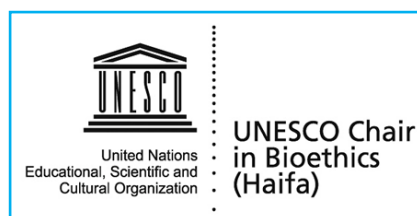




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Editorial

FUTURE IS (ALSO) IN OUR HANDS. THE LESSON GIVEN BY WORLD BIOETHICS DAY

Each of us must mobilize, fight and begin to play our part. How many times we have heard repeated at WBD celebrations all over the world: future is in our hands!

Addressing a heartfelt and insistent appeal to governments is certainly not enough, in order to foster quality of life and its respect, fundamental human rights defense and enhancement, human dignity and freedom, and reaffirm the essential values, ethical and legal principles. In addition to the appropriate political and administrative measures, this year we also invoke personal commitment. The debate was convincing, both when the power of small actions and good practices was underlined, and when all of us stressed the need for a consequent collective behaviour. Individual responsibility has been indicated as an indispensable first step, although it has been established that it is not enough. For this reason, it is time to build both a widespread ethical conscience and correct individual lifestyles.

Earth is in danger not only because of an human - caused climate change. The next generations will have to face a process of increasing dehumanization, to the detriment of human dignity, freedom and individual interests. We can manage this situation only if there is a strong motivation and we are not alone. Take action, starting from your work or study environment, the community you live in, the village you were born in, the neighborhood you are living in!

Here we perceive the role played by the school, when it fulfills one of its tasks: educating students to freedom and justice, contributing to build up democracy, strengthening the sense of community, that is a fundamental value for civil life. What is at stake is our ability to generate a positive impact on social environment for a civil, ethical, inclusive and supportive coexistence, though we live in a world increasingly at risk of human degradation.

Bioethics knows how to show the way, thanks to a new ethics capable of fostering respect for human values: Bioethics was born when it became urgent to answer moral questions concerning the evolution of science. Today, Bioethics is increasingly proving to be a sort of an effective and valid compass, especially because many people are living in a condition of uncertainty.

This is why this issue of the Newsletter is almost monographic, even if it is not entirely dedicated to the WBD just celebrated, focused on article 12 of the Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights which concerns Respect for Cultural Diversity and Pluralism.

In this issue you will find a review of WBD celebrations in October and November 2019, concerning the current theme of tolerance and respect for cultural identities. The reports will be followed by the posters and the most significant photos related to the event.

In About Units section, you will not neglect other articles regarding congresses held over the last few months and to publications which have obtained significant consent and which prove to be



all valuable.

In addition, you will find some articles related to youth education in Bioethics, projects and conference reports in which the students participated. To the Chair, as you know, education of future generations is really important. There are many and varied activities in the field, such as the inclusion of Bioethics in Medical Schools and Universities, from kindergartens to high schools.

An article by Prof. Carmi, with an invitation to the next appointment in Portugal, is included in this issue of the Newsletter. If you have not already done so, please take note of these dates: 11 - 14 May 2020 in Oporto for the XIV World Conference organized by UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.



Giacomo Sado
Editorial Board Director

World Bioethics Day 2019



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Respect for Cultural Diversity

19th October 2019



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World Bioethics Day 2019: Cultural Diversity and Pluralism¹

On the occasion of the 4th World Bioethics Day, the **Austria unit (ethucation)** of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics' International Network (www.i-med.ac.at/ethucation/) in cooperation with the Association for Science and Responsibility (Wissenschaft und Verantwortlichkeit, WuV: www.uibk.ac.at/wuv/index.html.de) and the Life & Health Sciences Cluster Tyrol (www.lhsct.at/) organized a workshop on Friday, 18 October 2019. Around 80 participants engaged in fruitful and lively discussions with several invited experts in the field who introduced their perspectives on this year's WBD theme in keynote statements (for a detailed program see below for program or https://www.i-med.ac.at/ethucation/Veranstaltungen/Folder-WBD2019_4.pdf). After an introduction to Article 12 by **Markus Frischhut**, MCI (Management Center Innsbruck, Jean Monnet Chair on EU values and digitalization) from a European legal angle, economic and social history expert **Andreas Exenberger**, University Innsbruck, reflected on pluralism in the context of a globalized world. Concepts like "Weltgesellschaft" (global society) as well as "Leitkultur" (guiding culture) were discussed and differentiated, leading to a hypothetical case study. Exenberger finished with the claim not to confuse pluralisation, a currently prevailing phenomenon in Western societies, with pluralism.

Referring to Kimberlé Crenshaw's concept of intersectionality, one of the central analytical categories in Critical Race Theory and Gender Studies, **Heidi Siller**, Gender Medicine unit, Medical University of Innsbruck, underlined the importance of understanding complexity and avoiding its reduction in the context of research in order to capture the full extent of diversity and pluralism. The impact of this theory was outlined by presenting results from a cooperation project with the Health University of Applied Sciences Tyrol (fhg) on "Acting intersectionally in domestic violence", indicating the concept's importance for finding out how health professionals can support pregnant women experiencing domestic violence in the context of pregnancy and birthing experience.

Bettina Böttcher from the University Clinic of Gynaecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine then focused on the increasing demand for female genital surgery, presenting her study on personal perception of labial size and objective measurements. Labia operations have become a broadly accepted surgical procedure in Western societies, even though the surgical approaches applied are sometimes very close to methods used in female genital mutilation/cutting in various cultural contexts. **Gabriele Werner-Felmayer** from the Austrian unit of the International Network presented recent ethical debates on the issue, highlighting the importance of medical indications for any genital surgery in both contexts. Clearly, neither some current medical nor prevalent cultural practices can be ethically justified through this lense.²

Benedikt Hetzer from the University Clinics for Pediatrics finally presented and discussed insights from his clinical experience regarding medical care in a cultural context, thereby reflecting on diversity and pluralism in his everyday working life. By using different real life cases, he stressed the importance to open up and to listen mindfully for understanding individual values, beliefs and opinions which facilitates communication and helps to make ethically well-grounded medical decisions.

1 Art. 12 UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

2 The Brussels Collaboration on Bodily Integrity, The American Journal of Bioethics, 19:10, 17-28_ <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2019.1643945>.

The participant's feedback to the Austrian unit's practice-oriented event on article 12 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights was extremely positive. Many of them also took the opportunity to further discuss various issues at the informal get-together after the academic program.

M. Flatscher-Thöni, V. Stühlinger, G. Werner-Felmayer

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World Bioethics Day 2019
Respect for Cultural Diversity
And Pluralism

A cooperation of:



Welt Bioethik Tag 2019
Achtung der Kulturellen Vielfalt
und des Pluralismus

**Workshop
(In English)**

Friday, 18 October 2019, 14:00 – 17:00 h

CCB, M01.470, Innrain 80/I, Innsbruck

Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights
UNESCO General Conference, 19 October 2005

Article 12 – Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism
The importance of cultural diversity and pluralism should be given due regard. However, such considerations are not to be invoked to infringe upon human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms, nor upon the principles set out in this Declaration, nor to limit their scope.

The **4th World Bioethics Day** is dedicated to Respect for Cultural Diversity and Pluralism. In a workshop on Friday, 18 October 2019, we will discuss several aspects of this topic and their relevance in the area of health.

All are welcome to attend and discuss!
Free entry – no registration required

Allgemeine Erklärung über Bioethik und Menschenrechte,
UNESCO Generalkonferenz, 19. Oktober 2005

Artikel 12 – Achtung der kulturellen Vielfalt und des Pluralismus
Die Bedeutung der kulturellen Vielfalt und des Pluralismus soll gebührend berücksichtigt werden. Solche Erwägungen dürfen jedoch nicht herangezogen werden, um die Menschenwürde, die Menschenrechte und die Grundfreiheiten oder die in dieser Erklärung niedergelegten Grundsätze zu verletzen oder ihren Geltungsbereich einzuschränken.

Der **vierte Welt Bioethik Tag** ist der Achtung der kulturellen Vielfalt und des Pluralismus gewidmet. Zahlreiche Aspekte dieses Themas und ihre Relevanz für den Gesundheitsbereich diskutieren wir in einem Workshop am Freitag, 18.10.2019.

Wir laden alle Interessierten herzlich zur Teilnahme und Diskussion ein.
Freier Eintritt – keine Anmeldung erforderlich

Program

14:00 – 14:10 h	Welcome
14:10 – 14:30 h	Short introduction to article 12 and its relevance M. Frischhut, Management Center Innsbruck G. Werner-Felmayer, Medical University Innsbruck
14:30 – 15:00 h	Globalisation and pluralism A. Exenberger, University Innsbruck
15:00 – 15:30 h	Coffee break
15:30 – 15:55 h	Acting intersectionally in domestic violence H. Siller, Medical University Innsbruck
15:55 – 16:20 h	Diversity issues in reproduction B. Bottcher, Tirol Kliniken & G. Werner-Felmayer, Medical University Innsbruck
16:20 – 16:45 h	Medical care in cultural context B. Hetzer, Medical University Innsbruck
16:45 – 17:00 h	Concluding remarks

All are invited to continue the conversation over drinks and nibbles in the foyer!



From left to right:

A. Exenberger, H. Siller, G. Werner-Felmayer, B. Hetzer, M. Frischhut; Bettina Böttcher



World Bioethics Day Report

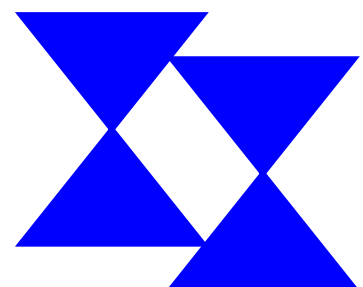
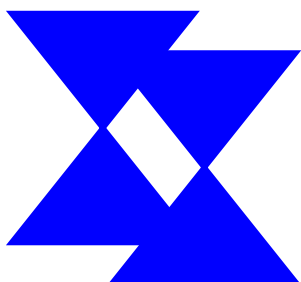
The Bioethics Day was celebrated by the Rio de Janeiro Unit on October 21, 2019. It was attended by about sixty people. The event began with the presentation of the head of the Unit, Prof Sergio Rego, who presented the context related to the creation of Bioethics Day. He presented the purpose of the Rio de Janeiro Unit, inserted in the international network of the UNESCO Bioethics Chair of Haifa University. Then spoke Prof. João Andrade, current president of the Bioethics Society of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

This year the Rio de Janeiro Unit decided to honour two women who have shown a significant contribution to the development of Bioethics in Brazil, as well as in the defense of Human Rights. The first honoree was Professor Debora Diniz. Debora Diniz is an anthropologist and professor of bioethics at the University of Brasilia and founder of the NGO Anis - Institute of Bioethics and Human Rights. He has published numerous books and articles and has excelled in studies of feminist bioethics and ethics and reproductive rights. She is a professor in the Postgraduate Program in Bioethics, Applied Ethics and Public Health. She is currently outside Brazil because of threats to her life as a result of her role in defending reproductive rights, and these threats are recognized by the public authorities of Brazil. For this reason, she can not physically attend the event, having made contact via Skype. The researcher Luciana Brito, from Anis, was the speaker of the tribute. Our second honoree was Dr Jurema Werneck, MD, and director of Amnesty International in Brazil. A militant in the field of human rights, especially women and blacks, Dr. Jurema was the first researcher to postdoc in the Bioethics Program of our institution.

For both honorees, an allusive plaque was delivered at the event. The next point of our program was a Round Table, coordinated by Dr Luciana Narciso, Executive Secretary of our Unit. We had the participation of Dr. Luciana Brito, who spoke on the theme "For a feminist bioethics", followed by Prof. Roberta Gondim, from Fiocruz, who addressed the theme "Challenges of racism for public health", followed by Profa. Inara do Nascimento Tavares, from the Insikiran Institute of the Federal University of Roraima. Professor Inara is an indigenous, anthropologist and addressed the theme "Indigenous women, territories and struggles: a path of dialogue".

After the lectures of our speakers, the microphone was opened for questions and deep debate about it followed.

Sergio Rego, Head of Unit





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Respect for cultural diversity

World Bioethics Day

Dia 14 de outubro

14 horas - Salão Internacional – 4º andar – Ensp

Aberto ao público

Homenagem a: **Debora Diniz (Anis/UnB)**
Jurema Werneck (Anistia Internacional)

Mesa Redonda:

Roberta Gondim (Ensp/Fiocruz): **Racismo como operador de corpos e populações – desafios para a Saúde Coletiva.**

Luciana Brito (Anis): **Por uma Bioética Feminista**

Inara do Nascimento Tavares (Inst InsikiranUFRR): **Mulheres indígenas, territórios e lutas: um caminho de diálogo**



À Debora Diniz

Uma homenagem da *Unit of Rio de Janeiro at the National School of Public Health Sergio Arouca of the International Network of the Unesco Chair in Bioethics at Haifa*, em reconhecimento por sua contribuição ao desenvolvimento da Bioética e defesa dos Direitos Humanos no Brasil.



À Jurema Werneck

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World Bioethics Day Report

World Bioethics Day at IFSP Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology

The 2019 edition of World Bioethics Day was celebrated during the SNCT – Nacional Week for Science and Technology in Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Sao Paulo. The SNCT is an annual event promoted by Ministry of Science, Technology, innovation and Communications, and has always a different theme.

IFSP is a state, public institution dedicated to education and applied research in STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and STEM teachers' formation, with university status.

The announcement of 2019 World *Bioethics Day* and theme was such a great opportunity, since the time and theme were related in some way. SNCT 2019 was celebrated in October 21 to 28, near the WBD (October 19) with the theme “*Bioeconomy, diversity, wealth and sustainable development*”, and the WBD theme - “*Respect for Cultural Diversity*”. Therefore, a was organized and happen in October 22 for students from technical education to engineering courses and STEM teachers courses, also open to external people, entitled “*Bioethics and Bioeconomy*” dialogues. From the origin of words as *bios* (bios), *ethos* (ethos), *oikos* (oikos) and *nomos* (nomos) the speech was driven to discuss the cultural diversity impacts on moral and ethics and the way we see natural resources in the search for a bioethical bioeconomy that is both respectful toward native people and different viewpoints and promote the needed changes of concepts and approaches. The audience had a huge participation and interest in the themes and in bioethics, making a remarkable celebration of WBD!

Professor Valéria Trigueiro Santos Adinolfi, PhD - Full time professor at IFSP – Federal Institute of Science, Technology and Education of Sao Paulo

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World Bioethics Day Report

The “Hospital das Clinicas”, affiliated Hospital to the University of Sao Paulo Medical School, also Unit of UNESCO Chair of Bioethics (Haifa), celebrated 2019 World Bioethics Day at 11th, October, and the main theme was Respect to Cultural Diversity in Healthcare. The main speaker was Prof. Marcio Fabri dos Santos, Post-Graduation Program in Bioethics Coordinator at the University of Sao Camilo and member from the “Hospital Sirio-Libanês” (one of the leading private hospital in Sao Paulo city) Committee of Bioethics.

After the main speech, there was a clinical case discussion, with participation of several representatives from several committees of bioethics and professors of bioethics. Marco Aurélio Scarpinella Bueno, Head of Committee of Bioethics of the Albert Einstein Israelite Hospital (one of the leading private hospital in the city of Sao Paulo), Solange Fusco (Head of Nurse Integrated Assistance Committee at the “Hospital das Clinicas”- CIAENF), Prof. Claudio Cohen, Prof. Reinaldo Ayer (Discipline of Bioethics at the University of Sao Paulo Medical School), Rita Polastrini (Palliative Care Unit, The Children Institute, “Hospital das Clinicas” the University of Sao Paulo Medical School, and Chin An Lin, Head of Hospital das Clinicas Unesco Chair in Bioethics Unit. Prof. Maria Garcia (Law Professor) received homage for her relevant contributions in promoting Bioethics and its teaching in Sao Paulo. There were around 100 participants to the event.



Figure 1 Prof Maria Garcia receiving homage



Figure 2 Main Speaker Prof. Marcio Fabri dos Santos



Figure 3 Participants to the event



Figure 4 Team of Organizers

World Bioethics Day Report



In commemoration of the WBD, we discussed with medical students the philosophical meanings of Rafael Sanzio's Renaissance work of art "The School of Athens," as well as Plato's consecrated "Myth of the Cave," which reflects the ignorance in which they live. still present in the present day. The discussions took place on three days at the campus of Santo Amaro University - UNISA, in São Paulo, Brazil. At Ana Cristina Ribeiro Zöllner, M.D., M.e., President of the Bioethics Departments of the Brazilian Society of Pediatrics and the Department of Bioethics of the Pediatric Society of São Paulo, participated in the debates.

Clovis Francisco Constantino, MD, PhD

Head of the São Paulo Unit of the UNESCO Bioethics Chair of the Department of Portuguese Language Countries Chair of Bioethics - host to the Santo Amaro University - UNISA.

BULGARIA UNIT

World Bioethics Day Report

Name of **the Institute: Medical University** of Sofia, Bulgaria

Name of the **Unit: Bulgaria Unit** of the International Network or the **UNESCO Chair in Bioethics** (Haifa)

Name of Unit Head: Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina Vodenicharova, PhD

Date of Celebration of **event: 18 October 2019**

Program:

Part 1. Opening Ceremony 10.00 — 11.00

Opening speech:

Name: Prof. Dr. Victor Zlatkov, MD, PhD Title: Rector of Medical University of Sofia

Speeches by Representatives of Institutions and Professional Organizations:

Name: Mr. Hristo Georgiev

Title: Representative of UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Name: Prof. Andon Filchev

Title: Dean, Dental Faculty, Medical University of Sofia iii. Name: Dr. Ivan Madgarov

Title: President of Bulgarian Medical Association

Name: Dr. Vania Kastreva,

Title: Head, Department Management of Education, City Council of Sofia

Name: Student Vidin Kirkov

Title: Chairman of Students Counsel, Medical University of Sofia

Part 2. Guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics /Panel Discussion/: 11.00-12.00

Name of the speaker: Prof. Tzecomir Vodenicharov, MD, PhD, DSc

Title: Department of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Public Health, MU-Sofia

Discussion on Respect for Cultural Diversity

Part 3. Scientific Paper Presentations: 12.00 — 13.00

Moderators:

Head of the Bulgarian Unit - Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina Vodenicharova, PhD

Member of the Steering Committee, Bulgarian Unit - Prof. Sashka Popova, MD, PhD

Scientific Paper Presentation:

+ Different Cultures - Same Values

Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina Vodenicharova Head Bulgarian Unit

Vice-Dean of Students Affairs, Faculty of Public Health

Assist. Prof. Nicoleta Leventi, Department of Health Technology Assessment, FPH

Assoc. Prof. Kristina Popova, Department of Social Medicine, Faculty of Public Health

Assist. Prof. Elisaveta Petrova-Djeretto, PhD, Department of Law and ethics in medicine, Faculty of Public Health

Value-Based Innovation Practice in Management of Healthcare Services

Prof. Todor Cherkeзов, MD, PhD, Head of the Association of the Regional Hospitals

Legal Challenges in the Context of Migration Processes

Assist. Pror. Kremena Ivanova, Department of Health Technology Assessment,

Faculty of Public Health

Prof. Mariela Deliverska, Department of Law and ethics in medicine, Faculty of Public Health

» Specific Characteristics of Bulgarian Association for Neuro-

rehabilitation Prof. Ivet Koleva, Department of Kinesitherapy, Faculty of Public Health

Discussion and Suggestions on Respect for Cultural Diversity



World Bioethics Day Report



YAOUNDE CERB UNIT celebrated the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2019, November 13, 2019 at the Center for Training and Care for People Living with Mental Handicap (PLMH) of the Healthy Environment for Living People Association (HELP) under the theme "**Mental disability does not exempt Human Rights,**" at the baptism of the fourth promotion of the HPVH Training Program of the Center.

The thanksgiving mass being the activity defined for baptism, the authority invited for the circumstance was Father LIGA LIGA EMMANUEL, parish priest of Mapubi District of Ngwei District, Department of Sanaga Maritime, Province of Littoral in Cameroon.



During his Oriel, the guest emphasized the respect of everyone, including people with disabilities, even mental, as is the case of learners who are the focus of attention at the HELP Training Center.

All humans, he insisted when reading the Book of Genesis in the Bible, are created in "the image of God. " The functional deficit to which they are subjected is the natural invitation to the manifestation of the rich mercy that the Creator has sown in our hearts and which therefore imposes respect for their human rights. He concluded by quoting the theme of the celebration in Yaoundé: "**Mental disability does not exempt Human Rights.**"



La Présidente fondatrice de l'Association HELP, Madame Françoise EFOGO ZE, Psychologue Clinicienne, second orateur de cérémonie a procédé au baptême de la première promotion des PVHM du centre de formation de l'Association. Dans son intervention, elle a présenté le parcours académique des apprenants. Les invités : parents et amis ont pu voir leurs réalisations. Les colliers, les bracelets, les sacs, les peintures et autres objets d'art que le public a touchés, regardés et admirés ont suscité le grand étonnement de toutes les personnes présentes dans les lieux.



The Permanent Secretary of the Scientific Committee of CERB, also coordinator of the scientific activities of the Training Center, made the last intervention of the ceremony. He thanked all those who contributed to the success of the 2019 edition of the WBD in Yaoundé. It was also a good opportunity to invite the community present to stop referring to the mentally handicapped by the term "MENTAL HANDICAP" and to use the term "PERSON LIVING WITH MENTAL DISABILITY."



Some achievements of the learners that the guests admired



A view of the participants

World Bioethics Day Report

by Ivan Kaliterna, student, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

This year another traditional World Bioethics Day ceremony was held in the Law Faculty Hall room, organized by the Croatian Bioethics Chair, sponsored by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. It's a tradition dating from 2016 when this ceremony was first held in accordance with the declaration adopted on October 19th 2005 (Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights) because of which that day was chosen as the World Bioethics Day. The interest in this manifestation has been growing annually and consequently the Law Faculty's most prestigious lecture hall was almost packed. There were not only professors and guests, but also students, which gives an added value to the whole event.

Scientists from many faculties of the University of Zagreb, which deal with bioethical questions, and students interested in this topic attended the event. The introductory speech was held by doc. dr. sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, the leader of the UNESCO Chair Unit in Bioethics in Zagreb. There were two acknowledgements awarded by the UNESCO Chair Board in Croatia. Prof. Dr. Sc. Darko Polšek from the Faculty of Humanities won the award for his contribution in the development of bioethics, while Domagoj Danaić was awarded a special acknowledgement for founding "Ratio" in 2018, a student bioethics association at the University of Zagreb. Doc. Dr.Sc. Marko Jurić, the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law in Zagreb, who has been providing organizational support to the multidisciplinary team since the founding of the UNESCO Chair Unit (2009), talked to the guests in the Dean's name after the short speeches of the award winners.

The lectures of the professors followed after the formal part of the event was over. This year's topic includes a wide range of bioethical issues and says: "Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism. Article 12 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. Health; Precaution; Artificial intelligence." The topic has been pre-determined by the international committee for acknowledging this day, a part of which is also Doc.Dr.Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, and every year she emphasizes one of the articles of the mentioned Declaration. The introductory speaker was actually Prof. Dr. Sc. Polšek, who, from a philosophical point of view, spoke of cultural diversity and pluralism, particularly emphasizing not only the tradition of Western countries in the development of bioethics, but also the universality of the principles of bioethics.

The next one to present was a special guest of this year's event, Prof. Dr. Sc. Ellen Voss, from the University of Maastricht, and the title of her presentation was "Health, precaution and bioethics", and she used a number of legal sources in her presentation, out of which the most important were: the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the before mentioned Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. The legal aspect presented by the foreign guest in the lecture was further problematized in the lecture by Prof. Dr. Sc. Tamara Čapeta, who spoke about the problem of regulating machines with artificial intelligence and the challenges awaiting us in that field. Her lecture was as an ideal introduction to Prof.Dr. Sc. Ratko Magjarević from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, since he has added to the previous with his expertise, given the similarity of the topics of the two lectures. There was also a lot of interesting information about projects that could change the world as we know it today, all thanks to artificial intelligence. The last lec-

ture was given by Doc. Dr. Sc. Roksanđić Vidlička, who, apart from the problematization of artificial intelligence in the future, also highlighted human dignity as one of the basic principles of bioethics in general and introduced the guests with the document of the European Commission Task Force: "Ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI" which was adopted this April.

Following the end of the introductory lectures, a traditional student debate began, in which students from the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Medicine and Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing discussed the issue of artificial intelligence with an emphasis whether it is needed to regulate cyborgs as people of the future. Considering the quality of the debate and the engagement of these young people in preparing their speeches, it could be said that this was indeed the crown of the whole event. At the end of the debate, the three of the best speakers were honored (in order: 1. Marija Jarnjak Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, 2. Martin Čižmešija Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, 3. Doris Skaramuca, Faculty of Law), the affirmation team was commended as the winner, followed by the informal gathering of all the guests present, including Prof. Dr.Sc. Ksenija Turković, the Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, who was also the first holder of the UNESCO Chair Unit in Bioethics at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb. Taking into consideration the overall atmosphere that prevailed during this ceremony, we are convinced that this beautiful tradition and co-operation will continue in the future.





Left to right: prof.dr.sc. Iris Goldner Lang, prof.dr.sc. Hrvoje Jurić, Domagoj Dananić mag.iur., prof.dr.sc. Ksenija Turković, prof.dr.sc. Ana Borovečki, doc.dr.sc. Sunčana Roksanđić Vidlička, prof.dr.sc. Darko Polšek, prof.dr.sc. Ellen Voss Missing: prof.dr.sc. Tamara Čapeta, doc.dr.sc. Marko Jurić, prof.dr.sc. Ratko Magjarević

World Bioethics Day Report

This year the WBD was celebrated by the Cyprus Unit in collaboration with the Greek Unit, under the Memorandum of Collaboration signed by the Heads of the two units in 2018.

On the 18th October, the Head of the Cyprus Unit, participated in the celebrations organized by the Greek Unit in Athens, with an invited lecture on: "Translation and validation of the Moral Sensitivity Questionnaire in the Greek Language". The very successful event in Athens was attended by more than 100 people.

Following the celebrations in Athens, on the 4th of November, the Head of the Greek Unit Dr. Proropadakis, joined the Cyprus Unit in Limassol and gave an open lecture on: "Gene editing and the child's right to an open future". The lecture was attended by more than 25 graduate and undergraduate students at the Cyprus University of Technology. On the 5th of November, the Cyprus and Greek Units organized a joined session including three lectures, under the National Bioethics Awareness Week held in Nicosia.

Some photos from the events in Cyprus and the program from Athens can be found below :



18/10/2019

World Bioethics Day

Respect for Cultural Diversity

Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Βιοηθικής

Παρασκευή 18 Οκτωβρίου 2019 **Πάντειο Πανεπιστήμιο, Αίθουσα "Αριστοτέλης"**
Ωρα: 11:00 π.μ. **Εγγραφές Συνέδρων: 10:00–11:00 π.μ.**

Χαιρετισμοί:
 Ευάγγελος Πρωτοπαδάκης
 Πρόεδρος του Ελληνικού Κλασικού της Έθρας Βιοηθικής της UNESCO (Hellas)
 Ιωάννη Κρισηρή
 Πρόεδρος Παιδείας Πανεπιστημίου
 Μητροπολίτης Νικαίας
 Μητροπολίτης Μεσσηνίας και Λακωνικής
 Γεώργιος Βασιλαρός
 Προσφυγικός Πρόεδρος του Τμήματος Φιλοσοφίας του ΕΚΠΑ
 Δημήτρης Λαμπράκης
 Πάπας Πανεπιστημίου
 Γεώργιος Αραμαπίτης
 ΕΚΠΑ
 Χρήστος Χωμενίδης
 Σύμβουλος
 Φερενίκη Παναγοπούλου-Κουτνατζή
 Πρόεδρος της Εκτελεστικής Επιτροπής του Ελληνικού Κλασικού

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World Bioethics Day Report

A seminar on respect for cultural diversity and language

The celebration of World Bioethics Day took the form of a two-hour seminar at the Town Library in Turku, Finland with the aim of reaching out to the lay people and arising awareness of bioethical questions beyond academia.

The organising committee had invited three speakers representing three viewpoints in the theme: a professional facing these questions in practice, a theoretical researcher and a representative of minority language (i.e. sign language). Because of one presentation was delivered in sign language and other two presentations presented in Finnish orally, we had two sign language interpreters who interpreted the spoken presentations into sign language for the presenter and other deaf individuals in the audience and the signed presentation into spoken Finnish to the people who do not understand sign language. The seminar was open for everyone. We had a small but active audience.



The first presentation by psychiatrist Venla Lehti (in the photo) discussed the challenges of language and culture in psychiatric practice, paying attention especially to patients who are deaf migrants at the University Hospital of Helsinki. The afternoon continued with a talk by researcher in philosophy Jani Sinokki who asked what kind of challenges people face when they try to understand and communicate with each other.

The last presenter Tomas Vaarala gave insights to the ways in which representatives of minority are treated in the Finnish society from education to support systems provided to the deaf community. In the discussion, all presenters joined the audience in discussing what had been learnt from the presentations and in which ways the current systems could be improved. All in all, the seminar was a success.

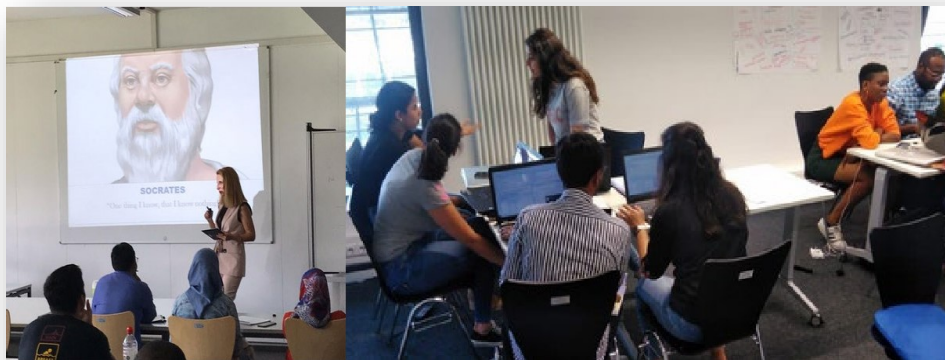
The chair of the unit was asked to write a blogpost to the university's official blog about the themes. It was published on Friday 18 October just before the World Bioethics Day. You can also find the description of the event in Finnish in our site: <https://blogit.utu.fi/unescochairinbioethics/>

Susanne Uusitalo

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Chair of the Unit

World Bioethics Day Report

The World Bioethics Day at Hannover University of Applied Sciences and Arts took place this year as part of the International Summer School on Clinical Research and Epidemiology. International students from 8 countries as well as guest speakers from 4 countries were invited and participated. The topic "Respect for cultural diversity" was treated from different perspectives. In addition to an introductory event on the topic by the head of the unit Prof. Dr. G. Fortwengel, Prof. D. Myers (US) spoke on the topic of dealing with older female patients in southern Texas, near the Mexican border. Dr. Kristina from the Gadjah Mada University in Jogjakarta (Indonesia) complemented the topic with experiences as part of the local community medicine initiative on Java in Indonesia. Prof. Z. Osman from Khartoum (Sudan) talked about cultural diversity and its implications on our daily life, and Mrs. Livieri from Athens (Greece) contributed with small workshops related to moral philosophy, the new era of bioethics, and bioethics in a cinematic approach. In addition to lectures, the presentation of the topics also included smaller interactive exercises with the audience as well as performing elements such as dance and scenery. The World Bioethics Day was completed after a lively discussion with the panel and the student group.



In conclusion, it can be said that our decision to celebrate the World Bioethics Day as part of our summer school was a success, because the topic of cultural diversity was represented in the auditorium by students from Nigeria, Sudan, Egypt, India, Lebanon, Indonesia, the USA and Germany, and cultural aspects could be brought into the discussion in a very natural way from own authentic experiences by the attendees.



Prof. Dr. G. Fortwengel, MPH
UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Chair of the Germany Unit in Hannover

World Bioethics Day Report

The WBD 2019 celebration in Athens was held in Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences on Friday 18 November 2019; the event was organized by the Greek Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and the NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory, with the support of the Research Center of Biopolitics (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences), the European Center for Research and Education in Bioethics and Law (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences), and the Institutional Discourse Research Laboratory (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). The event was attended by nearly 400 participants and was sponsored by **ALPRO**.

Organizing Committee: Dr. Konstantina Mylona-Giannakakou, NKUA, Prof. Dr. Fereniki Panagopoulou-Koutnatzi, Panteion University Prof. Dr. Evangelos D. Protopapadakis, NKUA

Speakers:

Evangelos D. Protopapadakis, Head of the Greek Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Ismini Kriari, Rector of the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

Athanasios Tsakris, Vice-Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens HE Nikolaos, Metropolitan of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki

Georgios Vasilaros, Provisional Head of the Department of Philosophy, NKUA, Greece Eleni Rethimiotaki, Head of the National Bioethics Commission

Dimitrios Lamprelis, Director of the Research Center of Biopolitics, Panteion University

Georgios Arabatzis, Director of the Institutional Discourse Research Laboratory, NKUA, Greece

Prof. Dr. Fereniki Panagopoulou-Koutnatzi, Head of the Executive Committee of the Greek Unit

Prof. Dr. Dejan Donev, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia

Athina Gritzala, NKUA, Greece

Prof. Dr. Zeljko Kaluđerović, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

Prof. Dr. Ivica Kelam, University of Osijek, Croatia

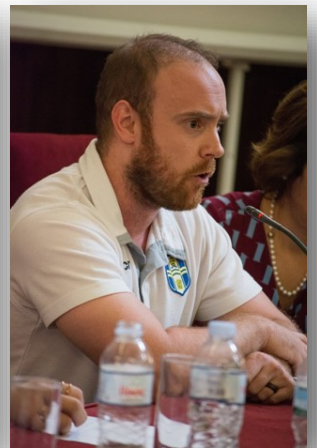
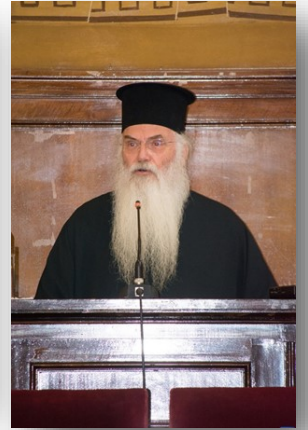
Prof. Dr. Andrie Panayiotou, Technical University of Cyprus, Cyprus Prof. Dr. Liliya Sazonova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

Prof. Dr. Stavroula Tsinorema, University of Crete, Greece

Prof. Dr. Effy Vayena, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Kai Whiting, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal









All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur
(UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa)
Report: World Bioethics Day 2019



AIIMS Jodhpur was established as a Bioethics Unit of the International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa on May 23rd 2018. The aim of the unit is to advance the education of bioethics. On October 19th 2019 AIIMS Jodhpur observed the World Bioethics Day 2019 keeping the focus on the theme *“Respect for cultural diversity”*.

