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EDITORIAL

Reawakening and mobilizing consciences

Everyday magazines talk about a world where ethics is unknown. Where individual rights are mortified, trampled on and even mocked. How is it possible not to feel anguish looking at the point where injustice has arrived? And how is it possible not to feel bitterness seeing how frequently are being "broken" public "banks" to offenses, wrongs, oppressions, vexations, abuses (let us think to abuses on minors), in one word seeing the abuse of power spreading among human beings which results in new collective conflicts and new barbarity?

Together with the spreading of new violence and acts of cruelty of new and old fanaticisms, there is also the drift of certain politics and the irresponsibility of some governors with regard to the present and the future of their Countries, the Planet and the mankind.

We have to add that there is a consolidated attitude to resignation, mystification and to make consciences sleeping rather than reawakening.

There is indeed a lot to do in the world for people like us who give priority to the respect of human person's fundamental values which are not negotiable. So, even the news contributes to revoke Bioethics to its duties. Woe betide

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you, if you close your eyes or contribute to the silence. We need an example often proposed by the news to start again, which is the example of the refugees and new migrants: a huge problem indeed. Everybody of us see them.

We face one of the biggest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War. A real catastrophe. Africa, Asia, Europe, Americas are full of icon places where women, men and children escaped from hunger and wars are pressed-up in improvised refugee camps, suspended between life and tragedy, who cannot go on with their journey in search of hope, and who are condemned to return back again. Return back to death. And what risks to do who should manage this colossal emergency?

Reality shows contradictions and inability of politics which is blocked because it fears populisms and consent decline. Fears which are understandable and justifiable. To whom knows how to read the news it is clear that politics is playing a dangerous game aimed at discharging the refugees on the shoulders of other countries and at confusing public opinion with the illusion that building barriers is useful, even though they will reveal as useless now or then. That is. It is up to us claiming that refugees are not commodities nor garbage to eliminate with the use of bulldozer, but remembering that they are people.

Another example comes from the increase of a dangerous bind apparently inextricable of bad habits and interests that in many sectors has substituted the place of an ethical action able to promote and preserve the common good. There is a lot to do, something we want to do personally. Creating a new culture of integrity, able to respect the others and aimed at the common interest. Able to orient new generations' behavior. Educating the youngsters knowing that in order to teach bioethics it is necessary starting from the schools. The journey is still very long and will require time and efforts even bigger than before. This is easily explained: we have to establish a new education to bioethics. This is ambitious, indeed.

We are going to do it as always, in a positive way rather than with denounces and mere disapprovals. We will show many examples of virtuous people that are applying these principles every day. We are persuaded that the best way to teach – in Bioethics too – is through examples.

To guide this ambitious project there will be two Committees appointed by Prof. Amnon Carmi, Director of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics: a Scientific Comitee and an International Committee of the Youth Bioethics Education project, with Dr. Miroslava Vasinova as President. Both the Committees will be involved in the testing and upgrading of the First Syllabus of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa, published on September 2015.

There is also another really important initiative promoted by our Chair. It has been established the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY that will be celebrated for the first time on the 19th October 2016 in all the world.

The presentation of this project, coordinated by Dr. Praveen Arora, and the report on the different proposals for the celebrations of the WBD of the 60 Units adhering to the initiative are included in the following pages of this newsletter in the rubric dedicated to the event.

Before wishing you to enjoy the Newsletter, two more good news that will please every body. The first one is to stimulate our proudness and our sense of belonging. We are many in all the world. We continue growing. The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa, has established 106 Units in five continents and 60 countries of the world.

The second news is from our Director of the Chair, Prof. Amnon Carmi, whose actions and work arise our esteem and sincere gratitude. He announces that next UNESCO Chair in Bioethics World Conference will be held in Cyprus from 21th to 23th March 2017.
Less than a year; so let us organize on time!

Dr. Giacomo SADO, Editorial board Director



Next World Conference

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa

First Announcement

The 12th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law

will be held at the

St. Raphael Hotel Resort & Congress Center

Limassol, Cyprus

on 21-23 March, 2017

in collaboration with the

World Medical Association (WMA)

&

International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)

St. Raphael Hotel Resort & Congress Center

Located on the outskirts of Limassol, St. Raphael combines all the advantages of a carefully chosen, tranquil location: the calm sea at its doorstep and the colorful liveliness of Limassol. With 43,000 square meters of landscaped gardens and a large sandy beach, the resort is an oasis of pleasure. There are six excellent choices of restaurants to suit all moods and occasions and three magnificent bars. The resort features two floodlit tennis courts, a health club and a fully equipped gymnasium.





Cyprus

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean. The island has over 400 miles of stunning coastline. Cyprus has a rich and varied history. Many civilizations have come over the centuries, including the Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Lusignans, Genoese, Venelians, Ottomans and British, each leaving a part of their heritage. The island has a rugged and mountainous interior that offers breathtaking scenery and many outdoor activities. It offers excellent hidden gems to be discovered in coastal towns and villages, such as taverns serving local produce or workshops and traditional crafts.

Cyprus is home to ten UNESCO-listed churches, some located in the most spectacular and unspoiled areas of the island, and contain rare and astonishing fresco decoration.

The Academic/Professional Platform

The Conference is designed to offer a PLATFORM for the exchange of information and knowledge and to hold discussions, lectures, workshops and an exhibition of programs and databases.

Target Groups

Members of Ethics Committees, Physicians, Forensic Doctors, Nurses, Teachers and Educators in Medical Schools, Nursing Schools, Law Schools, Schools of Social Work, Faculties of Philosophy and Ethics, Professional Organizations, Governmental & Public Bodies

Main Aspects

Bioethics, Medical Ethics, Health Law

Ethics Committees

Biomedical Research and Experimentation

Forensic Medicine, Law and Ethics

Bioethics Education

Abstracts

Abstracts of approximately 250 words are invited for oral or poster presentation: confer@isas.co.il

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Health workers and Web medicine: vascular surgeon's point of view

by Prof. Domenico PALOMBO and Dr. Simone MAMBRINI, Genoa University San Martino Hospital, Italy

Web can be defined in many ways. One of them is "web as virtual library", containing an extraordinary mix of information which goes from notionism to oddities, with global encyclopedic potentialities very easy to consult thanks to several links and many research engines and thanks to several services accessible to everybody or to a selected part of internet users who have previously signed up and obtained the access through a key word or a password.

Quite everybody can become a web editor, publishing some contents able to reach a global audience. It is sufficient to have an electronic device able to access the web, some specific programs, some space on the web and a knowledge of the laws of the Country where the server web is positioned. The server web is a computer which manages electronic space and web services.

Quite everybody can read the contents published by web editors using an electronic device (computer, tablet, smartphone etc.) where there are installed some specific programs: the most important of these programs is the web browser. The access can be free and open if the web editor has previously decided for this kind of access to his/her website. Sometimes the access can be limited and so the audience will be composed only by selected people who have previously registered on the website (for free or by paying a fee) and obtained a keyword or a password to read the contents of the site, if the web editor has decided to use the account system.

Obviously a lot of space in the web is dedicated to medical issues, which go from scientific libraries, dedicated to specialists and researchers, to blogs, where anybody can comment and rate health facilities and health workers who work there.

The interpretation of the relationship between Medicine and Web has some contradictory consequences: actually there are several advantages but also many disadvantages, which are sadly well-known by health workers.

After a first analysis we could infer that this contradiction depends on an inappropriate use of

the instrument, but, assuming the Web as instrument, which can be the correct criteria to use, considering the variety of web editors and web users?

Obviously, health workers should use the extraordinary functionalities of the web to facilitate the caring activity, using the web to easily collect information and notions or using the futuristic possibilities of robotic operating telemedicine. On the contrary, patients and their relatives will surf the web to look for answers related to the disease they are facing and to seek a relief for their troubles and fears related to the cure. In this case, patients and relatives could assume a cultural and psychological disadvantaged condition due to the enormous amount of information collected in the web. The consequence of the vulnerability of this kind of web users is they could fall into some traps hidden through the net, believing to what is most psychologically comfortable.

Although it is human accepting that a patient demands to be cured and to obtain results which unluckily are very difficult to achieve in the "real world" (truthful results published by International Medical Centers of Excellence which are better compared to the average results of common medical centers), it is deplorable accepting that a patient can be misled by false results, published in the web by health workers whose morality is in doubt.

These remarks open the possibility to think about the interesting but controversial introduction of some criteria to distinguish between what is medical "misinformation" in the web and what is truthful information, although it is clear that it is impossible to stop completely the complex phenomenon of medical "misinformation".

For any Political System it could be very hard to organize a system aimed at monitoring and controlling information on the web into legislative codes. In Italy, for example, the Council of Ministers has proposed many bills inspired by EU Directives aimed at harmonizing the market of multimedia contents and at safeguarding some fundamental rights of citizen and professionals, like copyright or the protection from defamation. Some of these bills have also been approved and transformed in Legislative Decrees, but there are still some lacunas. In the Italian "Decreto Romani" (Romani Decree) personal websites, blogs and online daily magazines which publish informative videos and news are excluded from legal obligation. More copious is the number of bills trying to address these licit problems: they are so unpopular among web users than they are now stored in parliamentary boards offices. The bill named "Cassinelli WiFi" proposes the regulatory requirement of identification for web editors, disregard of the physical person, and the bill named "Carlucci" proposes the prohibition of anonymously publishing online any contents and extends without exception the norms regulating the Press to the web – especially for the protection from defamation. In addition, this bill proposes the establishment of a committee to preserve legality on the web. In the bill named "Levi" it is proposed the regu-

latory requirement of registration in the ROC for blogs and amateur websites.

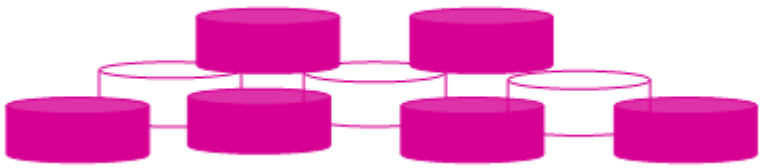
It is so clear that many efforts are still necessary to prepare and introduce some systems of selection of online medical contents due to the difficulties which separate us from reaching this demanding aim.

There is also a third category of web users: people who use the relation between Medicine and Web for propaganda and advertisement. In this group there are included health workers and professionals interested in the medical field whose morality is in doubt, who use the web to diffuse misinformation on medical results.

It is clear why it happens that some people mistrust physicians' words, which is very dangerous for the relation between physicians-patients-relatives: too many big expectations from the cure, misleading information, false results published online and web-supported culture of suspect toward medical actions.

This vicious circle should be interrupted by the efforts of the “experts” who shall select web contents without realizing a new form of obscurantism: the citizen's right to be informed thanks to the web and to be free to evaluate information should be always preserved.

In conclusion, the relation between Medicine and Web should not be demonized: it would be very important to introduce some selection criteria to distinguish between information and misinformation, in order to recuperate the relation between Physician and Patient as antidote to media poisoning.





Proposed Changes to New Zealand Regulations on the Importation of Gametes and Embryos

by Dr Carolyn MASON*, Head of Philosophy, Philosophy Undergraduate Coordinator, Acting Chair of ECART (the New Zealand Ethics Committee for Artificial Reproduction Technology), University of Cantebury, Christchurch, New Zealand*

Gametes are not commercially available in New Zealand, and there are waiting lists for both sperm and eggs. In response, some New Zealanders cross state borders to buy gametes. Women who have not found an egg donor within New Zealand may, for example, travel to California, Argentina, or India to buy eggs from young women who fit their desired genetic and social profile. Intending mothers remain in the country until the eggs are fertilized and one or two embryos are transferred into their uteruses. When they return to New Zealand, any unused embryos remain frozen in the country where they were created, as embryos produced from commercially supplied gametes cannot legally be used when imported into New Zealand.

