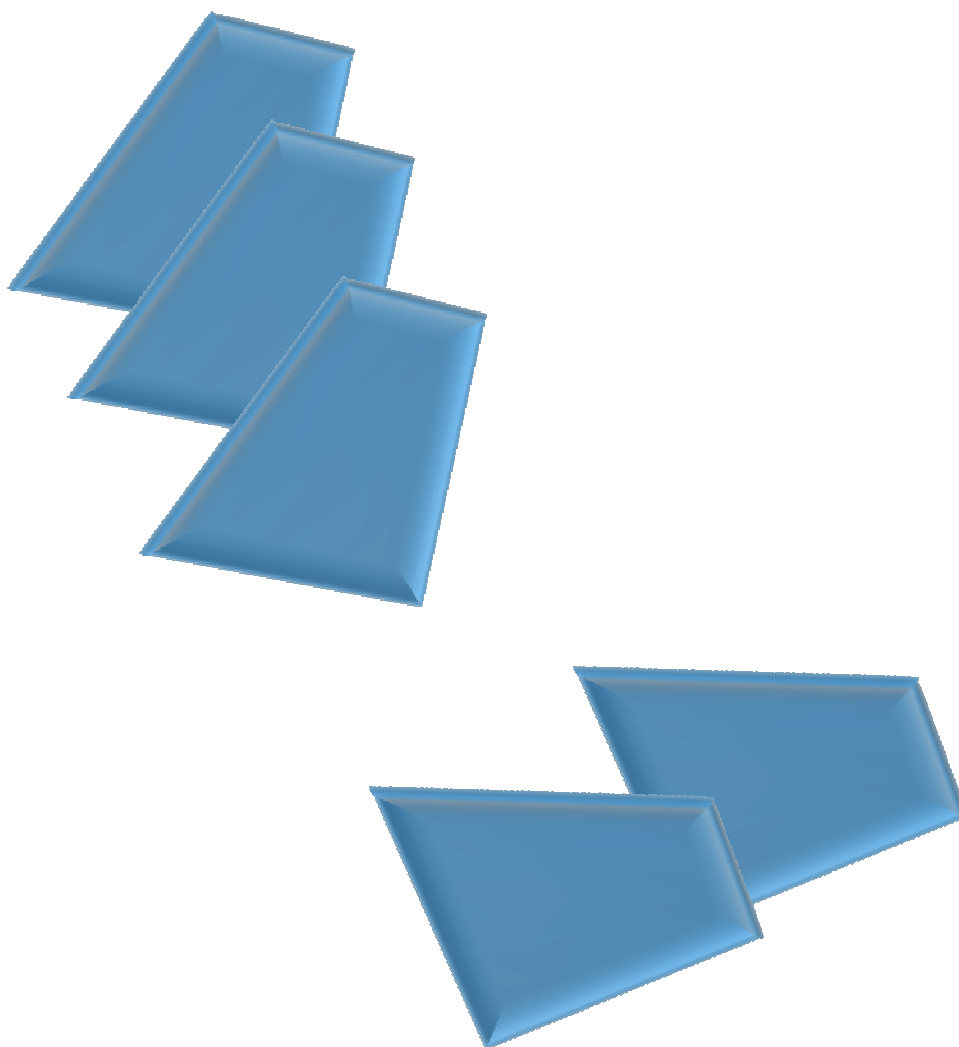
Participants from Kazakhstan took active part in 11th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethic & Health Law, which took place in Naples, Italy, October 20-22, 2015.

At present Kazakhstan Unit is in a process of the World Bioethics Day preparation. The theme of

2016 year is Human Dignity and Human Rights and information on this Day was distributed among students of medical institutions, Scientific Centers, Research institutions, community. Kazakhstan Unit plans a program of celebration.

There is planning of the Round Table in October, 5. Leading specialists on Bioethics will make their presentation on the theme. Target audience: students of medical institutions, health workers, scientists.

Essay Writing Competition was announced among students and health workers. The winners will be awarded during the Round Table. Active members of the Kazakhstan Unit also will be marked.



# Next World Conference



# Message of Chair's Holder

I am delighted to bring the greetings and the thanks of the UNESCO Chair to all of you.

Greetings for the celebrations of the *World Bioethics Day (WBD)*, that will be held for the first time by most of our Units along the five continents.

In October, fifteen years after the creation of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (October, 2001), our devoted Units will show their respect to the world UNESCO, for this immortal contribution to the rights of human beings. We commend the members of the International Committee, under the chairmanship of Prof. Praveen Arora. We also commend Dr. Miroslava Vasinova and her staff for their work and achievements with the Bioethical Voices Newsletter.

Lot of new Units joined our International Network during the last year. We offer our warm and friendly Welcome to their Heads and members, and express our thanks to our active leaders, Prof. D'Souza, Prof. Vojin, Prof. Benyakar and Prof. Dhai.

Lot of members joined the International Forum of Teachers (IFT) last year. We welcome the old and the new colleagues, and express our thanks to Prof. Popova, the Director of the IFT.

The international activities gained international acquaintance thanks to the Chair's Newsletter under the leadership of Dr. Vasinova, Dr. Pentone and Prof. Todesco, and thanks to the excellent work of the Chair's Web Master, Prof. Daniel Tsai, who deserve the appreciation and gratitude for their contributions.

And last but not least, we all prepare ourselves for the big event in March, 2017: The 12th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law, that will be held in Cyprus. We expect that each and every one of you will attend the Conference, present an abstract, and take active part in all the discussions.

I wish all of you lot of success and pleasure on behalf of the Chair.

Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head  
UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa





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Research: ongoing research projects: title, authors and short description.

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