The program started at 12:00 pm with an inaugural speech of Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Director AIIMS Jodhpur. This was followed by presentation of the overview of the activities of the unit including establishment of student unit by the Secretary of the Unit, Dr Pankaj Bhardwaj.



Dr. Sanjeev Misra

Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj

Dr. Siddharth P. Dubhashi, Chair, Indian Student Bioethics Program, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics delivered an online key note address on the theme *“Respect for cultural diversity”*. He narrated his own experiences about working on culture and healthcare issues.



Dr. Siddharth P. Dubhashi

The keynote address was followed by the interactive sessions by invited guests Mrs. Shashi Tyagi and Mr. Anil Vyas.

Mrs. Shashi Tyagi, Secretary, Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti who is a devoted social worker and recipient of Jamnalal Bajaj Award emphasized on considering cultural traditions in making moral decisions.



Mrs. Shashi Tyagi

Mr. Anil Vyas

- She enthralled the audience by providing the overview of regional cultural diversity. In her discussion she mentioned that cultures and societies also have some sort of moral system for guiding and evaluating the conduct and have principles for arbitrating between conflicting obligations and duties.

Mr. Anil Vyas, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Jodhpur, discussed various ethical issues related to cultural diversity and implementation of social schemes. By giving various real life examples he discussed

that how cultural differences could be effectively responded by service providers.

Dr. Rajrani, Principal College of Nursing, AIIMS Jodhpur presented her experiences regarding nursing care and cultural issues. She discussed various case scenarios and invited questions from the audience for discussions.



Dr. Rajrani

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr Pankaj Bhardwaj which was followed by felicitation of Invited guest by Dr. Praveen Sharma, Dean Research and Dr. Surjeet Ghatak, Dean Student welfare.



This event was attended by a total of 50 Faculty members, guests and students.

School of Public health (SPH) Scholars performed a skit on "Addressing culture diversity in health care". They presented three role plays to demonstrate best practices in health care settings while taking account of cultural diversity.

The aim of skit was to show how health care workers can interact with patients while respecting their cultural background.

Bioethics UNIT at AIIMS Jodhpur also organized prelims for World Bioethics Day 2019 under



guidance of Dr Sanjeev Misra, Head of the UNESCO Unit, and Dr. Kuldeep Singh (Lead, bio-ethics unit). Students participated in debate and poetry. The topic of debates was “Cultural diversity and discrimination goes hand to hand”. The students very nicely put their view points on the topic.

Ethnic/racial diversity among healthcare professional is important because diversity is with improved access to care for ethnic/racial minorities, greater patient choice and satisfaction, better patient- clinician communication, and improved educational experiences.

Healthcare providers can maximize this potential by learning more about patients' cultures. In doing so, they are practicing cultural competency or cultural awareness and sensitivity. Being aware of the common differences between cultures increases trust, improves work relationships and streamlines projects. It also improves communication, which is the backbone to any successful team.

In Debate, Best in “For” was won by Megha Meena, Best in “Against” was won by Jagriti Jha. In Poetry Nishcay Nagori got 1st and Akanksha Saini got 2nd position. The event was judged by Dr JayKaran, Dr Amit Goyal, and Dr Raghvendra Shekhawat.



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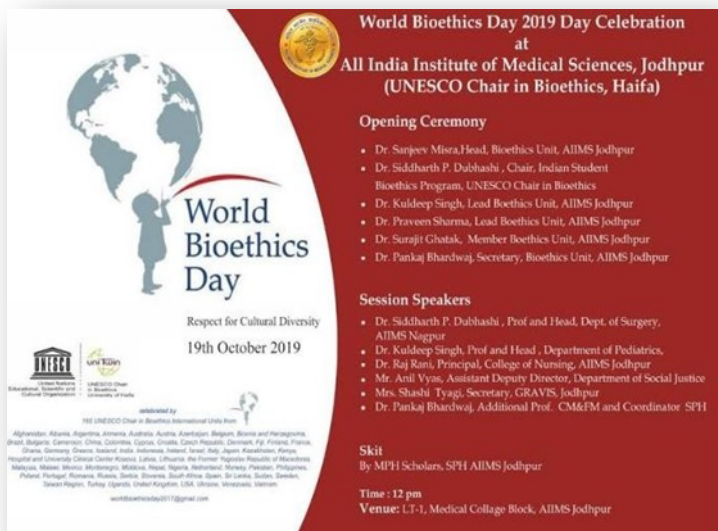
सांस्कृतिक विविधता व भेदभाव पर स्टूडेंट्स ने रखे विचार

एम्स में बायोएथिक्स डे पर स्टूडेंट्स ने किया वाद-विवाद।

इंटरनेशनल बायोएथिक्स डे पर एम्स में आयोजित डिबेट में मेधा व कविता पाठ में निश्चय रहे प्रथम

हेल्थ रिपोर्टर, जोधपुर | एम्स में इंटरनेशनल बायोएथिक्स डे पर यूनेस्को बायोएथिक्स स्टूडेंट्स चेंजर ने प्रीलिम्स आयोजित किया। इसमें वाद-विवाद, चित्रकला, फोटोग्राफी और कविता पाठ का आयोजन हुआ। एम्स ऑडिटोरियम में हुए कार्यक्रम में यूनेस्को बायोएथिक्स के सचिव डॉ. फंकज भारद्वाज ने बताया कि अक्टूबर 2019 में विश्व में अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैव चिकित्सा दिवस मनाया जाना है। इसकी थीम सांस्कृतिक विविधता का सम्मान है। उसी के तहत एम्स में स्टूडेंट्स ने वाद-विवाद और कविता में भाग लिया। वाद-विवाद का विषय सांस्कृतिक विविधता और भेदभाव था। इस पर स्टूडेंट्स ने अपने विचार व्यक्त किए। उन्होंने बताया कि बच्चों ने डॉक्टर और मरीजों के बीच बढ़ रहे गैप से होने वाली घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए मरीजों की संस्कृति के बारे में जानने की जरूरत पर जोर दिया। वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में मेधा मीणा, कविता पाठ में निश्चय नागोरी प्रथम और अक्काशा सेनी द्वितीय रही। प्रतियोगिता में जज डॉ. जयकरण, डॉ. अमित गोयल और डॉ. रघुवेंद्र शेखावत थे।

Anexure :



World Bioethics Day 2019 Day Celebration
at
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur
(UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa)

Opening Ceremony

- Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Head, Bioethics Unit, AIIMS Jodhpur
- Dr. Siddharth P. Dubhashi, Chair, Indian Student Bioethics Program, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics
- Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Lead Bioethics Unit, AIIMS Jodhpur
- Dr. Praveen Sharma, Lead Bioethics Unit, AIIMS Jodhpur
- Dr. Surajit Ghatak, Member Bioethics Unit, AIIMS Jodhpur
- Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj, Secretary, Bioethics Unit, AIIMS Jodhpur

Session Speakers

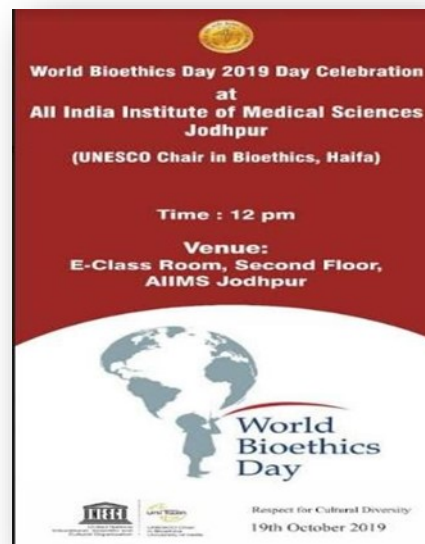
- Dr. Siddharth P. Dubhashi, Prof and Head, Dept. of Surgery, AIIMS Nagpur
- Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Prof and Head, Department of Pediatrics,
- Dr. Raj Rani, Principal, College of Nursing, AIIMS Jodhpur
- Mr. Anil Vyas, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Social Justice
- Mrs. Shashi Tyagi, Secretary, GRAVIS, Jodhpur
- Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj, Additional Prof. CM&M and Coordinator SPH

Skit
By MPH Scholars, SPH AIIMS Jodhpur

Time : 12 pm
Venue: UT-1, Medical Collage Block, AIIMS Jodhpur

World Bioethics Day
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UNESCO Chair in Bioethics International Unit from:
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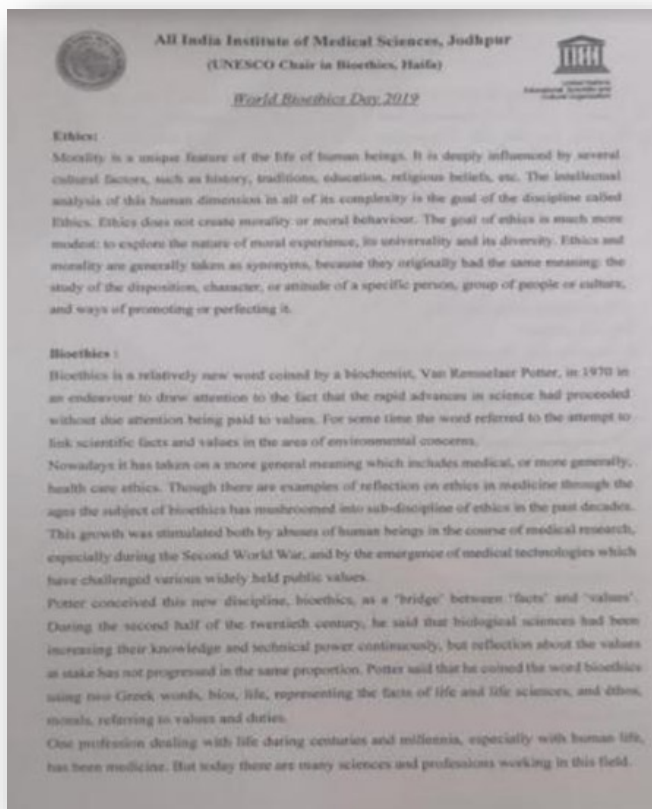
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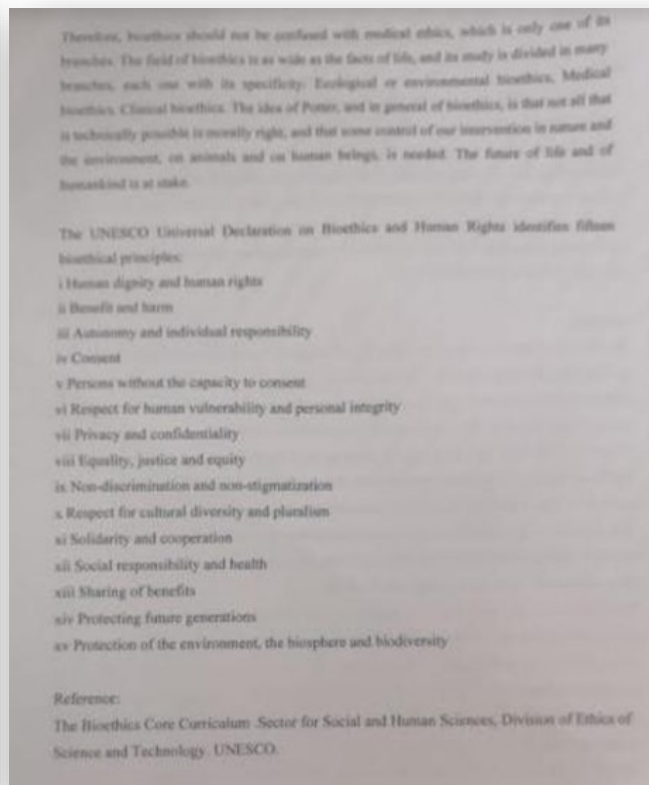


All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur
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Ethics:
Morality is a unique feature of the life of human beings. It is deeply influenced by several cultural factors, such as history, traditions, education, religious beliefs, etc. The intellectual analysis of this human dimension in all of its complexity is the goal of the discipline called Ethics. Ethics does not create morality or moral behaviour. The goal of ethics is much more modest: to explore the nature of moral experience, its universality and its diversity. Ethics and morality are generally taken as synonyms, because they originally had the same meaning: the study of the disposition, character, or attitude of a specific person, group of people or culture, and ways of promoting or perfecting it.

Bioethics :
Bioethics is a relatively new word coined by a biochemist, Van Rensselaer Potter, in 1970 in an endeavour to draw attention to the fact that the rapid advances in science had proceeded without due attention being paid to values. For some time the word referred to the attempt to link scientific facts and values in the area of environmental concerns. Nowadays it has taken on a more general meaning which includes medical, or more generally, health care ethics. Though there are examples of reflection on ethics in medicine through the ages the subject of bioethics has mushroomed into sub-discipline of ethics in the past decades. This growth was stimulated both by abuses of human beings in the course of medical research, especially during the Second World War, and by the emergence of medical technologies which have challenged various widely held public values. Potter conceived this new discipline, bioethics, as a "bridge" between "facts" and "values". During the second half of the twentieth century, he said that biological sciences had been increasing their knowledge and technical power continuously, but reflection about the values at stake has not progressed in the same proportion. Potter said that he coined the word bioethics using two Greek words, *bios*, life, representing the facts of life and life sciences, and *ethos*, morals, referring to values and duties. One profession dealing with life during centuries and millennia, especially with human life, has been medicine. But today there are many sciences and professions working in this field.



Therefore, bioethics should not be confused with medical ethics, which is only one of its branches. The field of bioethics is as wide as the facts of life, and its study is divided in many branches, each one with its specificity: Ecological or environmental bioethics, Medical bioethics, Clinical bioethics. The idea of Potter, and in general of bioethics, is that not all that is technically possible is morally right, and that some control of our intervention in nature and the environment, on animals and on human beings, is needed. The future of life and of humankind is at stake.

The UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights identifies fifteen bioethical principles:

- Human dignity and human rights
- Benefit and harm
- Autonomy and individual responsibility
- Consent
- Persons without the capacity to consent
- Respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity
- Privacy and confidentiality
- Equality, justice and equity
- Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization
- Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism
- Solidarity and cooperation
- Social responsibility and health
- Sharing of benefits
- Protecting future generations
- Protection of the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity

Reference:
The Bioethics Core Curriculum - Sector for Social and Human Sciences, Division of Ethics of Science and Technology. UNESCO.

Reading Material provided to Participants

World Bioethics Day 2019

RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Christian Medical College,

Ludhiana

30th of October 2019

Christian Medical College Ludhiana is celebrating, 125 years of training the doctors. The Hospital was established in 1881 in Ludhiana, Punjab. The first batch of four medical students was admitted in 1894 making it the first medical college for women in Asia. In 1953, the first male patients were admitted in 1947 during partition of India and the first male medical students were admitted in 1953. Since 1985 Medical Ethics has been part of the curriculum at CMCL.

CMCL joined the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics (Haifa) network when the Bioethics Unit of established on the 1st of February 2019. The unit covers the Medical College, Dental College, Nursing College, College of Physiotherapy and the newest college- the Institute of Allied Health Sciences.

The World Bioethics Day was celebrated on the 30th of October in the Guy Constable Auditorium with over 400 attendees and 150 participants. The excitement and huge response showed that Bioethics is not as opaque as some thought and has gained acceptance and traction especially among the younger generation.



Chief Guest Dr P S Jassal

The chief guest for the program was Dr. Parminder Singh Jassal, the President of the Indian Medical, Ludhiana. His keynote address lauded the diversity and tolerance prevalent in Punjab. He reminisced his days as a student where his teachers passed on their ethical values to him. Today it is necessary to teach Bioethics to all those in health care education.

Dr Karamvir Goyal, renowned surgeon and member of Punjab Medical Council, reminded the audience of the plurality of India and the need to keep ethics integral to medicine especially in the fast changing health care scenario.

Dr William Bhatti, Director- CMCL said that India's diversity is our strength. India has always welcomed people especially those in distress. The Parsee's from Persia is the best example of the richness of India's diversity.

Dr Jeyaraj D Pandian, Principal CMCL and Chair UNESCO Unit recounted clinical experiences where culture played a role in patient care. End of life issues, value for human life etc all have a cultural component to it and health care workers need to be aware of it. Dr Pandian was extremely proud of how students from diverse cultural backgrounds make CMCL into a Mini India because of which our graduates excel in the multicultural world.

CMC students who were Prize Winners of the WBD International Competition were felicitated. After the screening of the award winning short film, the winning team, that made Ludhiana and India proud, was given a rapturous ovation. The short film was directed by Elbe Thomas and script was by Quratulain Tarique and the actors were , Hridya Jacob, Karan Cheeran, Benjamin David and Abhay S.K.



The 2nd Prize in the International Competition for scientific poster was won by Aneza Matthew and Arush Mathew. Jasmine George who won the 3rd Prize for Photography was also facilitated.

Ms Angel Roy was the winner in the Institutional competition for the Artistic poster that was held in July.

Dr Anu Sharma, Professor representing the UNESCO Chair of bioethics (Haifa), northern region, gave a lecture on Autonomy and Consent. There was rich interaction regarding the various issues of autonomy and the types of consent.



Various competitions were held and students participated enthusiastically in all the categories. For each category, first and second prizes were given. Following is the list of winners.

Category	Prize	Name of Winner
Scientific Poster	First	Sneha Sara
	Second	Sakshi
Artistic Poster	First	
	Second	Muskaan
Rangoli	First	Alisha Nahar
	Second	Mishika
Poetry (English)	First	Khushboo
	Second	Joanna
Poetry (Punjabi)	First	Ishatpreet Kaur
	Second	Radhika Kaushik
Short Film	First	Ashish Newton, Rins Joy Baby, Mohit Bagga, Mansi Gupta, Franksy William
	Second	Bobby, Ehsaas, Shalini, Navya, Sakshi
Drawing	First	Manpreet
	Second	Harpinder Singh

Photography	First	Mahendra
	Second	Sheryl Saji Paul
Newspaper Article		
English	First	Harmanpreet
	Second	Vaibhav Bhatti
Hindi	First	Shrishti Sahu

Dr Anjali Jain, Professor of Anatomy and Secretary of the Bioethics Unit coordinated the programme which had an overwhelming response with over 140 participants. Events such as Scientific Poster , Artistic Poster, Poetry Writing- Hindi, English and Punjabi, Photography, Newspaper article writing- Hindi, English, Short Films had participants from Medical , Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy and Allied Health Students.

The Unit was encouraged by the attendance and support from the Principals of the constituent colleges, Senior Professors, Residents, Administrators, Medical and Nursing Superintendents and by the Steering Committee members who actively participated in the celebration.

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Photographs of WBD Celebrations at CMC Ludhiana on 30th of October 2019







REPORT OF WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2019
DR. D.Y.PATIL VIDYATEETH (DPU), Pune,India Unit of Bioethics by UNESCO Chair in Haifa



NAME OF UNIT HEAD: DR. J S BHAWALKAR

NAME OF SECRETARY :DR.SHAILAJA MANE

DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIT: 18TH MARCH, 2015

STUDENT'S WING OF UNIT ESTABLISHED ON: 16TH MARCH, 2015

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Dr. D.Y.PATIL VIDYATEETH,Pune (DPU) Unit of Bioethics ,UNESCO chair in Haifa celebrated the World Bioethics Day on Tuesday, 22nd October 2019 as per guidelines given by chair.

LIST OF COLLEGES PARTICIPATED:

Around 200 students and faculties from different colleges of DPU attended WBW 2019.

Dr.D.Y.Patil Medical College , Hospital and Research Centre,Pune Dr.D.Y. Patil Dental College,Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Physiotherapy,Pune
Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Nursing,Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Homeopathy, Pune
Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Ayurveda, Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute,Pune Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Optometry, Pune

AWARENESS RALLY:

World Bioethics Day 2019 Celebrations began in the morning with a rally on the theme "Respect for Cultural Diversity in Health" for spreading awareness in the campus. About 60 students from different sister colleges, prepared slogans on the theme in local languages and marched around the campus encouraging people to respect the cultural diversity and to learn from different diversity we have. They raised slogans like:

MORE THE VARIETY, BETTER THE SOCIETY. EVERYONE SMILES IN THE SAME LANGUAGE. JAAT-PAAT KA BANDHAN TODHO, BHARAT JODO, BHARAT JODO

This rally was an eye catching step took by DPU Bioethics Unit this year.



The event was graced by following dignitaries,

Representative of UNESCO chair in Bioethics and Guest Speaker: Dr.J.A.Jayalal, Senior Vice President, National IMA National coordinator UNESCO Bioethics, Vice President, common wealth medical association, UK.

Head Representative of Collaborating Professional

Organization:Dr.SudhirBhalerao, Honorary Secretary, IMA, Pimpri – Chinchwad-Bhosari.

Dr. Maya Bhalerao, President IMA, Women Doctor's wing of Pimpri-Chinchwad-Bhosari.

Dr. Pramila Menon, UNICEF consultant to Government of Maharashtra, INDIA.

The celebration began with lighting of lamp by the chief guests



Dignitaries from DPU who have attended the event,

Dr. N.J. Pawar, Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune Dr. A.N. Suryakar, Registrar, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

Dr. P. Vatsalaswami, Academic Director, DPU Medical College, Pune Dr. J S Bhawalkar, Dean, DPU Medical College, Pimpri Pune

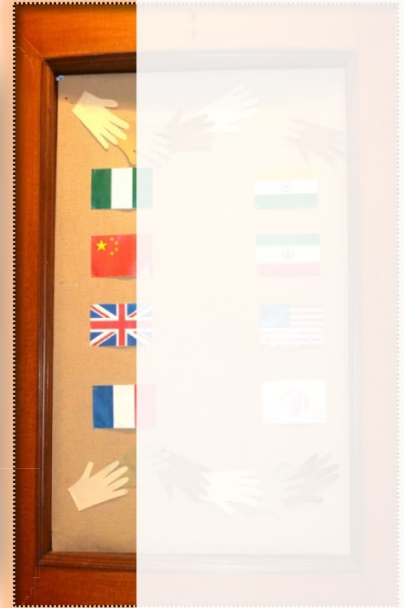
Dr. D. Gopalkrishnan, Dean, DPU Dental College, Pimpri Pune Dr. Vishal Madan, Principal, College of Optometry, Pune

Dr. Sharad Agarkhedkar, HOD, Dept. of Pediatrics DPU Medical College Pimpri Pune

Dr. Shailaja Mane, Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, Dr. DYPMc, Pune Dr. Supriya Keur, Faculty, DPU Dental College, Pimpri Pune

, DECORATIONS FOR THE EVENT WAS DONE BY ARTS TEAM OF students from MEDICAL COLLEGE of DPU.

Decoration was v ery well appreciated by all the audience.



The event started with a melodious Ganesh Vandana performed by a student of DPU Meedical College Pimpri Pune, SagarikaBasavaraj.



FELICITATIONS OF THE CHIEF GUESTS:



Opening Speech was given by Dr.N.J.Pawar,
Vice Chancellor, DPU



Dr. N.J Pawar, Vice Chancellor, DPU welcomed the gathering with an energetic speech, appreciating all the students from different sister colleges who actively participated and encouraged the activities of DPU Bioethics Unit.

Head Representative of Collaborating Professional

Organization: Dr. Sudhir Bhalerao, Honorary Secretary, IMA, Pimpri Chinchwad-Bhosari, gave a speech explaining about the collaboration of professional organization and importance of valuing the diversity among the different culture we are surrounded with.



, All the dignitaries gathered for felicitating the active members: Srishti Mohapatra and Harsh Tyagi, for always being active throughout the year in coordinating and organizing various events under the DPU Unit of Bioethics and encouraging their fellow mates for participating in such events.



Dr .Shailaja Mane, Faculty-in-charge, BIOETHICS DPU Unit presented an annual report about the various activities around the year.

The prize distribution ceremony for the various competitions held on the 31st of July '19 (The various competitions that we had included artistic poster competition, scientific poster competition, photography competition & short film making competition for staff, undergraduate and postgraduate students and non-medical employees of the institution was held earlier as a part of World Bioethics day Celebrations. The judges Dr. Derek D'Souza (Head, MIMER Bioethics Unit, Pune), Dr. Nitin Mahajan (Director and Short Film Maker), Dr. Sudhir Bhalerao (President, IMA PCMC) and carefully evaluated each and every entry. There was active and enthusiastic participation of the students of the constituent colleges who used this event as a platform to share their views on the theme "Respect for Cultural Diversity"). The winners were felicitated during the main event. All students received the participation certificates.



1st Prize in Artistic Poster



1st Prize in Photography



1st Prize in Scientific Poster Presentation.



1st Prize in Short Film Making- Team MBBS

The prize winning short films prepared by students of different sister colleges, were played which conveyed a beautiful message that there is no disparity when healthcare is provided to patients of different cultures.

1st prize winning team of MBBS UG, tried to depict the influence of various cultures in our life and the journey of a student who left his own place to study in a far different area, how the life gets change and we learn that it's all in respecting each other's culture to live happily and being blessed for the diversity.



Guest speaker and Representative of UNESCO chair in Bioethics

Dr.J.A.Jayalal , Senior Vice President, National IMA , National Co-ordinator ,UNESCO BIOETHICS , Vice President , Common Wealth Medical Association , UK.

He has mentioned about Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism. He explained about its important in the daily life as well as in medical career. The audience were happy and interacted with the speaker showing their enthusiasm.



An exhibition of all the artistic and scientific posters and Photographs :

The talent and ideas of the participant students from various colleges of DPU was displayed outside the medical college auditorium. The creativity of the students was very much appreciated by all the guests and viewers .





Second session started after a break for brunch arranged for all. The event was resumed at 2 pm with two competitions, Slam poetry and Oral paper presentation on the topic of “Respect for Cultural Diversity in Health”.

For the first time we had students coming up with their views on the topic in a form of innovative poetries. Students presented their share of research on Culture Diversity with statistics and other scientific data that focussed on the importance of Respect for Cultural Diversity giving it a scientific flavour. The winners were felicitated. And the judges invited for these competitions were also felicitated.

Slam Poetry :

Students from various colleges enthusiastically participated in slam poetry on the theme done in English and other local languages as well. Total 11 students presented their poems.





Winning entry of Short Film making by Dr.Srishti Mahapatra & Team from Dr.D Y Patil Medical College,Pune



Winning Photograph by Apurva Dahare From Dr.D Y Patil College of Physiotherapy,Pune

Felicitation of winners of Slam poetry and Oral Paper Presentation:



1ST Prize winner of Slam poetry :
Tejaswini Kulkarni, DPU, BHMS



1st Prize winner of Oral
Paper Presentation :
Shambhavi Swami, DPU, Medical

The event came to an end with vote of thanks given by Abhimanyu Sinha, General Secretary Dr.D.Y.Patil Medical College Pune.



Comparing of the event was done by Richika Singh and Aryan Dwivedi, Students of DPU Medical College Pune.



PICTURE GALLERY FROM THE EVENT:



World Bioethics Day Report

KOLHAPUR-INDIA UNIT of UNESCO CHAIR of BIOETHICS, HAIFA
D. Y. PATIL EDUCATION SOCIETY (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), KOLHAPUR

The fourth WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2019 was celebrated by the Kolhapur-India Unit on Friday, 18th October 2019 on the universal theme 'Respect for Cultural Diversity' (Article 12 of Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights).

The Day's Program

Session I: (Pre-lunch Session: 10:00 am onwards till lunch)

Part I 10.00 am: Symposium by student representatives on
"Health care against background of cultural diversity."

Part 2.11.

Session II: Post-Lunch Session (2:00 pm to 5.00pm):

Part 3 2.00 pm: Welcome & Annual Report by Secretary
2.20

2.45 pm: Address by Co-Lead Chair: Dr Rakesh Sharma

2.50 pm: Award Presentation

2.55 pm: Address by Acting Vice-Chancellor Dr Shimpa Sharma, Head

Part 4. 3.00 pm: Thematic Fashion Show – Respect for Cultural Diversity

Part 5. 3.45 pm: Display of Student entries for Poster, Short film, Photography events

Part 6. 4.45 pm: Valedictory Function

Organizing Committee

Chairperson: Dr Shimpa Sharma Head

Secretary: Dr Anita Gune

Members:

Dr Sunita Patil,

Dr. A. B Potdar,

Dr Vaishali Gaikwaid,

Dr Ravindra Patil,

Dr Arvind Gulbake,

Dr Padmaja Desai,

Dr Suhas Kulkarni,

Mrs Sheetal Kamble,

Dr Roma Chougale,

Dr Devarat Harshe,

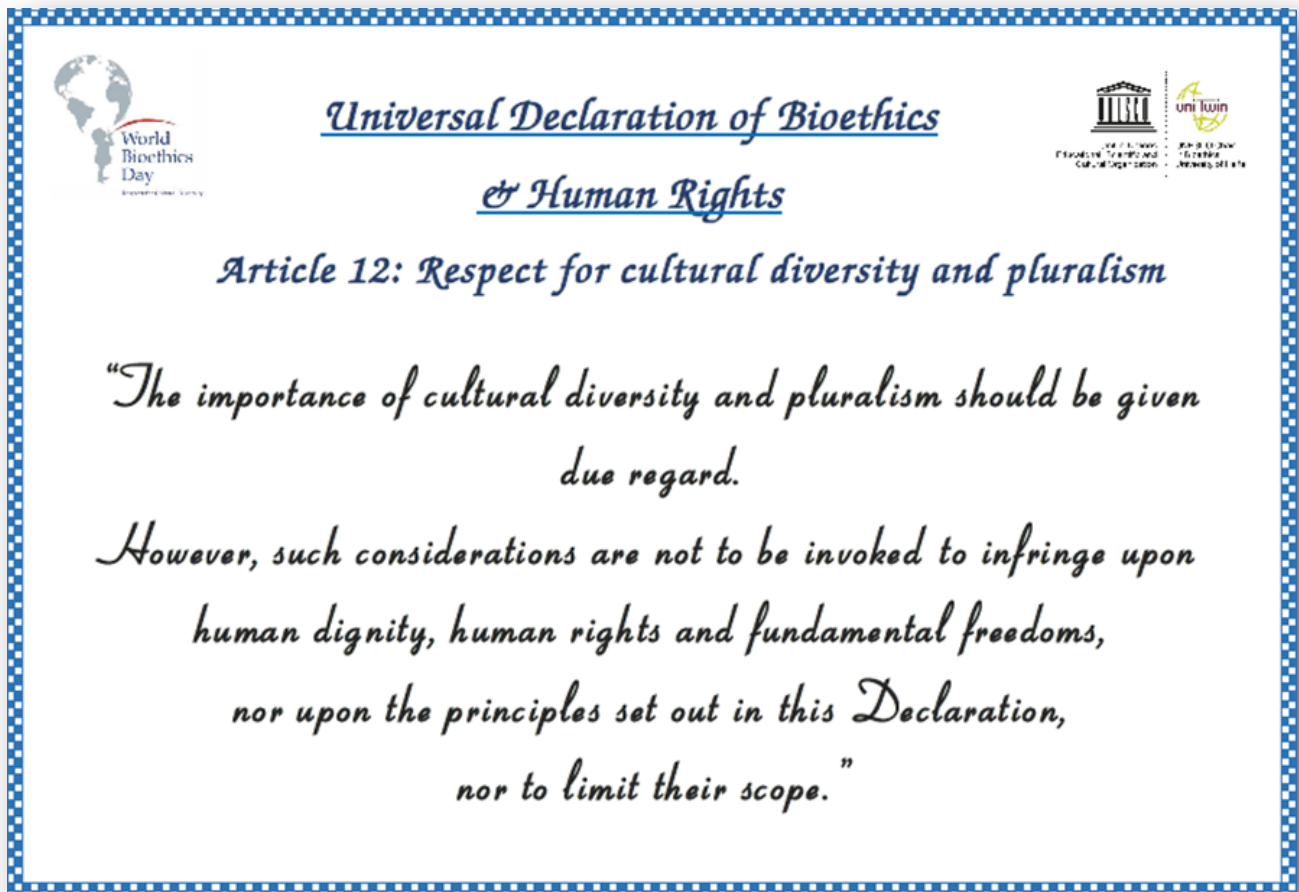
Dr Arun Karmalkar

Guest Lecture: Vedangi Patil, Anunay, Khushi Harne, Shubham Singh;

Fashion show: Suraksha Israni, Shreya Desai, Rifat Pathan, Kavin Shah, Utkarsh Verma, Tanvi Desai;

Display of Entries: Meher Kidwai, Aishwarya Rath, Sagar Goyal; **Audio/visual:** Anmol Bagaria, Archit Somani, Chanchal Yadav; **Certificates and Banner:** P Chidvilas, Tarush Desai, Gopendra Yadav; **Photography:** Yusuf Shaikh, Sakshi Jain, Kriti Shah

THEME



Organisation

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 5th July 2019 under the Chairmanship of the Head of Unit and the following committees were formed. After confirming with Academic Calendar of University, it was determined to celebrate World Bioethics Day 2019 on 18th October 2019. After deliberations, the following activities were finalized:

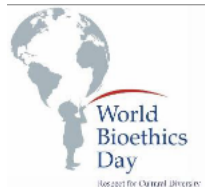
Part	Task	In charge teacher	Participants
1. Symposium by student	Health care against background of cultural diversity.”	Dr Suhas Kulkarni Dr Devarat Harshe	P.G students & Interns
2. Thematic Student Drama	Cultural Diversity in healthcare	Mrs Sheetal Kamble	Nursing students
3. Inauguration & Award session	Guest Lecture	Dr V.V. Gaikwaid	
4. Fashion show	Respect for Cultural Diversity	Dr Roma Chougale Dr Sunita Patil	MBBS students
5. Student Display	Scientific/Artistic Poster Short film/video Photography	Dr Arun Karmalkar	Entries for WBD 2019
6. Valedictory	Vote of Thanks & Certificate distribution	Dr Padmaja Desai	

Details of the program, requirement of resources, administrative details, selection and appointment of judges were discussed for each event and finalized after resolution of pertinent issues.

To increase involvement and participation of faculty, staff and students, Part 1 & 2 were organised at the D Y Patil Medical College Hospital and the D Y Patil College of Nursing respectively, whilst Parts 3-6 were organized at the D Y Patil Medical College.

It was decided that the prize for the most active member of the Unit would be given to Secretary Dr Mrs Anita R Gune for her contributions towards the unit in the last year.

Ms Charu, Clerk, was requested to provide all required secretarial services for preparation of the table program and invitations.



Kolhapur-India Unit
Of the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics, Haifa
D. Y. Patil Education Society, Kolhapur
(Deemed to be University)

Invites you to celebrate the fourth

WORLD BIOETHICS DAY

On

18th October 2019, 10.00 am onwards

Venue: Auditorium, 1st Floor,

D. Y. Patil Medical College

Theme: Respect for Cultural Diversity

Dr. Shimpa Sharma
Actg. Vice-Chancellor
Head of Bioethics Unit

Dr. Anita Gune
Secretary
Bioethics Unit

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019:

Secretary of the Kolhapur-India Unit, Dr Anita Gune presented the Annual Report of the Unit, as is the tradition. Through a PowerPoint presentation, she presented all the activities of the Unit and the Student Wing in the period of 19th October 2018 to 15th October 2019. The presentation was made even more interesting through pictures of the various events and activities.