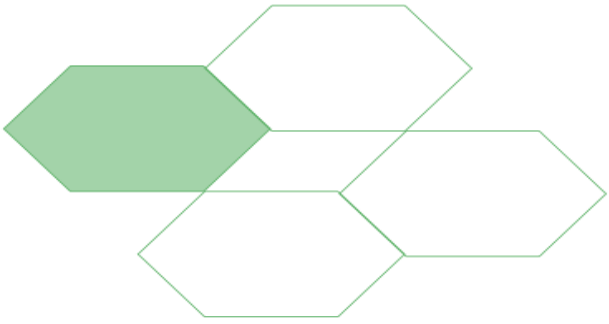
In March, 2015, the New Zealand Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology (ACART) provided advice to the Minister of Health about requirements for importing in vitro gametes and embryos into New Zealand for use in assisted reproduction ('Advice to the Minister of Health on requirements for importing and exporting in vitro gametes and embryos for human reproductive research and human assisted reproductive technology', 30 Mar 2015). This advice aims in part to protect New Zealand's ability to limit harm that may arise from commercialization of gametes, but also suggests moves to reduce harm that may come from the accessibility of commercially supplied gametes overseas.

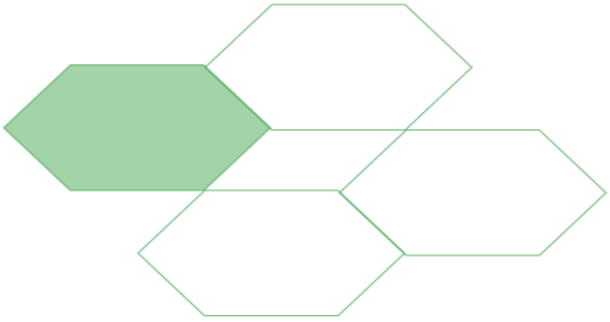
ACART's advice to the Minister aims to avoid inconsistencies that arise when state regulations can be circumvented by importing something into a country that could not be legally obtained in that country. However, ACART recommends that intending parents are able to import gametes bought in other states, and embryos produced from those gametes, if the intending parents already have a child with the same genetic inheritance as those gametes or embryos. The suggested law change is aimed at reducing harm that may occur from, first, families being created from more donors than would otherwise be necessary, and, second, women risking multiple pregnancy through having multiple embryos replaced at once in an attempt to speed up conception or conceive twins.

In parallel with this slight liberalization of intending parents' ability to import commercially

sourced embryos and gametes into New Zealand, ACART recommends that higher levels of monetary compensation are provided to gamete donors in New Zealand. Compensating donors by repaying expenses is thought compatible with altruistic donation. Compensation for expenses arising from kidney donation and participation in research trials is currently allowed in New Zealand. Moreover, information from the UK suggests that increasing monetary compensation for the donation of gametes increases the availability of gametes. It is hoped that allowing gamete donors to be paid for expenses incurred during donation, particularly egg donation, will similarly increase the number of altruistic New Zealand donors and decrease the use of internationally sourced, commercially supplied gametes.

In New Zealand, the ability of children to know their genetic parentage is protected through a register of donors that donor-created children can access after they turn 18. In keeping with this, ACART recommends that the Minister of Health considers ways to record information about people who have donated gametes in other states when those donors are the genetic parents of children born in New Zealand. Many commercial gamete donors place confidentiality conditions on their donations, and neither the children produced using their gametes nor the intending parents of those children will be able to access identifying information about the donors. However, if donors residing in other countries allow their information to be released to children produced from their gametes and the parents of those children, then including non-New Zealand donors on the donor registry would ensure that those children had the same ability as other New Zealand children produced from donor gametes and embryos in New Zealand.





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INDUSEM Leaders Join Indian Program - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

by Indus Med News 19 December, 2015 10:26 am Category News







The first Bioethics Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in the state of Rajasthan India was formally inaugurated and established at Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology (MGUMST), Jaipur, thanks to the vision and dynamic leadership of the MGUMST Chairman, Professor. Dr. M.L. Swarankar.

The Unit was inaugurated by the Head and Chair, Asia Pacific Bioethics Division of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa, Prof. Russell D'Souza, on 3rd December 2015.

The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Hari Gautam, former Chairman UGC and Principal Advisor to MGUMST, Dr. Sudhir Sachdev, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. G. N. Saxena, Dean of the Medical College.

This MGUMST-UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Unit *will conduct courses under the National 3T Plus ETTC Bioethics Training Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics for faculty, take up inter-disciplinary research projects related to various issues in Bioethics and moreover will involve undergraduate students in its activities. It will partner with other UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Units across Universities in India.*

INDUSEM Leader Professor Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi, Director of Academics and Student Affairs and Professor of Surgery, was appointed as Head of the Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology (MGUMST), Jaipur-Bioethics Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

"I want to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the very many visionaries over all of India and beyond but to also mention the names of Hon Prof. Dr. Jayshreeben Mehta The President Medical Council of India, Prof. Dr Mary Mathew, Prof. E Mohandas, Prof. Dr. Payal Bansal, Prof. Dr. Princy Palatty, Prof. Dr. Arun Jamkar, Prof. Dr. OP Kalra, Dr. Lokwani, Dr. Marthanda Pillai, Dr. K. K. Agarwal and Dr. Bipin Batra who have been remarkably united in the vision for need to give the competencies of Bioethics to Medical, Dental and Health Care professionals to enable the practice and delivery of ethically excellent health care to the community" said Prof. Russell D'Souza Head Asia Pacific Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. INDUSEM Leaders Dr. Bipin Batra (NBE), Dr. Dubhashi (MGUMST), Vice-Chancellors Professor Dr. OP Kalra (Rohtak), and Professor Dr. Jamkar (Maharashtra) are recognized for their academic contributions worldwide and we congratulate their leadership to develop the UNESCO Bioethics Agenda in India.

INDUSEM looks to work with UNESCO Bioethics at our various partner institutions to forward the Bioethics Agenda in Medical Education& Patient Care across India.




Inaugural Ceremony
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In the year 1999, under the dynamic leadership of Prof Dr. M.L. Swarankar the India Education trust (IET) was established. IET was established with the aim to continuously improve the health status of people by providing primary as well as advanced health care, develop health manpower by creating training centers for medical and allied health care professionals and promote and subsidize activities of other educational institutions which are catering and improving public health at large. IET is the sponsoring body of Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology (MGUMST), Rajasthan.

MS.SUE VIZE, REGIONAL ADVISOR UNESCO, BANGKOK VISITS INDIA NODAL BIOETHICS CENTRE, SRM UNIVERSITY



Ms. Sue Vize, Regional Advisor UNESCO Bangkok, discussing with Prof. P.Thangaraju, Head, India Nadal Bioethics centre, SRM University



Ms. Sue Vize visits SRM Medical Simulation Centre



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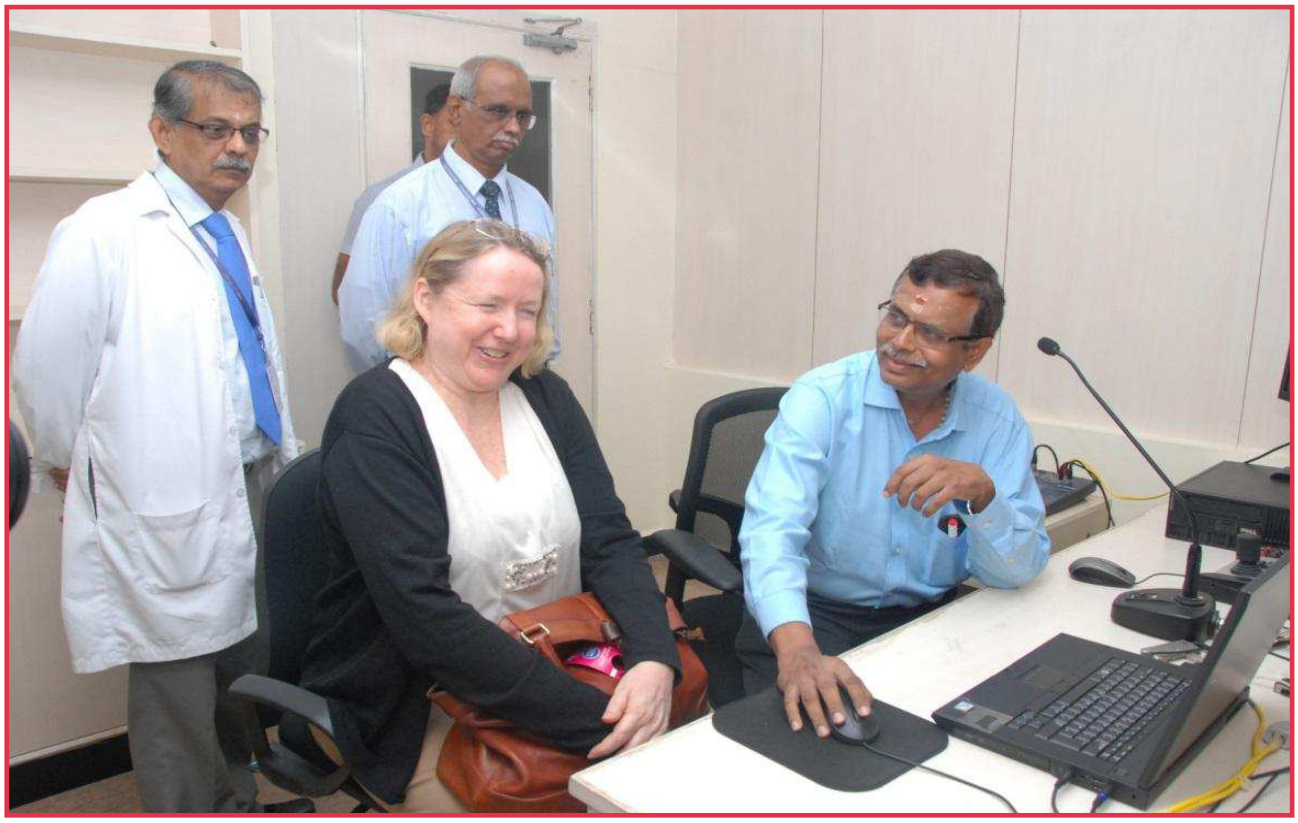

Ms. Sue Vize visits SRM Medical College Simulation Centre



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Ms. Sue Vize visits SRM Medical Hospital, ENT Department



Ms. Sue Vize with Dr. Russell D'Souza, Prof.Balakrishnan - Lead Chair, Dr. Sundaram - Dean, Prof. P. Thangaraju and Dr.Vinayagam, MS.



Ms. Sue Vize with Vice Chancellor, Dr.Prabir K Bagchi and Registrar, Prof. Sethuraman



Ms. Sue Vize meets Dr. Parrivendhar - Founder Chancellor, SRM University

INVITE TO THE INAUGURATION OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATION CENTRE FOR STUDENT WINGS OF THE INDIAN BIOETHICS PROGRAM OF THE UNESCO CHAIR IN BIOETHICS HAIFA ON 4TH APRIL 2016 AT DR. D Y PATIL VIDYAPEETH UNIVERSITY PUNE INDIA

Dear Heads of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa,

Greetings from Asia Pacific Division Melbourne Australia,

I am delighted to invite you to the formal Inauguration of the National Coordination Centre for Student Wings of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa, to be held on the 4th April 2016. This program will be hosted and the administration will be based at Dr D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth University Pune. The Honourable Dr Razdan Vice Chancellor Dr D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth University Pune and the Honourable Dr Bhabatosh Biswas Vice Chancellor West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata and Head of the West Bengal State Nodal Centre of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifawill both Co-chair this National Program. These Honourable Chairs of the National Student Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics will be supported by a National Steering Committee Chaired by Distinguished Professor Dr Mhaski Dean Government Medical College Aurangabad Maharashtra and Head of the Bioethics Unit and Co-Chaired by Professor Dr Vatsalawamy Dean Dr D Y Patil Medical College Pune with Dr Praveen Aurora Head Bioethics Unit DUP the National Coordinator and Secretary Steering Committee. The distinguished National Steering Committee includes Dr O.P. Kalra Vice Chancellor University of Health Science Rohtak, Haryana Chair AIHSU-UNESCO Chair in Bioethics National Program, Dr Mary Mathew Manipal University, Manipal Chair National Training Program, Dr Bipin Batra Executive Director National Board of Examinations and Head National Board of Examination - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics National Program New Delhi, Dr Thangaraju Pro VC & Head India Nodal Centre SRM University Chennai,Dr E. Mohandas Chair National Teaching Bioethics Program Trissur Kerala, Dr Palatty Chair National CurriculumFather Muller Medical College Mangalore and Dr Barna Ganguly Head Bioethics Unit P.S. Medical College Anand Gujaratand the Chairs of the 40 Student Wings in rotation. Best Wishes

Professor Russell D'Souza





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Dr. D.Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PUNE
(DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

Cordially invites you to grace
the Inauguration Ceremony of

DPU National Coordination Centre
for
Students' Wings of the UNESCO Chair
in Bioethics, Haifa

on

4th April 2016, at 9.00am

Venue

Auditorium, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital
and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune-18

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Virtuous human acting in caregiving: a basic component of common good

by Dr. Lorenzo BERTANI, Public Relation Office of the District Hospital of Padoa & European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life collaborator, Italy

As a starting point for understanding the ethic nature of work, a fundamental dimension of life, I think it is important to reflect on the fact the dignity of the worker, as such, and the dignity of work are linked by an indissoluble interweaving of sense, where personal vocation expressed and realized also in his work activities. The work, then, is measured primarily with human dignity that realizes and for purposes unequivocally the good of man. This personal dimension substantiates the nature of work ethic. The man, following this path of awareness, is called to cultivate the world, in the broadest sense of the term and responsible.

Who has professional liability of any kind in the health sector, because of the specific nature of the work ambit, has to be respectful of the interlocutor who is 'in front of him', and not to fall into the error of treating the other as different and far from himself, as if he were an object or a tool in the mechanism of production, not instead of a brother of the great human family. Such respect must be the prerequisite to build that particular relationship evoked so much nowadays, the therapeutic alliance, which finds its foundation in the empathic sharing, humility and mutual trust.

When we're talking about this alliance we're appointing perhaps the easiest thing, the dialogue between human beings, the creative dialogue and reciprocity of human feelings. Is not it?

Those whom deal in their work to provide help to who, in one way or another, requires it, can offer a unique and unrepeatable existential sharing: reach the frail human being who is like you, not to abandon him to an atrocious silence as the disease, if not more, but also not to surrender defeated in front of themselves.

I think the problem of the dignity of the suffering person does not stem only from the nature of personal condition but, let's face it, how it is experienced by others this 'diversity', and how to be an impact in their own experience. And autonomy is the balance between the personality and the experience of freedom and dignity inserted in the intimate setting, family and social life, then, I repeat, ambit where everything is at stake is, and remains, the human relationship. In fact it is only proof that in the physiological ontological asymmetry of the doctor-patient relationship it can truly be understood the concept of care. The meeting between a trust and a conscience, as observed by John Paul II, must assume a circular dynamism and apply to both parties involved, the doctor and the patient: thus both, within this report, you enforcing ac-

with confidence and consciousness. Two freedoms, starting from different situations, different needs and different skills, flow into the same river bed of human solidarity and that both beneficial.

The risks that undermine this fundamental balance, in our day, is realized more and more, by so-called 'health obsession', where the consequence most fearsome ethics, is incorporated in the refusal of the unhealthy, the inefficient, the different and therefore the not desired: in the beginning of existence or in life ending.

A guarantor of autonomy to the bitter end, in a context of lack of dialogue between people, as well as presenting a depressing picture of how they are conceived human relations, leads to getting rid of any responsibility for the consequences of believing human life not as a gift not measurable but as a product. Thinking everything in categorical / contractual terms, of good or bad, to be accepted or to be rejected, it may lead to the revival of a form, more or less disguised, of slavery.

I personally believe that every human being should be considered substantially person, and if the specific qualities that are part of his body and of his personality can not be acquired, modified, reduced or may deteriorate later in life, this does not call into question the inherent nature of his being a person; I think this principle should always apply and even more when it comes to their own and other people's lives and freedom.

Searching for the true meaning of existence, perhaps it is important to ask not what everyone should do, but for who and especially those who want to become or, ultimately, who you really want to be. Even through work.

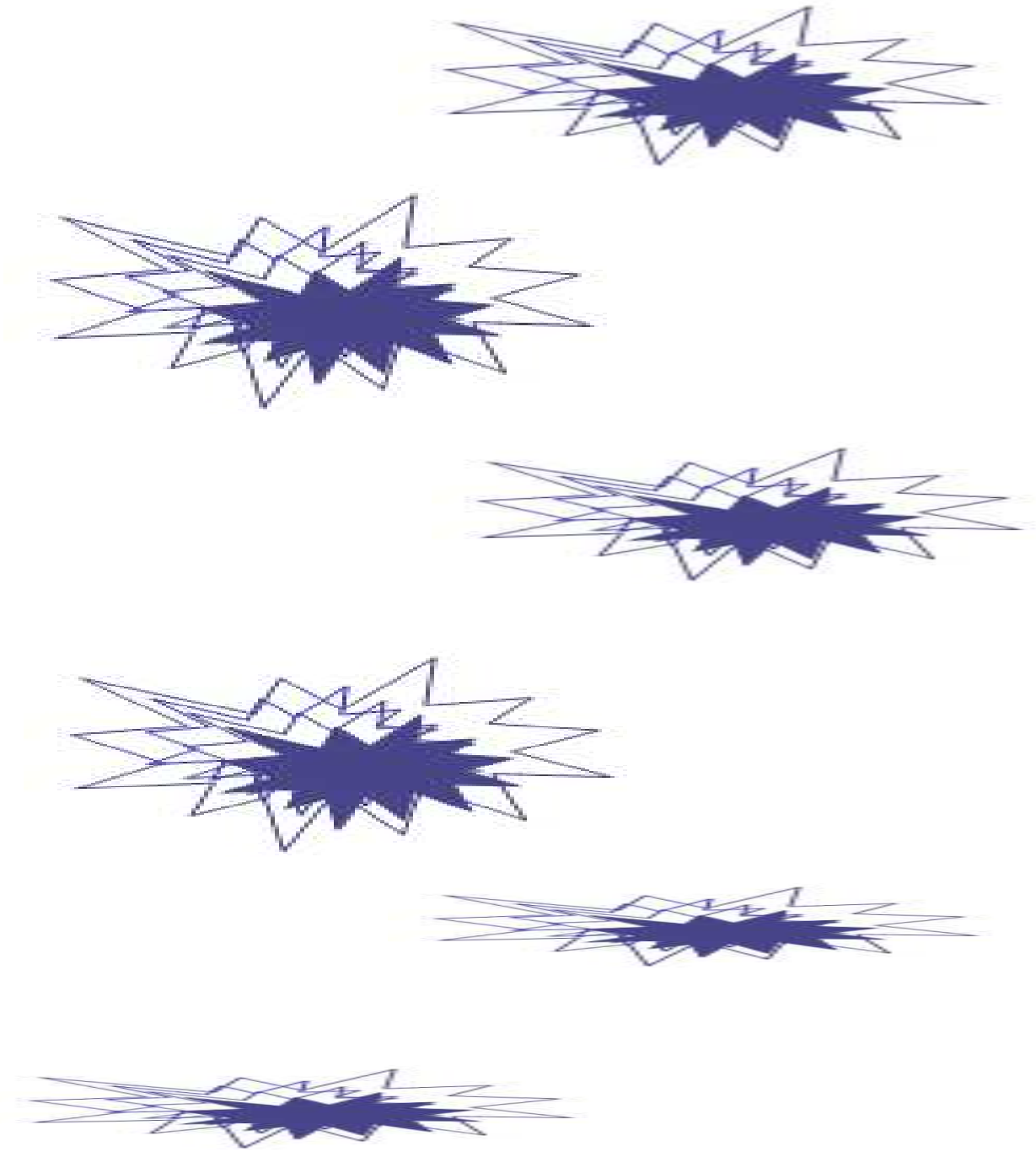
On the ethical nature of professional relationships in the health ambit legitimate emerges a question: where can we find a convincing answer to guarantee a professional so special relationship, such as health care? Should perhaps we look for it in the legal dimension? The modern interpretation of the ethics is unfolded in specific professional conduct codes and when these are lacking or are not provided, in more or less generic behavioral guidelines.

But what's the role of ethics in health care? It traces the coordinates where the health professional can move with respect to the individual and to society, in short, in having to do / not do, directed to the common good, by integrating a balanced organization of the responses to the needs and requirements of each. This adherence to standards and guidelines ensures the operator's decisions are in line with respect to the appropriateness of health care interventions, as collateral with respect to internal and external economic and administrative pressure and, fundamentally, trace the boundaries between what, compared with a problem, the operator must do and what he would like to do and / or the user would like to receive.

This last point highlights critical nucleus of ethical approach, there's limited autonomy operator with respect to the different relational needs, that are established in the care relationship: in the dialogue it is, in practice, materializing a third figure, the ethical code, a sort of 'Guest of Stone' which is cloaked in a moral valence of duty that may serve as a convenient refuge / alibi for healthcare provider who fails or does not intend to talk to own humanity: it can become a robust shield behind which to defend themselves from possible retaliation but perhaps, morimportantly, protect themselves from fragility, the difficulty of accepting as uncertain and risky every relationship leads with them, especially when they are challenged illness, pain and

death.

What has been said is not surely intended to deny the methodological utility of ethical code, if designed to give an order to standards that go in the direction to gather a consensus of application of general behavioral signs but I believe it should be considered as a tool in a broader discussion, but much more demanding, which draws directly and makes contact categories of living between their different but within the same mosaic of existence: the social context in which we live, the awareness and respect of themselves and of others, the evaluation of talent self and others, the idea of the common good.



A Learning through Participation

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There is an increasing employer demand for their employees to be equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible global citizens. Macquarie University has responded to this need by means of its Global Leadership Program (GLP). Macquarie's Global Leadership Program offers students the opportunity to undertake a challenging extra-curricular program designed to build leadership ability, international awareness, cross-cultural understanding and professional skills. The GLP is the first program of its kind in Australia in which over 2,800 undergraduate, postgraduate and study abroad / exchange students are actively enrolled. The GLP project convenors understanding of 'Global' embraces the following:

- Cultural literacy and cross-cultural competence
- Global perspectives and outlooks
- Global issues including legal, political, economic, social, cultural and ethical
- Human dignity and human rights
- Diversity & multiculturalism
- Indigenous culture and rights
- Environment and sustainability
- Global citizenship including ethical behaviour and social responsibility

Apart from the requirements as listed above there is also a persistent and targeted call to cover the prevailing shortages of publicly accessible programs that challenge the knowledge gap between newly acquired technological information and bioethical arbitration.