She was also pleased to announce the prize won by Mr Aditya Dubey last year for the **World Bioethics Day International Competition in**

2018. This is the second year in succession Student Wing members have won this, which is a great motivation to future participants.

Dr Vaishali Gaikwad, Member Steering Committee introduced the Chief Guest Mr Vikramsinh Kadam who is a member of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur Sunrise of Rotary District 3170. As a social activist, he is actively involved in the community, supporting education of less privileged, promoting health and hygiene and encouraging brotherhood and unity amongst people from different segments.

Rotarian Kadam spoke about the intrinsically rooted cultural and religious tolerance of the Indian society. He related the example of how 5000 Polish refugees had been given shelter in the village of Valivade in Kolhapur from 1942 to 1946 as they fled the brutalities of the Second World War in Europe. The inter-mingling of cultures & customs influenced both the Polish and local Maharashtrian population, glimpses of which are seen even today. He encouraged the students to explore each other's traditions and understand customs of other communities.

Co-Lead Chair & Dean of D Y Patil Medical College, Dr (Lt. Col. Retd.) Rakesh Kumar Sharma focussed on the importance of cultural diversity in education. He shared that being a Deemed University, students were lucky to have friends from different states and backgrounds. He encouraged students to use their time together to make new relationships, visit each other's homes and states to understand each other better and forge new bonds. He related examples of how his interaction with friends from other states always enriched him as a student, in the Indian Defence services and in life.



Head of Unit and Acting Vice Chancellor Dr Shimpa Sharma spoke on Cultural Diversity in Health Care. She mentioned cultural differences in attitude to health, life and death and need for a HCP to understand the nuances. Healthcare is influenced by

patient's culture and how it impacted patient outcomes. Patient perceptions, food habits, communication, sense of privacy, attitude to medication were some areas she covered. She urged students to absorb as much as possible from friends, colleagues and faculty as from the patients to understand the diverse needs of patients. India being a multi-cultural society and nation, both opportunity and this understanding is necessary.



She also announced that the Students' Wing of the Unit had bagged **two prizes in the International World Bioethics Day 2019 Competition** – Second prize in Short Film by Mr Aditya Dube and Mr Anshuman Panda and Third Prize in Scientific Poster by Ms. Vedangi Patil. This was greeted with massive applause for the winners. This is the third consecutive year the short film entry has won a prize, a matter of great pride.

Brief Report on Symposium:

The world bioethics day celebration was organized at Dr D.Y Patil Medical College Hospital and Research Centre on 18-10 2019 on the theme 'Health and cultural diversity'.

A symposium of post graduate students participated in by the departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Psychiatry and Pediatrics was arranged .

The program started with introduction and welcome address by Dr Suhas Kulkarni, member of the Steering Committee. The Chief Guest Dr Mrs. Shimpa Sharma, Vice Chancellor, D.Y.Patil Education Society Deemed University inaugurated the program with auspicious lamp lighting.





The presentations were judged by Dr Mrs. Sharma Vice Chancellor and Dr Venugopal, Associate Dean Academics (Pre & Paraclinical). The symposium was planned with 8 minutes presentation by each student about good cultural practices and the other student discussed negative practices regarding health. They also touched upon efforts of medical fraternity to promote or dispel notions as necessary. Presentations were extremely well- researched and informative.

The presenters informed the audience about various cultural practices affecting and benefitting the health of the children, women and men in the whole world with greater emphasis on vulnerable populations. Prizes were given to the two best speakers of the day. Dr Devavrat Harshe, Associate Professor Psychiatry, proposed the vote of thanks. This program was well- attended by post graduate students, various faculties from different departments and interns.

DRAMA: RESPECT TOWARDS CULTURAL DIVERSITY

UNESCO chair in Bio-ethics Kolhapur- India unit arranged a drama in College of Nursing, the beneficiaries were 155 UG & PG students and Principal, vice-principal and six teaching and non-teaching faculty of D.Y Patil Nursing College.

Mr. Sushilkumar Londhe, member of Student Wing introduced the concept of the drama, presented by final year BSc Nursing students. The main aim of drama was to explain acquisition of the attitudes, skills, and knowledge to function in various cultures, to eliminate racism and discrimination in society, to achieve social, political, economic, and educational equity.

Programme ended with vote of thanks given by Mr. Sushilkumar Londhe of 4th year B.Sc. Nursing student.



Brief Report on Fashion Show:

Students of 1st and 3rd Semesters of the MBBS program of the D Y Patil Medical College presented a Fashion Show based on Cultural Diversity in India.



Coordinated by Dr Roma Chougale and Dr Sunita Patil, the fashion show was designed with a difference. Each couple not only showed off the traditional dress of the different states of India but also took a minute each to emphasize the contribution of the state to the nation in the fields of the culinary arts, literature, dance, music and other social fields. Some also referred to socio-political or nationalistic episodes of the country's history. The participants representing a particular state were not necessarily from that state.

The enthusiastic cheering and clapping of the audience motivated the participants to exceed expectations as they sashayed to the beat of the music and chants of the crowd. The session was an eye-opener in how the present generation enjoys cultural diversity and respects the cultures and traditions of other states.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION:



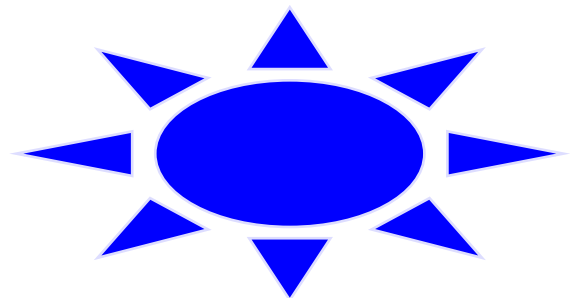
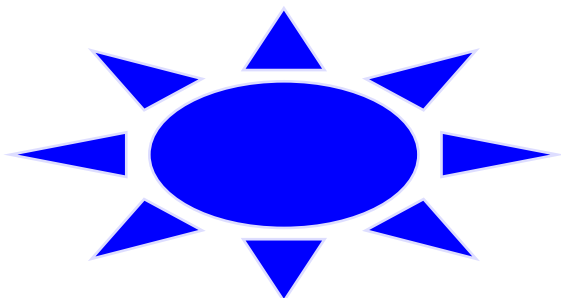
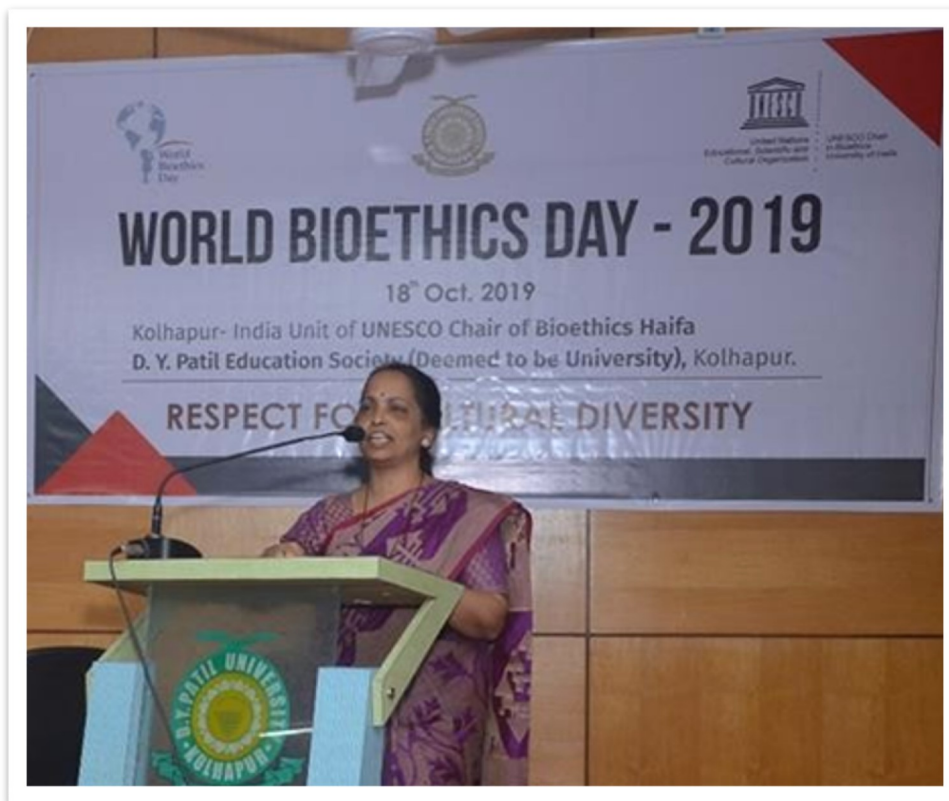
Certificates were awarded to winners and participants of the various events conducted through the day as well as during the year.

Dr Anita Gune was awarded the prize for the Most Active Member of the Unit for 2018-19.

Students who participated in the WBD 2019 International Competition were also awarded certificates.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Dr Anjali Wagh, Professor of Community Medicine gave the Vote of Thanks. She appreciated the efforts of the students who participated whole-heartedly in the events and activities. She also praised the Students Wing members who compered the program in rotation.



World Bioethics Day Report

World Bioethics Day was celebrated a little differently at SMIMS, Sikkim. Since 19th October was the convocation day at Sikkim Manipal University, the Sikkim Unit requested the university to include the message of WBD and cultural diversity during the convocation. Honourable Vice Chancellor included the WBD poster and the message of “Respect for Cultural Diversity” in the VC’s Presentation to an auditorium where the dignitaries present were the Honourable Governor of Sikkim, Shri Ganga Prasad, The Minister of Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, the Member of Parliament, Shri Indra Hang Subba, The Secretary department of Health, Government of Sikkim and Secretary HRDD, Government of Sikkim along with the Chairman of Manipal Education and Manipal Global (MEMG), Dr Ranjan Pai, and The Pro Chancellor of SMU, Shri Rajen Padukone. The audience was over 750 which included faculty and graduating students from the health science and technical campus along with their guardians. The Finance Committee members the Executive committee member and the Governing council members were also present.

The honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr MD Venkatesh, shared the message of Respect for Cultural Diversity and urged the graduates to take the message of bioethics forward into their lives and stressed upon ethical behaviour at workplace and the value of ethics in Science and Research. This couldn’t have been a better audience for the such an address as students and parents from across the nation and abroad were all present in the packed auditorium. The program was also streamed live for faculty and parents who could not fit inside the auditorium.

Member of the Steering committee were sporting a badge of the WBD poster with “We advocate Respect for Cultural Diversity” written at the bottom of the badge the whole day and the students were dressed in different culturally ethnic wear from Northeast and India to add value to the message. These students also lead the convocation procession.



Honorable Vice Chancellor, Lt General (Dr) MD Venkatesh sharing the world bioethics day message as a part of his convocation address with the WBD poster prominently displayed in his presentation.



Head of Unit; Member Secretary, Students wing member, National Head MSAI, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences with Students and teachers dressed in different ethnic costumes of north east India. Wearing a badge with WBD 2019 poster advocating cultural diversity.



Head of Unit, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences with Students and teachers dressed in different ethnic costumes of north east India.

World Bioethics Day Report

Happy to share that, GMC Bhavnagar Unit has celebrated World bioethics day locally as well as Globally

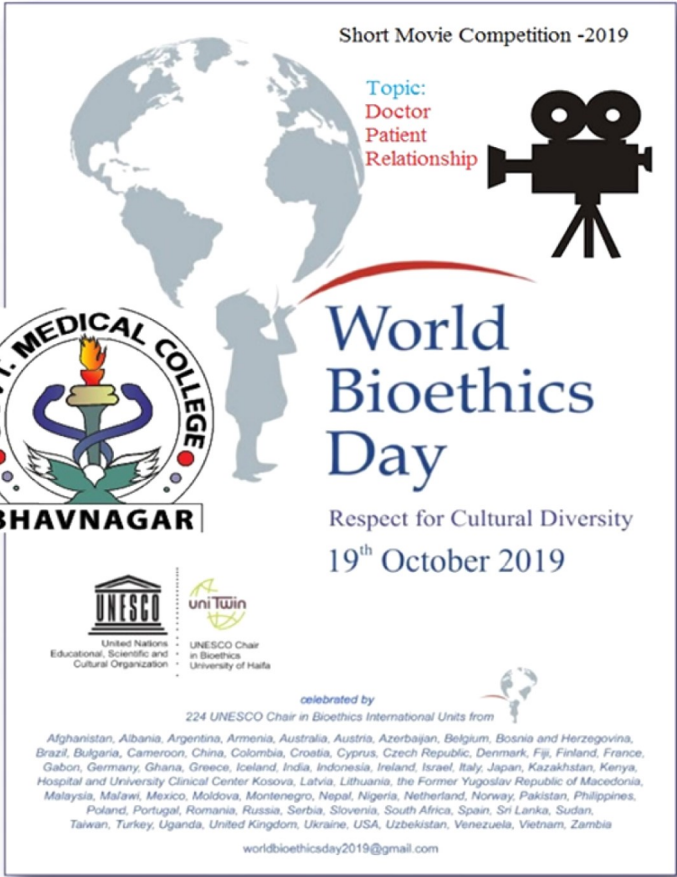
On 17th October we organised **Short movie Competition** based on book.. *Dear People, with Love and Care, Your Doctors: Heartfelt Stories about Doctor-Patient Relationship* There were total 180 Participants and Total 26 video made by first year Medical Students.

Thank you Dean Sir for your constant support and thank you Dr Panchal Sir, Dr Hita Mam and Dr Swapnil for being judge of competition.

We are also thankful to following faculty for coming forward to guide Students

Dr Jigna Dave, Dr Devendra Panchal, Dr Tejas Guntla, Dr Swapnil Parliker, Dr Manish Barvalia, Dr Shirish Patel, Dr Mina Panchal, Dr Ashok Vala

We are thankful to author for giving us permission to use their book for making video and special thanks to Dr Ravi Vankhedkar Sir for being instrumental in making it possible



The poster for World Bioethics Day 2019 features a central graphic of a globe with a silhouette of a person holding a torch. To the right is a video camera icon. Text on the poster includes 'World Bioethics Day 2019', 'Short Movie Competition -2019', 'Topic: Doctor Patient Relationship', 'GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE BHAVNAGAR', 'World Bioethics Day', 'Respect for Cultural Diversity', '19th October 2019', and logos for UNESCO and uniTwin. A list of 224 participating units is provided at the bottom, along with the email worldbioethicsday2019@gmail.com.

World Bioethics Day 2019

Short Movie Competition -2019

Topic:
Doctor
Patient
Relationship

GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE
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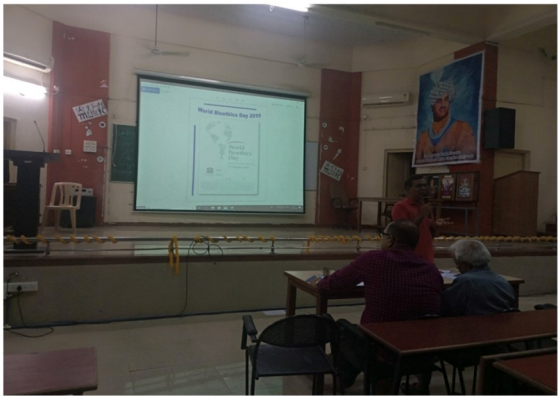
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worldbioethicsday2019@gmail.com

ALL are Invited to join the competition on 17th Oct 2019 @ 2.30 PM
Venue: Auditorium, GMC Bhavnagar





On 19th October

GMC Bhavnagar Unit and MEU India has organised Webinar





Laboratory of Vascular Physiology and Medicine
BLDE (Deemed to be University)
 Vijayapur-586103, Karnataka, India
 (A Partner of UNESCO/UNITWIN Program under UNESCO Chair- Life Sciences)

Ethics in Research and Publication

Kusal K.Das
 Professor of Physiology, BLDE (Deemed to be University)
 UNESCO Academic Leader & Coordinator under UNESCO Chair Life Sciences
 Member (Education Committee)-International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS)

Webinar lecture: World Bioethics Day, November 19, 2019 (21:00h-22:00 h)



Warm greetings to:-

All the participants of webinar, MEU INDIA,, Govt. Medical College, Bhavnagar, Gujarat & UNESCO Chair-Bioethics, University of Haifa, Israel



Shri B.M.Patil Medical College, BLDE (Deemed to be University), Vijayapur-586103, Karnataka, INDIA


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It was attended by around 200 Participants around globe followed by interaction for nearly 50 minutes. We are thankful to Dr Kusal K Das for accepting invitation for the same and We are Thankful to Dr Sanjay Bedi For making this webinar possible

Dr. Chinmay Shah, Bhavnagar Unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa

World Bioethics Day Report

The inauguration of the poster exhibition and opening speech for World Bioethics Day was given by our Honourable Dean Dr Chandrakant B. Mhaske on "Current status of Cultural Diversity and Pluralism in Bioethics in India." from 10.00 TO 10.45 am. India with its 29 states boasts of different cultures, religions and languages so there can exist conflicting moral views that are each worthy of respect was emphasised by our Dean.

Next Dr Anmod G. L. (Steering committee member UNESCO chair bioethics) addressed the audience about the "Importance of knowledge/ understanding of cultural diversity in India in Private Practices" from 10.45 to 11.30 am.

Followed by a short tea break of 15 min from 11.30 to 11.45 am

Next Representative of UNESCO Chair DR.SaleemTambeProf and Head Dept. of paediatrics (Executive member, UNESCO chair bioethics)spoke on "Unity in Diversity and Bioethics" from 11.45 to 12.30 pm

Dr I.F.Inamdar Secretary of Bioethics Unit Dr.Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College, Nanded was awarded for being an active member in overseeing activities of Students Head in Bioethics Unit and organising various events to raise awareness on Bioethics among Medical Professionals.

Dr. Chandrakant B. Mhaske, Dr. Godbole H V, Dr.Anmod G. L., Dr.Saleem Tambe, ,Dr.Gattani P. L. and Dr. Y. H. Chavan were part of the Symposium on Cultural diversity and pluralism in rural and tribal Healthcare in different parts of India from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Scientific Paper Presentation from 3.00 to 4.00 pm on

- i) Knowledge, attitude and practice of Cultural Diversity and Pluralism and its relation to Bioethics among faculties working at a tertiary health care centre in Nanded city.
- ii.Study on problems/issues in medical profession due to different cultural practices in India.
- iii.Food Safety and Cultural Diversity
- iv.India: "A land of cultural diversity."

From 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm Display of entries for Short films/ video Competition on "Respect for Cultural Diversity and Pluralism" submitted by Undergraduate students, Interns, Postgraduate students & Faculties (Timing: 03.45 pm to 04.30 pm)

The World Bioethics Day culminated with a valedictory function addressed by Dr Omprasad Damkondwar from 5.15 to 6.00 pm.

Pictures







Somaiya Vidyavihar





World Bioethics Day Report



Velammal Medical College Hospital and Research Institute
Madurai-09
BIOETHICS UNIT

World Bioethics Day Celebration - 2019

RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Velammal Medical College Celebrates "WORLD BIOETHICS DAY - 2019"

Velammal Medical College at Madurai serves as the Nodal center for Bioethics of UNESCO- Haifa. True to its vision for excellence in medical education, Velammal envisioned that its graduates are well grounded in empathy, proactive in the protection of human values and human rights. The Bioethics unit exists for the sole purpose of achieving this end.

Velammal celebrated "WORLD BIOETHICS DAY- 2019". The celebrations began on the 21st of October 2019 and ended on the 24th of October 2019. The UNESCO topic for the year "RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY" vibrated within the very essence of the student community because India is a blend of various cultures belonging to diverse religion, castes where different states and regions follow their own unique tradition and culture. India is rightly termed "*the land of unity in diversity*" as different groups of people co-operate with each other to live in a single society.

The occasion was celebrated in the premises of the medical college hospital with colorful displays during special assembly of students and staff arranged for the purpose. Students from the Medical College, College of Nursing, School of nursing and School of allied health sciences took part in various competitions that depicted "Respect for cultural diversity" such as Street Play, Artistic poster, Essay, and Photography.

Sixteen teams participated in the street play which was conducted on the street. Every team displayed quality and innovation in their approach to portray "Respect for cultural diversity". One of the Medical student's team was declared as the winner in the street paly for their innovative approach, performance and excellent direction for using ***Transgender gender trends*** in

India to portray Respect for cultural Diversity. They were given a standing Ovation, Medals and certificates. The Nursing Students who placed second excellently portrayed through **MIME** how in the **recent floods in Tamil nadu** people from various cultural backgrounds from all over India came to the rescue and aptly depicted the actions in unity that flavor the tricolor. A photograph of a woman with a **conglomerate attire of the three major religions of India** won the prize for the best Photography for conveying the essence of respect for cultural diversity. There were 23 contestants in the Artistic poster competition, 20 contestants in essay competitions. Winners were awarded with Trophies for excellence and certificates of achievement. These events continued for the first two days.

The celebrations concluded on the final day with a special program where senior faculty, professors and dignitaries graced the occasion. Dr. R.M. Rajamuthaiah, Dean of the Medical College welcomed the gathering, encouraged and expressed his support for such student endeavors. He also gave away the trophies, Medals and certificates to the winners along with Mr. Venkat Phanidhar the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital, Dr. Mohanty the Vice Principal and Dr. Thirunavukarasu, the Medical Superintendent. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. John Raipathy, Head of Bioethics unit. This was followed by three scientific sessions, **Introduction to Bioethics** by Dr. Ramanujam, Head of the department of Psychiatry. **The impact of culture on Health** by Mr. Venkat Phanidhar who is the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital and **Culture and ethical practice in Medicine** by Dr. Mohanty who is the Vice Principal of the Medical College. The Sessions concluded with national Anthem followed by Tea and Snacks.

The Bioethics Unit is greatly indebted to our beloved and honorable Chairman who stands as a beacon for all student endeavors, for being generous with funds, for his magnanimity in providing an excellent infrastructure, for allowing us to use the Venue without hesitation, for constantly encouraging the proceedings from the Bioethics Unit which makes it a pleasure to work to bring the Vision of Velammal to fruition.

*Prof., Dr. John Raipathy
Head- Bioethics Unit, Nodal center
for UNESCO - Haifa
Velammal Medical College
Madurai - 09. Tamil nadu , India*

Photographs



Artistic Poster competitions



Street Play Competition: Culture and Transgender Trends



Street Play -MIME Cultural Unity in calamity



Street Play -Villu Bastu: Folk Art



Street Play -Thappatai: Folk Art



Artistic Poster competition winner



Essay writing Competition in progress.



Inaugural Welcome address the DEAN



Winners Receiving Trophies 1



Winners Receiving Trophies 2



Scientific Session 1: Introduction to Bioethics



Scientific Session 2: The impact of Culture on Health



Scientific Session 3: Culture and Ethical Practice in Medicine



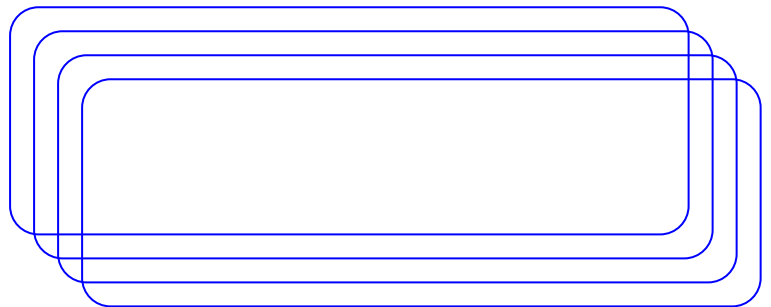
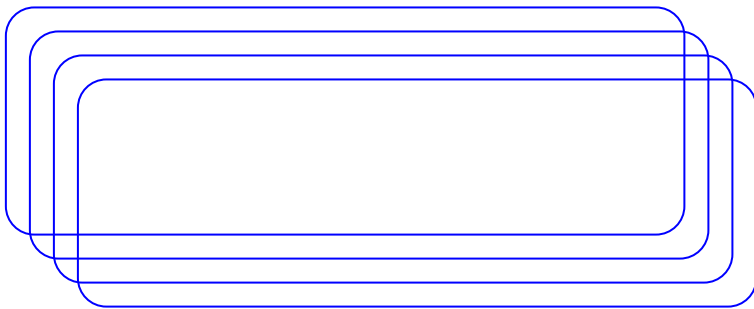
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Trophies, Medals and certificates



World Bioethics Day Report

Name of the Institute: MAEER'S Physiotherapy College, Talegaon (D)

Name of the Unit: MAEER'S Physiotherapy College Bioethics Unit

Name of Unit Head: Dr. Priya Chitre (P.T)

Date of Establishment of Unit (dd/mm/yyyy): 04/10/2017

Student's wing of Unit: Yes If yes, Date of establishment (dd/mm/yyyy): 04/10/2017

Program Details (Date of Celebration of event): 11/10/2019

Part 1. (Time of inauguration and duration of Part 1 of program) 2.00 pm

Opening speech by Head of Unit/Institute: 2.00 pm to 2.20 pm

Name: Dr. Snehal Ghodey

Title: Sensitivity to Cultural Diversity during treatment planning

Part 2. Details of Guest lecture/ Panel Discussion/ Symposium: Video demonstrating cultural competence was shown to all the students. Discussion on the bioethical values and sensitivity towards different cultures of patients was done. Dr. Snehal Ghodey also announced that for the entire week MAEER'S Physiotherapy College will be celebrating 'Cultural competence week', where everyone will be demonstrating empathy, politeness and sensitivity towards one another and towards patients.

Timings and duration of Part 2: 2.20-2.45 pm

Title of the Activity: 15 min video on cultural competence

Name(s) of the speaker(s): Dr. Snehal Ghodey and Dr. Priya Chitre -facilitators

Part 3. Student Debate: (Timings and duration of Part 3) 2.45-3.30 pm

Student Debate was held with 4 representatives per class. 2nd year, 3rd year, 4th year B.PTh Students and Interns participated in the debate competition. There were 2 rounds. 2nd year vs 3rd year were given one topic: Artificial Intelligence in diagnosis. 4th year Vs Interns were given another topic: Giving treatment as per patient's insistence and demand despite of lack of evidence. One team spoke for and another spoke against the Topic. The Judges decided 2 teams that would reach the final. Final was held between 2nd years and 4th years with the topic: Discontinuing physiotherapy for non compliant patients. 2nd year students Shreya Bhise, Hiral Gujrathi, Megha Thigale and Tanvi Bapat won the event.

After the debate competition, the judges- Dr. Sayli Paldhikar, Dr. Nitin Nikhade, Dr. Varoon Jaiswal discussed the topics and the bioethical principles regarding the same.

Part 4. Drawing/ Rangoli/ Poetry Competition: (Timings and duration of competition) Not sched-

uled

Part 5.Display of entries for Scientific/ Artistic Poster/ Short film/ Photography Competitions:
(Timings and duration of competition) Not scheduled

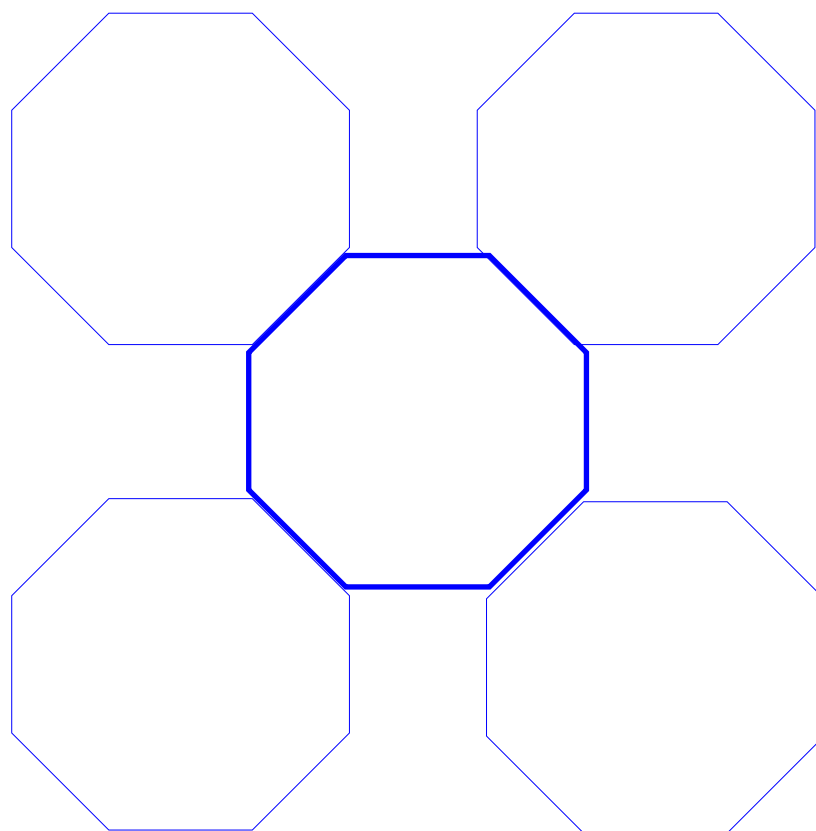
Part 6.Valedictory function: (Timings and duration of competition) 3.30 pm to 3.45 pm

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Additional plans (if any): New Student wing Head, Urja Chhaya, was also chosen during the event.

Place: Talegaon Dabhade, Pune, India

Date: 11/10/19



World Bioethics Day Report

Dr.VASANTRAO PAWAR MEDICAL COLLEGE, HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTER, NASHIK

World Bioethics Day was celebrated by UNESCO- VPMC unit at MVP'S Dr. Vasant Rao Pawar Medical College, hospital & research center on 15th November 2019 from 10 a.m to 01 pm at MCI Auditorium. The theme for World Bioethics Day was "RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY". The chief Guest for the above function were Dr.Prashant Deore , President of IMA, Nashik.

There was lamp lighting ceremony followed by welcome & felicitation of Dr. Prashant Deore by Bioethics unit Head & Dean Dr. Mrs Mrunal Patil. This was followed by address of Chief Guest Dr. Prashant Deore who highlighted on the theme. He also explained the theme in Indian set up as "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*". Then Bioethics Unit Head & Dean Dr. Mrunal Patil highlighted on Bioethics issues faced by doctors in daily life and how bioethical knowledge will help the doctors, patients and society. Secretary Dr. Pradip Barde highlighted on the Bioethics wing last year's activity report & future goals which needs to be addressed.

The session was started by poster presentation on the above mentioned theme. There were total 22 posters made by MBBS students.



Lamp Lighting ceremony by Chief Guest Dr. Prashant Deore



Welcome to Chief Guest Dr. Prashant Deore, (President, IMA Nashik) by Dean Dr. Mrs. Mrunal Patil

Following activities were planned on the occasion of Bioethics Day:

Sr.No	Name of the event	Theme	Participants	No of Entries
1	Street Play	1) Female Feticide	UG Students (1st year)	03
		2) Equality to transgenders	UG Students (IInd year)	
		3) Addictions	UG Students (1st year)	
2	Essay Competition	Respect for Cultural Diversity	I st year MBBS students	96 essays
3	Debate Competition	Ethics in gene editing: Should a doctor be able to deny medical services to a patient? Ethics in organ donation Abortion: Disparity in medical services based on income: Commercial surrogacy		04 teams of 3 members each. Teams where from Ist, IInd, III(I), III(II) MBBS students.
4	Poster exhibition	Respect for Cultural Diversity	I & II year MBBS students	22 posters
5	Case scenario analysis		PG students	04 cases

- Street Play Competition was conducted by UG students of first & second year MBBS on the OPD gate of Hospital site. Following are the themes of the street play:

Sr. No.	Theme	Participants	No of Participants	Participants
1	Female Feticide	UG Students(I year) (Winners of the competition)	15	Shweta Kaldate Sakshi More Jaya Tadas Mansi Nikam Shreyas Patil Sarthak Shinde Madhukar Sapkal Dhiraj Sardar Omkar Nageshwar Omkar Mehetre Vyankatesh Gore Hrutik Patil Devraj Aniket Shinde Yash Jain
2	Addictions	UG Students(I year)	12	Arpita Abhipsa Purva Tanvi Aditi Vivek Parjane Sohan Raut Khushi Ved Patil Atharva Wattamwar Siddharth Gandhi Maaz
3	Equality to trans genders	UG Students (IInd year)	13	Sanket Pawar Shreyas Magar Abhishek Surushe Abishek Tanpure Raj Charkha Sabreen Asari Bhakti Shimpi Mansi Mahajan Swasthi Sharma Sanjana Bose Manaswini Dixit Sanket Mehkarkar Krishna Nile



Essay Writing competition:

The essay writing competition was conducted for UG MBBS students of institute on 11th October 2019 and there were 96 entries. Essays were assessed by Dr. Neeta Gangurde (Microbiology), Dr. Preeti Baja (Pathology), Dr. Ashok Vankudre (Community Medicine), Dr. Sapna Madkar (Microbiology), Dr. Pranjali Muley (Physiology)

Rank	Roll Number	Name of the winners for Essay competition	Marks (out of 50)
I	31	Shrushti Gaikwad	44
II	53	Mansi Nikam	43
III	47	Khushal Gosavi	42
IV	104	Swetha Pahupati	35
IV	113	Mayank Varane	35
V	06	Anusha Agarwal	34



Essay Writing Competition on the theme “Respect for Cultural Diversity”



, 3—)Debate Competition- Conducted on 8th November 2019
Judges- Dr. Jeetendra Singh (Pharmacology),
Dr. Ashok Vankudre (Community Medicine), Dr. Rushika Patel (ENT)

Rank	Name of the winners for Debate competition
Best group for debate	Parth Joshi, Abhijeet Bapat, Shivam Gupta
Best speaker	Nivetha George
Best debater	Parth Joshi.



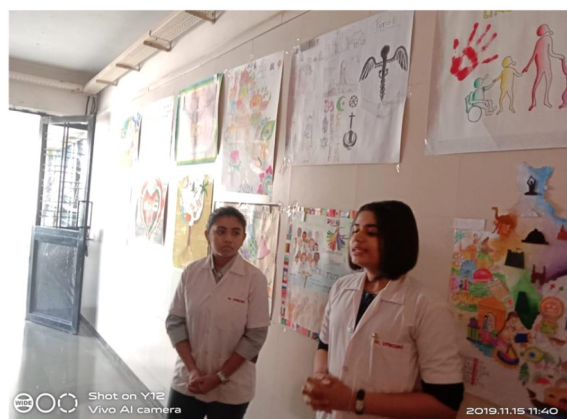


4—Poster presentation competition:

Poster presentation competition on the theme “Respect for Cultural Diversity” was conducted for UG students of institute and there were 22 entries, the 3 best posters were selected by Guest of Honour Dr. Prashant Deore.