Dr Irina Pollard is the invited convenor of the project designed to cover the ethical chapters of Macquarie's GLP program. Thus it is fitting to reveal in Bioethical Voices GLP's contributions to ethics education and reflect on similarity as interrelated to possible contributions as recently identified for World Bioethics Day to be celebrated for the first time on 19th October 2016.

The ethics Colloquium reflects upon the heritability of ethics and its socio-biological implications and investigates lifestyle and reproductive health, fertility and the assisted reproductive technologies (ART). The colloquium also considers the evolution of the human brain and socio-ethical impacts on political rights, international conflict and peace initiatives. Through ethical playoffs, role plays and international case studies students are invited to explore the ethical dilemmas arising from the intersection of science, culture and technology.

BIOSCIENCE ETHICS – INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

Technologies, all by-products of science, have redefined how we live, work, fight, relax and communicate with one another. Bioscience ethics is an unencumbered secular discipline that facilitates free and accurate information transfer from applied science to applied bioethics. Since the 1990s, bioscience ethics has become an internationally recognized discipline interfacing science and bioethics within professional perspectives such as medical, legal, bioengineering and economics (http://www.bioscience-bioethics.org/). In the final analysis, bioscience ethics is a transdisciplinary subject whose dimensions are reflected in the emerging frontiers of science and ethics that enhance biological understanding and promote adaptive harmony with changing technology. Flexible open-ended engagement by whatever means are potent forces for building bridges that generate positive change globally.

Colloquium Outline

Part 1 is on maintaining health and wellbeing; the heritability of ethics; change from conception to death; socio-biological implications.

Part 2: reproductive health; lifestyle and environment; assisted reproduction and epi-genetics.

Part 3: the evolution of the human brain; automatic survival functions; trans generational effects of stress; the ecology of violence and warfare; conclude with science ethics education i.e., biological rights and political rights continuum; risk management – the precautionary principle.

Delivery Mode

The Colloquium is modelled as interactive workshops that encourage students to discuss, debate, analyse and critically engage with the topic. Convenors are encouraged to create an open forum where students feel comfortable asking questions, contributing their perspectives and participating in group activities.

The following group activities are included to encourage participation:

- Key discussion questions
- Debates
- Role plays
- Simulations
- Small group activities - for example a real or hypothetical case study that students consider from multiple viewpoints
- Facilitated self-reflection
- Framing the workshop according to questions/interest students have about the topic

Student Learning Objective and Outcomes

● Able to think analytically and critically across disciplines, across cultures, and across diverse environments

● Able to communicate ideas and be a force for positive social change

● Able to pay attention and learn from others

● Able to produce coherent, logical and ethically sound arguments

● Able to work independently and cooperatively

● Able to extract key bioethical issues from the scientific literature, presentations and group communications

- Acquire a wide-ranging understanding of major ethical issues posed by particular assisted reproductive technological advances and their applications.

In summary

It is expected that the above objectives and outcomes will increase biological knowledge which, in turn, will strengthen ethical interest across divergent cultures and environments.

Examples of Possible GLP Topics for Discussion

- The earth – our common home – is increasingly being destroyed thanks to human activity
- People most harmed by climate change will be those living in the Asia-Pacific neighbourhoods
- From anthropocentrism to biocentrism
- The early days of Artificial Reproductive Technology (ART) was an ethical nightmare
- The patient was a married woman whose husband was infertile. Without seeking consent of either husband or wife, the doctor anaesthetised her and inseminated her with the sperm of one of his medical students
- Interdependence; cycling of resources; adaptation; succession and justice are the driving determinants of psychosocial health
- Bioscience ethics is dedicated to fostering public awareness and understanding of bio-ethical issues and to exploring solutions to bioethical challenges
- Group reflection on how the colloquium content is useful/ relevant to becoming a Global Citizen



International Forum of Teachers (IFT)

To
Heads of Units
The International Network
UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

Dear friends,
The aim of this mail is to encourage each one of you to promote the registration of teachers to the Chair's International Forum of Teachers (IFT).

Until now we got already 400 registered teachers from fifty countries. We wish to collect 1000 members until the end of this year. Such a task may easily be performed if each one of you will collect 5- 10 more teachers.

Please study the enclosed Statutes and deliver its contents to your potential teachers.

The two criteria for registration are an academic title, and the teaching of medical ethics or medical law in present or in past.

The registration is done free of charge.
Applications should be sent to: sashkapopova@yahoo.com

Thank you for collaboration

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Educational Department of the UNESO Chair in Bioethics

International Forum of Teachers Statutes

The Steering Committee of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics discussed, decided and announced the establishment of the Chair's International Forum of Teachers in its Annual Meeting that was held on the 18 November, 2013, in Naples, Italy.

Article 1: The Forum
The International Forum of Teachers (referred to hereinafter as the "IFT") will be part of the Education Department of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.
IFT will consist of teachers that have been admitted pursuant to the requirements of these Statutes.

English is the working language of IFT.
The office of IFT shall be located in the country of residence of the Director.

Article 2: Aims

The aim of the IFT is to form and activate an organ that will function as a mechanism for the realization of the objectives and activities of the IFT.

To collect, unite, involve and activate teachers of bioethics, ethics and medical law.

To promote and advance the study, discussion and teaching of bioethics, ethics and medical law.

To address any matters that involve issues of bioethics, ethics or medical law.

Article 3: Activities

The IFT will pursue its aims by, inter alia:
Promoting and advancing synergies and co-operation among its members;
Facilitating exchange of experience and information of programs and projects;
Developing and distributing educational programs and materials;
Initiating and organizing meetings;
Initiating and organizing courses and seminars;
Initiating and encouraging compilation, publication and translation of professional materials;
Establishing committees to deal with specific issues;
Pursuing other means harmonious with the aims of IFT.

Article 4: Membership

Membership of IFT shall be open to all who have graduated from a university or equivalent academic institution, who are or were involved in teaching of bioethics, ethics or medical law, and who are interested in the fulfillment of the aims of IFT.
An application for membership + a CV shall be addressed to the Director. The Director will verify that the application complies with Article 4(a) and will refer it to the President.
The decision to admit a teacher to the IFT is made by the President and the Director.
The refusal of membership shall be decided by the Council.

The Steering Committee is entitled to bestow honorary membership.

The Steering Committee is entitled to bestow Senior Membership titles.

Membership shall terminate upon resignation, expulsion decided by the Council or death.

A register of membership shall be kept under the authority of the Director.

Members of the IFT shall be entitled, inter alia, to:

Attend and vote in person at the Assembly;

Stand for election to the Council;

Be appointed to IFT committees;

Enjoy specific benefits, rights and reduced fees available only to members of the IFT

The Assembly is entitled to decide about the imposition of dues.

Article 5: Structure

The organs of the IFT shall be the Assembly, the Council, the President, the Director, the Steering Committee and the committees.

Article 6: The Assembly

The Assembly shall be made up of currently members of the IFT. Each member shall have one vote. A member's vote shall be cast only in person.

Extraordinary meetings of the Assembly may be convened by the Council or the Steering Committee.

The Assembly shall meet ordinarily on the occasion of the world congress of the Chair.

The agenda of the Assembly shall include the reports of the President, the Director, and the Chairperson of the Council, the election of the President, the Director, the members of the Council and the Steering Committee. The agenda will include the determination of membership dues and additional issues as proposed by a member of the Steering Committee.

All decisions from the Assembly will be made with absolute majority of the valid votes. The President has a casting vote.

Article 7: The Council

The Council shall consist of not more than thirty members.

The Assembly shall elect members of the Council for a two-year period. Members of the Council shall be eligible for no more than two successive re-elections.

Candidatures for the Council shall be addressed to the Director at least three months before the commencement of the next world congress.

The Council will prepare the Assembly. The Council will carry out the resolutions of the Assembly. The Council will develop activities with a view to realizing the IFT's aims.

The Council may delegate any of its powers to the Steering Committee.

Article 8: The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall consist of the President, the Director and additional three members.

The Steering Committee shall run the daily management of the IFT. The Steering Committee through the Director shall inform the members of the IFT activities, provide them with advice on request, and assist them when possible.

Article 9: The President

The President shall be eligible for re-election as long as he or she is ready to do so.

The President shall convene and chair the meetings of the Assembly, the Council and the Steering Committee. In the absence of the President the chair will be taken by the Director, and in the absence of the later by a member of the Steering Committee.

Article 10: The Director

The Director shall be eligible for re-election as long as he or she is ready to do so.

The Director shall take minutes of the proceedings of the various meetings, issue notices to the members, and conduct correspondence. The Director shall submit periodic report on activities to the Council.

The Director shall exercise the day-to-day management of the IFT, as well as powers delegated by the Council and the Steering Committee.

Article 11: Amendment of the Statutes

All of the articles of these statutes may be amended by approval of the Assembly by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present.

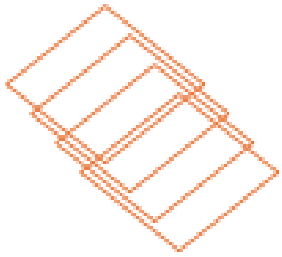
Article 12: Dissolution

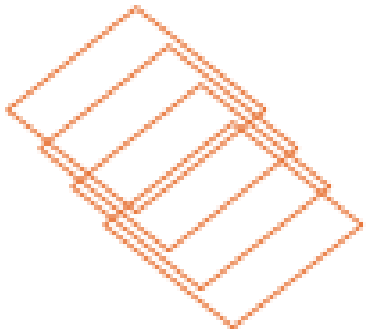
The IFT will be dissolved through:

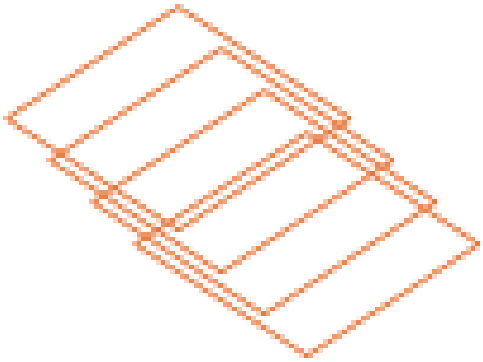
A decision made by the Assembly.

The complete absence of members.

A decision made by the Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.







YOUTH BIOETHICS EDUCATION

International Pilot Project for Children and Adolescents Bioethics Education

The International project of the First Syllabus for Youth Bioethics Education - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) born from the Youth Bioethics pilot project promoted and created by the European Centre of Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit, wishes to promote and realize bioethics' education among children and adolescents.

The project is based on general ethical principles, that were adopted by all the states, and included in the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. The project follows the educational methodology of the UNESCO's Chair.

In September 2015 the Chair's Italian Unit has formed, under the leadership of its Head, Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, and the supervision of the Chair's Holder, Prof. Amnon Carmi, the First Syllabus of the project. This book refers to four separate age groups, and offers various instructional materials to each group, depending on the various age groups. The book is written for teachers and educators.

In October 2015, during the last World UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Conference in Naples, Professor Carmi asked the Units of the Chair to take part into the First Syllabus a training in their own countries promoting its use in local schools and kindergartens, and transferring their suggestions and criticisms to the Editorial Secretariat Board Dr. Alessandra Pentone (firstsyllabus@gmail.com), towards the formation of the second edition of the book.

In order to further qualify the book, Professor Amnon Carmi, Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) appointed an International Committee headed by Dr Miroslava Vasinova.

The Scientific Committee will include the following members: Alessandra Pentone, Claudio Todesco, Hanna Carmi.