Winners for poster Competition:

Sr. no	Rank	Code	Name of candidate	Year
1	1	P-14	Shubham Gupta, Mayank Varane, Prithvi Alva, Shubham Shewale, Mayuresh Deshpande	I MBBS
2	2	P-21	Rutika Deore, Radhika Jadhav, Sujit Ingle, Anmol Dhale	II MBBS
3	3	P-06	Nazneen Sheikh, Kajal Kanse, Yash Jain, Hrutik Patil, Devraj	I MBBS



Poster presentation competition on the theme “Respect for Cultural Diversity”



5—Case scenario analysis was done in which PG residents were given a case scenarios were Bio-ethical issue was present and PGs have to handle that situation in ethically correct manner. Following Cases were given to PGs :

Sr. No.	Cases	PG residents	Winner
1	Consent of Caesarean Section from a case of Placenta Privia.	Dr. Shriharsh Godbole	
2	Drunk senior doctor at work	Dr. Nishant	Winner of case scenario handling situation
3	Conflict of Living Will and family's wish	Dr. Anupama Kolte	
4	Surgery leaving scar mark & affecting career of an individual	Dr. Priyanka Baviskar	



Case scenario analysis done by PG Students



Prize distribution ceremony was conducted & certificates to winners of the competition was given by the Guest of Honour Dr. Prashant Deore . The program was concluded by vote of thanks.



The programme was attended by faculty, bioethics staff members, and students' wing of bioethics, UG students and PG residents of all departments.



World Bioethics Day Report

Nitte Bioethics Steering Committee, Nitte deemed to be University, Mangalore

The Nitte Bioethics Steering Committee, a unit of the International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa was established on the 26th November 2016. The Nitte unit has a mandate to promote the education of bioethics among its students and faculty.

The Students Wing of the Nitte Unit was started on the 6th June 2018. The Students' Wing and the Nitte Bioethics Steering Committee observed the World Bioethics Day 2019 on the 19th of October and the theme for this year was 'Respect for cultural diversity'.

The programme started at 10: 30 am with prayer song by Namitha, a student of A. B Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences and lighting of the lamp.



Dr. Shishir Kumar, secretary of the Nitte Unit welcomed the gathering and congratulated Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary on being nominated as the Head of the National Students Program in bioethics.



Miss Manisha Rai, President of the Students' Wing then gave a talk on the importance of World Bioethics Day and presented a report of the activities of the Nitte Bioethics Committee over the past year.

On the Occasion of World Bioethics Day, the Students' Wing initiated an annual students' magazine on bioethics called '*ETHIQUE*' and this was released by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Rekha Hebbar Rao.



Mr. Arvind Unni, student of K S Hegde Medical Academy and editor of '*Ethique*', described how the idea of student magazine was conceived and described their experience in designing the magazine.



, Prof. Dr. U S Krishna Nayak, Dean of A B Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences, released the September issue of 'BIOETHICA', the official newsletter of the Nitte Bioethics steering committee.



Mrs. Rekha Hebbar Rao, delivered the keynote address on 'Respect for cultural diversity'. Being a renowned artist, she talked about the unique qualities of every individual and the need to respect our differences however small or big they may be. She displayed her artwork to highlight cultural diversity titled 'the melancholic state of happiness'.

Prof. Satheesh Kumar presented a memento to the Chief Guest, Mrs. Rekha Hebbar Rao.



Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary, Vice- Chancellor, Nitte deemed to be University, and Chairman of the Nitte Bioethics Committee presented a talk on the importance of ethics in medical practice. He gave an account of the history of bioethics and how ethics formed an important aspect of ancient medicine.

Award for the Active member of the bioethics committee was given to member of the Students' Wing Miss Ananya Balachand. This decision is taken by the committee to recognize the contributions of students to the activities of the Nitte Unit and to encourage more student participation.



This was followed by the prize distribution ceremony for all the winners of the various competitions. The valedictory ceremony was coordinated by Prof. Marina Koland, member of the Nitte Unit. Competitions were held in photography, artistic poster, scientific poster, debate, collage, elocution, essay writing, skit and rangoli categories, and was coordinated by Dr. Shishir Kumar.



Miss Urwi Gupta, Miss Shreya Soman and Miss Gopika Manoj, who won 2nd prize in the International Competitions in Artistic Poster Category, presented their poster titled 'Birds of different feathers can flock together'.





Mr Shayank Bhattacharya, who won 2nd prize in the international competitions in photography, presented his photograph and explained how it represents respect for cultural diversity. Both the presentations by students were of high standards and received appreciation by the audience.



The students then presented a short video on respecting the rights and healthcare needs of a mentally ill person when he commits a crime as a result of his delusional beliefs. The students then presented a skit on the theme 'Respect for cultural diversity' and how we should avoid discrimination of people based on their gender. The video and the skit were enjoyed by the audience and were applauded by faculty and student alike.

The program concluded with Vote of Thanks delivered by Miss Manisha Rai and was attended by over 120 faculty members, guests and students.



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World Bioethics Day Report

Date- 19th October, 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 10:30am onwards

On the occasion of “WORLD BIOETHICS DAY”, in the gracious presence of Dr. Tripta Bhagat (vice chancellor) two lectures were delivered by Dr. Jyoti Batra (Dean Research, Head Bioethics Unit And Professor Biochemistry, Santosh Deemed To Be University) and Dr. Rajiv Ahluwalia (Associate Dean, Santosh Deemed To Be University, Secretary National Dental Bioethics Program, Ghaziabad) by addressing the students of 1st year MBBS & BDS and explaining them the following points :

- Importance of bioethics in the life of clinician
- Principles of bioethics
- To make decisions being a clinician in the cases and use bioethical knowledge

Dr. Rajiv Ahluwalia has imparted the knowledge of bioethical issues while handling any patient and in college handling the cadavers. He also discussed about marketing and advertising done by physicians to public. He interacted with students and also grabbed their attention to the topic of Euthanasia.

Dr. Jyoti Batra has imparted the knowledge on the topic “Bioethics and the Protection of Human Rights” and explained the students about the importance of human rights and how recently it is affecting clinicians. She also made a note that how patients in some areas in India are demanding sex determination of foetus and requesting for abortions and a taboo of society when patients wanted to approach psychiatrists.

The program was ended by telling everyone about other national and international programmes of bioethics and also emphasised on the upcoming events of “Bioethics Workshop” in Santosh Deemed to Be University in the month of November.



World Bioethics Day Report

Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai

The GSMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit celebrated the World Bioethics Day on Monday, 14th October 2019. The World Bioethics Day 2019 Celebrations began in the morning with a poster exhibition on the theme "Respect for Cultural Diversity in Health".

The poster competition for staff, undergraduate and postgraduate students and non-medical employees of the institution was held earlier as a part of World Bioethics day Celebrations. There was ' Rangoli Competition' on the theme which was organized on 14th October 2019 for teaching staff members and students.

The beautiful rangolis depicting interpretation of the theme and the relevance to healthcare adorned the corridors of our college building. Theme based photography, street play and short film competitions were also organized for the undergraduate students.

The winners were felicitated during the main event. All students received the participation certificates.

The main event was organized in the afternoon. Dr Padmaja Marathe, Head of the Unit welcomed all, introduced the theme and spoke about the events planned to celebrate the World Bioethics day. Dean Dr Hemant Deshmukh addressed the audience.

The prizewinning short film prepared by undergraduate students, "*Blues and Blacks*" was played which conveyed a beautiful message that there is no disparity when healthcare is provided to patients of different cultures.

The key note speaker Dr. Armida Fernandez, renowned Neonatologist, Former Dean of Sion Hospital engaged the audience with her interesting and thought-provoking speech. She spoke very well about the concept of respecting diversity, celebrating the differences in healthcare fields and gave pertinent examples from her own life experiences. Following the speech, the annual bulletin of the Bioethics Unit 'Inarch 2019' was released by the Dean Dr. Hemant Deshmukh. Dr. Padmaja Samant, the editor of Inarch spoke about the unique title of our bulletin and also about this year's issue of Inarch which has covered a range of topics related to the theme of this year..

In the following session, there was a symposium based on the theme. There were three invited guest speakers who touched upon different aspects related to cultural diversity and healthcare. Dr Jayita Deodhar, Psychiatrist for Tata Memorial Hospital, heading palliative care unit presented a few case scenarios about patients seeking palliative care.

The session was liked by the audience. The next speaker Mrs. Sujata Ashtekar sensitised the audience about need for organ donation and shared her experiences about how cultural beliefs about organ and body donation have to be sensitively handled. Ms Surabhi Mittal from IIT Mumbai shared her experiences in the following session about the NGO, 'Healthcare solutions' which

offers services in tribal/ rural/urban areas. She shared how urban and rural settings are culturally different and language being a huge barrier with tribals when services like home based delivery care are offered. All the sessions were appreciated by the students and the staff members. There was a street play performance by nursing students.

The prize distribution ceremony was held for felicitation of the winners of the bioethics competitions.

The judges invited for these competitions from within the institution and outside institution were also felicitated. Dr. Mariya Jiandani, Head of Steering Committee presented the vote of thanks. She specifically appreciated the student wing members' efforts in making the event successful. The programme ended with the recitation of the national anthem.



World Bioethics Day Report

UNESCO Bioethics Unit, St Johns Research Institute celebrated World Bioethics day 2019 On 8th November 2019 by organizing a Panel Discussion on 'Other Systems of Medicine.'

Professors and Practitioners from other accredited systems of medicine in India were invited to participate. The speakers on the Panel were:

Ayurveda

Dr Naveen B.S.

Professor HOD, Sri Sri College of Ayurveda Science and Research Hospital, Bangalore

Yoga

Dr Hemant Bhargav

Professor of Yoga, Department of Integrative Medicine, NIMHANS

Unani Medicine

Dr Roohi Zaman

Professor HOD, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore

Homeopathy

Dr Veerabrahamachary

President, Karnataka Homeopathic Medicine Association

Sowa Rigpa

Dr. Lakhpa Dolma

Practitioner, Lecturer and Teacher in Tibetan medicine

The Panelists were asked to speak on three specific aspects related to their system of Medicine:

1. Unique benefits of that system in illness and disease
2. Challenges faced in practice
3. Common misconceptions encountered in practice

Sufficient time was allotted to enable a Q and A and discussion with the audience that consisted of mainly practitioners and users of modern medicine.

Report on the Proceedings:

Introduction:

Dr Olinda Timms, Head of the Bioethics Unit, SJRI welcomed the gathering and introduced the program as well as the significance and theme of World Bioethics Day 2019

"A very warm welcome on behalf of the Division of Health and Humanities and the UNESCO Bioethics Unit, SJRI to all of you students, faculty and friends who have joined us for this celebration of World Bioethics Day 2019

This is part of numerous programs and celebrations across the globe in Institutions affiliated to the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at Haifa, Israel.

The theme of this World Bioethics Day is Respect for Cultural Diversity and Pluralism, which is Article 12 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

Our reflection on the theme led us to explore diversity within our own professional healing heritage. What is the ethics of co-existence with other approved systems of medicine that are available to our patients?

Do our prejudices, concerned as we are about Evidence based medicine, color our appreciation and acceptance of other traditions of healing?

How do we respond to patients who may have accessed other systems, prior to approaching us for care?

Embedded as we are in our health system and thereby convinced of its value, can we also respect the conviction of other practitioners in merits of their own systems? In fact is there an ethical duty to understand other systems better, since our patients have a right to access them.

In the healing space, is there room for diversity, for mutual respect and collaboration?

In an effort to establish bridges, our invited Professors today will share on the benefits, challenges and common misconceptions they encounter in practice. "

Welcome:

Dr .Tony Raj, Dean of St Johns Research Institute, welcomed the gathering and spoke of the need to understand and include the best from other systems of medical practice as they are part of our medical heritage and patients have great faith in them. There is need to develop research in these systems of medicine.

Panel Discussion:

Dr. Mario Vaz, Professor of Physiology and Head of Division of Health and Humanities, moderated the Panel Discussion.

Each professor spoke for 10 – 15 minutes and this was followed by an invigorating discussion and Q and A where many clarifications emerged about medications, beliefs and possibility of co-existence.

Dr Olinda wrapped up the proceedings and Dr. Manjulika, Secretary of the UNESCO Bioethics Unit, SJRI, gave the Vote of Thanks.



World Bioethics Day 2019

Theme:
Respect for Cultural Diversity

UNESCO Bioethics Unit, SJRI
invites you to a **Panel Discussion** on
Other Systems of Medicine

Engage with Professors from Ayurveda, Unani,
Homeopathy, Sowa Rigpa and Yoga on benefits,
challenges and misconceptions encountered in
other systems of medicine

Moderated by
Prof. Bobby Joseph, SJMC

On **Friday 8th, November**
Pope Paul Auditorium
2pm to 4pm

Followed by tea and informal interaction
Please RSVP Radhika 9632172577
humanities_events@sjri.res.in



World Bioethics Day Report

Report of the one day conference “Medicolegal and Ethical Aspects of Clinical Practice” conducted in connection with the World Bioethics Day 2019 by the Bioethics Unit under the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Sree Gokulam Medical College and Research Foundation, Venjaramoodu Trivandrum, Kerala, India.

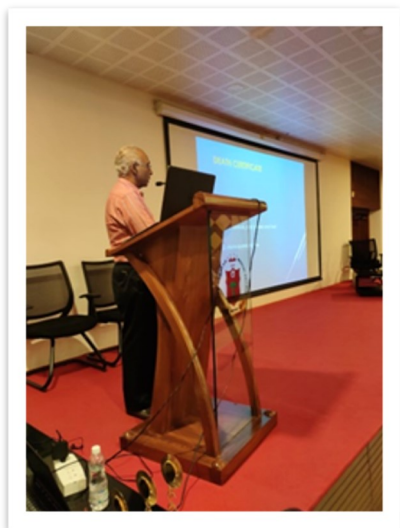
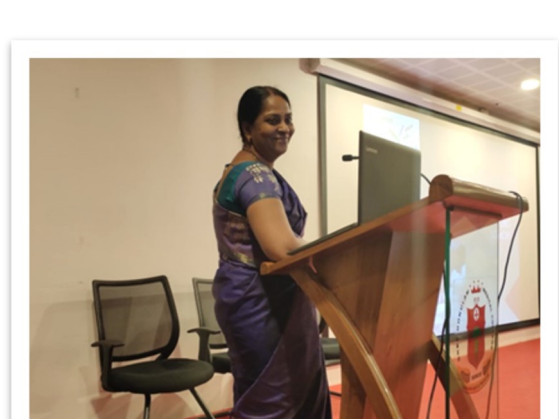
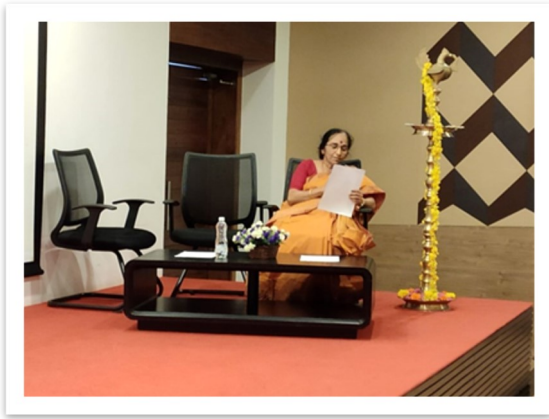
The program started with the welcome speech by Dr. Geetha O (Head of the Bioethics unit). The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Dean (Clinical) Dr. Chandramohan. Principal Dr. Lalitha Kailas, Dr P. Sivasankara Pillai (Former Director of Medical Education, Kerala) delivered felicitation. About 75 registered participants and 35 Under Graduate students attended the conference. Dr. Smitha S delivered vote of thanks.

The sessions were handled by eminent personalities like Dr. Renju Raveendran (professor and Head of Forensic Medicine, Govt Medical College, Kottayam and Police Surgeon). He gave a vivid description of various aspects of Clinical Forensic medicine and its importance. The session was chaired by Dr. Prof Sivasankara Pillai, followed by question answer session.

The next one was by Dr S. Bhasi, Professor of General medicine on “Experiences of encountering Medicolegal and Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine practice” in which he described a few medical cases like poisoning and the ethical dilemmas associated with them and the method of encountering them. The session was chaired by Dr. Lalitha Kailas, Professor of Paediatrics who enlisted some of the similar paediatric cases as well.

In the “Experiences in encountering the medicolegal and Ethical dilemmas during Surgical Practice” Dr. Dayananda Babu, Professor of General Surgery, different cases like surgical instrument being negligently placed in the abdominal cavity, importance of touch on the patient etc were elaborated. The session was chaired by Dr P Chandramohan, Dean. In the “Experiences in encountering the medicolegal and ethical dilemmas in Obstetric and Gynecology practice” Dr. Manjusha Viswanathan, Professor of OBG had discussed various ethical aspects of MTP, Consent. This was followed by Presentation by Postgraduate and Undergraduate students. Altogether, all the sessions were very interactive and the participants gave an excellent feedback about the sessions.







World Bioethics Day Report

SRI RAMACHANDRA INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

World Bioethics Day was celebrated on 19th October 2019 at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research according to the “Common Program” suggested by Hon’ble Chair and WBD Committee. Student from all the constituent colleges under Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research - Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Allied Health science, Biomedical science, Management College were actively involved. Steering committee members of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research organized various competitions with the view of imparting knowledge of ethics in health care in a palatable way to the students.



The inaugural program was held at 10.00 AM which was presided over by Honorable Dean-Medical College, Dr.S. Anandan.



Opening speech was given by Dr. A. Ravikumar, Dean-Education. He sensitized students on importance of bioethics and the various methods adopted in Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research to promote bioethics.



Following which Dr. S. Anandan Dean- Medical College, delivered the inaugural address outlining the evolution and conduction of bioethics education at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education. He went on to add about “PRODEV”, a unique program conducted in Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai from January 2005 to till date to enhance the overall professional development of the medical students.



Dr. A. Ravikumar felicitated Prof. Praveen Kumar Arora, Head, International Committee for World Bioethics Day, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa



Dr. Umasekar, Associate Dean-Medical College felicitated Dr. Pushkala subramanian, Professor at Tamilnadu Dr MGR Medical University



Dr. Pushkala Subramanian addressed the gathering she emphasized on cultural diversity and its importance in Bioethics.

Dr. S. Anandan, Dean- Medical College presented the “Most Active Bioethics Member” award to Dr. Harika Chowdary Davuluri, Ex-Chairman student’s Bioethics Unit, SRIHER



This was followed by a talk on WBD 2019 theme “Respect for Cultural Diversity” by the Guest of Honor Prof. Praveen Kumar Arora, Head, International Committee for World Bioethics Day, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa. He summarized the 12 articles under UNESCO universal declaration on cultural diversity.

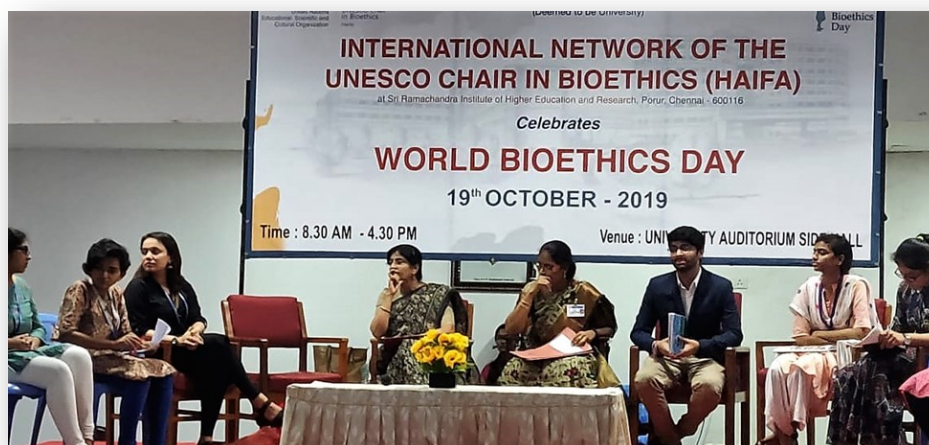


Vote of thanks was given by Dr. V.P.Karthik, Member of International Network of UNESCO chair in Bioethics at SRIHER.



Scientific oral presentation and Drawing competition enabled students to showcase their scientific writing and drawing skills. Scientific oral presentations were judged by Dr. V.P.Karthik, Assistant Professor in Pharmacology and Dr. Sangeetha, Associate Professor in Pharmacognosy. Drawing competition was judged by Dr. Praveen Arora, Head International Committee for World Bioethics Day, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa. and Dr. Sathya Prabha, Associate professor in Physiotherapy.

The debate on “Incentivizing Medical Practice - Who is responsible? Medical Professionals or the Society?” was moderated by Dr. Usha Vishwanath, Secretary, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at SRIHER and Dr. Sumathy, Professor and Head of Biomedical Sciences.



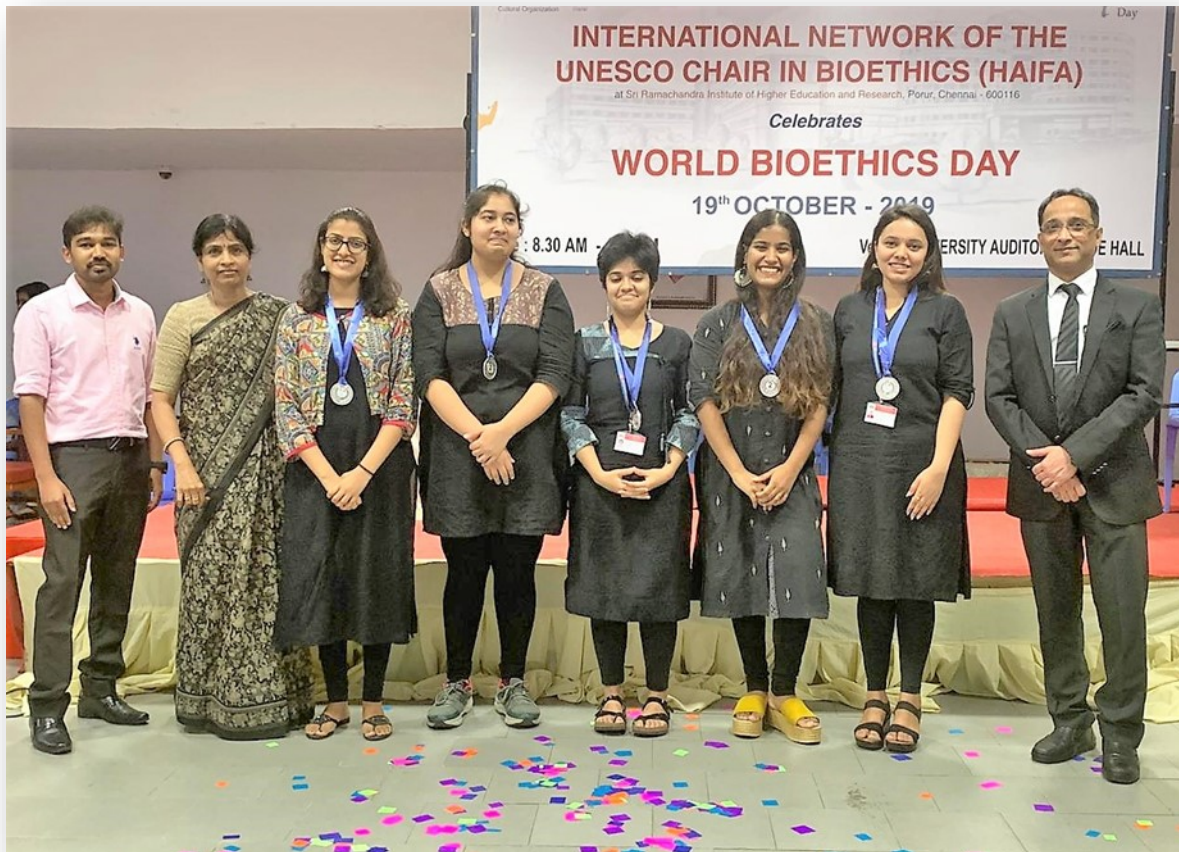
Students pro-actively organizing and took part in skit competition which were very interesting interspersed with many cases.



Dr. Usha Vishwanath and Dr. Praveen Arora felicitated judges for all the events at WBD 2019 celebration.



The Program concluded with The Chief Guest, Dr. Praveen Arora and Dr. Usha Vishwanath, distributing prizes for winners of various competitions. The prize winners were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals.



World Bioethics Day Report

Terna MUHS UNESCO Bioethics unit celebrated World Bioethics Day on 11th October 2019. For the first time, it was celebrated in form of a CME on the topic of “Respect for Cultural Diversity in Health Care” with 2 credit hours. Since it was uploaded on Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC) website, we got very good response from the doctors outside of Terna Medical College as well.

The program was started with the welcome of the dignitaries namely Dr. Vijaya Badhwar, Professor Emeritus OBGY, D Y Patil Medical College, Nerul (Guest of Honour), Dr. Padmaja Samant, Additional Professor, GSMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit (Chief Guest & Guest Speaker), Mr. Pandit T. Deshmukh Sir CEO, Terna Public Charitable Trust, Dr. Sunil Petkar, Head & Chairman, TMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit and Dean, Terna Medical College & Hospital. Dr. Shishir Singh, Dean, Terna Dental College, Dr. Medha Deo, Principal, Terna Physiotherapy College.



Dean Sir welcoming the Chief Guest & Guest Speaker



Guest Speaker, Dr. Padmaja Samant on the Theme

The program was started with Light lamping & Ganesh Vandana.

Dean Sir, Dr. Sunil Petkar welcome the Guests and spoke about the institution & Terna Bioethics Unit. He also mentioned the E-Newsletter “ETHICA”, a students’ wing initiative.



Dr. Padmaja welcoming Honourable Guest



Dr. Sunil Petkar, Dean Sir welcoming the Guests
Mr. P.T. Deshmukh Sir, CEO, TPCT

It was followed by inauguration of “ETHICA”, a E-Newsletter, a students’ wing initiative prepared under the guidance of Dr. Padmaja.

Dr. Padmaja Kanchi received the Most Active Member’s award from the Dean Sir.

Dr. Padmaja Kanchi, Secretary, TMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit, elaborated the various year-long activities conducted by the Unit from WBD 2018 till WBD 2019.



Inauguration of “ETHICA”-E-Newsletter



Dr. Padmaja receiving the Most Active Member Award

It was followed by Pannel Discussion on “Challenges faced by health care professionals due to cultural diversity”. The panellist were Dr. Padmaja Samant, Dr. Vijaya Badhwar, Dr. Parag Sharma, Medical Superintendent, TSSHRC, Tushar Sharan, Head, Students’ wing. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Belekar, Steerin Committee Member of the unit.



Padmaja Kanchi, Secretary, TMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit, elaborating the Activities

Dr.



Panel Discussion in progress.....

Panel discussion was followed by Paper Presentation competition on the theme” Respect for Cul-tural Diversity”. It was judged by Dr. V.V. Vase, Professor & Head, Department of FM&T & Dr. Gangane, Professor & Head, Department of Anatomy. It was followed by the performing arts in the form of a beautiful Dance and a thoughtful Skit by Students’ wing.



Paper Presentation in progress.....



Performing arts by students' wing



Thoughtful Skit by students' wing



Prize winners

Prize distribution to all the winners of the various competitions held in the year, namely, Rangoli competition, Poster competition, Photography competition, Video competition & Oral Paper Presentation competition.

The program was concluded with vote of thanks. It was attended by many and appreciated by all.

Dr. Padmaja Kanchi
Secretary, Bioethics Unit
Associate Professor
Dept of Community Medicine
Terna Medical College

Dr. Sunil Petkar
Head & Chairman, Bioethics Unit
Dean, Terna Medical College

World Bioethics Day Report

On behalf of UIUCB, I would like to send the event of World Bioethics Day Celebration 2019 in Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia.

FIRST : 26th October 2019.

Indonesia Bioethics Forum Chapter 9 held Focus Group Discussion, at Medical Faculty, Widya Mandala Catholic University

Topic : "Respect for Cultural Diversity"

Speaker : 1. Siti Pariani, MD., MS., MSc., PhD : "Respect for Cultural Diversity"

2. Drs. Kuncoro Foe PhD : " Campus Life With Multi-Cultural Students:

3. Prof. Dr. dr. Djohansjah Marzoeke, SpB., SpBPRES (K): " Culture of Science"

4. Dr. Dra Prinky Saptandari MA : " Cultural & Anthropological Impact on Behavior"

5. Dr. Ramon Nadres : " Human Dignity and Culture"

6. Dr. Peter J. Manopo, MBIO : " Cultural Influence in Clinical Ethics"

SECOND : 5th November 2019

The poster is for a seminar titled "SEMILAR 'RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY' WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2019 FAKULTAS KEDOKTERAN UNIVERSITAS AIRLANGGA". It features a green and yellow wavy background. At the top, logos for Universitas Airlangga and World Bioethics Day are shown. Text indicates the event is organized by the Faculty of Medicine of Universitas Airlangga in collaboration with the Indonesia-UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (UI-UCB) and the Indonesia Bioethics Forum (IBF). The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, 5 November 2019, from 08.00 to 12.00, at the Aula of the Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Airlangga, Campus A, Jl. Mayjen Prof. Dr. Moestopo 47, Surabaya. Keynote speakers are Dr. Ramon Nadres, a bioethicist from the Philippines, and Ms. Ellen Sunshine, MSc., a Master of Science in Bioethics from the USA. A row of five speakers and moderators is shown at the bottom, each with a circular portrait and name: Prof. Dr. Erry Gumilar D., FK UNAIR; Ir. Markus Hartono, FK UBAYA; Prof. Myrtati Dyah, FISIP UNAIR; Prof. Dr. Doddy S., FK UNAIR; and Dr. Peter J. Manopo, Ketua IBF. Registration information is provided at the bottom: Pendaftaran: <http://bit.ly/daftarseminarWBD2019FKUnair> and Kontak Person: Rahma - 085707040467.

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FAKULTAS KEDOKTERAN UNIVERSITAS AIRLANGGA

SELASA, 5 NOVEMBER 2019
08.00 - Selesai

AULA FAKULTAS KEODKTERAN UNIVERSITAS AIRLANGGA
KAMPUS A, JL. MAYJEN PROF. DR. MOESTOPO 47
SURABAYA

Keynote Speakers :
DR. Ramon Nadres
Bioethicist from Philippines
"Philosophy of cultural diversity"
Ms. Ellen Sunshine, MSc.
Master of Science in Bioethics From USA
"Respect for Cultural Diversity"

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Syarat dan Ketentuan

- * Sudah mendaftar di acara seminar
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- * Video dikirim ke bioetik.fkua@gmail.com
- * Panitia berhak mempublikasikan untuk kepentingan non-komersial atas video-video yang sudah dikirim ke Panitia
- * Setiap pendaftar (individu atau kelompok dengan anggota yang sama) hanya boleh mengirimkan maksimum 2 video untuk dilombakan
- * Penayangan Video pemenang ditayangkan tanggal 5 November 2019 (pada waktu seminar)

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World Bioethics Day 2019 FK UNAIR
"Seminar Respect for Cultural Diversity"
5 November 2019, Aula FK UNAIR

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THREE : 8Th November 2019 at Wijaya Kusuma University, Surabaya, Indonesia



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Zefat Unit, Israel
Azrieli School of Medicine, Bar Ilan University
Zefat Academic College, Zefat Unesco Unit,
Ziv Medical Center Zefat Israel

Will be hosting an academic colloquium on the subject: *The new eugenics and gene editing: innovation, multiculturalism and regulation*
4/12/2019

Greetings:

Prof. Skorecki , Dean Azrieli School of Medicine, Bar Ilan University
Prof. Kelerman , President , Zefat Academic College
Dr. Zarka , Director, Ziv Medical Center
Prof. Tzipi Falic-Zacai, Azrieli School of Medicine, Bar Ilan University

A guest lecture by Rabbi Yuval Cherlow, Member of the Helsinki committee of the Israeli ministry of Health: The ethics of medical progress and race enhancement

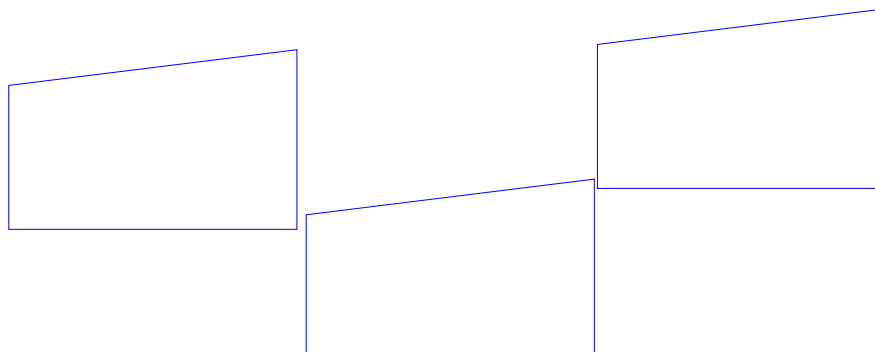
Session 1: *"Old" eugenics, "new" eugenics and genetic editing*

Prof. Tzipi Falic,
Prof. Hashiloni,
Prof. Remnik,
Dr. Mor

Session 2: *Differences and regulation in "new" eugenics*

Dr. Karako-Eyal,
Dr.(med)(adv.) Farhat, Assuta Medical Ceter Haifa,
Dr. Bentwtch,
Prof. Gidron

Special Guest lecture, Prof. Amnon Carmi, Chair UNESCO, Haifa
Revering cultural diversity



World Bioethics Day Report



UNESCO Chair
in Bioethics
(Haifa)



Saturday 19th October 2019

Aosta, Palazzo regionale - Sala Maria Ida Viglino

PROGRAMMA

➤ 9.00 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

Miroslava Vasinova - Director of European Centre of Bioethics and Quality of Life, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit Director

Marina Fey - Superintendent of studies in the Aosta Valley autonomous Region

Antonio Fosson - President of Aosta Valley Autonomous Region

➤ 9.20 SPEECHES AND PANEL DISCUSSION WITH THE CONTRIBUTION BY STUDENTS AND EXPERTS Co-chairs:

Teresa Grange - Experimental Pedagogy Professor at Aosta Valley University

➤ 9.30 **Amnon Carmi** - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Head: "Respect for Cultural Diversity"

➤ 10.15 **Andrea Bobbio** - General Pedagogy Professor at Aosta Valley University: "The Right to Diversity in the pedagogical perspective"

➤ 10.30 **Alessandro Stevanon** - Movie Director and High School Teacher in Aosta: "The stories in the centre of the world"

➤ 10.50 **Antonella Dallou** - Head of the Educational Institution Ottavio Jacquemet at Verrès

Lucia Vassoney and **Donatella Borney** - Project Referents "Feel Good Together: a project for intercultural Education"

➤ 11.20 **Albino Impérial** and **Babacar Dakhaté** - Babel Vision Association: "Gorée, the door of no return"

➤ 11.40 **Riccardo Jacquemod** - Head of La Sorgente Association in Aosta: "Encounter with Otherness"

➤ 12.00 **Gian Carlo Rosso** - Head of Voices of Peace Association in Aosta: "Cultural pluralism in a war context"

➤ 12.20 STUDENTS' INTERVENTIONS, by **Antonella Mauri**

➤ 12.50 WORLD BIOETHICS DAY COMPETITION, by **Lorenzo Bona**

➤ 13.10 NATIONAL BIOETHICS CONGRESS FOR SCHOOLS, award ceremony by **Carlo Pasetti**

➤ 13.30 VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

On Saturday 19th October 2019 the World Bioethics Day was celebrated by Classical, Artistic and Musical High School in Aosta, Italy, at Palazzo Regionale, Sala Maria Ida Viglino.