The International Committee will be involved in the advancement of the Project in their countries. The members' list of the International Committee:
Albania: Altin Stafa; Armenia: Susanna Davtyan; Australia: Irina Pollard; Bosnia- Herzegovina: Sabina Semiz; Brazil: José Thomé; Bulgaria: Sashka Popova; Israel: Daniella Keidar; Italy: Anna Maria Traversa; India: Smita N. Deshpande; Kosovo: Miftar Zelenaj; Lituania: Gintautas Visniaskas; Macedonia: Mentor Hamiti; Portugal: Rui Nunes. Administrative Assistant of the Project: Isotta Burlin.

The International Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Vasinova, will be authorized to run the project, and to study and monitor the consequences of using these educational materials and methodology among the young population In the last Assembly of the Chair in occasion of

the World Congress in Naples (October 2015) – all Units have been invited to translate the Syllabus in their local languages, where needed, in order to facilitate its testing and diffusion. At the moment are available the English, Italian, Hebrew versions and are in progress the Albanian and Portuguese translations.

The First Syllabus testing is operating in Italian and Israeli schools together with specific courses addressed to teachers and education professionals. Next academic year in Albania and Kosovo it is foreseen the use of the First Syllabus in the schools. The Units of the Chair are invited to cooperate to the project and to inform about their progresses.

You may get contact with Youth Project Board by using Editorial Board mail address

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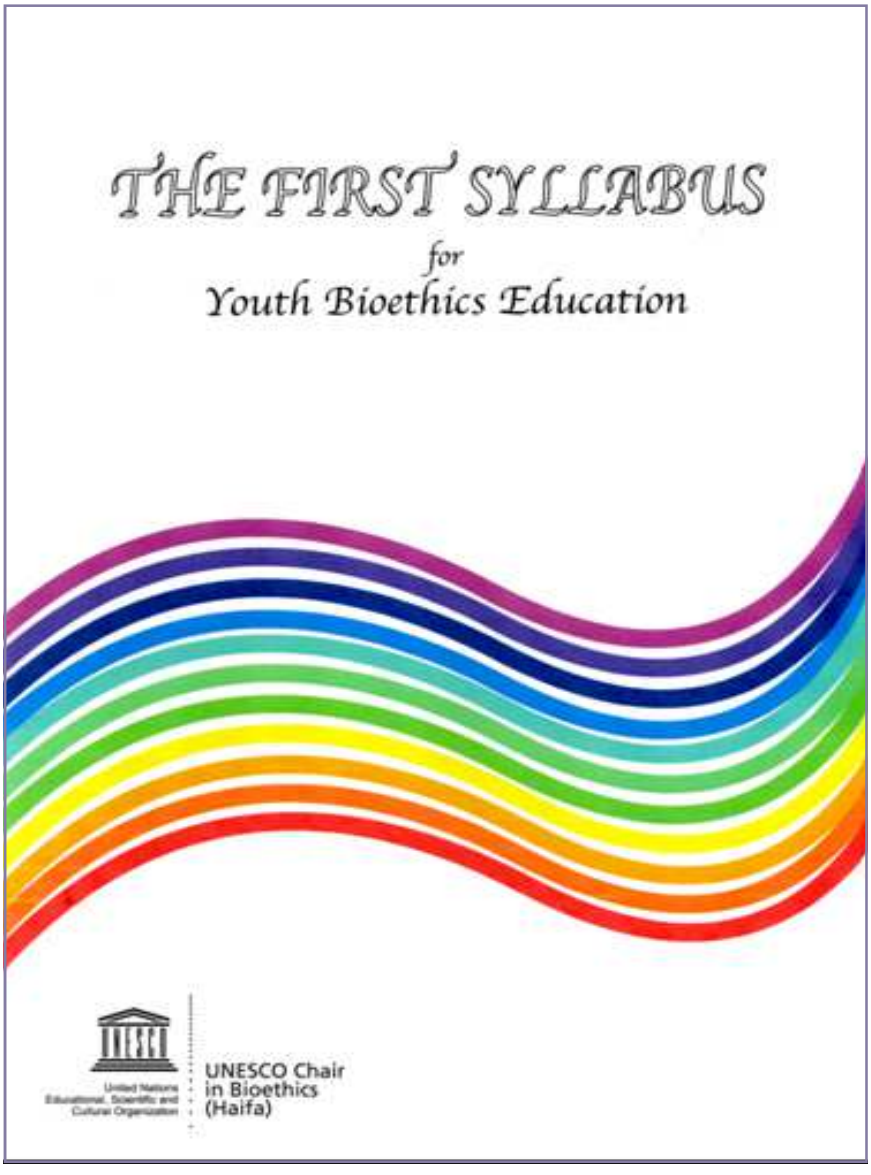

CROATIA UNIT

Bioethics and Criminal Law: the Role of the European Court of Human Rights in Setting Standards for the Protection of Human Rights

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Keywords
Bioethics; Criminal Law; European Court of Human Rights; standards for the protection of human rights in bioethical issues; availability of the sensitive health-related data in information society; human rights-based approach.

Project Description
Progress in biomedical sphere to a greater or smaller extent has a direct impact on the life of everybody. Questions like: "can samples taken from a person during treatment be used for research purposes? Can a person refuse to undergo a genetic test requested by employer or insurance determination company? Is it safe that a cardiac pacemaker is controlled via online-service?" have all the potential to move into a field of criminal law-relevant cases causing grave infringements of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Considering rapid development of cyber-technologies, healthcare and biomedical technologies the number of such questions can be expected to grow strongly.

Academic consideration of the issues raised by the criminal law´s intervention with bioethics is still in its infancy. Many bioethical questions in the criminal law field are (qualitatively) new and elaboration of the commensurable answers is at the beginning phase. It leads to the lack of an adequate legal framework at the national as well as at the international level. At the beginning phase of any development the crucial is the initial impulse that defines the vector of the further development. In the case of this project, it is essential that determination of the development of the highly sensitive bioethical issues is defined by the humanistic and human rights-based approach and *not by utilitarian or economic benefits-driven approach*.

In this context, the role of the ECHR shall be emphasized in setting standards for the protection of human rights in bioethical issues. Of the special importance are the criminal law-related limits in shaping human rights and fundamental freedoms. Elaboration and development of these limits – that set the pain threshold regarding the protection of the most basic legally protected interests – has to have an absolute priority. This, however, can be reached only in the context of the cooperative and comparative project that allows the dialogue between law, ethics,

medicine, and philosophy.

The present interdisciplinary, cooperative comparative research project focuses on the analysis of the interconnection of the criminal law and bioethical issues, such as protection of the unborn children[3], with particular regard to the role of the European Court of Human Rights (hereinafter ECHR) in shaping standards for the protection of human being in the issues concerned.

The main objective of the project is to determine and formulate the general tendencies, consistencies, and perspective reflecting the scope of the intervention of the criminal law with regard to the application of biology and medicine in the context of the human rights and fundamental freedoms. The goal is to be reached, firstly, by analysing criminal law-relevant bioethical issues in judicial practice of the ECHR, secondly, by conducting systematic legal comparative analysis of the legal systems of the countries of the Council of Europe with regard to the impact of the ECHR legal practice on the national criminal law legislation regarding bioethics.

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[2] The scientist in charge for the project is Vice Dean *Prof. Dr. sc. Davor Derenčinović*, full Professor of Criminal Law, Head of Department for Criminal Law, Zagreb Faculty of Law. *Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička* is a scientific partner of the project, the Head of the Croatian Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

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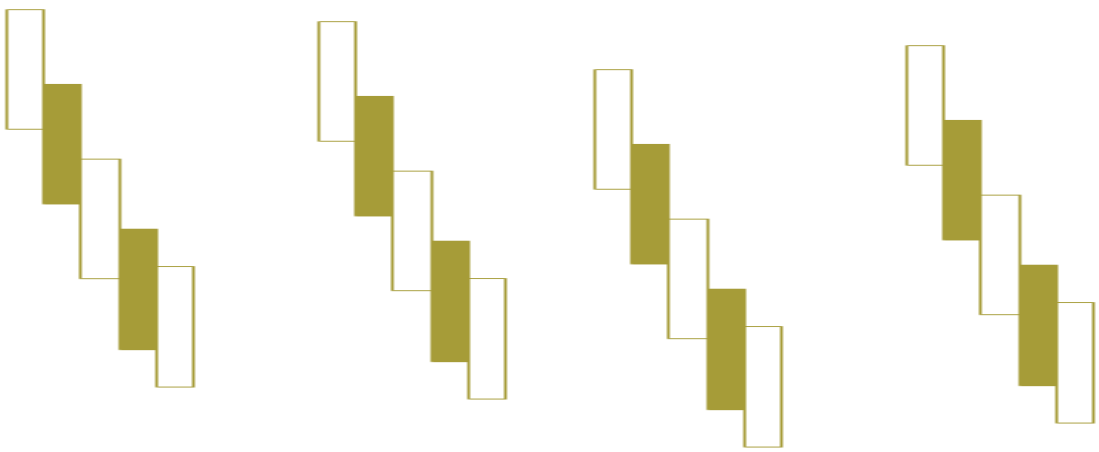

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ALBANIA UNIT

The Patient Immigrant: Social-Antropological Features and Healthcare Peculiarites

- International Conference, Treviso, 16.4.2016 -

by Dr. Altin Stafa, Head of Albanian Unit

The Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) in collaboration with the Italy Unit, Kosovo Unit and Macedonia Unit, organized last April 16 in Treviso, Italy, the International Conference **"The Patient-immigrant, socio-anthropological characteristics and healthcare peculiarities".**

The conference, held under the auspices of the municipality of Treviso, the ULSS 9 of Treviso and the Medical Association of Treviso, was supported by the Ministry of Health of Albania, the Ministry of Health of Kosovo and the Agency for migration of the Republic of Macedonia.

The Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Prof. Amnon Carmi, the Ministers of Health of Albania and Kosovo, a representative of the Institute of Health of the Republic of Macedonia, the Mayor of Treviso, the General Director of the Local Healthcare Authority and the President of the Medical Association of Treviso were among the institutional speakers.

A congratulation letter sent by the Italian Minister of Health, Mme. Beatrice Lorenzin to the Organizing Committee, was of paramount importance to highlight the necessity of sharing different opinions and points of view concerning such a delicate and important topic.

An intervention of Prof. Antonio Da Re, Chair of the Moral Philosophy of the Padua University, Italy, and Member of the Italian National Bioethics Committee (counseling organ of the Italian Government) stimulated the interest of the participants.

Other very interesting speeches from high level international speakers coming from Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, United Kingdom, Belgium and Italy, represented very important inputs to discussion and dialogue.

The conference aim was to creating a space for sharing different views focused on a particular condition of the immigrants, condition characterized by a double fragility: the fragility generated by the disease and the one potentially generated by a cultural gap.

Based on the institutional and media feed-back, the organizers express their satisfaction for the outcome of this activity.

Part from the Welcome Speech

Dr. Altin Stafa MD, Head of the Albania Unit and Head of the Organizing Committee

On behalf of the Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), main promoter of this international conference, I would like to thank all the local and international institutions for their support and cooperation for the organization of this activity. [omissis]

In the current global context, to talk about immigration seems to be quite natural. Thus, to avoid the potential risk of associational hyperactivity or rhetorical consumerism, we tried to focus on a particular condition of the immigrant, not necessarily linked to the acute phase of the migratory phenomenon, i.e. the immigrant as a patient, as a person in need of social and healthcare services.

Such a condition is naturally based upon the relationship between the immigrant and the healthcare system of the host country. Such a relationship is built up on the dialogue and the dialogue, in order to be constructive, it must be based on mutual understanding.

The logical sequence *"relationship - dialogue - mutual knowledge"* is a basic element of every dimension of social inclusion, but in the case of the immigrant-patient and in social-healthcare context it has to deal with a particular variable: the double fragility of the person, as an immigrant and as sick person.

For doctors and other healthcare professionals it is well known (while not so for politicians...) that a psycho-physically impaired person abandons generally any kind of social etiquette and relates with the others mainly driven by its autonomic nervous system: emotions, feelings and memories of previous conscious or unconscious experiences. In the case of the patient-immigrant, his/her emotional experience and much generally speaking his/her cultural and anthropologic background , naturally influence not only his/her daily need for health, but also his/her relationship with the social and healthcare professionals in the host country.

In this context, the welfare scenarios that may require a change of form and / or substance of the Physician – Patient-immigrant dialogue would be numerous: physical pain (its expression, interpretation and management), mental distress, loss of the physical autonomy, long-term intensive care, death and end of life, the organs donation, abortion and all those topics which have always represented complex bioethical challenges and which become even more complex in front of the patient-immigrant.It might be useful, therefore, take note of the fact that the arguments and information used until now by the healthcare professional in the dialogue with the autochthonous patient, may not be sufficient in the dialogue with the immigrant patient. And not only because of the language barrier ...

In view of the growing demographic importance of the immigrant population residing lawfully in Italy (tripled in the last decade), in full harmony with the concepts of "humanization of medicine" and "personalized medicine", with the intention of matching the healthcare quality output and the perceived quality, in full respect of a responsible and effective use of the available economical resources and in full compliance with evidence-based practices, especially for the first-generation immigrants it might be useful to consider switching from an empathetic approach *("Assist your neighbor as yourself")* to an enthropatic approach *("Assist your neighbor as he / she would like to be assisted")*. This important change, very complex from an organizational point of view, could be however facilitated by a closer and lasting cooperation between the social and healthcare institutions of the host country/region and the institutions of the migrants' home countries.

Such cooperation, compatibly with the economic resources availability, would be of obvious benefit to both parties, given the social and economic role of immigrants both in the host country than in homeland.This Conference, a small example of active operational convergences between different institutions, aims to be a space for meeting and sharing of views available to health professionals, civil society and all institutions involved in the social and health policies, which all together, in harmony and agreement based upon the mutual knowing, could help the complex multidimensional path of social integration, in a dynamic and rapidly evolving social context.

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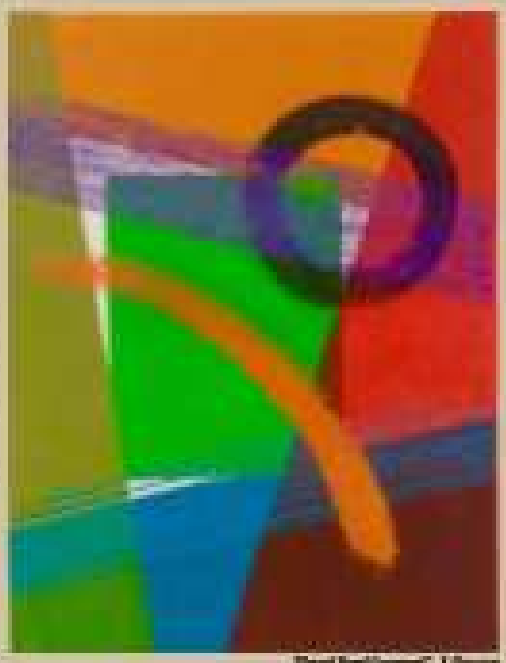

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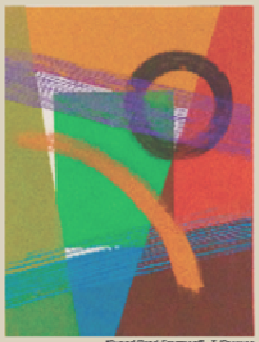

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In the Italian current social context, immigration from the developing countries and from countries afflicted by armed conflicts, from nearly three decades now, represents a social and demographic growing phenomenon. The foreign citizens residing in the Veneto region, as well as in the rest of Italy, has constantly grown and the demographic composition of this social group is constantly changing.
The integration remains a key-concept for an effective implementation of most of the social and demographic policies. It remains a cornerstone also concerning the healthcare policy. In this context, the integration faces a potentially double-dimension fragility of the Person-Patient-Immigrant: the first one is related to the disease and the second one could be potentially based upon an incomplete interpretation of the natural anthropo-cultural gap between the patient-immigrant and the caregiver/hosting healthcare system.
It is a fact that many behaviors, attitudes or social expressions of the immigrants in a healthcare context maintain a strong connection with the original cultural anthropology, e.g.: expressions of physical pain, mental suffering and end of life, concepts such as illness, physical disability and death, organ donation and organ transplant approach, transfusion, acute care, long term care etc.
The encounter of the Italian caregiver/healthcare system with the patient-immigrant gives birth to a new habitat for the old and new ethical dilemmas currently faced by the so-called "western medicine" and in such a new social habitat these ethical dilemmas could become more challenging.
Therefore, the increasing of the awareness level of all the stakeholders of the healthcare service could be a key element, useful to generate new solutions and new approaches to some of the current problems.
So, this Conference wants to become a place to meet and share points of view and perspectives that could further enrich the vision and the mission of a high level healthcare system operating in a constantly evolving and challenging social context.

Illustrative demographics:
According to ISTAT - Italian National Institute of Statistics (data processed by www.tuttitalia.it), on January 1st 2015 the immigrant population residing in Italy has been 5,014,000, i.e. 8.2% of the population.
In the Veneto Region, according to the same source, the immigrants population has been about 512,000 people, i.e. 10.4% of the Region's population.
The Albanian-speaking immigrant citizens (coming from Albania, Kosova and partly from Macedonia) residing in Italy has been about 562,000, i.e. 11.2% of immigrant population of the Region. As such, this demographic group represents currently the largest linguistic group of non-EU origin immigrants residing in Italy.
In the Veneto region, the Albanian-speaking immigrants has been about 57,700 citizens, preserving the primacy of the largest linguistic non-EU group residing in the Region (i.e. 11.3% of the foreign citizens).
In Treviso, this community counts about 17,800 residents, once more the largest linguistic group among the non-EU immigrants, which represents 18% of the foreign residents.
For how much concerns only citizens coming from Kosova, the Veneto Region is currently the first one in Italy with about 12,700 residents, while the Treviso is the Italian province with the largest number of residents from Kosova (about 6,100 people).
These data do not take into account those people who over the years have obtained the Italian citizenship (e.g. those born in Italy who have come of age, or those naturalized after 10 years of continuous residence, etc.).

Program

08.30 Registration of the participants

Chair: Giovanni Manildo
Francesco Benazzi, Luigi Guarini
Amnon Carmi, Altin Stafa

09.00 Welcome speech of the organizers:
Dr. Altin Stafa – *Head of the Albania Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)*
Prof. Amnon Carmi – *Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), Israel*

09.20 Greetings of the local Authorities:
Avv. Giovanni Manildo – *Major of Treviso*
Dr. Francesco Benazzi – *General Director of Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS9 Treviso)*
Dr. Luigi Guarini – *President of the Treviso Medical Association*

09.35 Greetings of the Minister of Health of Albania
Ilir Beqja

09.45 Greetings of the Minister of Health of Kosovo
Imet Rrahmani

09.55 Greetings of the deputy Director of the Emigration Agency, Government of the Republic of Macedonia
Osman Shukriu

I SESSION

Chair: Pietro Faronato, Luigi Guarini
Francesco Di Paola

10.10 Immigration, a bioethical challenge
Prof. Antonio Da Re – *Member of the Italian National Bioethics Committee, Rome; Chair of Moral Philosophy, University of Padua*

10.30 The social space of integration, a keystone of the well-being of the person and community
Prof. Anna Caterina Cabino – *Head of the Education and migration immigration policy Dpt, Treviso Municipality*

10.50 Reflections on bioethical dilemmas of a multicultural health platform
Dr. Camillo Barbisan – *Head of the Bioethics Dpt. Healthcare Authority of Padua, Italy*

11.10 Coffee break

II SESSION

Chair: Domenico Scibetta
Antonio Da Re, Camillo Barbisan

11.30 The impact of Sociology of Health and Illness on the physician-patient relationship in the UK
Prof. Gëzim Alpion – *Lecturer in Sociology and Media studies, University of Birmingham, UK*

11.50 Healthcare communication in a multicultural and multiethnic country. An experience from Macedonia
Prof. Azis Pollozhani – *Head of the Patient's rights and Bioethcis Dpt. of the National Institute of Health, Skopje, Macedonia*

12.10 The influence of the cultural gap on the perception and the acceptance of the tissues and organ donation
Prof. Ramadan Jashari – *Past President of the European Association of Tissue Banks, Medical Director of the European Homograft Bank and Member of the Albanian Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)*

12.30 Transplantation Network of the Veneto Region - immigrants as donators and beneficiaries
Dr. Ennio Nascimben – *Head of the Transplantation Network of the Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)*

13.00 Lunch Break

III SESSION

Chair: Miroslava Vasinova,
Patrizia Scaglia, Ennio Nascimben

14.30 Social and healthcare policies focused on the peculiarities of the immigrant citizens in the Valle d'Aosta Region
Dr. Patrizia Scaglia – *Social Affairs Dpt. Valle d'Aosta Region; General Secretary of the European Center for Bioethics and Quality of Life, Italian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)*

14.50 Healthcare and immigration: the contribution of Treviso voluntary for information, integration and equal access to healthcare services
Alice Bandiera – *Treviso Voluntary Association*

15.10 General practitioners patients and immigrants. A Veneto Experience
Dr. Artan Tola – *GP Association of Treviso*

15.30 Healthcare peculiarities of the infants and minors-immigrants
Dr. Francesca Maschio – *Pediatric Dpt. of the Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)*

15.50 Healthcare peculiarities of the women immigrants
Dr. Irene Pascoli
Ob-Gyn Dpt. of Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)

16.10 The Patient-immigrant at the Emergency Room. Which peculiarities?
Dr. Maurizio Sacher – *Director of the ER Dpt. of the Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)*

16.30 Conclusions

ARMENIA UNIT

Workshops, Conferences, Interviews

Roza Nemishalyan

2015 March-April-Coauthor of the film " 24 answers to the unasked question", Armenian Genocide 1915)// https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQEEG_uXb9s
13.04.2015-24.04.2015-Trainings organized by «Professors' qualification increasing Department, YSMU.
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Hayarpi Sahakyan

2015 March-April-Coauthor of the film "_24 answers to the unasked question", Armenian Genocide 1915)// https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQEEG_uXb9s
13.02.2015-Certificate of "Public Relation- Alchemy of 21st Century" three-month practical trainings organized by "Armenian center of PR Development"
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11.12.2015-Conference at YSMU, "Media and Spiritual Health", topic "Virtual Panopticon Michel Foucault"

Public lectures

2015 April-November- Boon TV//Lectures//Online TV// http://boon.am/
Topic Surrogate motherhood//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZ8OwwhodN4
Topic Introduction//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdLPLcym8JY
Topic Euthanasia//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqk3rRZvusU
Topic Abortion//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYs042nh-EE
Topic Organ Transplantation//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkQzKZhQUtk
Topic Mental patients' forced hospitalization and castration// https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZ4ZSgdcYpw
Topic Genetic engineering//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ILevxAc0IQ
Topic Cloning//Boon TV//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV648W-ak-w
Topic Paliative Care//Boon TV//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXW2Cmla1p8
Topic Summary//https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0qhv6HKw9g

Open lectures//Interviews

2015 October 1- Michel Foucult//Panoptikon//Open Lecture//YSU, Faculty of Philosophy and psychology.
2015 October 26- VemRadio//Interview//Cloning//http://vem.am/am/programs/shows/8286/

AUSTRIA UNIT

Brocher Workshop on "IMAR – Conceiving a human rights ethic of care"

From 18 to 21 January 2016, we organised an international workshop on ways to conceive a human rights based ethic of care for addressing numerous practices observable in inter-country medically assisted reproduction which are highly harmful to the women involved as well as the children (see:http://www.brocher.ch/en/events/140/inter-country-medically-assisted-reproduction-imar-conceiving-a-human-rights-ethic/). This workshop was one of a series of meetings on the issue (see our previous reports in Bioethical Voices) and is part of the ERIMAR project on ethics and regulation of inter-country medically assisted reproduction, initiated and run by Dr. Carmel Shalev, founding chair of the Department for Reproduction and Society at the International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, Haifa University, and a member of Israel's National Bioethics Council. At the workshop, 21 high profile colleagues from 12 countries and 4 continents discussed ethic of care, surrogacy, gamete donation and embryo selec-

tion from various angles such as bioethics, law, philosophy, medicine, biology and social sciences. In addition, film director Valerie Gudenus showed her award-winning film *Ma Na Sapna* – A Mother's Dream (http://www.manasapna.com/) on surrogacy in India. The aim of the workshop was to develop recommendations for a human rights based best practice model for third party reproduction in the international setting in which the exploitative character of the global fertility market is particularly pronounced. A scientific publication on these recommendations is in preparation. A first short report summarizing the workshop results was recently posted at Cross-Border Reproduction: An "Ethic of Care" and an Unregulated Market. Moreover, we recently also reviewed *Ma Na Sapna* for the Biopolitical Times from the Center for Genetics & Society (http://www.biopoliticaltimes.org/article.php?id=9271).