At 9 a.m. the welcome and the official opening by local authorities took place: first of all, Miroslava Vasinova, Director of European Centre of Bioethics and Quality of Life, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Italian Unit Director held her introductory speech focused on the theme of the Day, followed by Marina Fey, Superintendent of Studies in Aosta Valley and by Antonio Fosson, President of Aosta Valley Autonomous Region.

At 9:20 Teresa Grange, Experimental Pedagogy Professor at Aosta Valley University, introduced the speeches and the panel discussion with the contribution by students and experts.

Prof. Amnon Carmi, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Head, highlighted the concept of cultural diversity by taking inspiration from the different types of care that are practiced in three areas in the world. Medical schools that host foreign students and young doctors in Medicine, coming from distant countries, teach that they must respect local traditions in dispensing care to local people, if they want the sick to feel treated in a right and effective way. The doctors are invited to adapt to the methods recognized within a culture, so that they are not bound to resort to the means they are accustomed to. Prof. Carmi gave very interesting, clear and effective examples in order to illustrate the concept of respect of diversity, the first step towards understanding and tolerance.

Prof. Andrea Bobbio, General Pedagogy Professor at Aosta Valley University, held his speech titled "The right to Diversity in the pedagogical perspective". The aim of this report was to study in depth the topic of Diversity from a pedagogical point of view: the polysemic meanings of this term and of its apparent opposite, equality, were underlined. In this perspective, starting from article 3 of the Italian Constitutional Charter, he analyzed the phenomena of the construction of the Self in the dialectic process among the individual, the community and the reference values assumed by both. If Diversity is the most evident epiphenomenon of the manifestation of life, the condition of equality is the symbolic, cultural and political landing of a process that is still relevant nowadays. The concept of "Person" encapsulates the double face of our identity: on the one hand, the Person has irrepressible universal rights, equal for everybody; on the other hand, the Person is marked by the condition of uniqueness, unrepeatability, which characterizes it at origin and defines its essence.

Prof. Alessandro Stevanon, Movie Director and Teacher in Primary School presented his work: "The stories at the centre of the world", built up with three short documentaries filmed in different countries, in Israel, in Cameroon and in Italy. Each short film tells a story of diversity, cultural differences, marginalization and possible or impossible integration. The images spoke by themselves with their strong evidence, the movies director's words aimed to contextualize them in a place or in a situation.

Prof. Antonella Dallou, Head of the Educational Institution "Ottavio Jacquemet" at Verrés, Lucia Vassoney and Donatella Borney, Project Referents "Feel Good Together: a Project for intercultural Education" made their presentation about children integration in primary school. This project, concerning young students coming from Maghreb, involved not only the foreign children, but also their families, Italian classmates and their families as well. They spent a lot of time together, at school and outdoor, both on holidays and in everyday life. Finding time to spend together and learn each other's language has represented a good solution in order to promote mutual knowledge and foster exchanges between different cultures. The three ladies communicated the objectives, the times, the strategies, the means to be used in order to achieve their goals.

Dr. Albino Impérial and Babacar Diakaté, founders of Babel Vision Association, proposed their

documentary entitled “Gorée, the door of no return”. Albino visited the Island of Gorée, in Senegal, as a tourist for the first time in 2007. Animated by the spirit of a curious traveler, after having entered the House of the Slaves, he was struck by the story of the slave trade. It is difficult for an honest white man to visit the House of Slaves without experiencing a feeling of malaise. Their film (17”) tells this story to make it known and to never let it be repeated. The past teaches us tolerance and mutual respect so that we can avoid the horrors committed by those who do not accept diversity.

Dr. Riccardo Jacquémoud, Head of La Sorgente Association in Aosta, held his speech: “Encounter with Otherness”. La Sorgente is a non-profit association that aims to welcome migrants, especially those from Africa, to foster integration in Italy, through learning Italian language, meeting new friends and applying for a job. The Association helps the migrants in everyday life by providing information, necessities, care, training and language courses. Dr. Jacquémoud spoke about good achievements and failures, giving reasons and effective examples.

Dr. Giancarlo Rosso, Head of Voices of Peace Association In Aosta, spoke about cultural pluralism in a war context. Voices of Peace in Aosta Valley was an educational and intercultural program that took place the first time in 2011 and lasted until 2016. It aimed to foster the encounter of teenagers (16/18 years old) coming from Palestine and Israel, in a neutral context. The encounter gave them the opportunity to humanize the “opposing part” and overcome the stereotypes as well as prejudices that prevented them from dialoguing and collaborating. Educators and psychologists managed the encounters during the residential programme in Valle d’Aosta. An important role of mediator was played by the Italian high school students that took part in the Voices of Peace programme, as they lived most of the time together. Once back to their countries, the teenagers should have continued the dialogue in order to strengthen the relationship they began in Aosta. The presentation showed how the presence of an ethos of conflict may weaken any effort to build a dialogue between different cultures.

Prof. Antonella Mauri introduced the students’ interventions about importance and richness in melting cultures and about some experiences students had the opportunity to do in studying abroad and tackling the challenge to meet an other culture.

Prof. Lorenzo Bona presented the students’ works that took part in the WBD Artistic Poster Competition and Photography Competition. The students explained the ideas they intended to represent in their works and finally two students were awarded their price.

Two students, Francesca Tornatore and Giulio Carmassi, who participated in the National Bioethics Congress for Italian High Schools, in April 2019, were awarded a diploma due to the interesting, serious and thorough presentation on Experimentation and Scientific Research. They were very happy to join the project, learn more about Bioethics and improve their competence in team working, debating and sharing knowledge.

The event ended at 1:30 p.m. with the musical interludes prepared by prof. Emanuel Laurenzio and his students of Musical High School in Aosta.

By Antonella Mauri





World Bioethics Day Report

Short report of the conference held October 21, 2019 at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

On October 21, 2019 the professorships of Philosophy of law and Bioethics of the School of law of the University of Milano-Bicocca organized a conference entitled 'Cultural diversity as a value and respect for individuals' in collaboration with the State University of Milano and the University Vita-Salute San Raffaele. The event was part of the World Bioethics Day 2019.

The conference opened with the speech of Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, head of the Italian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics who presented the Italian Unit. Thereafter, prof. Amnon Carmi held an introductory speech as President of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa). Prof. Carmi focused on the principles stated in Art. 12 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

In the first session of the conference the speakers approached the issue of cultural diversity according to some subcategories and case studies. As for these studies, the first speaker, Prof. Beatrice Magni (State University of Milano), presented the case of Alfie Evans. The second speaker, Prof. Patrizia Borsellino (University of Milano-Bicocca) focused on the ethical-legal challenges arising by genital mutilation in Western countries. She argued against the opinion that to deny these practices means to embrace a unilateral western vision. In Borsellino's opinion, the debate should put the ethical principle of the respect for any individual as referred to in Art. 12 at the center in order to protect weak individuals who are victims of those practices. The third speaker, Prof. Silvia Salardi (University of Milano-Bicocca), discussed the problem of relating cultural diversity with genetic advances. In trying to find a conceptual map in which the two concepts can be set, not in opposition, but as two constitutive parts of human diversity, she argued in favor of the legal dimension of equality as a possible *trait d'union*.

The concluding speech by Prof. Francesca Romana Romani (University of Bologna) was dedicated to the problem of compatibility between the Western culture grounded in the universalism of fundamental rights and the Islamic culture demands universality. The main problem with the Islamic approach is the difficulty of reconciling cultural diversities and human dignity. In particular, the problem lies in the subordination of individual freedoms to protection of collective interests.

The afternoon session approached cultural diversity from a constitutionalist perspective. The first speaker, Prof. Lino Panzeri (University of Insubria) analyzed the limits of the cultural defense theory. He pointed at the importance of *governing differences* in a multicultural society by respecting fundamental rights as unavoidable prerequisite allowing each individual to freely choose to live according to her own culture.

Cultural diversities may however be a limiting factor in spreading socially virtuous practices, as is the case of organ transplants. Prof. Massimo Reichlin (University of Vita-Salute San Raffaele) argued in favor of a legislation able to overcome the cultural reluctance of some populations towards organ donation from deceased.

In the medical field the multicultural composition of modern societies can have problematic im-

plications for society and individuals as patients. Prof. Mario Ricca (University of Parma) explained by means of case studies that in order to define the disease affecting a patient it is mandatory to convince her to tell about symptoms. But the problem is that every patients has her own cultural language, which can be the cause of enormous misunderstandings.

The last speaker, Bettina Mottura (State University of Milano), talked about death in the Chinese culture. She analyzed the difficulties faced by Chinese communities in Western countries in using advance directives, mainly due to the cultural reluctance to seriously and openly discuss death.

By Patrizia Borsellino



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WORLD BIOETHICS DAY
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AS A VALUE
AND RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS

October 21, 2019, University of Milano-Bicocca
Room Martini U6/4, Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1

9:30 a.m.
Introduction to the conference:
Prof. Patrizia Borsellino, University of Milano-Bicocca

Welcome speeches from:
Rector of the University of Milano-Bicocca, Prof. Giovanna Iannantuoni
Director of the School of law, Prof. Loredana Garlati
Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Prof. Amnon Carmi
Italian Unit Head UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Dr. Miroslava Vasinova

First session
Chair: Prof. Patrizia Borsellino, University of Milano-Bicocca

Between habeas corpus and best interest.
Freedom of care and protection of health a testing ground for cultural pluralism
Prof. Federico Pizzetti and Prof. Beatrice Magni, University of Milan

Constitutional protection of minorities and cultural actions
Prof. Lino Panzeri, University of Insubria

Genital mutilation between respect for cultures and individual rights
Prof. Patrizia Borsellino, University of Milano-Bicocca

Cultural diversity to the test of genetics
Prof. Silvia Salardi, University of Milano-Bicocca

Second session
Chair: Prof. Antonella Piga, University of Milan

Cultural aspects in organ transplantation
Prof. Massimo Reichlin, University Vita-Salute San Raffaele

Cultural perspectives and palliative care
Prof. Mario Ricca, University of Parma

Sacredness of the body and organ transplantation in the Islamic culture: a multicultural perspective
Prof. Francesca Romana Romani, University of Bologna

Dying, death and mourning in the Chinese culture
Prof. Bettina Mottura, University of Milan

Debate with the public

19:00: end of conference

Scientific committee:
Patrizia Borsellino, Lorena Forni, Antonella Piga, Silvia Salardi,
Michele Saporiti, Tommaso Cavaletto

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Unesco Chair in Bioethics and Istituto Italiano di Bioetica organized a conference about respect for cultural diversity in Genoa.

87 people (students, professors, teachers, researchers) listened with full participation to the relations of speakers about intercultural society, multiculturalism, care, communication. During the conference, Sebastiano Maffettone (LUISS University, Rome) received the UNESCO award for Bioethics for his relevant and competent endorsement for the progress in bioethics education.

Luisella Battaglia, professor at Genoa University; member of Comitato Nazionale per la Bioetica; President of Istituto Italiano di Bioetica; Centro Europeo di Bioetica e Qualità della Vita - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit) examined in depth the meaning of bioethics and in particular of intercultural bioethics. She spoke about how we are moving towards universally valid principles and about universalism and particularism. Intercultural bioethics is an important challenge for bioethics, because new moral, social, juridical issues arise from life sciences development in an intercultural point of view.

Franco Manti (professor at Genoa University; member of Istituto Italiano di Bioetica; Centro Europeo di Bioetica e Qualità della Vita - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit,) spoke about the “trap” of multiculturalism. It seems that multiculturalism can protect weak people, but protecting some uses of ethnic minorities we could ignore the suffering of a part of that society (for ex. women).

Domenico Palombo, Natasha Cola, Rosagemma Ciliberti, Alessandro Bonsignore (they’re all from Genoa University) presented a workshop about intercultural communication, the meaning of “Care” and “respect” and in particular examined the meaning of circumcision in societies.

Giovanni Murialdo (University of Genoa), Marta Licata (Università dell’Insubria) and Antonio Guerri’s team (University of Genoa) spoke about care and death: take care and respect of dead people with funeral rites.





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dell'Università Studi di Messina
(DICAM)

World Bioethics Day Report

In occasion of the Unesco World Bioethics Day 2019 “Respect for Cultural Diversity” there were held two Days of Studies at the University of Messina in October.

The first day *For the Education of Bioethics of the Young Generations*, in preparation of the World Bioethics Day 2019 of the UNESCO, was in the great hall of the DICAM on the 16th of October at 9 o'clock.

After the greetings of the authorities Giuseppe Giordano, Director of the Department of Ancient and Modern Civilization at the University of Messina and Miroslava Vasinova President of the Italian Unit of the Bioethic Chair of the UNESCO, the coordinators introduced their work: both professors of the DICAM, one Luisa Damiano, associated professor of Philosophy of Science and the other Marianna Gensabella professor of Bioethics and concurrently president of the Sicilian section of the Italian Institute of Bioethics Followed by the reports of: Hanna Carmi, member of the Editorial Board of the First Syllabus for Youth Bioethics Education, about the education of bioethics of children; Antonella Mauri, member of the Editing Committee of the First Syllabus for Youth Bioethics Education, about the education of bioethics of teenagers; Amnon Carmi, President of the Bioethic Chair of the Unesco, about education of bioethics of young people; Maria Laura Giacobello, Phd in Methodology of Philosophy at the University of Messina about the opinion of the Italian Committee for Bioethics, *Bioethics and education in schools* (2010).

The second Day of the Studies, dedicated to the topic *Bioethics and Respect of the Cultural Diversity* during the UNESCO World Bioethics Day 2019, it was on the 17th of October at 9 o'clock in the great hall at the Rectorship of the University of Messina. The day initiated with the greetings from Vice director Vicar Giovanni Moschella, from Miroslava Vasinova, and from Marianna Gensabella, who had coordinated the work together with Luisa Damiano.

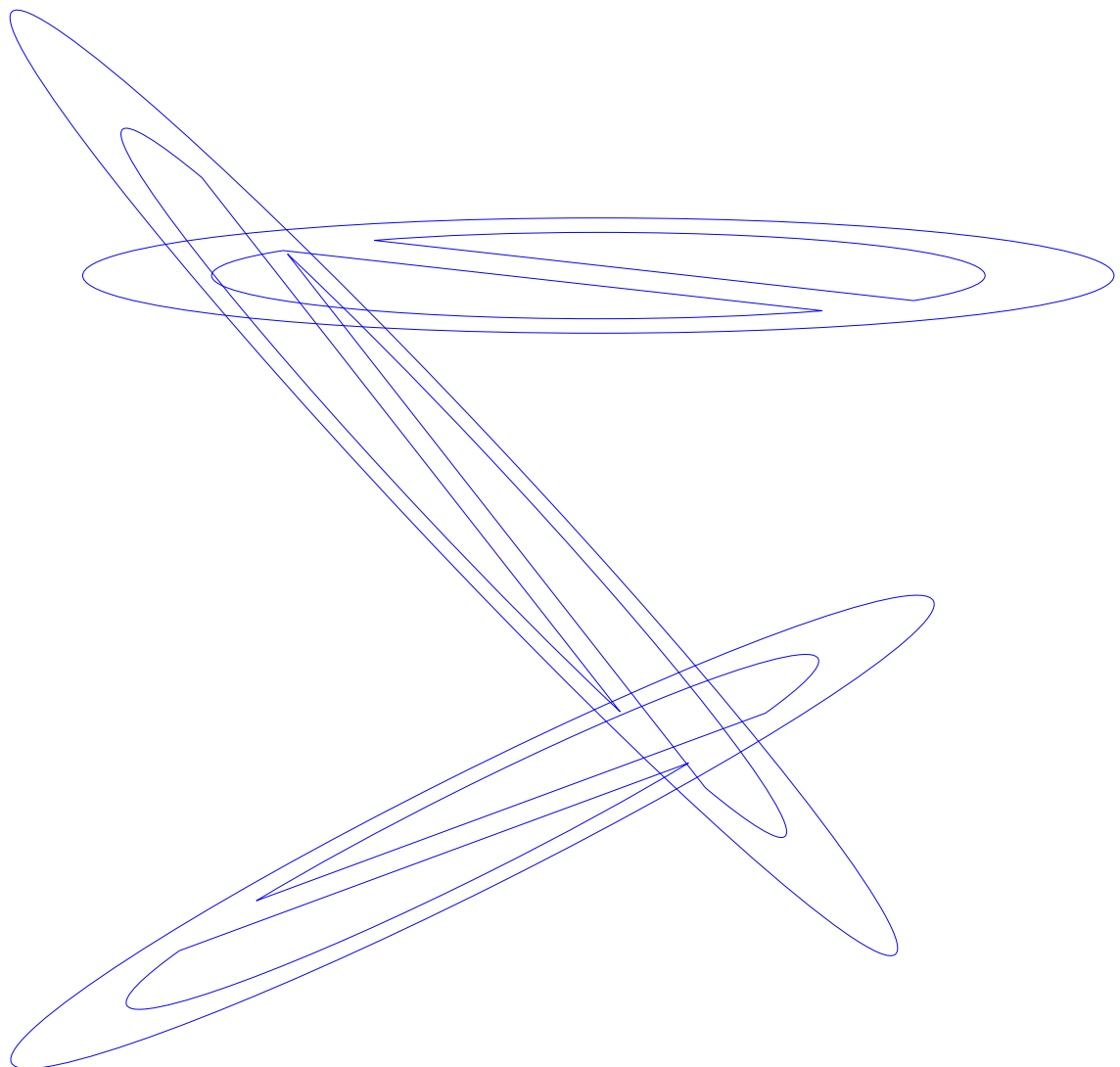
It was followed by an expansive introduction by Amnon Carmi, President of the Bioethics Chair of the UNESCO, about the commitment of the wide range of actions of the UNESCO concerning Bioethics, on the one hand in the medical field and on the other hand in the juridical and ethically field. Moreover Amnon talked about the active commitment of more than 20 years and that this has its reference and principles in the *Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights* in 2005. Among all the activities connected with the Chair of the UNESCO, the effort of the insertion of Bioethics in medical schools and in the entire school career from the elementary schools to the high schools, is really outstanding. Among the 246 sections of the Chair of Bioethics in the whole world, Amnon Carmi affirmed again that the Italian section was one of the first founded and one

of the most active ones.

The work continued with the report of professor Salvino Leone of the Sicilian Theological Faculty known for his studies about “Mediterranean Bioethics”, who talked about the importance of the respect of cultural diversity in the contest of Bioethics. Followed by professor Stefano Agosta, associated professor of the Constitutional Law at the Department of Law “S. Pugliatti” at the University of Messina: he explained the articulation of respect of the cultural diversity of Bioethics.

The Day of studies finished with a forum of the students about *Education to an intercultural Bioethics*: the young people, from different schools in Messina, Liceo Emilio Ainis, Istituto Felice Bisazza, Liceo La Farina e Liceo Maurolico, presented their group projects. These were introduced by their teachers, the professors Cesare Natoli Silvia Ingrassia, Antonino Carabellò and Teresa Schirò.

Among the projects about the topic respect of cultural diversity, which were all very valued for their methods and their contents, there was a choir of young people from the Liceo Ainis, that gave a good example how music can harmonize the differences.



GIORNATA DI STUDI

World Bioethics Day 2019 dell'UNESCO

"Respect for Cultural Diversity"

Bioetica e Rispetto della Diversità Culturale

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Il rispetto della diversità culturale in bioetica

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Biodiritto e rispetto della diversità culturale

Forum degli Studenti

Educare ad una bioetica interculturale

Introducono

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Dibattito



17 Ottobre 2019 - Ore 9:00
Università degli Studi di Messina
Aula Magna Rettorato

ITALY UNIT—ICS Maugeri Pavia

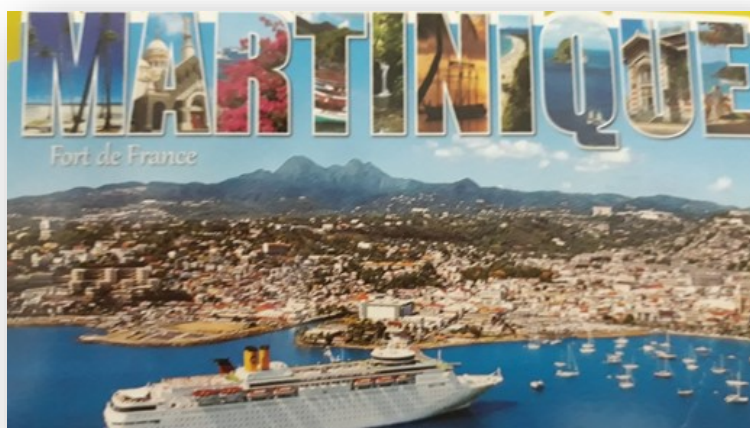
On Friday 18th of October, in order to celebrate the Bioethics day, a congress was organized in the city of Torino (see the attached program – Title: to recognize and give value to diversity).

The organizers were Istituti Clinici Scientifici Maugeri, jointly with Fondazione Paideia, an ONG dedicated to children rehabilitation.

Many interesting presentations were done by researchers and clinicians of Maugeri and of the University of Milano Bicocca, focusing on the necessity to give value to diversity and to frailty people. A project related to hiking in the mountains with frail persons was described too.

The prize related to the photographic competition related to “The beauty of diversity” was assigned. The winner was Mrs. Aide Lorenzon, describing a post card received by a patient thanking for the cures provided during rehabilitation, enabling the patient to go back home in Martinica.

On behalf of the Fondazione Maugeri, Chiara Maugeri was present and briefly described the mission of the Fondazione, always providing attention to diversity and frailty.





*International Office for Bioethics Research of the European Center for Bioethics and Quality of Life
of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics*

WORLD BIOETHICS DAY

Study Seminar on **INEQUALITIES AND HEALTH PROTECTION**

Introduction

Prof. Claudio Buccelli

Professor of Forensic Medicine

*Director of the Scientific Committee of the International Network
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PRE-ORDERED INTERVENTIONS OF:

Prof. Giuseppe Lissa

Professor Of Moral Philosophy

Prof. Paolo Valerio

Professor of Clinical Psychology

Prof. Lucio Romano

Member of the National Bioethics Committee

Prof. Carmela Bianco

Professor of the Philosophy of Law

Prof. Andrea Patroni Griffi

Professor of Constitutional Law

Monday, October 21, 2019, hours 15.30

Carlo Romano Hall
University of Naples Federico II
via Sergio Pansini, 5 (Building 20, ground floor) - Naples

ITALY UNIT - Pegaso International University



Venue: **Mediterranean Conference Center**, La Valletta, Triq l-Isptar, Il-Belt Valletta VLT 1645, Malta

8.30-13-00	Registration – continue
9.30-9.45	Pegaso International Conference Unesco World Bioethics day 2019 - Thriving for an inclusive society Opening and welcome addresses Luigia Melillo , Rector of Pegaso international Malta and Director of International Office for Life Long Learning Bioethics Education of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life , UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit Claudette Buttigieg , Vice-President of the Maltese Parliament Chamber
9.45-10.15	Award for Unesco active member Marie Louise Coleiro Preca , President Emeritus of Republic of Malta Lectio Magistralis <i>Beyond Ethical Policies</i>
10.15-11.00	Panel discussion: Policies and Ethics of Social Inclusion – Cultural Diversity Moderator: Karim Moustaghfir , Emuni Senate Member, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco Nathan Tirosh , Dean of Galilee International Management Institution, Israel Nada Trunk Širca , Director of Secretariat University of Primorska and International School for Social and Business Studies, Slovenia Josè Manuel Roldàn , Vice President Euromed University of Fes, Morocco Ioan Chirilă , President of Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj, Romania Dang Thi Phuong Thao , Prof. National University Hanoi , Vietnam Besa Arif , Associate Prof. South East European University, Republic of North Macedonia Sabhia Shala , Vice Rector, University "Haxhi Zeka" Peja, Kosovo Tatiana Corejova , Prof. University of Zilina, Slovakia Vera Ostreni , Rector of Albanian University Mohammad Obaidat , Jadara University President, Jordan
11.30-16.15	Parallel Session (paper presentations)

Opening and Welcome Addresses

The Rector of Pegaso International, Director of International Office for Life Long Learning Bioethics Education of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life , UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit Prof. Luigia Melillo, welcomes all those present.

Claudette Buttigieg, Vice-President of the Maltese Parliament Chamber, gives her greeting to all recalling her commitment to inclusive policies and especially to the defense of women who are often discriminated at work. Malta, with its strategic geopolitical position in the Mediterranean, plays a fundamental role in the reception and dialogue between the north and south of the Mediterranean.

Speech

Thriving For An Inclusive Society

Prof. Luigia Melillo



Pegaso International Rector and Director of International Office for Life Long Learning Bioethics Education of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life , UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit Prof. Luigia Melillo

Prof. Luigia Melillo, Rector of Pegaso International and Director of International Office for Life Long Learning Bioethics Education of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life , UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit firstly explains the importance and the meaning of World Bioethics Day.

On June 24th 2001, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics was established in the person of Amnon Carmi in that time Rector of the International Center of Health, Law and Ethics, University of Haifa.

The purpose of the Chair: to coordinate and stimulate an International Network of Institutes for Medical Ethics Training (NIMED), associating higher education institutes in both the developed and developing countries, and to develop an up-to-date syllabus for medical ethics education which will satisfy the requirements of medical schools in the world.

Every year, the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics celebrates the World Bioethics Day (WBD) on October 19th, through a variety of activities (e.g. International Competitions, awareness campaigns). Students attending the high school are invited to participate in this event as well and they will be engaged in different kinds of competitions: essay, poetry, photography, scientific and artistic posters, drawing and short films.

This year World Bioethics Day celebrates the article 12th of Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights dedicated "*Respect for Cultural Diversity*". The importance of cultural diversi-

, ty and pluralism must be given proper emphasis. However, these considerations must not invoke the violation of respect for human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms, nor the principles established in this Declaration, as well as to limit its goals."

Miroslava Vasinova President of European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit and Luigia Melillo Director of International Research Office for Lifelong Learning Bioethics Education of the Italian Unit decided to celebrate the fourth edition of WBD in this current year in Malta on the occasion of PIConference dedicated to *Social Inclusion, Education and Digital Society*.

After prof Melillo introduced her speech, underlying the importance not only of "thriving on", but also of "driving towards" social inclusion.

The rector focused on the value and implications of intercultural bioethics and the fact that these implications directly affect the interrelationship between "us" and "others" in all the different measures and forms that this takes on our contemporaneity.

This intersects with the more general themes of globalization, migration, social security and the welfare state.

The Prof. insists on the idea that *"Global education provides us with an understanding of the universal values of tolerance, solidarity, equality, justice, inclusion, co-operation and nonviolence."*

About the bioethics, she underlines that *"However, there is another bioethics, closer to the experience of ordinary people. I am talking about "daily bioethics", which refers to the living conditions of most of the planet's inhabitants, who are often difficult and sometimes tragic. Frontier bioethics and daily bioethics therefore deserve equal attention, also because they are closely linked"*.

Prof. Melillo states that the central importance of these issues has been perfectly summarized in the proposals of the three economists who were awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics 2019: Michael Kremer, Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo. Their merit lies in having contributed with an experimental approach and a strong scientific rigor to the debate that has never found a real solution: poverty. A fundamental point on which the three economists have insisted is precisely that which concerns the specific aspects of the reference population: the cultural level, literacy and the existence of deep roots in the problem of poverty, which are difficult to understand by those who propose to help these populations.

Promoting cooperation and collaboration. This is both the starting point and the arrival point.

Lectio magistralis *Beyond Ethical Policies* President
Emeritus of Malta
Marie Louise Coleiro-Precia



President Emeritus of Malta, Marie Louise Coleiro Precia

, President Emeritus of Malta, Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca shared her thoughts on the ethical dimension of policies as they are formulated, exploring the impact that policies have on people everyday lives.

She emphasized the fundamental importance of an ethical approach, and multiple points of view were investigated, such as Social Inclusion, Education, Digital Society and Artificial Intelligence, the role of political will, the Participation by all stakeholders including children, civil society and active citizenship, and how to obtain the wellbeing of society.

For building a civil society, she points out that:

“We need to encourage active citizenship that is encouraging and empowering civil society and all citizens to ensure the necessary connection among the people, policy makers and decision takers.”

The President Emeritus concluded her speech affirming that:

“We thus need to shift away from formulating policy exclusively on economic terms and start to take into considerations other priorities such as the wellbeing of society...”

...I believe that ethical policies are not enough. Policies must be accompanied by political will and determination, by the participation by all stakeholders including children, by engagement of civil society; by active citizenship and a stronger focus on the wellbeing of society.

I am aware that this paradigm shift will not happen overnight. It will take courage, sacrifice and determination by politicians, policy makers, civil society and all members of our societies.”

Award for:

The Best Member of International Office for Life
Long Learning Bioethics Education
of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life UNESCO
Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit

to Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca



Award from Rector of Pegaso International and Director of International Research Office for Lifelong Learning Bioethics Education Italian Unit to Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, Former President of Malta

Award Motivation:

Currently, Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca chairs the Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, The Malta Trust Foundation and the Emanuele Cancer Research Centre.

Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca has also been appointed, among other functions:

Honorary Life President of the Arab-European Forum for Dialogue and Development

Head of the Executive Advisory Council of the Flinders University Centre of ‘Student Wellbeing & Prevention of Violence’

Member of the Patron’s Council of ‘Missing Children Europe’

, Member of the Council of World Women Leaders
Member of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum Advisory Board
Patron and Ambassador of the International Girl2Leader Campaign, launched by the Women Political Leaders Global Forum
United Nations' Special Ambassador for the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development.
Honorary Member of Eurochild

Panel discussion: *Policies and Ethics of Social Inclusion – Cultural Diversity*



Panelists who took part in the debate on the day dedicated to World Bioethics Day 2019

Moderator: **Karim Moustaghfir**, Emuni Senate Member, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco

Panelists:

Nathan Tirosh, Dean of Galilee International Management Institution, Israel

Nada Trunk Širca, Director of Secretariat University of Primorska and International School for Social and Business Studies, Slovenia

Josè Manuel Roldàn, Vice President Euromed University of Fes, Morocco

Ioan Chirilă, President of Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj, Romania

Besa Arif, Associate Prof. South East European University, Republic of North Macedonia

Tatiana Corejova, Prof. University of Zilina, Slovakia

Vera Ostreni, Rector of Albanian University

Mohammad Obaidat, Jadara University President, Jordan



Attendees of the day dedicated to World Bioethics Day 2019

Parallel Sessions and paper presentations

At the end of the debate, parallel sessions and paper presentations were held, by professors, academics and PHd students, in order to investigate from further and innovative points of view the main topics of social inclusion, education, innovation and digital innovation.



1 -Parallel sessions attendees

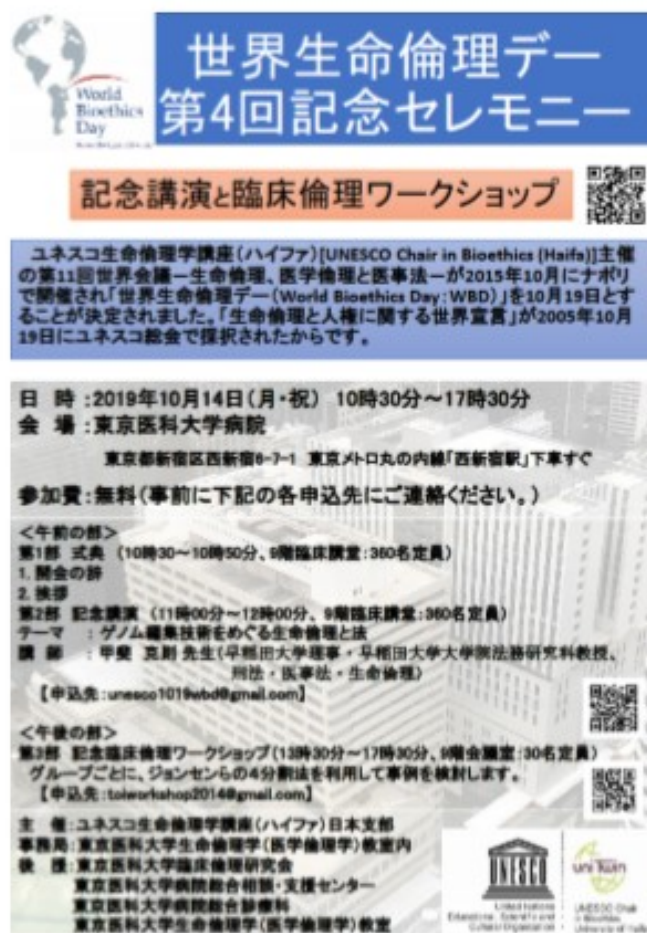


2—Parallel sessions attendees

By Prof. Luigia Melillo

World Bioethics Day Report

Japan Unit of UNESCO Chair of Bioethics (Haifa) held the fourth memorial ceremony to celebrate 2019 World Bioethics Day on Monday, October 14, national holiday, at Tokyo Medical University.



**世界生命倫理デー
第4回記念セレモニー**

記念講演と臨床倫理ワークショップ

ユネスコ生命倫理学講座(ハイファ)[UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)]主催
の第11回世界会議—生命倫理、医学倫理と医事法—が2015年10月にナポリ
で開催され「世界生命倫理デー(World Bioethics Day: WBD)」を10月19日とす
ることが決定されました。「生命倫理と人権に関する世界宣言」が2005年10月
19日にユネスコ総会で採択されたからです。

日 時 : 2019年10月14日(月・祝) 10時30分~17時30分
会 場 : 東京医科大学病院
東京都新宿区西新宿6-7-1 東京メトロ丸の内線「西新宿駅」下車すぐ

参加費 : 無料(事前に下記の各申込先にご連絡ください。)

<午前の部>
第1部 式典 (10時30分~10時50分、9階臨床講堂:360名定員)
1. 開会の辞
2. 挨拶
第2部 記念講演 (11時00分~12時00分、9階臨床講堂:360名定員)
テーマ : ゲノム編集技術をめぐる生命倫理と法
講 師 : 平慶 克則 先生(早稲田大学理事・早稲田大学大学院法務研究科教授、
刑法・医事法・生命倫理)
【申込先:unesco1019wbd@gmail.com】

<午後の部>
第3部 記念臨床倫理ワークショップ(13時30分~17時30分、9階会議室:30名定員)
グループごとに、ジョンセンらの4分制法を利用して事例を検討します。
【申込先:tolerworkshop2014@gmail.com】

主 催 : ユネスコ生命倫理学講座(ハイファ)日本支部
事務局 : 東京医科大学生命倫理学(医学倫理学)教室内
後 援 : 東京医科大学臨床倫理研究会
東京医科大学病院総合相談・支援センター
東京医科大学病院総合診療科
東京医科大学生命倫理学(医学倫理学)教室

First, the President of Tokyo Medical University, Professor Hayasi greeted.



After that, Professor Kai, Waseda University, gave a Commemorative lecture on legal and ethical issues in genome editing. There were about 60 participants in the lecture.



After lunch, the 12th clinical ethics workshop was held to examine clinical cases in three groups. About 20 participants discussed the cases.



About fifteen persons participated in get-together after the workshop.



World Bioethics Day Report

Name of the Institute: I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy

Name of the Unit: UNESCO chair of Bioethics Unit at the I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy

Name of Unit Head: Dr. Tamara A. Kudaibergenova, MSc Bioethics, PhD,
Associate Professor

Program Details (Date of Celebration of event): 19 October 2019

Part 1. (Time of inauguration and duration of Part 1 of program)

Opening speech by Head of Unit/Institute:

Name: Zijabidin A. Aidarov

Title: MD, professor, head of the Public health and healthcare chair of KSMA

Speech(es) by Head(s)/ Representative(s) of Collaborating Professional Organization:

Name: Madamin M. Karataev

Title: Prof. Deputy Minister of Ministry of Health

Representative of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics:

Name: Sabira S. Soltongeldieva

Title: Mrs

Part 2. Details of Guest lecture/ Panel Discussion/ Symposium:

Timings and duration of Part 2: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Title of the Activity: Guest lecture "The tradition of the Kyrgyz" Zheti ata "as a way to longevity"

Name(s) of the speaker(s): Altynay Khusainovna Karasaeva, MD, professor.

Title(s) of the speaker(s): MD, professor.

Title of the Activity: Guest lecture "Kyrgyzdardyn Salttuu Dargerchiligi"(Kyrgyz traditional healing practices (field research results).

Name(s) of the speaker(s): Tentigul kyzy Nazira,

Title(s) of the speaker(s): candidate of historical sciences, Associate Professor.







MONTENEGRO UNIT

World Bioethics Day Report

Name of the Institute: Faculty of medicine Podgorica, University of Montenegro.

Name of the Unit: Montenegro Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Podgorica

Name of the Unit Head: Professor Aneta Boskovic

Date of Establishment of Unit: 2016

Program Details: Respect for Cultural Diversity

The celebration of the World Bioethics Day 2019 was organized by the Montenegro Unit of UNESCO Chair for Bioethics at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Montenegro in Podgorica on 18th October 2019. We celebrate World Bioethics Day from 2016. The event was attended by professors, young physicians and students.

The meeting was opened by Professor Miodrag Radunovic, Dean of Faculty of Medicine at University of Montenegro in Podgorica. He welcomed the attendees and pointed out the importance of bioethics in everyday life.

Professor Aneta Boskovic, Head of the Montenegro Unit of UNESCO Chair for Bioethics, Member of the Committee for Bioethics and Medical Ethics at the Medical Faculty in Podgorica, University of Montenegro, spoke about Respect for Cultural Diversity, the main message of this year's World Bioethics Day. She encouraged young colleagues to promote cultural diversity, become more tolerant and respect social, cultural and religious differences.

Professor Danko Zivkovic, Coordinator of HEPMP, Erasmus+ project, Medical Faculty in Podgorica, University of Montenegro, had a lecture Principles of bioethics in the treatment of cancer pain.

After that, we had a very successful discussion in which young colleagues had a special role, because this event is something between a talk and a lecture.





Report NEPAL: WBD 2019



NEPAL REPORT

World Bioethics Day

October 19, 2019

Theme: **Respect for Cultural diversity**



Organized by



Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal

BIOETHICS AWARENESS WEEK PROGRAM- NEPAL

At a Glance

Project Title: Bioethics Awareness week program 2019

Theme: Respect for Cultural diversity

Unit involved: Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (NNUUCB), Nepal

Project Organizing Chair / Coordinator: Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Head, NNUUCB; and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, BPKIHS, Dharan

Organizing Committee members:

Mrs. Sami Lama, Co-coordinator/ Member Secretary, NNUUCB, Professor, College of Nursing, BPKIHS

Dr. Ashok Ayer, Co-coordinator/ Member, NNUUCB; College of Dental Surgery, BPKIHS

Dr. Arpana Rijal, Member, NNUUCB; Professor, Department of Dermatology, BPKIHS

Dr. Sarun Koirala, Member, NNUUCB; Department of Anatomy, BPKIHS

Dr. BN Yadav, Member, NNUUCB; Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, BPKIHS

Dr. Raviram Shrestha, Member, NNUUCB; NAMS, Bir Hospital, Kathmandu

Dr. Sangha Ratna Bajracharya, Member, NNUUCB; Maharajgunj Campus, Kathmandu

Dr. Krishna Sagar Shrama, Member, NNUUCB; BPKMCH, Bharatpur

Dr. Sumit Sharma, Head, Bioethics Students' Wing- BPKIHS

Patrons:

Prof. Dr. Guru Prasad Khanal, Acting Vice-Chancellor/ The Rector, BPKIHS

Prof. Dr. GS Shah, Hospital Director, BPKIHS

Target participants : Students, Teachers, Staff of the health science institutes

Expected duration of the proposed workshop: One week

Tentative date: Second week October (13-19), 2019: Concluding program: October 19, 2019

Supported by : The NIC (Nepal India Corporate)-Fund, BPKIHS

BIO-DATA OF THE ORGANIZING CHAIR / COORDINATOR

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Educational Qualification- MD, Psych. - BPKIHS; MBBS- IOM,

TUTH Designation- Professor

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Experience in Related field-

Organizing Secretary 'International Seminar on Bioethics', BPKHS, Nepal, January 2014

Coordinator of the 'Workshop on inclusion of Bioethics in UG and PG Medical Curriculum in Medical institutions in Nepal', BPKHS, Nepal, May 2016

Coordinator- 'Bioethics Awareness week program', BPKIHS, Nepal, October 016 & 017

Head/Coordinator, 'Bioethics Sensitization & Felicitation', BPKIHS, May 12, 2018

Head/Coordinator of 'Bioethics Awareness week program', BPKIHS, Nepal, Oct., 2018

Details of the Project Proposal:

Title- Bioethics Awareness week program, 2019 October

Aims- To raise awareness about Bioethics and the theme of 'Respect for Cultural diversity' among concerned stakeholders of the medical institutes

Objectives-

To introduce and raise the concern for Bioethics among medical students, faculties and staff

To raise awareness about 'Respect for Cultural diversity' through various programs

Summary of the Program project

There are many issues regarding life sciences, medical fields and Bioethics with the advancement and modernization throughout the world. Nepal has also increasing number of such issues. The ethics in medical education, practice and research have been a key issue in medical fraternity with great relevance to public. The mandate of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics is to organize various awareness raising programs throughout in October, 2019 with the theme of 'Respect for Cultural diversity' (Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of UNESCO of Bioethics and Human Rights) to raise the concern, develop understanding and promote 'Respect for Cultural diversity'.

Increasing litigation, globalization and advances in technology has posed new ethical dilemmas for which medical graduates are ill prepared and public are also not aware about bioethics including their role. With the realization of the need of 'Respect for Cultural diversity' to address rising concern for ethical issues among the stakeholders, the programs are warranted to raise the awareness about Bioethics and pluralism. 'Respect for Cultural diversity' has, hence been the theme of World Bioethics Day October 19, 2019. And, Nepal Unit proudly took it as an opportunity to celebrate the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2019 with various common and other programs in our culturally, socially and dialectically diverse and rich country, Nepal.

The aim of these programs is to raise concern, awareness and introduction of Bioethics and need for 'Respect for Cultural diversity' among various related stakeholders, including medical students, teachers, staff and public

The Bioethics awareness week 2019

The Nepal Unit called for various programs in the theme 'Respect for Cultural diversity' throughout the country; participants being health science/ medical students, teachers, staff and also target being public. With the emphasis on the programs suggested by the WBD-2019 International Committee this year : 1. Artistic Poster Competition, 2. Scientific Poster Competition, 3. Short films / videos Competition, 4. Photography Competition, 5. Rangoli Competition; our Nepal Unit also organized various awareness raising programs- Interaction programs, Lectures from experts, Panel discussion, Essay and T-shirt competitions on this

occasion. These programs were expected to advocate for 'Respect for Cultural diversity'. Attempts were made to organize the programs compatible to the one proposed by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. The collaboration was sought through communications among various institutes of Nepal, including BPKIHS, National Academics of medical sciences (NAMS, Bir hospital, Kathmandu), Institute of Medicine (IOM, Maharajgunj, Kathmandu).

The Academic leaders of the Nepalese medical institutions and the experts with great expertise in this field were communicated for sharing their observations and ideas, participant students were encouraged to brain storm and express about 'Respect for Cultural diversity' as medical students, future professionals.

The words about the program were spread to common people through: 1. publication of related articles (written by Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, links mentioned in page 22 of this report) in various regional and national papers, 2. through speech (Head Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya was invited as a guest- available at- <https://youtu.be/SapVcBhYEI>) in cultural and literary programs organized in Bhaktapur, an oldest city of Nepal which is known for its rich culture and diversity and 3. through its facebook page. Communication was made with this year's Century personality and expert of culture from Nepal, Mr. Satya Mohan Joshi about the program who kindly sent best wishes for the program.

The components of the 'Bioethics Awareness week and Day celebration' Program included-

Speech:

Speeches were delivered on the Concluding day program by eminent personalities in various aspects of Bioethics and the theme of 'Respect for Cultural diversity'.

Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator: WBD-Nepal, 2019 and Head of Nepal Unit highlighted the objectives of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and the WBD Day in his opening welcome speech.

Prof. Dr. Guru Prasad Khanal, Acting Vice Chancellor / Rector, BPKIHS and Chief-guest of the Concluding program expressed happiness about the students being involved in such a program about ethics and its awareness. An insightful message along with appreciation to the UNESCO Chair was shared by the Acting Vice-Chancellor and Rector of our institute Prof. Dr. Guru Prasad Khanal.

Dr. Ashok Ayer, member of the Nepal Unit and co-coordinator put the vote of thanks.

Guest lecture:

Guest lecture was made by guest speaker Bioethics expert Prof. Dr. Ramesh Prasad Acharya, Maharajgunj Campus, Kathmandu. He also took a lecture about Ethics, Bioethics and Medical ethics for students in a separate session. Guest speaker for the program, Prof. Dr. Ramesh Prasad Acharya enlightened the audiences with better understanding of Bioethics and its

principles which are expected to guide the health science students/ professionals in the process of rendering medical services to the general population. He also emphasized on the importance of understanding the beliefs and values of 'the others' so that the true essence of Bioethics is met.

The guest was felicitated by the acting Vice Chancellor/ Rector, BPKIHS on behalf of the Unit and also presented a token of love from Students' Wing (hand-made sketch by a student Mr. Rupak Dhakal, MBBS 4th year).

Panel Discussion:

In a panel discussion moderated by Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, the speakers from various fields expressed their views. Targeted audiences were junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff) and other stakeholders. The panelist speakers included:

Respect for Cultural diversity - Student perspective: Dr. Sumit Sharma, Head, Student wing representative, BPKIHS

He highlighted about ethical dilemmas encountered in daily walks of medical students' career and how knowledge on ethics assist them in dealing with cross cultural issues.

Respect for Cultural diversity – Health education perspective: Dr. Sarun Koirala, Department of Anatomy, BPKIHS

Dr. Sarun expressed the need of building culturally competent medical curriculum whereby medical students can enhance the skills through acquiring, applying and analyzing the information.

Respect for Cultural diversity – Legal and Public perspective: Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi, Dharan- Sub-metropolitan, Sunsari

Mr. Subedi spoke on the public perspective regarding the needs of a culturally competent health facility and facilitators. He added on the legal aspects of the doctor- patient relationship.

Respect for Cultural diversity - in Dental Sciences: Dr. Ashok Ayer, member, College of Dental surgery, BPKIHS

Dr. Ayer spoke about culturally sensitive strategies to promote oral health and also highlighted the importance of cross-cultural communication in ever expanding and diversified local and global population.

Artistic Poster competition:

It was organized on 'Respect for Cultural diversity' and Exhibition of all the posters including the awarded ones prepared by Bibek Kattel, BDS, BPKIHS 2017, Abhishek Kumar, BDS, BPKIHS 2017 and Ayush Anand, MBBS, BPKIHS was made in the concluding day. There were participants in artistic poster competition also from other Institutes. The posters were evaluated by the judge team including Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Sami Lama and Dr. Ashok Ayer. The Best poster of Bibek Kattel was submitted to International committee of the WBD.

Scientific Poster competition:

The Posters prepared by Sagar Panthi and team (Bhandari A, Acharya R, Basnet LB) (under Khanal VK, Ghimire A, Department of Community medicine, BPKIHS) MBBS, 4th year and Bolbam Rajak and team (Anand A, Simon C) (under Shakya DR, Department of Psychiatry, BPKIHS), MBBS 4th year were awarded artistic posters and the one prepared by Sagar Panthi et al. was submitted to International competition of the WBD. The posters were evaluated by the

judge team including Prof. Sami Lama and Dr. Ashok Ayer.

Photography competition:

Among 16 participant photos, Snehil Agrawal, MBBS-2018, Dr. Sumit Sharma, MBBS, BPKIHS Intern and Dibyani Shah were winners and all entries were displayed in the Concluding day. The photos were evaluated by the judge team of Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya and Dr. Ashok Ayer. Snehil Agrawal's photo won the third prize in the International competition of the WBD.

Short movie:

The movie of Prashanna Subedi, MBBS, BPKIHS 2016 and Team was selected for the submission for International competition. The short movie made on the theme was shown in the concluding program. Birat Man Shrestha of MBBS- 3rd Year from Birat Medical College, Biratnagar stood the second.

Essay writing competition:

The essay competition on 'Respect for Cultural diversity' was held in a prior date and there were 23 essays from across the country. The essays were evaluated by a team consisting Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya and Prof. Dr. Ashok Ayer. The top 4 essays of: 1. Sadiksha Khadka, KUSMS, Dhulikhel Kavre (first), 2. Dr. Shranav Jha, MBBS intern- BPKIHS (Second), and 3. Ayush Anand, MBBS, BPKIHS 2016 and Ramesh Sapkota, MBBS, BPKIHS 2019 (third) were displayed in the celebration program.

T-shirt competition:

In the competition held prior, the judge panel of Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Sami Lama and Dr. Ashok Ayer selected the T-shirt design of Shalu Parajuli as the winner.

Rangoli competition:

There was a tough competition among 13 Rangoli teams making Rangoli on the theme, organized on October 18, 2019. Teams of Akchyata Shrestha, Amrita Mandal and Renu Shah (BDS 2017) stood the first. Teams of Kiran Chand and Sudha Poudel MSc Nursing and Akanchya Rai, Netra Prasain and Saloni Tripathy were second and third. The judge panel consisted of Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Dr. Ramesh Prasad Acharya (IOM), Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi (Dharan Municipality) and Dr. Sarun Koirala.

Cultural skit:

Based on the theme 'Respect for cultural diversity', a cultural skit was organized. Play was enacted upon by members of the Bioethics Students' Wing of BPKIHS. It successfully impregnated the mind of audience with the concept of cultural diversity.

World Bioethics Day Program : October 19, 2019

Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair on Bioethics' at BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal

Date: October 19, 2019, Saturday Time: 8:30 AM onwards Venue: Auditorium, BPKIHS MC: Aakansha Rai / Ashwini

Programme Schedule:

Call on the Dais- Chief Guest of honor Prof. Dr. Guru Prashad Khanal, Acting Vice Chancellor/ Rector - BPKIHS; Guest speaker Prof. Dr. Ramesh Prasad Acharya, IOM, Kathmandu and Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Head and Coordinator, WBD-Nepal/ Head, Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair on Bioethics

- Invited: Deans, Chiefs, HODs, Faculties, Staff, Students, Media personals & Members of civic society.

Inauguration of the Program by lighting the auspicious Lamp - Chief Guest and dignitaries on the dais

Welcome speech - Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator, WBD-Nepal

Address - Prof. Dr. Guru Prasad Khanal, Acting VC/ Rector, BPKIHS

Guest lecture- 'Respect for Cultural diversity'- Prof. Dr. Ramesh Prasad Acharya

Vote of Thanks – Dr. Ashok Ayer, Member, Nepal Bioethics Unit

- Tea Break & Rangoli / Posters / Photography / Best Essays / T-shirt design exhibition at Foyer in the Ground floor, BPKIHS

Short Film and Play (Skit)

Panel presentation/ Group discussion + Award Ceremony

Theme: 'Respect for Cultural diversity' Time : 11:00 AM Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya

Panelists:

Respect for Cultural diversity - Student perspective: Dr. Sumit Sharma, Head, Student wing representative, BPKIHS

Respect for Cultural diversity – Health perspective: Dr. Sarun Koirala, Department of Anatomy, BPKIHS

Respect for Cultural diversity – Legal and Public perspective: Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi, Dharan-Sub- metropolitan, Sunsari

Respect for Cultural diversity - in Dental Sciences: Dr. Ashok Ayer, member, College of Dental surgery, BPKIHS

12:15 PM - Result of the Poster, Photograph, Short Film, Rangoli, T-shirt design & Essay Competition-

Coordinator, WBD- Nepal

Closing ceremony: Award and Certificates distribution

Cultural backgrounds. Mutual respect among we all stakeholders is essential for peace, prosperity and progress. It is really relevant to have this theme and brainstorm on this topic this year.



Prof. Dr. Guru Prasad Khanal, Acting Vice Chancellor/ Rector, BPKIHS, Nepal

'Like world, like Asia, Nepal is known for its diversity in many respects including culture. In every place and region, we have a variety of creations, customs, traditions, foods, languages characteristic of our culture which is different from one just nearby one. Despite of the difference, the respect and brotherhood towards others keep the all unified in the nation and in broad sense whole world.'

Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator, WBD- Nepal/ Head- Nepal Unit



'Respect for the cultural diversity is one of the cores of the Bioethics as it is based on the concept that we need to consider the other side of any decision making. Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism as a Principle of the Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights is relevant also for our country Nepal as the theme of the Fourth Year of World Bioethics celebration'.

Prof. Dr. Ramesh Prasad Acharya, Bioethics expert, Maharajgunj Campus, Kathmandu



, “We have many more participations from BPKIHS and also other health science institutes of Nepal showing the growing concern and awareness among our students. This year’s theme has emphasized us on the need of cultural perspectives in the practice of health science knowledge and technology.’

-Dr. Ashok Ayer, Member, Nepal Unit of Bioethics



It gives us immense pleasure to see growing participation of our students in various programs organized under the umbrella of our Nepal Bioethics units of UNESCO Chair.

Prof. Sami Lama, Member Secretary, Nepal Unit of Bioethics

‘There is a need of a culturally competent medical curriculum which encourages medical students to enhance the skills through acquiring, applying and analyzing the information.’

Dr. Sarun Koirala, Department of Human Anatomy, BPKIHS





'Our Nepalese constitution has emphasized on the need of respect for cultural diversity in its preamble itself. For the fruitful practice in any field including medicine, the service providers need culture sensitive approach.'

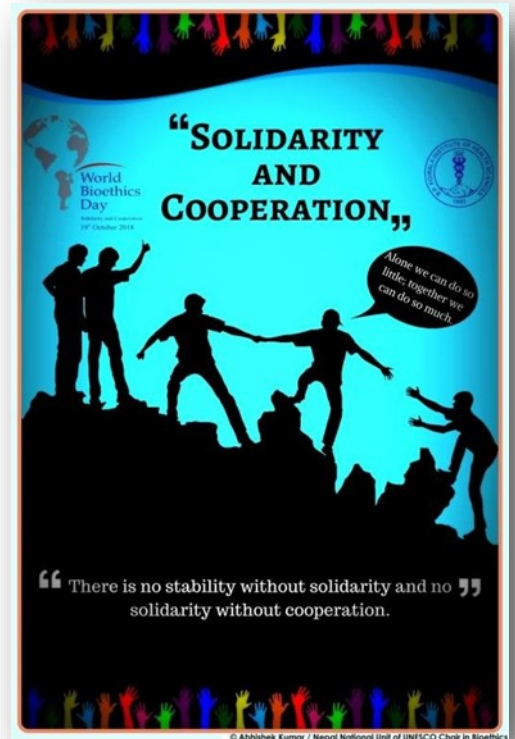
– Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi, Member, NNUUCB, Nepal

'We student of Health Sciences come across people with varied perspectives and ideas from different cultural backgrounds. The information and insight gained through discourses and deliberations during this WBD celebration with the theme of 'Respect of cultural diversity' will guide us in such reality of our life, profession and society.'

Dr. Sumit Sharma, Head, Students' wing of Bioethics Unit, BPKIHS



, Best Artistic Poster which was awarded as the
Second in International WBD Competition 2018:
Abhishek Kumar, MBBS, BPKIHS





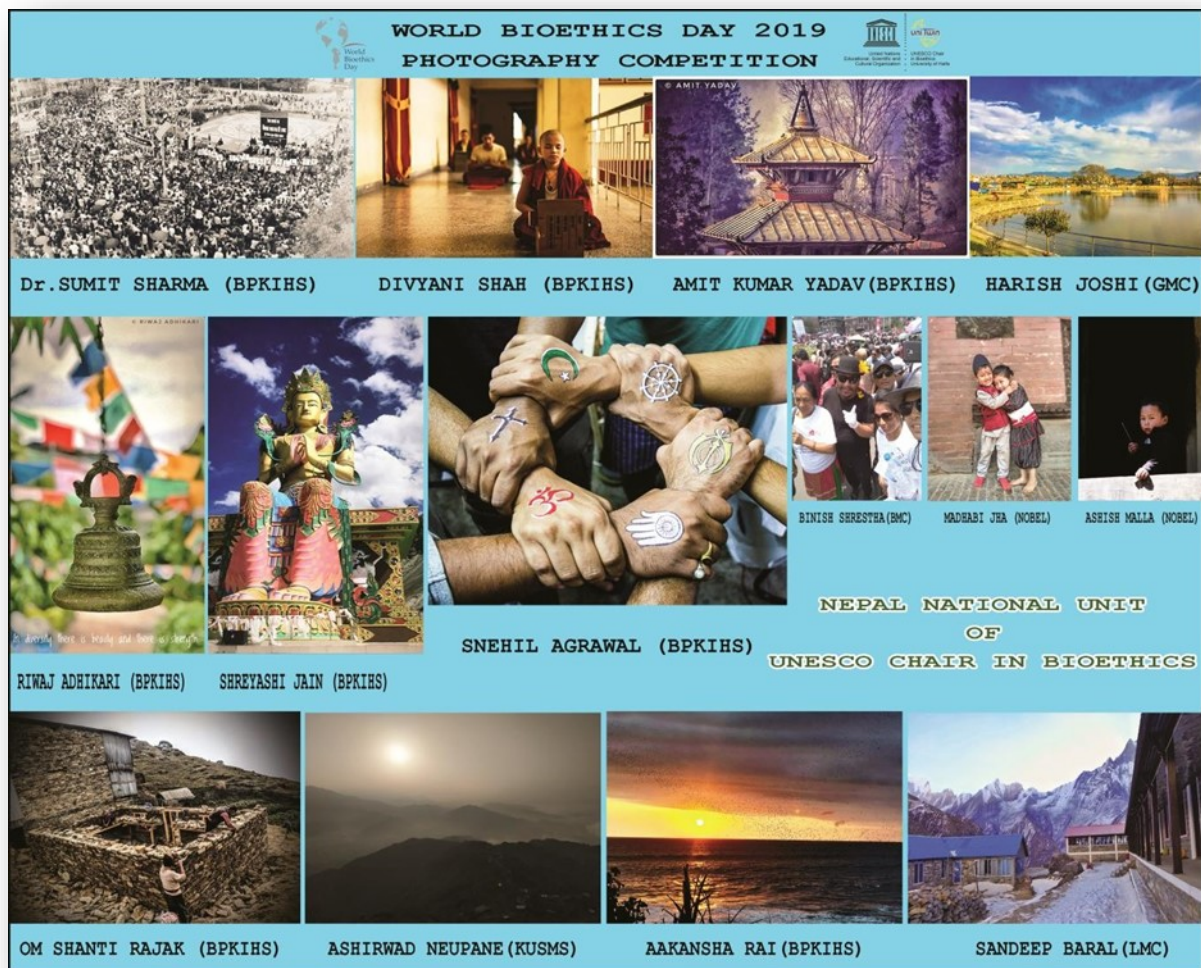
Best Artistic poster (Bibek Kattel)- selected for submission to WBD competition

Best Scientific poster Sagar Panthi and team (Bhandari A, Acharya R, Basnet LB) (under Khanal VK, Ghimire A, Department of Community medicine, BPKIHS) MBBS, 4th year



First Prize in Short movie:
Prashanna Subedi and Team





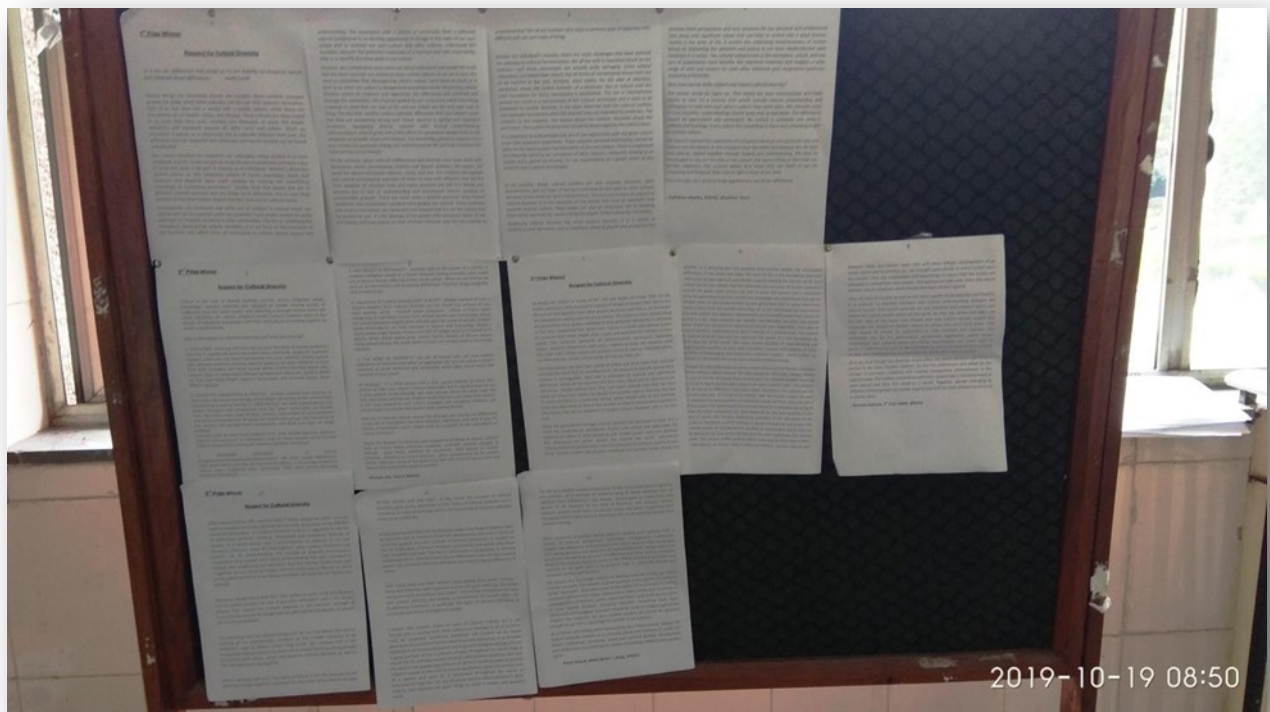
Best photography award to: Snehil Agarwal, MBBS, BPKIHS, 2019 which was awarded the third in International WBD Competition 2019



Respecting cultural diversity has many positive benefits. It is a source of inspiration and innovation and an important driver of growth and prosperity that provides fresh perspectives and new solutions for our personal and professional lives along with significant values that can help us evolve into a good human.'

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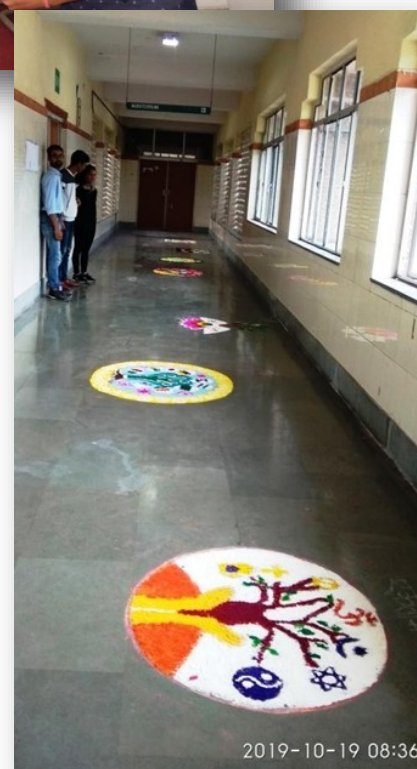
Best of Essay competition:
Sadiksha Khadka, KUSMS,
Dhulikhel, Kavre



Top 4 essays displayed in the program



Best T-shirt design by:
Shalu Parajuli



Teams of Akchyata Shrestha, Amrita Mandal and Renu Shah (BDS 2017) stood the first Rangoli competition

WBD 2019: Concluding Program in Nepal Unit, BPKIHS, Dharan- Nepal- in pictures...







Reviewing the WBD 2019 programs



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10. Dr. Russell D'Souza, Professor of Psychiatry and Head, Asia-Pacific Chair of Bioethics

Members of Students' wing of Bioethics Unit of UNESCO Chair, BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal

Head- Sumit Sharma (MBBS- 2014 Batch)

Member secretary- Prashanna Subedi (MBBS- 2015)

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| 1. Pratikshya Tiwari (BSc- Nursing 2015) | 17. Avush Anand (MBBS- 2016) Anusha Ravamajhi (MBBS- 2016) |
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| 11. Vivek Acharya Chetri (MBBS- 2014) | 27. Biki Kumar Shah (MBBS- 2017) |
| 12. Santosh Thapa (MBBS- 2014) | 28. Pramisha Maharjan (BDS- 2015) |
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| 14. Rochana Acharya (MBBS- 2016) | 30. Upasana Gela (BDS- 2015) |
| 15. Prashanta Rai (MBBS- 2017) | 31. Gyanendra Sharma (BDS- 2015) |
| 16. Prakirti Karki (MBBS- 2016) | |

World Bioethics Day Report

Name of the Institute: Shalamar Medical & Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan.

Name of the Unit: UNESCO Bioethics Unit, Shalamar Medical & Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan.

Name of Unit Head: Dr. Sarosh Saleem

Date of Event: Friday, October 18th 2019

Theme: Respect for Cultural Diversity

Program Details:

The Bioethics Unit at Shalamar Medical & Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan keeps organizing the activities, involving students and faculty members from within and outside the institute. Recently, the Bioethics unit celebrated its second World Bioethics Day on October 18th, 2019.

The event organized by the Bioethics Unit was attended by leaders in healthcare and medical education from various institutes. Different students from medical, nursing and allied health sciences enthusiastically participated in the activity and took part in Artistic poster competition held by UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in Haifa.

A talk by a senior religious scholar was attended by students and faculty. Prof. Dr. Khalid Zaheer, a renowned religious scholar, gave an informative talk following the theme of “Religious Tolerance, Human Rights & Social Inclusion: Local Challenges to these Ideals”, in which he specifically emphasized about religious tolerance towards the minorities. A Panel discussion was also organized to celebrate the theme of World Bioethics Day 2019, “Respect for Cultural Diversity”. Experts from the different fields were. The Panelists included Prof. Dr. Khalid Zaheer; a prominent religious scholar, Dr. Junaid Sarfraz, Dean, School of Health Professionals' Education & Postgraduate Studies at CMH Lahore Medical College & Institute of Dentistry, Lahore Pakistan and Dr. Sara Rizvi Faculty of Department of Sociology, Forman Christian College Lahore, Pakistan Dr Rizvi is a senior researcher and author of a recently published book on “Women, Healthcare and Violence in Pakistan”. She brought a fresh perspective of inclusion of diverse backgrounds in healthcare through her research. Prof. Dr. Khalid Zaheer discussed religious and social aspects of respectful behaviours. The importance of a healthcare provider to maintain respect for different cultures, religions, ethnic groups and castes were brought into limelight by Prof. Dr. Junaid Sarfraz, a senior surgeon and educationist. They also encouraged the young generation to promote cultural diversity, become more tolerant and forbearing towards the social, cultural and religious differences. The discussion was followed by Question and Answer session from the audience. Students and faculty engaged the experts in many interesting questions and opinions.

The event was attended by participants from other cities as well online via Zoom Meeting.

The certificates for the participation were distributed among the students who made the artistic posters reflecting the cultural diversity. Audience took great interest in the displayed posters and engaged students with their opinions and comments. The refreshments were served at the end of the session.



From Left to Right: Dr. Junaid Sarfaraz; Dr.Sara Rizvi;
Prof. Dr. Khalid Zaheer



Student receiving certificate of Participation



A participant asking question from the panelists



Token of gratitude presented by Principal SMDC to Dr. Sadia Rizvi

World Bioethics Day Report

Theme: 'Respect for Cultural Diversity' (Article 12 of Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights).

Professor Rizwan Taj, (PIMS Unit) Islamabad, Pakistan of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics had organized a World Bioethics Day 2019 Celebration on 19th Oct. 2019 from 09:00am to 2:00pm. Although awareness activities on Bioethics were observed throughout the year but series of events on theme of the year were organized as pre and world bioethics day. Participants included were students from federal medical and dental college, resident doctors, house officers, consultants from various specialties,

The main event started with a short play by postgraduate resident of psychiatry department. They had given the message of respect for cultural diversity in ethical medical practice. Students from federal medical college, doctors from all specialties, nurses and paramedics appreciated the acts of participants by a big round of applause.

The World Bioethics Day celebration was conducted at main Auditorium of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences. The event was held under the guidance of Asima Mehboob Khan, Associate Clinical Psychologist, member UNESCO Bioethics PIMS Unit. The theme for the event this year was "Respect for Cultural Diversity". The respected dignitaries Honorable Executive Director, PIMS, Dr. Ansar Maqsood, Prof. Shajee Siddique (professor of medicine) graced the auspicious occasion by their presence. The competitions were judged by the faculty from medicine and surgery departments. Residents and students of Medical colleges participated in this event actively. The event began with the welcome address given by Prof. Rizwan Taj and Asima Mehboob Khan. The opening speech for the event was given by our Honorable Executive Director describing that cultural competence and ethical decision making are both based on respect for and understanding of the different values that patients and health care professionals give to various moral domains. He said that ethical sensitivity, in making ethical decisions, is linked with cultural capability. This requires that health care professionals need to be trained in both respecting cultural diversity and ethical decision making in an integrated manner in their professional lives.

Educating future health care professionals has become a formidable task due to the expanding knowledge fields of the disciplines. Training programs need to ensure that the curriculum is balanced and that appropriate pedagogical training and clinical experiences in respecting the cultural diversity and professional ethical issues are provided. Such training will empower health care professionals to consistently and effectively deal with ethical decision making which will present during their future professional careers.