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Interdisciplinary ring lecture on reproduction in the era of biotechnology

In April 2016, the Austrian unit will organize an interdisciplinary ring lecture on "Interventions: reproduction as technical, social and cultural experiment" in a collaboration of Medical University Innsbruck and University of Innsbruck. Following a series of lectures covering reproductive medicine and genetics aspects, as well as psychological, legal and social implications of increasingly technicalized reproduction, cultural concepts of family and offspring, and visions, hopes and threats spurring the bioethics debates in this field, two public events will follow: (i) a panel discussion in the aula of the universities, organized by the European Law Student's Association (ELSA) and the Austrian Medical Student's Association (AMSA) on "Reproductive Medicine – between child desire and 'designer babies'"; (ii) the cinema premiere of "Future Baby" (http://www.futurebaby.at/#), a documentary by Austrian director Maria Arlamovsky, followed by a discussion of her and philosopher Anne Siegetsleitner. A detailed program can be found at: https://www.i-med.ac.at/ethucation/Veranstaltungen/Folder-Ring-VL-17032016.pdf .

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Ethics of healthcare for undocumented persons

The Finnish Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa organized its third one day seminar on bioethical topics on 3.2.2016. The seminar "Paperittomien terveydenhuollon etiikka" tackled the topical issue of ethics of healthcare for undocumented persons. The seminar was opened by the secretary general of the Finnish unit, Rosa Rantanen, which was followed by a speech about the role of ethical theory in the treatment of undocumented persons by the Head of the Finnish unit, Helena Siipi. Heli Aali, a legal expert from the Finnish Refugee Advice Center, offered a legislative approach on the matter. This was followed by Jemina Heinonen's (Global Clinic,Helsinki) speech on practical challenges in treating undocumented patients in a Finnish clinic for undocumented persons and Mari Kangasniemi's (Department of Nursing Science, University of Eastern Finland) presentation on the particular ethical questions related to nursing sciences. The seminar attracted tens of participants, including students and professionals from various disciplines.

An undocumented person is, in short, someone residing in the country without a legal permit to do so. In Finland, undocumented persons have a right to urgent care but their healthcare mostly relies to third sector clinics that depend on volunteer work and very limited resources. In 2015, more than 30 000 people sought asylum in Finland. This is almost ten times more than in the previous years. Based on data from the previous years, many of them will face a negative decision. Experts worry that many will nevertheless be unwilling to return to their country of origin for various reasons, which will mean a notable increase in the number of undocumented migrants. To secure the humane treatment and sufficient healthcare of undocumented migrants, various Finnish cities have extended their rights to cover basic healthcare and special care for children and pregnant women. Currently, many undocumented migrants do not receive medical care before their condition is urgent. This often means that by the time they contact the healthcare professionals, their condition has worsened and is also more expensive to treat. In fact, the current system is far more costly than a well-organized basic healthcare for undocumented migrants. The discussion in the seminar of the Finnish Unit was vivid and the general consensus was that ensuring cost-effective and humane healthcare for undocumented migrants calls for co-operation, understanding and active communication between different parties involved in the healthcare of undocumented persons.

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Bioethics Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics of H.B.T. Medical College & Dr R.N. Cooper & General Hospital & Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Conducts Program on Sexual Violence and Women Empowerment.

As a part of the Continuing Bioethics Implementation Initiative the Bioethics Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics of H.B.T. Medical College (HBTMC) & Dr R.N. Cooper General Hospital in collaboration with Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecological Societies (FOGCS), Mumbai Obstetrics and Gynecological Societies and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG) conducted a half a day program titled “Sexual Violence and Women Empowerment” on Wednesday 10th February 2016. The 160 strong audience included First year MBBS students and faculty members from within & outside the institute. The objective of the program was to sensitize the students on the topic of sexual violence because they as physicians would often be the first point of contact in the health care system for many young girls and women who may be victims of sexual harassment or violence. The topics discussed during the program in-

cluded Domestic violence, Self-defence, Contraception and Safe Abortion and Medicolegal aspects of Assault. Eminent speakers from different specialties like Obstetrics and Gynecology, Community Medicine and Forensic Medicine participated in the program. Doctor and assault survivor interaction was enacted in a skit. The program was highly informative and thus very well appreciated by the audience.

Professor Dr Prasad Pandi, Head – Bioethics Unit UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa

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Prof. Dr. Prasad Pandit Head Bioethics Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa Speaks



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Members of the Bioethics Unit and Faculty



Report on Student Seminar of the National Student Wings of the Indian Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa

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End of Life Issues

Date: 15th March 2016

Bioethics Unit and Department of Pharmacology of Hindurudyasamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Medical College (HBTMC) and Dr R N Cooper Municipal General Hospital (RNCH) conducted a program titled “End of Life Issues” & “Drug Trials in Terminally Ill Patients” on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

First year undergraduate MBBS students and faculty from within and other institutes attended the same. The objective of the program was to sensitive the students on the topic of end of life issues.

Dr Ashwini Karve, anchor of the program, welcomed the participants. The inaugural function-was graced by Dr R M Chaturvedi, Dean, HBTMC & RNCH. Dean Sir congratulated the Bioethics Unit for selecting an important and sensitive topic.

In the beginning Dr Prasad Pandit, HOD of Pharmacology and Head of Bioethics Unit gave the overview of the program. He also elaborated different aspects involved and the role of a physician in end of life issues. This was followed by screening of a short film titled “On certain days”. It explored the dilemmas faced by an intensive care specialist while treating patients with different medical conditions and personal histories. It also brought out the multi-dimensional nature of decision-making in situations at the end of life, involving not merely the patients themselves, but everyone around them.

Dr Sanjay Nagral, practising surgical Gastroenterologist and a member of editorial board of Indian Journal of Medical Ethics spoke on “A caregiver's perspective on end-of-life care”. Dr Nagral in his talk discussed the problems faced by the caregivers and the need for their counselling by the physicians. He also highlighted Aruna Shanbag’s Case where her fellow nurses acted as caregivers.

This was followed by a talk by Dr Sunita Bandewar, Bioethicist and also a member of editorial board of Indian Journal of Medical Ethics. She discussed different case scenarios which brought out the social and ethical dimensions of end of life care.

The students of HBTMC and RNCH then participated in a debate titled “Drug Trials in Terminally ill patients”. Dr Vikram Londhe, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine was the moderator. Dr Rosemarie de Souza, Professor, Department of Medicine and In charge of Medical Intensive care Unit and Emergency Medical Services, T N Medical College & B.Y.L.Nair Ch. Hospital and Dr Sunita Bandewar judged the debate. Both the teams were able to put forth their views very eloquently and convincingly. It was a closely fought debate and made the audience introspect about both sides of the issue.

The certificates and prizes were given to the winning team and the best speaker.

The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Kiran Bhave, Department of Pharmacology. Overall the program was informative and thus very well appreciated by the students and the faculty.

Prof. Dr. P. R. Pandit, Head of Bioethics Unit, Dept. of Pharmacology.




UNIT
"End of Life
Issues"


Students
Debate





INDIA GUJARAT BHAVNAGAR UNIT

Medico Legal Update 2016 Seminar was organized by the Bioethics Unit of the International Network of the Unesco Chair in Bioethics Government Medical College Bhavnagar along with Bhavnagar Medical Association.



The Medico legal update 2016 seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr Atul Pandya, President IMA Gujarat State Branch on 24/1/16 at the Government Medical College Bhavnagar Gujarat. The organising secretary Dr Amit Parmar, Professor of Family Medicine welcomed the delegates. Dr Vikas Sinha the Dean and Head of the Bioethics Unit of the UNESCO Chair Haifa addressed the delegates.

An outstanding seminar on the updates on Medico Legal and Ethics issues presented by Dr Hitesh Bhatt and Dr Gitendra Sharma and deliberated. Topic covered were MCI Regulations, Communication skills, Insurances for hospital, Consent, Medical and Medicolegal Documents, Medicolegal Audit, Criminal Liability, Defences Available to Doctor in Medicolegal cases, Prevention of Medical Negligence, withdrawal of life support, How to deal with mob and police, MOCK COURT including court procedures.

The seminar was attended by over 250 delegates and covered a broad area of health and Bioethics. Delegates were ranging from freshers to senior with 20 year of practice.

Other speakers included Dr Nilesh Parekh Chair of Steering Committee, Bioethics Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), Member Ethics Committee, and MCI, Dr M P Singh Medical Superintendent, Dr Bipin Patel, Director of Professional Protection scheme IMA, Gujarat State Branch.

The successful seminar was completed by Dr Chinmay Shah the Secretary of the unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa proposing the vote of thanks

Dr Chinmay Shah, Secretary, GMC unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

Welcome speech by Organising Secretary and Professor and Head, Department of FM, Dr Amit Parmar



Speech by Dr Vikas Sinha, Dean Government Medical College, Bhavnagar and Head of Steering Committee, Bioethics Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) at Bhavnagar



Speech by Dr Nilesh Parekh Member Ethics Committee, MCI and Chair of Steering Committee, Bioethics Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) at Bhavnagar





Speech by Dr M P Singh Medical Superintendent, Sir Thospital

Information on PPS By Dr Bipin Patel, Director PPS, IMA GBS



The anchor Dr Kairavi Joshi Vice President IMA Bhavnagar and Dr Nimit Oza Cul. Secratary IMA Bhavnagar







Speech of Chief Guest Dr Atul Pandya, President IMA Gujarat State Branch

Speaker Dr Hitesh Bhatt and Dr Gitendra Sharma, with Full Audiance







Vote of thanks By Dr Chinmay Shah, Organising Secretary, President IMA Bhavnagar and Secretary of Steering Committee, Bioethics Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) at Bhavnagar



NORTH INDIA UNIT

SRINAGAR KASHMIR

Workshop on patient-doctor relationship & Communication at GMC Srinagar, J&K, India

The North-India Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at Government Medical College Srinagar is pleased to share that it initiated the first of its kind of training workshop series on Bioethics. The first workshop on Patient-Doctor Relationship & Communication for Resident Doctors and faculty of GMC & Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, J&K was held at the Conference Hall of Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Srinagar 0n 30-03-2016 which was also attended by media persons from print and electronic media. The aim of holding such workshops is to sensitize the medicos about their role and patients expectations in patient-doctor relationship and effective communication skills and channels. We shall be conducting similar programmes in future also on other ethical issues including confidentiality, consent, end of life decisions, organ transplantation, legal issues etc.