Highlighted the importance of topic in field of psychotherapy, Asima Mehboob Khan, emphasized the therapist's understanding and respect of a client's background, culture, ethnicity and belief system. She added further that therapists can integrate cultural understanding into their occupation to accommodate and respect differences in opinions, values, and attitudes of various cultures and different types of people. This do lets a therapist to grow and sustain cultural proficiency, which is the ability to first recognize and understand one's own culture and how it influences one's relationship with a client, then understand and respond to the culture that is differ-

gent from one's own. The need for this understanding may be based on characteristics such as age, beliefs, ethnicity, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation , or socioeconomic status. She explained that such practices can be applied to any type of therapy to support the client feel more comfortable, making the treatment more effective.

Professor Rizwan Taj, Chairperson Bioethics PIMS Unit, given his address to the gathering. He stated that Pakistan has a rich cultural diversity as the society is largely multilingual, multi-ethnic and multicultural.

The Pakistani society comprises various diverse cultures and ethnic communities that majorly involve Punjabi, Sindhi, Baloch, Pakhtun, Seraiki, Kashmiri, Makrani, and the ancient Wakhi and Burusho groups in the north.

Pakistan is in general linguistically heterogeneous, and no single language can be said to be common to the whole population. Each of its principal languages has a strong regional focus. The languages claimed as mother tongue include Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi, Seraiki, Kashmiri, Brahui, Hindko and Potohohari.

Prof.Rizwan stressed upon Cultural differences between patients and clinicians have become a matter of growing importance to mental health care as Western societies have become increasingly diverse. This article has attempted to illustrate how attention to these cultural differences enriches the discussion of ethics in mental health care and how cultural competence enhances the ethical treatment of mental health patients. To be culturally competent, a clinician must be sensitive, knowledgeable, and empathetic about cultural differences—and then make therapeutic use of those capacities. Cultural competence is a concrete, practical expression of bioethics ideals. Mental health providers live out the ethical principles of beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice, and respect for persons in their efforts to understand, appreciate, and empathize with their patients' cultural values and to use those abilities in the service of excellent patient care.

The prize distribution ceremony for the winners was commenced at the auspicious hands of Executive Director PIMS. A special Bioethics award was given to most active members of Students' Wing from FMDC. They had actively participated in coordination and organizing various events with the help of student's wing of bioethics in PIMS.

The prize distribution was followed by an awareness walk in hospital premises.

The event ended with valedictory function and lunch hosted by psychiatry department.





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World Bioethics Day

Cultural Diversity
18th October 2019

Free entrance

Celebrated by
240 UNESCO Chairs in Bioethics International Units from

Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malaysia, Malawi, Mexico, Montenegro, Moldova, Nepal, Nigeria, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Taiwan Region, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam.

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09h30

> **Opening Ceremony:**

- Chair of the Research Department UNESCO Chair in Bioethics – Rui Nunes
- Director of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences – Henrique Cyrne Carvalho
- Director of the Faculty of Medicine – Altamiro da Costa Pereira
- Dean of the University of Porto – António Sousa Pereira

> **Cultural Diversity in a Multilateral World**

- Chair – Francisca Rêgo, Ivone Duarte
- Benedita Mac Crorie
- Helena Pereira de Melo
- Stela Barbas
- Comment – Miguel Ricou

> **Award of the Best Scientific Poster Competition**

> **Presentation of the 14th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics & Health Law – Porto 2020**

> **Closing Ceremony:**

- UNESCO Chair in Bioethics – Guilhermina Rego
- Institute of Biomedical Sciences – Paulo Maia
- Faculty of Medicine/Medcids – João Fonseca



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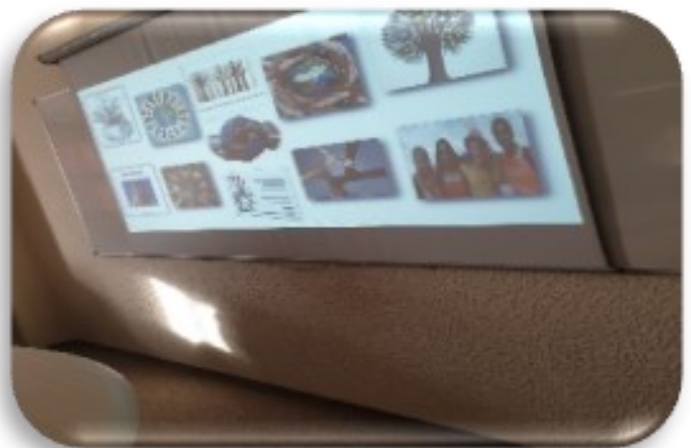
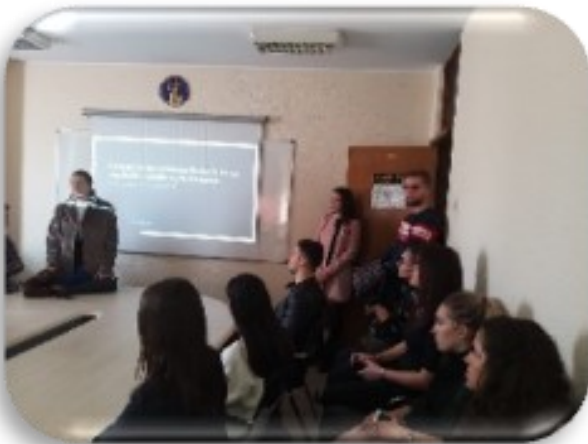
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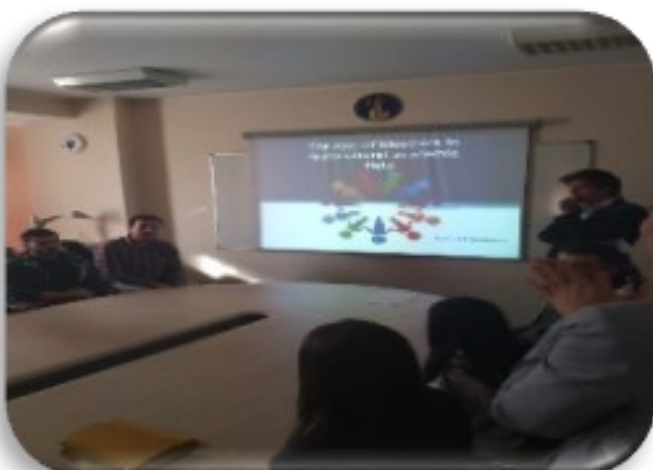
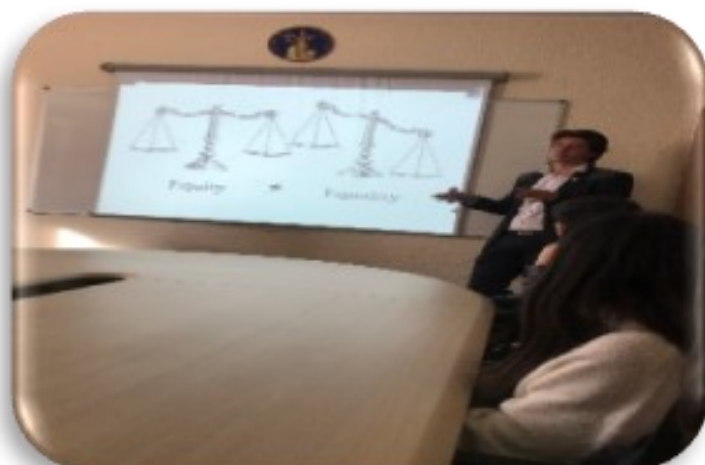
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Name of the Unit: Romanian Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Name of Unit Head: Associate Professor Elena TOADER

TOPIC RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY





World Bioethics Day Report

On October 22, 2019, the Chair of Humanities and Bioethics (the Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics) at the St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University joined other Units worldwide to celebrate the World Bioethics Day. This year one of the fundamental principles of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (2005) was chosen as the theme of the World Day for Bioethics: "Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism".

The Conference welcomed ethicists, members of the University administration, Chair staff-members and many SPbSPMU students. The Conference room was full. Prof. Galina Mikirtichan presided at the Conference.

The conference was opened by SPbSPMU Vice-rectors Prof. Yu.S. Alexandrovich and prof. V.I. Oryol. They stressed the importance of bioethical issues in the formation of the future physician's personality.

Historical, philosophical and social aspects of the implementation of the fundamental principle of respect for cultural diversity and pluralism were covered by the report by prof. G.L. Mikirtichans, head of the SPbGPMU Department of Humanities and Bioethics. She emphasized that cultural diversity is a common heritage of the mankind, therefore, it should be recognized and preserved for the benefit of present and future generations. A policy aimed at involving all cultural groups with their diverse and dynamically developing cultural characteristics in the ability and willingness to live together is a guarantee of vitality, social unity and peace. Pluralism is a confirmation and acceptance of cultural diversity in relation to a wide range of issues: politics, science, medicine, religion, philosophy, ethics. These concepts are especially important in the modern medical practice.

Prof. O.I. Kubar, a leading researcher at the St. Petersburg L. Pasteur Research Institute for Epidemiology and Microbiology in her report reflected on the respect for cultural diversity and pluralism in the historical context of the development of advanced technologies in biology and medicine. Discussing the ethical challenges of the XXI century as a consequence of the modern biotechnologies development, the speaker concludes that medicine as a branch of human activity occupies a very special place precisely because science in it is combined with ethical values.

O. Orekhova, a 3th year SPbGPMU student delivered an interesting report "Views of various confessions representatives on the use of modern reproductive technologies". She analyzed the attitude of influential confessions (Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism) to such important ethical problems of using modern reproductive technologies as determining parental status while using the method of surrogate motherhood, the threat to the mental and physical health of a surrogate mother and a child, selective reduction of implanted embryos and the death of the rest; commercialization of motherhood, realization of the child's rights to personal autonomy, problems of informing a child about the method of birth and its genetic origin, the boundaries of the principle of confidentiality, etc.

Another 3th year SPbGPMU student D. Shaytor conducted a study of the views of leading religious denominations on ethical issues related to organ donation. He came to the conclusion that all the three world's largest religions (Christianity, Islam, Buddhism) with one or another limitation support organ transplantation from both living and dead donors. At the same time, many national reli-

gions have serious restrictions on organ transplantation, up to a complete ban on this manipulation.

The conference was concluded with a report presented by prof. A.Z. Likhtshangof (the Chair of Humanities and Bioethics) "Religiosity of SPbSPMU students: Data from a sociological survey". In the course of the study, 233 1st and 5th year SPbSPMU students were interviewed, as well as 153 students of other St. Petersburg universities. The survey showed that the level of students' confessional culture is rather low. Among modern medical students (and not only medical ones), the following groups can be distinguished depending on their attitude to God and religion: atheists and agnostics - about 25%, fluctuating - 25-30%, "nominally religious" - about 40% and "truly religious" - 6-8%. The presentations were followed by lively discussion.

An exhibition of posters on the topic "Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism" prepared by students of the Pediatric University was held within the framework of the conference.

We believe that the WBD at SPbSPMA was a successful event and offered an excellent opportunity to stress the importance of forming bioethical thinking and promoting principles and rules of bioethics for protecting human rights in dignity in the modern world, particularly, in all spheres of contemporary medicine including clinical practice and scientific research. Open discussions with participating specialists in bioethics (lecturers and teachers) were very fruitful.



The opening of the conference. Professor V.I.Oryol



Conference participants are listening to the report.



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World Bioethics Day Report

The Russian (Volgograd) Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics

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Date of Establishment of Unit: 21/12/2012

Student's wing of Unit: Yes , Date of establishment: 21/12/2012

Importance for the integration of the basic values of Bioethics is the inclusion in scientific research in the problem field of Bioethics and Medical law of future medical science and practice - the student community. Since 2016, the International Day of Bioethics has been celebrated at the Volgograd State Medical University, as well as all over the world. Within the framework of this holiday, the Volgograd unit-unit of the International Network of UNESCO Bioethics Chairs held a scientific conference among students and young scientists. The theme of the scientific conference in 2019 is " Respect for Cultural Diversity ."

The Celebration Program included: the lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics (Professor, Head of department of philosophy, bioethics and law, Member of Volgograd Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics Sedova Natalia), Panel Discussion, the essay competition poster exhibition were organized throughout the day in the in the hall at 3d floors of the Volgograd State Medical University building.

The experience gained in holding an essay competition on bioethics among students and young scientists is used not only to optimize the conduct of such events, but also finds its application in improving the educational process of teaching bioethics and medical law in medical schools. Participation of students of a medical university in the international scientific events under consideration is a real contribution to the formation not only of scientific and research, but also ethical-oriented competences of medical specialists. This is especially true for students of medical specialties of junior courses who have not yet encountered ethical problems in practical activities.



Photo: Students-winners of competitions

Professor Donika Alena—Head of Volgograd Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics
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World Bioethics Day Report

by: Chi-Wei Lin

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Head of the E-Da Hospital Unit

On Friday and Saturday, January 18th and 19th, 2019, E-Da Healthcare Group UNESCO Bioethics Unit met for seminars commemorating World Bioethics Day. This event was held to celebrate the Patient Right to Autonomy Act in Taiwan to be passed and amended by Taiwan's legislature. Only after this law is fully passed and amended, can Taiwan's society have a full discussion about the ethical and social effects of this law.

On Friday, January 18th, 2019, E-Da Healthcare Group invited the Chief of the Center for Law and Ethics of Taichung City's Veteran General Hospital to host a seminar discussing "the Effects of the Patient Right to Autonomy Act." The Act's purpose is to respect the patient's medical autonomy, protect its end-of-life rights, and promote the harmony of patients-medical personnel relations. The spirit is to protect the patient's right to know, right to choose, and right to decide. There are a total of 19 articles in the main body of the Act.

The core principals are:

Those with full mental capacity can make "pre-determined medical decisions" in advance.

They may choose to accept or refuse to life sustaining measures.

Family members and other related persons shall not obstruct the hospital or physician's actions carrying out the patient's decisions.

During the seminar (pictured), the audience learned that after the enactment of the Patient Right to Autonomy Act, the biggest challenge is how to fully implement the Act due to built in cultural and social preferences and practices. This will rely on the active promotion of the government entities, medical professionals, and patient groups.

The government shall establish a mechanism for reviewing the effectiveness of the Act; it shall also plan to strengthen the medical staff's ability to perform AD (Advance Decision, AD) and providing ACP (Advance Care Planning, ACP) related continuing medication education and training. Medical professionals also need to learn to be able to appropriately apply Share Decision Making (SDM) skills with the patients. For the patients, their families, or even the whole society, the implementation of life education is an urgent issue.



On Saturday, January 19th, 2019, E-Da Healthcare Group again invited the Chief of the Center for Law and Ethics of Taichung City's Veteran General Hospital to host a seminar discussing "Ethical and Legal views on patient rights and privacy." (pictures below)

Discussions were focused on the four ethical themes (medical suitability, patient preferences, quality of life, and situational characteristics), combined with the principles of conducting virtuous deeds, do no harm, respect for autonomy, trustworthiness, and justice. These above stated characteristics were applied in shared decision making discussions between medical professionals and patients. When medical practitioners can understand and abide by the four principles of medical ethics, not only can they create a benign medical relationship, but they can also apply the best practices for patients during critical medical emergencies. The medical practitioners will be able to



Vice Superintendent Lo introducing the Lecturer



Vice Superintendent Lo, Director Chen giving Certificate of Appreciation for the Lecturer



Lecturer Sharing a Case



Seminar Poster

World Bioethics Day Report

World Bioethics Day was celebrated by the Turkish Unit of Bioethics on the 18th of October 2019 with a meeting organized at Hacettepe University Sıhhiye Campus, Senate Meeting Hall. We hosted approximately sixty attendees consist of academicians and students. Turkey is internationally recognized for being the country with its successful, comprehensive and human-rights based migration management. According to IOM (International Organization for Migration), Turkey hosts 3.9 million migrants and refugees, one of the largest migrant populations in the world. This year's theme "Respect for Cultural Diversity" had a special and significant meaning and our event was build upon a preexisting public awareness regarding multiculturalism.

The opening speech was given by Asst. Prof. Dr. Önder İlgili on behalf of Turkey unit steering committee, who presented the past, aims, and significance of the Bioethics Day Project. He also shared information on the main aspects of UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Program and our ongoing cooperation with UNESCO Chair in Bioethics University of Haifa. He completed his speech with comments on the conceptual framework of cultural diversity and pluralism.

Our honored guest was Prof. Dr. Kezban Çelik who is the Vice Dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Head of the Department of Sociology at TED University. She is a prominent scholar in her field with her studies focus on woman's labor, gypsies, seasoned agricultural labor, social class, cultural sensitivity, and social inequality. She covered our theme with her speech titled "Contemplations on the boundaries of multiculturalism" both at local and global level. Prof. Çelik shared her ethical considerations on multiculturalism from a sociological perspective and enriched them with information regarding the main theories of sociology. Comments and questions followed the speech and the audience showed great interest in the subject that we had to extend the time allocated for arguments.

As final remarks, our event was very fruitful and World Bioethics Day 2019 celebrated with enthusiasm. Our event enhanced the awareness on cultural diversity and UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

Prof. Dr. Nüket ÖRNEK BÜKEN, MD, PhD

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Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Head of Department of the Medical Ethics & Medical History

Director of Hacettepe University Bioethics Center



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World Bioethics Day Report

Boston Area Study Group ISPS: Sponsored by the American Cambridge Unit of the UNESCO Bioethics chair

Where: The home of Harold J Bursztajn MD 96 Larchwood Dr, Cambridge, MA 02138

When: November 17th, 10:30-noon

What: Dementia care presents a variety of clinical and forensic neuropsychiatric and bioethical dilemmas. HMS professor Arthur Kleinman continues to make vital contributions to our understanding of how culture interacts with disease to create experience of illness, suffering, and impairment for the patient and those who care for the patient. Alas, in this instance the patient was Professor Kleinman's beloved wife, Joan. For those wishing to learn more about Professor Kleinman's thoughtful work

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/573438/the-soul-of-care-by-arthur-kleinman/>

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World Bioethics Day Report

<https://psychiatry.ufl.edu/2019/10/23/27514/>

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y: Caroline Nickerson

On Friday, October 11, the UF-VA UNESCO Bioethics Unit met for presentations commemorating World Bioethics Day. UNESCO has over 220 units of this particular program, and our unit was set up four years ago with the help of Dr. Russel D'Souza, chair of UN Bioethics Day in Haifa. The Unit meets quarterly and meetings are open to members of the UF campus community.



Dr. Rahman speaks about Caring for Muslim patients at World Bioethics Day.

Director of the UF-VA UNESCO Bioethics Unit, Joseph Thornton, MD, gave welcoming remarks about the Unit and introduced Maryam Rahman, MD, one of the morning's featured speakers. Dr. Rahman, an assistant professor in the UF Department of Neurosurgery, returned for a second year to speak about "Culturally Competent Care and Care of the Muslim Patient." She quoted a National Academies report: "Racial and ethnic minorities tend to receive lower quality of healthcare than non-minorities, even when access related factors, such as a patient's insurance status and income are controlled" (Smedley et al. Nat'l Acad Press 2002).

stereotyping, biases, and uncertainty on the part of care providers contributes to unequal treatment," Dr. Rahman advised care providers to develop cultural competency to increase understanding, offered strategies to increase competence (like taking a complete social history and asking questions instead of making assumptions), and shared a case study with the group to spark discussion.

After Dr. Rahman's talk, the group engaged in discussion about their different interactions with bioethics across the UF campus, with Brian Ray, PhD, Director of the Poe Business Ethics Center and a Senior Lecturer of Leadership and Ethics, contributing to the discussion with the Business Ethics Ambassadors. The group reflected on the interdisciplinary nature of bioethics, spanning business, health, religion, cultural practices, and beyond.

Beatriz Elena de Bruna, from Serenity Mindfulness Center, led the group through a 20 minute mindfulness meditation and discussion. Ms. de Bruna is one of the Department of Psychiatry's *Mindful Relaxation Minutes* instructors, a weekly program offered to faculty, staff, and residents to promote self-care. The mindfulness session was followed by Dr. Thornton's talk on "Activist Ethics."



Dr. Thornton, Director of the UF-VA UNESCO Bioethics Unit, welcomes attendees to World Bioethics Day.

Dr. Thornton began by meditating on his ethical heroes and how they are an example for him to follow. Distinguishing between ethics (distilling right from wrong), bioethics (ethics related to living things), and healthcare ethics (ethics related to human health), he spoke about both organizational codes of ethics and his own individual code: S-A-V-E. Save lives, Alleviate suffering, Value [responsible] autonomy, Engage in therapeutic community.

Throughout the talk, Dr. Thornton advised attendees to reflect on ethical principles ahead of time to prepare for emergencies when they inevitably arrive, and among other acronyms, offered P-E-A-C-E: Pause and reflect on yourself as a person, Examine beliefs and practices of medicine, Acquire more knowledge on systems of ethics, Challenge assumptions, Engage in ethical development. He closed by inviting attendees to take a survey on the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, adding that no familiarity with the Declaration is needed to take the survey and learn something. If you're reading this, please consider filling out the survey.

After he completed his talk, Dr. Thornton introduced Andres Pumariega, MD, the featured grand rounds speaker. Dr. Pumariega is a UF Psychiatry Professor and the Chief of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. In a presentation entitled "Mental Healthcare for Child Detainees," Dr. Pumariega gave a historical overview of immigration to the United States as it relates to undocumented immigrants and refugees, as well as specifically discussed the impact on children of separation from their families.



Dr. Andres Pumariega was the Grand Rounds lecturer at this year's World Bioethics Day.

Dr. Pumariega spoke about traumatization and the development of psychiatric symptoms and disorders relating to immigration, as well as the specific stressors for undocumented immigrants and the multi-generational aspects of this phenomenon. He gave an overview of the current multi-agency system in the United States and the child separations at the border since June 2018, framing it with an international and historic scope. He described a general approach for mental healthcare for child detainees, and offered recommendations going forward, including that the Department of Homeland Security should “discontinue the general use of family detention, reserving it for rare cases when necessary.” He described the “xenophobic environment in the U.S.” as “contributing to violations of human rights and international law,” stating that the current detention process is “not humane” for “refugee children and their parents and has an adverse impact on mental health.”

He also cited “ethical dilemmas for physicians serving ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) or DHS facilities when not allowed to followed standards of care.”

Described by attendees as “moving,” “powerful,” and “impactful,” this is a presentation you will want to watch for yourself. (Check the Psychiatry [Online CME page](#) for upcoming link)



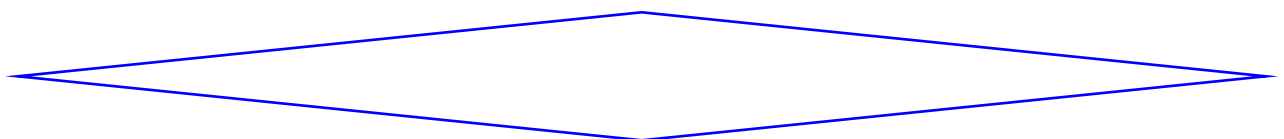
Dr. Jessica Khan leads a case study discussion about ethical issues in psychiatry practice.

Resident case discussions followed the Grand Rounds presentation. Aptly described by Dr. Thornton as “lively” and led by Jessica Khan, MD, PGY-4 and Chief Resident, a group of Psychiatry residents and faculty discussed cases and other issues in ethics in the last session of the day.

At the conclusion of World Bioethics Day, Dr. Thornton reflected that he “enjoyed having folks from other parts of the campus” in attendance at World Bioethics Day this year, adding that it really added to the morning discussions. He also found the Grand Rounds presentation “incredibly impactful.”

“World Bioethics Day at UF gets better and better every year,” Dr. Thornton said.

Want to get involved with the UF-VA UNESCO Bioethics Unit? Email cnickerson@ufl.edu for more info.



Making Your Humanitarian Trip Count

A World Bioethics Day Celebration



Friday, Oct. 25, 2019

8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Grohmann Tower, Fourth Floor
233 E. Juneau Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Improving the quality of life for individuals and communities around the world is one way MSOE students are preparing to be leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners, and value creators. Servant-leadership activities at home and abroad, and service trips with Global Brigades and Engineers Without Borders are just a few ways in which students are presenting solutions regarding tolerance and respect for cultural identities.

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast/onsite registration
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks by Dr. John Walz
- 9 a.m. Keynote Address: Hoping to Help: Responsible Volunteering in Global Health by Dr. Judith Lasker
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 - Session 1: Cultural Diversity and Engineers Without Borders by Dr. Todd Davis
 - Session 2: Improving Ethical Practices in Short-Term Volunteering Programs by Dr. Judith Lasker
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m. Panel Discussion: Tales from the Field
- 11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks by Dr. Patrick Jung

Please register online: msoe.edu/world-bioethics-day



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Dr. Judith N. Lasker

Dr. Lasker is a NEH Distinguished Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She earned her B.A. at Brandeis and her M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard. Lasker's major areas of interest are in the field of medical sociology, with particular emphasis on women's health issues and international health. Her newest book, "Hoping to Help: The Promises and Pitfalls of Global Health Volunteering" examines the impact on host communities and on volunteers of short-term international service programs in public health and medical care. In 2014, Lasker was awarded the Centennial Medal by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard for her contributions to society as they have emerged from one's graduate education at Harvard.

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, Name of the Institute: Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Name of the Unit: United States of America Milwaukee Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Name of Unit Head: Dr. Patrick J. Jung

Date of Establishment of Unit: June 5, 2019

Student's wing of Unit: Not applicable

Program Details (Date of Celebration of event): October 25, 2019

Opening speech (8:45-9:00 am):

Dr. John Walz, President of the Milwaukee School of Engineering

Keynote Speech (9:00 am - 9:45 am):

Dr. Judith Lasker, Professor of Sociology, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Concurrent Session 1 (10:00 am - 10:45 am):

Dr. Todd Davis, Cultural Diversity in Engineers Without Borders

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Dr. Judith Lasker, Ethical Practices in Short-Term Volunteer Programs

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Tales from the Field: Ethics of Short-Term Humanitarian Volunteering

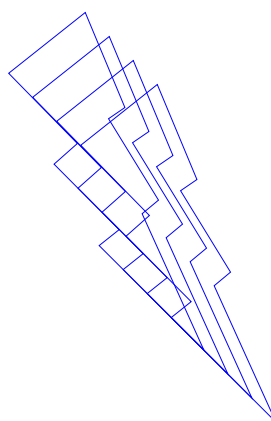
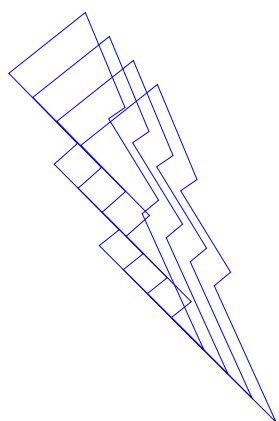
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Dr. Patrick J. Jung, Unit Head, MSOE Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics-Haifa

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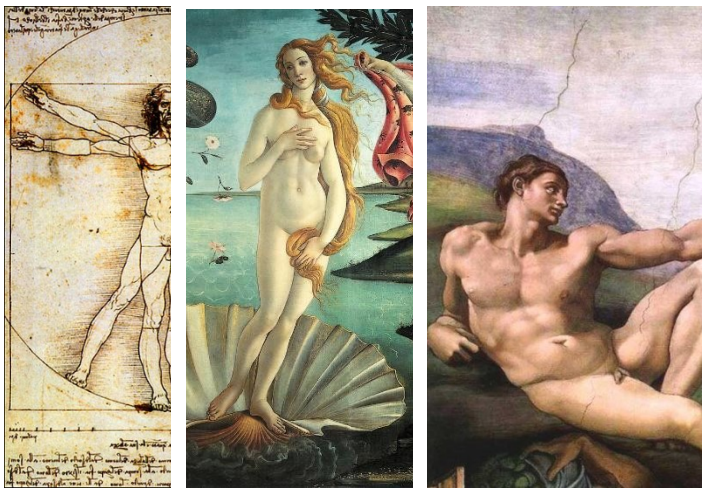


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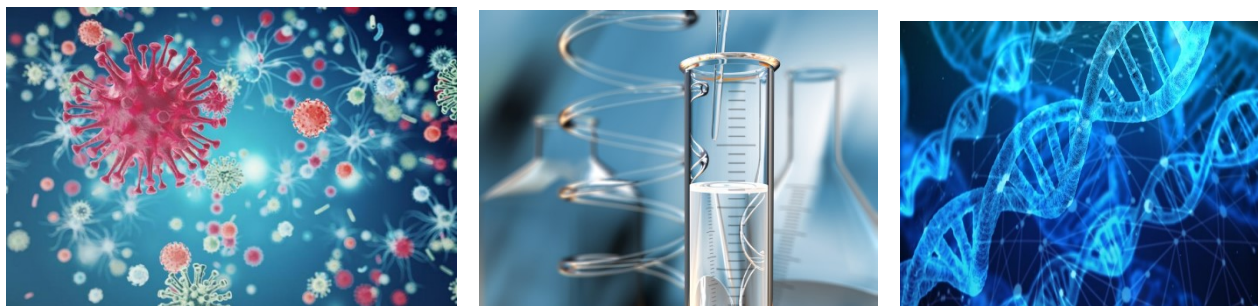
ITALY UNIT

Bioethics National Conference for High School Students
(Arlano Irpino, Biogem, Italy, April 2019)
Report on Scientific Research and Experimentation

THE RESPECT OF THE HUMAN BEING



Scientists' claim on Nature: stop clinical trials of genetic editing on human embryos (Il Sole 24 Ore)



The announcement of the birth in the Home Women's and Children's Hospital of Shenzhen (China) of two Hiv resistant babies thanks to an embrional edit (Crispr/Cas9) in a particular gene involved in the access of Hiv virus inside human cells which in a small percentage of the population makes people naturally resistant to the infection made scientists and bioethicists of the whole world take responsibility in front of a technique so advanced but about which there is still much to understand. It's necessary that the scientific community starts a process of evaluation which guarantees caution, transparency and worldwide sharing, nonetheless respecting the autonomy of the final decisions. The claim has been signed, among the others, by Luigi Naldini, the

director of Istituto San Raffaele-Telethon for gene therapy.

The director has called the attention of the scientific community not only to a ban of the technique, but also to the responsibility linked with everything that gene therapy involves: in fact, if genetic editing, the natural evolution of gene therapy, represents a great promise for future medicine, there are still many aspects to be studied; in the therapeutic field, moreover, there are no doubts in experimenting it in people suffering from serious illnesses such as AIDS, but it is different to apply it to embryonic cells before birth, with the risk of transmitting modified characters to the following generations. The reflection must not be the prerogative of scientists alone but also of national and international decision-making bodies.

The announcement in fact invites the decision-making bodies of all states to start a process of assessing the implications of therapy; while respecting the autonomy of the final choices that each nation will carry out also on the basis of its own historical-cultural background, it is suggested before starting the experiments to inform all the other countries of the initiative, justifying the rational, and being certain of the broad consensus from civil society. Precisely to encourage this process of awareness and responsibility, the signatories of the announcement hope for the creation of global observatories on the subject, made up of scientists, bioethicists, jurists and patient associations; on this line was born in Italy the Observatory for Advanced Therapies, of which Naldini himself is part and which we will discuss later.

Regulations and bodies for the patient's protection



The 13th article of the Italian Constitution reports: “The Republic guarantees health as a fundamental right of the human being and as a community's interest, and it ensures free treatments to the poor. No one can be forced to accept a sanitary treatment if the law does not dispose it. Law can not in any case violate the limits stated by the respect of the human being.”

As a consequence, if the primary and absolute health is stated by the Constitution, it is also stated non-health right. The 13th article previously reported, recognising and guaranteeing inviolable human rights, reposes the inviolability of the personal freedom. The free, reasoned and conscious choice not to enjoy the good-health is an expression of the rights of freedom and respect for human dignity (Constitutional Court, Judgment n ° 438/2008), for which it must be respected even if it determines life-threatening or damage danger for health.

This entails the right to accept, refuse and interrupt acts or interventions to safeguard one's health, carried out by third parties but against one's will.

Having put an end to the paternalistic physician-patient relationship of the past, the true protagonist of the state of well-being is the patient himself. Therapeutic adherence to a project shared with the doctor concretizes the patient's empowerment. Except for the mandatory ones, all the sanitary interventions performed need a free and conscious choice: the consent. It is through the

consent / dissent to medical treatment that the right to self-determination is exercised.

The same Medical Deontological Code (art. 35) prohibits any diagnostic and therapeutic activity without the patient's prior informed consent. The informed person must be aware of his / her illness, prognosis, the nature of the proposed medical treatment, the risks, costs, possible diagnostic-therapeutic alternatives, the risks associated with the omission of the same.

As reported in the previously mentioned Article 35 of the Medical Code of Ethics, "The doctor must not undertake diagnostic and / or therapeutic activities without the acquisition of explicit and informed consent from the patient. [...] In the presence of documented refusal of a capable person, the doctor must desist from the consequent diagnostic and / or curative acts, as no medical treatment is allowed against the will of the person." The consent must therefore be personal, or expressed exclusively by the holder capable of understanding and of wanting or from whoever exercises the power of guardianship; free; spontaneous; conscious; manifest, that is, expressed and ascertained; recettizio; revocable; specific and unequivocal; current; informed.

It is therefore an ethical, juridical and professional duty of the doctor to ensure that the acquisition of consent is not reduced to mere bureaucratic fulfillment, but is the result of the reception and critical processing of truthful, complete information, proportional to the patient's ability to understand. Consent is therefore essential to carry out any medical treatment (Law 145/01).

Regulation and control on research and experimentation

Furthermore, new biotechnologies, both those already known and those to come, now constitute a reality for the treatment of serious pathologies and an ever more concrete hope for many others. The Advanced Therapies Observatory arises from the need for correct information on the development of these new therapeutic approaches - from gene therapy to genomic editing, from cell therapy to immunotherapy, to RNA-targeted therapies - which, like any innovation, "breakthrough" in the field of medicine, they bring with them great challenges. Not only scientific but also of an ethical, regulatory and organizational nature. To address them and find solutions that guarantee patients access to this extraordinary innovation, information is needed, but also a mature dialogue between all parties involved.

L' Osservatorio Terapie Avanzate therefore proposes itself as a tool for patients, institutions, journalists and stakeholders: it wants to be an authoritative independent information portal but also a virtual place within which this dialogue can take place.

L' Osservatorio Terapie Avanzate is born from the experience and competence of Osservatorio Malattie Rare and therefore promotes, first of all, a correct communication, because to establish a comparison between all the parts common words are necessary and must clear the field of alarmism or easy enthusiasm.

Consequently, the Observatory promotes an activity of advocacy on the topic intended as a comparison, high and inclusive, with Institutions and all stakeholders, to identify regulatory and organizational paths such as to favor the fastest access by patients to therapies, guarantee sustainability of this system over time and allow this sector, in which Italy has long been a scientific leader, to become an opportunity for growth and development for the country.

Advanced Therapies Observatory has obtained patronage from the Telethon Foundation, without which advanced therapies in Italy would not already be a reality.

Another Italian body in charge of the control and protection of the experiment is the Comitato Nazionale per la Biosicurezza, le Biotechnologie e le Scienze della Vita (CNBBSV), born at the Presi-

gency of the Council of Ministers in 1992.

Initially it was called "Scientific Committee for risks deriving from the use of biological agents", in compliance with the provisions of the European directives on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms and on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms.

Subsequently his areas of expertise have multiplied and diversified and today include biotechnologies, biosecurity, nanotechnologies, GMOs, the evaluation of the patentability of biotechnological inventions (for example drugs).

The Committee has also been identified as a scientific guarantee body for the functioning of the DNA Database, together with the Privacy Guarantor.

What is the CNBBSV

The CNBBSV is a support body of the Government and, in particular, of the President of the Council of Ministers, for the elaboration of scientific, production, social security and consulting lines at national and community level.

The Committee also plays a role of coordination and harmonization of ministerial initiatives and activities and collaborates in defining the Italian position in the community field and in the international field, in those organizations where problems of biosecurity, biotechnologies and life sciences are debated.

The tasks of the committee

The CNBBSV has tasks of:

- developing the criteria for defining safety standards relating to the fields of biotechnology, biosecurity and life sciences, with particular regard to use confined to the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified micro-organisms;
- assess the risks from biological agents;
- collaborate in the elaboration of norms transposing European directives in the areas of competence.

Other tasks

The Committee is also the guarantee body for compliance with the criteria and technical standards for the functioning of the Central Laboratory for the National DNA Database and for the laboratories that supply it.

The CNBBSV carries out its activity mainly through work groups, set up to study particularly relevant and sometimes urgent topics.

In the past, the working groups have been involved in gene therapy, tissue engineering, biotechnology development in Italy, cloning, xenotransplantation, legal protection of biotechnological inventions, assessment of biological risks, training, infrastructures and networks of excellence at European level, screening population genetics, community and international relations, bioinformatics, certification of biobanks, risks from biological agents in the workplace, bionanotechnology, white biotechnology, surveillance of exposure to endocrine disruptors, industrial biotechnology, implementation of biotechnology development lines in Italy and today also microbio.

*by Students: Francesca Tornatore and Giulio Carmassi,
(18 years old, Classical High School, Aosta)*

About Units and Divisions



**Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University),
Sawangi, Wardha (MS), India**

**ETHOS-2019: Third National Bioethics, Medical & Research conference
11th, 12th & 13th July 2019**

The third National Bioethics, Medical and Research Conference, 'ETHOS-2019' was organized by Bioethics Unit and Students' Wing, Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, (Deemed to University), Wardha under the aegis of Indian Program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa). This prestigious conference was a three-days event held on 11, 12 and 13 July 2019 at DMIMS (DU), Wardha, India. The conference was accredited by State Medical council with four credit points.

This was a multidisciplinary congress with around thousand delegates belonging to health science disciplines: Medical, Dentistry, Ayurveda, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Allied Health sciences and other. On first day, there were a total of nine Preconference workshops. The scientific sessions in next two days were a nice blend of Thematic Oration, Student Oration (2), Key note address (6) and plenary sessions (10). Twenty esteemed speakers delivered the sessions during the conference.

In addition, a General body meeting was conducted by the Students' wing network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa). Around 140 oral scientific papers and 70 poster were presented during conference.

Knowledge and Technical Partners:

Medical Council of India, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine, Indian Public Health Association, Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar, BeTiC, Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative, AMSA India, Medical & Surgical Update Society, All India Medical Student Association, Medical Students Network, PrepLadder, Day Haatoo.

Theme of ETHOS-2019: 'Bioethics for bridging the health equity gap in an unequal and culturally diverse world'

Subthemes:

Principles of bioethics, Professionalism, Human dignity and rights, Culture and ethics, Ethics in Research, Gender, Reproductive health and bioethics, Disability Bioethics, Ethical issues in geriatrics, Ethics in public health, Biotech, Biobanking- Ethical issues , Ethics education in existing curriculum of health sciences, Ethics in clinical practice, health care organization/industry, Workplace ethics in hospitals/health centres, Ethics in allied health sciences, Other Target audience: Undergraduate, Postgraduate students and faculty of health science institutions/universities.

A] Inaugural ceremony:

The Thematic Oration was delivered by Dr Vedprakash Mishra; Hon'ble Chancellor, KIMS, Karad; Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor, DMIMS (DU); and National Head of the Academic Programme of the Indian Programme, UNESCO Chair in Bio-ethics (Haifa).

Prof. Russell D'Souza, Hon'ble Head & Chair, Asia Pacific Division of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) for Education Science and Technology based at Melbourne, Australia. Conference Co-Chair, ETHOS 2019 was the Chief guest.

Guest of honour were:

Dr. Satheesh Bhandary, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NITTE University (DU); President- Association of Indian Universities; Head-India Nodal centre and Deemed universities and Head, National Student Programs of the Indian Program, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa).

Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SRM Institute of Science & Technology; Chairman, Nodal Bioethics Centre, SRMIST, President Association of Indian Universities Head India Nodal Centre and Deemed Universities National Program Indian Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa).

Dr. S Geethalakshmi, Hon'ble Former Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR University; Pro Vice- Chancellor, Dr MGR Educational and Research Institute (DU), ACS Medical College and Hospital, Chennai; and Head, UNESCO Bioethics Wing of Health Sciences Universities, Head, National Teaching Faculty Training Program.

Dr Sanjay Zodpey, National President, Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine; Vice-President, Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi; Director, Indian Institute of Public Health, New Delhi.

Dr. Mary Mathew, Head of the Indian Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa and Professor Pathology, Kasturba Medical College Manipal.

The other dignitaries were:

Dr. Rajiv Borle, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DMIMS(DU) and Conference Chair

Dr. Neelam Mishra, Hon'ble Pro-Vice-Chancellor, DMIMS (DU) and National Head Allied Health Science program of Indian program UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), Conference Co- Chair, ETHOS 2019.

Dr. Penny Holding, Grand challenges Canada; Saving Brains Learning Platform Committee Member.

Dr. A.J Anjankar, Hon'ble Registrar, DMIMS(DU), Conference Co-Chair, ETHOS 2019.

Dr Prakash Behere, Director-Professor, Psychiatry, AVBRH and Ex Vice Chancellor, DY Patil Uni-

University, Kolhapur

Heads of institutions of constituent units of DMIMS(DU)

Inaugural ceremony witnessed the grand release of following: -
Conference Souvenir- ETHOS 2019

Abstract booklet – (Around 200 abstracts published in special supplement of JDMIMSU journal)

Global bioethics enquiry journal – September-2019 issue (consisting of received proposals for Student oration)

B] Pre conference workshops: 11 July 2019

On the first day of conference, a total of 9 workshops were conducted.

Enhancing ethical decisions using the SLICE model by Dr Mary Mathew

Enhancing your ethical quotient by Dr Princy Palatty

Effective communication, Personal Growth and Self-Development For Healthcare Professionals
by Dr Derek Dsouza

Theatre of the Oppressed by Mr. Ravi Ramaswamy

Literature search strategy and reference management by Dr Nazli Khatib

Basic Life support skills by Dr Sunil Nikose

Basic Surgical Skills by Dr. Mahendra Gudhe and Dr Sohael Khan.

Health Technology assessment by Dr Deepak Saxena, Dr Komal Shaha, Dr Somen Saha

Computer assisted interviewing by Dr Abhishek Raut and Dr Ashwini Kalantri

C] Student oration: To promote culture and aptitude of research, ethics and leadership among the students of health sciences universities, the organizing committee ETHOS 2019 started with a innovative idea of inviting the proposal/s for category of 'Student Oration'. The ten proposals as received for Student Oration in ETHOS 2019, were published in Global Bioethics Enquiry journal (September 2019 Issue). Two proposals were selected for the delivery in ETHOS 2019.

D] Student Events :

Onsite - Ad Mad show, Saga- Story making, Enigma- Treasure Hunt, Extempore , Depict the malady ,Dumb Charades, Showreel -Short film, Bolly Ethos, Grill -The quiz

Online- Essay writing

E] Scientific sessions:

Thematic oration: Bioethics for bridging the health equity gap in an unequal and culturally diverse world' : Dr Vedprakash Mishra; Hon'ble Chancellor, KIMS, Karad; Hon'ble Pro- Chancellor, DMIMS (DU); and National Head of the Academic Programme of the Indian Programme, UNESCO Chair in Bio-ethics (Haifa).

Social Media: the Newest Doctor in Town - Oshin Behl, Medical Intern, Maharashtra Institute of Medical Education and Research, Pune (MS)

The need for preparing medical students to be digitally responsible in addition to being socially responsible: Aakash Sethi, M.B.B.S Second year Government Medical College, Baroda, Gujarat

Ethical Research involving children- who has the right to say no? : Dr Penny Holding; Grand Challenges Canada, Saving Brains Learning Platform Committee Member

Fostering Ethical Leadership in Health Care Professionals: Prof Russell D'Souza, Head & Chair Asia Pacific Division, UNESCO Chair of Bioethics (Haifa)

Honing your moral compass : Dr Mary Mathew; Head, Indian Program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); and Professor, Pathology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal

Cognitive Enhancers – Ethical Justification: Dr Princy Louis Palatty; Head, South India Unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); and Prof. Pharmacology, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences

Causal chain analysis and HTA for complex interventions: Dr Denny John; Evidence Synthesis Specialist, Campbell Collaboration

Healing touch: Prof Satheesh Bhandary; NITTE University (DU); and Head, National Student Programs of the Indian Program, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Dealing with Academic Dishonesty: Prof. S Geethalakshmi; Hon'ble Former Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR University; Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr MGR Educational and Research Institute (DU) and Head, UNESCO Bioethics Wing of Health Sciences Universities; Head, National Teaching Faculty Training Program

Bioethics in Allied health sciences: Current scenario: Dr Neelam Mishra; Pro-Vice Chancellor, Datta, Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (DU); and National Head, Allied Program of Indian Program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Inequity in Health: A Challenge for Ethics in Public Health: Prof Sanjay Zodpey; President, Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine; Director, Indian Institute of Public Health, New Delhi; and Vice-President (North) Public Health Foundation of India

Smartphone addiction & ethical aspect: Dr. Avinash DeSousa; Founder & Chairman, De Sousa Foundation; Consultant, HN Reliance Hospital; Research Associate, Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Mumbai; and Managing & Associate Editor, Global Bioethics Enquiry

Ethical issues in Clinical research: Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi; Director (Academics); IQAC Co-ordinator; Prof & Head, Surgery, MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Mumbai; Head, MGMIHS Bioethics Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Euthanasia and ethical issues: Indian context: Dr. Praveen Arora; Head, International Committee for World Bioethics Day, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa; Prof. & Head, Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, Sri Aurobindo Medical College and PG Institute, Indore

Ethical principles for authorship in medical publications: Prof Archana Patel; Program Director, Lata Medical Research Foundation, Nagpur

Plagiarism: Ethical issue in scientific publications: Prof Arvind Bhake; Chief-Editor, Journal of Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences; and Professor & Head, Pathology, JNMC Sawangi, Wardha

Contribution of Ayurveda in foundation of basic tenets of Bioethics: Dr Kiran Tawlare; Assistant Professor, Kriya Sharir, Shri Ayurved College, Nagpur; and Co-Editor, JETHS

Supporting families and communities for nurturing care: role of nurturing care: Role of health sector: Dr Subodh Gupta; Professor, Social Paediatrics, MGIMS, Sewagram

The valedictory function was presided over by Hon'ble Chief coordinator, DMIMS (DU), Dr. S.S. Patel and in august presence of Dr. Penny Holding, Grand Challenge Canada, ECD Platform member. Awards for best oral and poster paper presentation and winners of students events were felicitated. In these three days, the participants refreshed themselves with thought-provoking & informative talks rendered by experienced resource persons in their respective fields. The delegates witnessed meaningful and constructive discussions and experience sharing. Overall the conference provided a much-needed platform for delegates from health science disciplines to exchange and disseminate ideas, views, in interdisciplinary field of bioethics for addressing health equity. The conference engaged the participants in meaningful and constructive discussions with key stakeholders and promoted academic partnership.

Glimpses of ETHOS 2019





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TURKEY UNIT

Dear Readers,

We are happy to share with you that Turkish Ethics Unit of the International Network- UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at the Hacettepe University Medical School and Hacettepe University Bioethics Center have published the second issue of the Newsletter of the UNESCO "Reflections on Bioethics from Turkey". Our newsletter is planned to be published as 2 issues in a year and is waiting to be read and evaluated by you.

To be as Turkey Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and Hacettepe University Bioethics Center, we are proud to bring you our activities, projects and voice via this online newsletter.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this June Issue.

As a brief introduction, we have five sections which are *Scientific Studies*, *Events*, *Interview*, *Travel Writing* and *Memorial / Literature / Critical Writing* in this issue.

The section of **Scientific Studies** includes articles titled, "CRISPR and Ethics (Nuket ORNEK BUKEN)" and "Should HIV be Prevented by Genetic Modification? (Bircesu USLU)".

Dr. Nuket Ornek Buken, in her article "CRISPR and Ethics", discusses the application of CRISPR-Cas9 which is defined as the most effective and multifaceted genomic engineering tool ever produced in the history of molecular biology, and its possible ethical problems. The main topics discussed here are genome engineering technology offers a unique potential to change human and non-human genomes, the genome engineering technology promises to cure genetic diseases in humans while it provides reshaping methods of biospheres in other organisms for the benefit of the environment and human communities, however, there are also unknown risks for human health and well-being with such great opportunities. Thus, the steps which should be taken to ensure the implementation of genome engineering technology in a safe and ethical manner is discussed in this article.

Afterwards, Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine student Bircesu Uslu brings discussions on He Jiankui who claims that he made genetic code changes in the DNAs of twin babies by using the Crispr-Cas9 method in her essay "Should HIV Be Prevented by Genetic Modification?" and, argues whether genetic modifications should be allowed or not.

In addition, this section includes doctoral theses of our PhD students that are being studied in our department: "Central Asian Turkish Medicine and The Theory of Humoral Pathology (H. Volkan ACAR)", "Comparative Analysis of Legal Documents on Bioethics of the Council of Europe and Turkey: A Bioethical Approach (Cagri Z. UNSAL)" and "An Evaluation of the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Emergency Medical Physicians of University Hospitals in Ankara on the Management of Violence Against Women in terms of Medical Ethics (Arif H. KOKEN)".

Hacettepe University Institute of Health Sciences Medical Ethics and History PhD Program student Dr. H. Volkan ACAR gives brief information about "Central Asian Turkish Medicine and The Theory of Humoral Pathology" which is also the title of his thesis that he has recently started.

The summary of Dr. Acar's study is: "The subsisting tradition of Central Asian Turkish Medicine has been around before and after the mass migration of the Turks to Anatolia and it can be linked to Chinese, Mongol, Tibet and Indian medical traditions as well as Islamic medical traditions. Humoral Pathology Theory, which has first been systematized in the 5th Century B.C. and has been used as a base in medicine was a dominant vision in nearly the whole world until the 19th Century. It can be seen that this theory, which had been shaped by the Four Elements, has affected the understanding of Central Asian Turkish Medicine after the Turks had transitioned to Islam. But when inspecting sources from Central Asian Turkic societies, it can be seen that the base of the Humoral Pathology Theory isn't mainly based on the Four Elements but has been affected by other concepts of medicine from different traditions. Sources about this are mainly religious texts. The different concepts of medicine observed in texts from Central Asian Turkic societies could be because of historical periods, geographical standpoints and the beliefs in the environment." In the frame of this brief information, Dr. Acar's hypothesis is that "the main reason of the differences in the concepts of medicine are purely based on belief", and his main objective is "to inspect mainly religious texts where you would be able to find this kind of information and find the possible reasons of the different concepts of Humoral Pathology in Central Asian Turkic societies."

Hacettepe University Institute of Health Sciences Medical Ethics and History PhD Program student and Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of History of Medicine and Ethics Research Assistant Cagri Zeybek Unsal is about to finish her PhD thesis which has the title "Comparative Analysis of Legal Documents on Bioethics of the Council of Europe and Turkey: A Bioethical Approach", and she shares its summary with you: "Convergence between life sciences and engineering have led to a rapid paradigm shift on diagnosing and treating diseases in the 21st century. Accordingly, new diagnostic tools and treatments developed which have been changing since ancient times during history of medicine, resulted in several questions and concerns in the intersection of human rights, ethics and law. Within the scope of our doctoral thesis, these questions and concerns have addressed on the grounds of the Oviedo Convention of the Council of Europe and future needs of Turkey discussed from a legal perspective. Our research takes into consideration the solutions for human rights and ethical problems by the Council of Europe in the biomedical field while comparing different country legislation examples regarding biomedicine. At the end of our research, suggestions will be made in line with the thesis findings and emerging needs of Turkey in the era of information."

Hacettepe University Institute of Health Sciences Medical Ethics and History PhD Program student and Kirsehir Ahi Evran University Faculty of Medicine, Department of History of Medicine and Ethics Research Assistant Dr. Arif Hudai KOKEN also shares the summary of his thesis which has just finished and has been waiting to be defended. The title of the thesis is "Comparative Analysis of Legal Documents on Bioethics of the Council of Europe and Turkey: A Bioethical Approach", and in this study, the knowledge, attitudes and practices of the physicians working in emergency medicine field of seven university hospitals in Ankara on the management of violence against women were evaluated in terms of medical ethics. In the light of the research findings, some examples that will contribute to the issues related to the ethics of medicine and institutional policy are presented to the emergency medicine physicians by examining the world examples in the field of emergency medicine.

Dr. Koken shows in research that violence against women is a serious public health problem, and providing health services to women affected by violence in a qualified way from a gender perspective is directly related to healthcare workers and the whole health system. According to him

“Physicians are part of the health system in combating violence against women. For this reason, physicians should pay attention to the welfare of women who are subjected to violence as a requirement of professional professionalism. For this purpose, guidelines for violence case management that physicians and health institutions should comply with are developed and improved in different countries.” He argues that “In the dynamic environment conditions that are specific to the emergency department, the attitudes of physicians working in emergency medicine to the phenomenon of violence against women are important. Ethical issues such as providing beneficence, non-maleficence, respect for autonomy, privacy and security are becoming more important when planning health care services for the women who are exposed to violence and developing health and institutional policies.”

The papers under the **Events** section of this issue highlight the organizations of this year in and out of our department including, “XI. Lokman Hekim History of Medicine and Folkloric Medicine Days (Gulay HALIDI)”, “Series of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine Conferences (HACETTEPE TETKON)”, “Discussion Hours with Specialists” and “Assistant Ethics Education (Hacettepe University ASET)”.

Cukurova University Institute of Health Sciences Medical Ethics and History PhD Program student Gulay Halidi evaluates XI. Lokman Hekim History of Medicine and Folkloric Medicine Days which was held in June 18-21 by Kirsehir Ahi Evran University. Halidi states that *“Like the legendary Lokman Hekim who tries to find a cure for death, Lokman Hekim History of Medicine and Folkloric Medicine Days tries to continue its existence by keeping its soul and expanding its family.”*

TETKON is a series of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine Conferences in Hacettepe University which are organized monthly on current issues in any discipline. Discussions Hours with Specialists are events where PhD theses are presented by young academicians who have just completed their PhD programs. ASET is an Assistant Physician Ethics Education which is a postgraduate ethics education for assistant physicians at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine and organized twice in a year since 2001.

Dr. Muge DEMIR made an **Interview** with Prof. Dr. Alp CAN in the next section where they discuss about ethical elements of stem cell research ("Brief Overview of Ethical Elements of Stem Cell Research"). Prof. Dr. Alp CAN is an academician at Department of Histology and Embryology at Ankara University and an important name in his area in Turkey. He answers Dr. Demir's questions while taking attention on Turkey's current status.

The section of **Travel Writing** consists of "Karslbad in the Memories of Atatürk or Karlovy Vary, the Spa City of the Czech Republic" which is written by H. Volkan ACAR. Karlovy Vary is one of the most touristic city in Czech Republic where Atatürk had been there for his treatment.

The last section is **Memorial / Literature / Critical Writing**, and it contains "Turkey's first Center for Bioethics: First International Visitor Researchers from the Eye (Sevda AYDIN KARIMOVA)", "Human Rights and Public Freedoms, Ahmet MUMCU (Cagri Z. UNSAL)", "Becoming Myself: A Psychiatrist's Memoir, Irvin D. YALOM (Sukru KELES)" and "Four False, One True (Ahmet NACAR)" writings.

Sevda Aydin Kerimova was a visiting researcher at Hacettepe Bioethics Center, Ankara and she will continue to study in bioethics. In her memorial writing "Turkey's first Center for Bioethics: First International Visitor Researchers from the Eye", she shares her observations and feelings

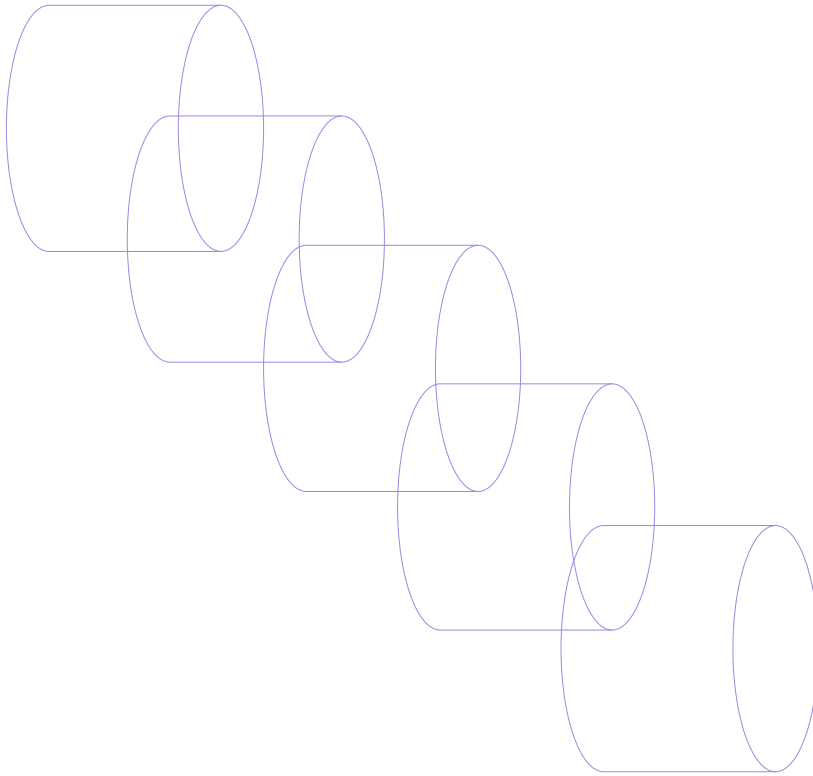
with us about Hacettepe University Center of Bioethics (HUBAM) where she had been for six months.

In literature and critical writing section, Cagri Zeybek Unsal introduces Ahmet Mumcu's book: *Human Rights and Public Freedoms*, and she takes us back to the period of human rights struggle. Dr. Sukru Keles is a lecturer at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of History of Medicine and Ethics, and he shares with us Irvin Yalom's book: *Becoming Myself: A Psychiatrist's Memoir*. This book is published in Turkish Language for the first time by Pegasus Publishing House in 2017.

Lastly, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Nacar touch our hearts with his poem: "Four False, One True". He is also a student at Hacettepe University Institute of Health Sciences Medical Ethics and History PhD Program, and he says that "*The truths are so powerful that all of four false can barely cope with one true.*"

As the editorial board of "REFLECTIONS ON BIOETHICS FROM TURKEY", we wish you a pleasant reading.

Prof. Dr. Nuket Ornek Buken
Editor



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SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre is situated beside the National Highway road at Potheri, Kattankulathur between Tambaram and Chengalpattu in a sprawling 33.61-acre campus. The proximity of the Medical College Hospital campus to other Institutions of the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (formerly known as SRM University) namely Engineering, Management, Dental, Arts & Science and Biotechnology is strategic in facilitating collaborative research. The Hospital serves a population of over 300000 in and around Kattankulathur.

SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre could accommodate 1200 in-patients with annual intake of 150 Medical undergraduates and in addition has 19 Broad specialities, 8 Super specialities specialization in Postgraduate medical education and has par excellent infrastructure facilities.

SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre has residential apartments for staff, hostels for students, food court and shopping complex, which are all a part of the scenic campus.

SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre offers a plethora of opportunities to climb the career ladder as well as to change this world to a better healthier one providing sophisticated treatment and propagating preventive health measures.

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Chennai - Major Attractions



Marina Beach

Bustling urban beach featuring a long shoreline for basking & a variety of food stalls & shop. Chennai's Marina Beach happens to be India's longest and world's second longest beach.



Government Museum

State collections including Indian art & sculpture, bronzes, anthropology & a children's section. It is the second oldest museum in India after the Indian Museum in Kolkata.



Chennai Central Railway Station

Chennai Central, formerly known as Madras Central, is the main railway terminus in the city of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. It is the busiest railway station in South India.



Guindy National Park

8th National Park of India and one of the very few national parks situated inside a city.



Mahabalipuram

The temple city of Mahabalipuram (also Mamallapuram) is situated just 60 km off Chennai on the Bay of Bengal coast.

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BIOETHICON 2019

7th to 10th November 2019

SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai India

The Asia Pacific Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics successfully organised the “1 International Conference on Bioethics in Health Sciences - BIOETHICON 2019” that was held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRM IST), Chennai, India, from 8th to 10th November 2019 with pre-conference courses on 7th November.

This unique Conference proved to be an exclusive platform for the exchange of Bioethics education, information and knowledge. The elaborate scientific programme featured 12 Pre-Conference workshops; 3 Workshops during the Conference, including Health Law, medical negligence issues and concerns, and integrated bioethics themes over the 3 days. Panel discussions featuring experts from varied disciplines, interactive lecture sessions, exhibition of posters and photographs highlighting bioethical issues in health sciences were the other stellar features of the Conference.

In total, there were more than 3600 registered delegates and 1100 papers presented. Of these 16 Keynote Speakers, 36 Plenary Sessions with International speakers from Australia, USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Portugal, Sri Lanka, and Malaysia deliberated on a wide array of issues facing healthcare practice today.

The quality of the scientific content over all the days of the deliberations was greatly appreciated by all the delegates with a large number of presentations from the Medical, Dental, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Allied Sciences as well as from senior representatives of Indian Medical Association, National Board of Examinations to name a few. There was keen yet healthy competition for the prizes in all disciplines and a total of 87 prizes were finally awarded.

The successful conduct of such a conference was possible only thanks to the outstanding teamwork and dedicated co-operation from the truly International Organising Committee; headed by the Conference Co-Chairs, Professor Amnon Carmi, Head and Chair Holder, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa and Professor Dr Russell Franco D’Souza, Director, Dept of Education and Head, Asia – Pacific Region, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa. The Organising Chairperson Dr Mary Mathew, Head Indian program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa from Manipal and Organising Secretary, Dr Derek D’Souza, Head, MIMER Bioethics Unit at Pune worked in close co-operation to ensure that maximum number of papers and delegates could be accommodated. They were most ably assisted by an outstanding local organising committee at SRM IST lead by Dr Sancheti, Vice Chancellor; Dr Sundaram, Dean, SRM Medical College and Dr Gireesh Deputy Dean, SRM Medical College. The Heads of all the Bioethics Units all over the globe contributed in their own way by encouraging the members to attend and also providing timely assistance when required.

The Conference served to ignite a huge interest in Bioethics and already the demand and enquires for future meetings are pouring in. It is heartening to note that most of the attendees were students and younger faculty which encourages us that the future of health sciences practice is surely poised to face any difficulties head-on and they will continue to provide ethical, high quality services despite all challenges.

by Prof. Derek DSouza

“Change Starts with Art”

The 14th of November 2019, We Are Stronger Charity, inspired by this year anti-bullying week theme “Changes”, organized in London the awareness campaign event “Change Starts with Art”. Why art? Because Art is a form of communication and expression, but also meditation and mental balance; it allows individuals to connect with themselves and with others. It helps transforming feeling of depression, anxiety, fears brought up by bullying experiences into something positive, meaningful and powerful. Paintings, pictures, writings, music, dancing were all combined in one evening, showing the empowering features of transformation; an artwork exhibition accompanied by live piano music, followed by a tango performance, a portrait maker and a writer,

Now present in two countries Italy and UK, as an anti-bullying charity we train colleges, universities and workplaces, albeit we predominantly work with primary and secondary schools, key, given children are future society. Remarking the importance of prevention, it is easier to intervene on young subjects rather than adults, as their brains react faster to changes and information; in fact we rely on neuro-plasticity concept, which is the ability of the brain to change and transform, primary driver of our methodologies.

In the anti-bullying spectrum there are gaps that pushed us toward the creations of new methodologies, including: the anti-bullying on transport which intends to prepare not just schools and bus drivers, but to create a consistent cooperation and accountability of responsibility amongst various entities: schools, transportation companies, police and local authorities; and the role model module, with the goal of reintegrating bullies and violent subjects.

In fact our unique vision sees bullies as victims requiring help and support.

Often bullies come from problematic background, with deprivation of parental needs, and primary needs; violent and aggressive environment can either develop violent or

We strengthen young individual, providing them special tools and instruments, to help them succeed, overcome difficult moment and trauma, we support them boosting their confidence and building enough joyful memories, weakening those neural paths linked to negative habit and experiences.

Written by

Olga Venosa, Founder and Chair

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Reporting as a protective instrument"



<<It is just a bruise, it is just a black eye, it is just...the truth is, I am not good enough, I am wrong, I have upset him, he was tired, he said it was my fault. I went to report him, the officer said I am overthinking, stressed, paranoid, he thinks I am crazy. Today I couldn't breathe, I went into emergency, I had some broken ribs, I said I fell, I couldn't tell he kicked me, it was my fault, after all he loves me>>. Although it might seem a thriller narrative, this is what lots of women are facing every day, slave of a subtle psychological game that leaves them powerless attached to violent men, if they are lucky enough they will survive, but some might not; violence is increasing: femicide, bullying, stalking, sexual abuse...any kind of violence. The system often fails to recognise and identify target of violence, victimising twice individuals in need. I wanted things to change and with me Cristiana Merli (Donne al Centro Chair) wanted it too. The 20th of November 2019 my charity We are Stronger in cooperation with Donne al Centro nonprofit, organized an event in Rome, willing to create synergies and cooperation amongst various entities: police, local authorities, judges, criminologists, charities, and moreover to send a message to the public "Don't be afraid, and report!". Maria Monteleone (Magistrate Judge, Coordinator of the anti-violence group), Angela Altamura (Leader of the Police anti-crime division in Rome), Francesca Lauria (Captain of Carabinieri division), Ilenia Guerrieri (criminal lawyer) and Susanna Capitani (psychiatrist) were key guest speakers, delivering critical information to understand how to inter-

yene in different circumstances, how to use reporting as a useful tool, how psychological manipulation precedes physical violence, how in Italy, new instruments like warning, help reduce timing in crucial cases. Prevention and training are essential, reaching schools, transportation companies and parents for bullying, police staff for domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking; the relevance of bystanders: children, relatives, friends and how significant is their actions toward reporting, is vital to create a protective instrument.

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Next World Conference in Porto



Schedule*

	Monday, May 11	Tuesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 13	Thursday, May 14
08:00-08:30	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:30-10:30	Opening Session	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	Plenary Session
10:30-10:45	Light Refreshments	Light Refreshments	Light Refreshments	Light Refreshments
10:45-12:15	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
12:15-13:45	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
13:45-14:00	Light Refreshments	Light Refreshments	Light Refreshments	
14:00-16:00	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	
16:00-17:30	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	
19:00	Optional Social Evening	Optional Social Evening	Optional Social Evening	

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The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics is pleased to invite you to become an active participant at the *14th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics & Health Law*, to be held in Porto on May 11-14, 2020. The Conference is designed to offer a platform for the exchange of information and knowledge and to hold discussions, lectures, workshops and exhibition of programs and databases.

Target Groups

- physicians • nurses • dentists • social workers
- psychologists • psychiatrists • lawyers • judges • bioethicists
- philosophers • researchers • writers • ethics committee members • teachers • educators • rectors, deans and administrators of academic institutes • hospital managers
- teachers and students of medical, nursing, ethics, psychology, philosophy and law schools and faculties • professional, cultural and volunteer organizations and associations
- governmental & public bodies • speech and language therapists • veterinarians • nutritionists & dietitians

Language: The World Conference will be held in English



Abstracts of approximately 200 words on any of the listed topics are invited for oral or poster presentation. All submissions must be written in English. Each participant may present only one lecture or one poster. See website for submission information.
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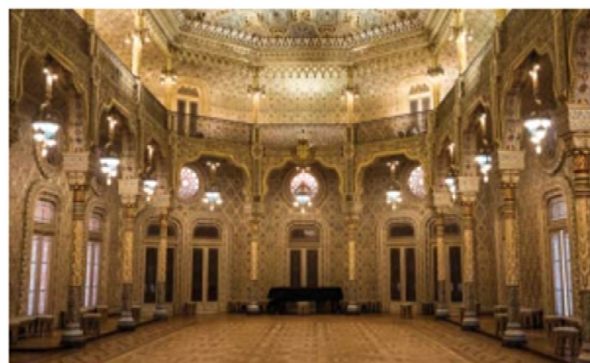
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Message of Chair's Holder

One picture is worth a thousand words

I wish to congratulate the Editorial board of Chair's Newsletter, who dedicated the current issue to the fourth World Bioethics Day. I add my blessing to the International Committee of the project led by Prof. Arora Praveen.

I have to admit that when I decided to hold this kind of celebration five years ago, I did not believe that we would be able to hold it on such a large scale in such a short space of time.

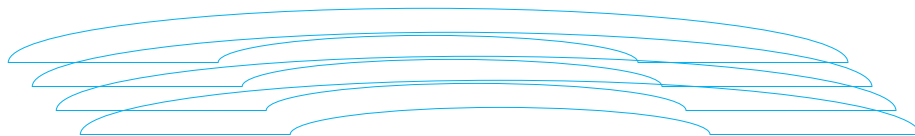
The current issue covers a wonderful story of gatherings across five continents. The meetings this year focused on the issue of the ethical duty of respecting cultural diversity. Lectures were accompanied by diverse programs and captivating cultural activities.

As in past gatherings, local and international competitions were held, and awards were given to dozens of winners. "One picture is worth a thousand words." The many photos in our newsletter adorn the written reports, and reflect important and beautiful events in which the Chair's Units hosted the thousands of participants.

I congratulate the organizers of the Fourth Bioethics Day and the Newsletter editors, and invite all readers to attend the next year's main event:

The 14th World Conference of the UNESCO Chair to be held in Porto, Portugal on May 11-14, 2020

Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head
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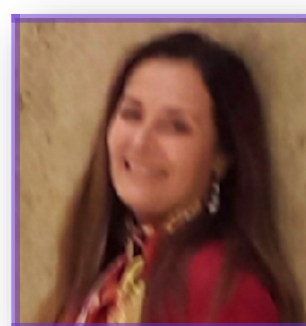
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