The newspaper report links are as under:

http://risingkashmir.com/news/patient-autonomy-to-end-doctorpatient-conflict/

http://kashmirreader.com/2016/03/patient-doctor-conflict-kashmir-docs-lack-communication-skills-doctors-concede/

INDIA DPU UNIT

India Pune

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (DPU) formulated 'DPU Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa' on 18th May 2015, under guidance of its visionary leadership, Hon'ble President Dr. P. D. Patil. Zealous and acquiescent Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. N. Razdan's initiative was realized by ardent Registrar Dr. A. N. Suryakar with fervid and receptive enterprise of Professor Dr. Russell D'Souza. A team of dynamic and enthusiastic faculty members with keen interest in application of bioethics in their respective professional domain was selected as steering committee of DPU Bioethics Unit. The Unit was formally inaugurated on 30th May 2015 by Professor Dr. Russell D'Souza, Head, Asia Pacific Bioethics Program for Education Science and Technology, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa.

Activities from November 2015 to March 2016:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Dental College and Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Nursing incorporated Bioethics Curriculum in their Undergraduate course.

Dr. Praveen Arora, Head, DPU Unit was selected as Head, World Bioethics Day Committee formulated by Hon'ble Chair Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa to plan, disseminate and coordinate the celebration of First World Bioethics Day on 19th October 2016 all across the Globe.

DPU Unit was actively involved in the planning, formulating, and disseminating the Common Program for the World Bioethics Day 2016 to be celebrated across the World on 19th October 2016.

Students of Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, participated and won First Prize (Certificates and Rs. 10000/- cash) in First National Level Inter-Medical Collegiate Bioethics Skit Competition organized by South India Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in association with Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore and held at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore on 17th January 2016.

Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics organized its Bioethics Awareness Program (Biotechnology and Bioethics: Introduction) for its Faculty members and Students on 5th March 2016.

Unit has inaugurated its Students' wing and released its Statutes on 16th March 2016 with students from all constituent institutions.

Unit has undertaken one day Bioethics Workshop at Bharti Vidyapeeth Deemed University Medical College and Hospital, Sangli on 19th March 2016. Four faculty members of the Unit were invited as speakers in the above said program.

Future Plans:

3T plus ETTC program for training of teaching faculty members of all constituent colleges under its umbrella from 4th to 6th April 2016.

Inauguration of DPU National Coordination Centre for Students' Wings of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa on 4th April 2016.

Pictures of the Events:





Point No. 4: National Level Inter-Medical Collegiate Bioethics Skit Competition





Point No. 5: Bioethics Awareness Program (Biotechnology and Bioethics: Introduction)

Point No. 7: Bioethics Workshop at Bharti Vidyapeeth Deemed University Medical College and Hospital, Sangli













Dr. Praveen Arora, Head DPU Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

SOUTH INDIA UNIT

INDIA Mangalore, The National Seminar of the Student Wings of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa Units

Prof. Princy Palatty and Professor Nagesh, Secretary South India Bioethics Unit UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

The National Seminar of the Student Wings of Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa was hosted by the South India Unit at Farther Muller Medical College Mangalore India on 17 January, 2016. It began at 9 am after an informal inauguration by Professor Dr. E. Mohandas Chair National Teaching Skills Enhancement Indian Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

The Student presentation of papers on bioethics related to health care was proceeded by lectures and presentations from guest speakers, Dr. E. Mohandas Trissur, Dr. Avinash D'Suza, Mumbai and Dr. Russell D'Souza, Head, Asia Pacific Division UNESCO Chair Bioethics, Haifa Australia.

The update aimed at bringing to the medical undergraduates, the many aspects of bioethics and was well attended by over 120 students from 8 Bioethics Units of the Indian Program of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics from Medical Colleges of all of India.

The guest lectures were followed by a paper presentation competition for medical students. The 20 students from 8 medical colleges presented papers reflecting ideas and views about Bioethical Principles Human rights, Vulnerability and Gender disparity Environmental Ethics related to health Care. The Distinguished Judges for the event were Professor Dr. Praveen Arora, Head, DPU Unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa and Dr Uma Shankar, Professor of Pathology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore.

The first prize was bagged by Sushmitha Ravi Kumar Medical Student from the Student wing of the bioethics unit at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore.

The runners-up winners were Ms Aayushi Agrahari and Ms Sukriti Jaiswal from the student wing of the bioethics unit at KMC Mangalore.

The Distinguished Steering Committee Member in charge of the Student program was Professor Dr. Rekha B, Professor & HOD, Department of Microbiology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore.

The student Wing Executives who organized the National Student Seminar were Ms. Roshan Mariam Manu, Mr. Mohammed Adnan, Ms. Diana D'Souza and Mr. Michael L. J Pais.







Report of the Student Wings National Bioethics Skit Competition

by Prof Dr Princy Palatty



The National Bioethics Skit Competition was held in the Academy Hall, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore on 17 January, 2016. the program began solemnly with inauguration by Professor Dr. Russell D'Souza, Head, Asia Pacific Division, UNESCO Chair Bioethics, Haifa in the presence of Heads and Steering Committee members of Bioethics Units of Father Muller Medical College, Kasturba Medical College Mangalore, Dr D. Y. Patil Medical College Pune, Kasturba Medical College Manipal B Medical College Mumbai PIMS Rural Medical College Loni Maharashtra Sun Institute of Medical Sciences Trissur Kerala senior dignitaries and 150 medical students. The Honorable Judges of The National Bioethics Skit Competition were Dr. Tharanath, Principal, SDM Law College, Dr Mary Mathew, Head Indian Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics & Professor of Pathology, KMC Manipal and Dr Rashmi Jain, Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore.

The Student Teams from a number of medical colleges were given a fixed time to perform their skit and for the preparation of the stage. Student Teams came with their faculty and committee members who assisted their teams in the preparation and the presenting of the skit. Various skits acts referring to practice of health care and identifying the breach of bioethical principals were presented. Skits reflected to issues such as Organ Trading, Euthanasia, Clinical Care, Splitting of fees and the principles of Bioethics through their acts. The acting and the

themes expressed were all outstanding and received applauds from the large student and faculty audiences that attend this program. The distinguished Judges had difficulty in judging winners given the outstanding performances.

The Judges of the Skit Competition judged the Bioethics Skit performed by the student wing of Dr D.Y.PATIL Medical College, Pune as the winner of the 1st Prize and the Bioethics Skit performed by the Student Wing of Kasturba Medical College Mangalore were judged winners of the 2nd Prize .

Certificates and a Cash prize of 10,000 were given for the first Prize to the winning student Team. Certificates and a cash prize of Rs.6000 were given for the Second Prize to the winning student Team. All the student participants received certificate. The program ended at 5:10 pm with the national anthem.

Prof. Princy Palatty the Head of the South India Bioethics Unit along with Prof. Nagesh Secretary Bioethics Unit & Professor & HOD of Forensic Medicine and Dr. Shivashankar, Steering Committee Member and Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry organized this outstanding national Skit Competition The student Wing members of the Unit Mr. Taresh S Naik, Mr. Anil D'Souza, Ms. Chavalli Jessica and Ms. Seshin Maryan Luiz also assisted in the organizing of this major program.











Switch My Mind-SMM: The Method of Conscious Speech
Code of ethics for parent-teacher-student educational covenant to achieve a quantum leap in education and society

by Dr. Liora Weinbach, Author of the Code of Speech, developer of the SMM Method, Tel Aviv University

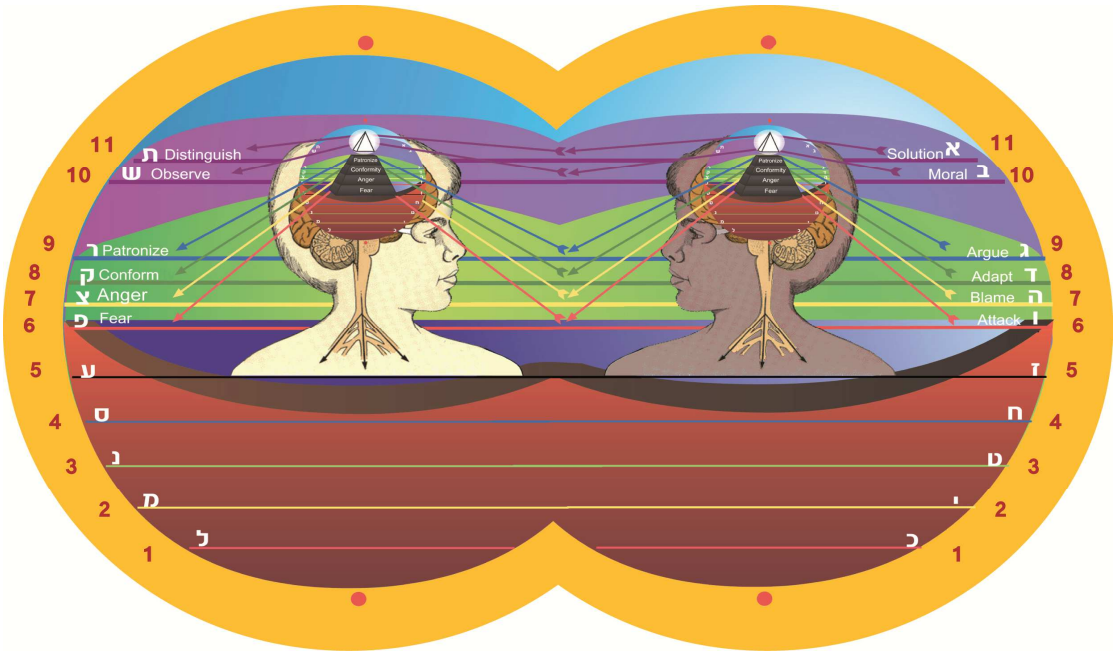


Research basis for the project

A new model for intelligent rational communication to achieve human and particularly parent and teacher understanding. An examination of the relationship between overt and covert speech among the speakers of twelve different languages has revealed the existence of two brain systems that form the basis of speech. One is the Relax System, an intelligent, rational and self-aware system deriving from cerebral activity in the brain's frontal lobes. Alongside this system is the Stress System: an ancient, instinctual and unconscious brain system. This finding has led to the development of a theoretical and practical model: the Switch My Mind (SMM) method for developing cerebral awareness to realize the super-intelligence that sets humans apart.

The ancient unconscious system fills our lives with stress, anxiety, friction, alienation, callousness and violence, and limits our ability to perceive reality as it is. Insight about the existence of this system obliges us to acquire new and updated knowledge to minimize the damage wreaked by our unconscious system and to optimize our higher cerebral functions: attentiveness, concentration, realistic thinking, learning, decision-making and intelligent use of language.

The model has been corroborated by brain imaging conducted by Prof. Tzila Zwas, Ministry of Health consultant for Nuclear Medicine and Imaging, Tel Aviv University.



From research to implementation:

The SMM method for cerebral consciousness has been developed for adults and for children. Adult study is accompanied by the book, *The Code of Speech,* and the courses for children use a six-booklet series titled *Rash or Rational?* This method, which has been introduced to different groups in a variety of settings, has been very successful in promoting physical and emotional resilience and in empowering learning and thinking for individuals and groups. The method is significant in the implementation of social and communication skills.

The Switch My Mind (SMM) method has been adopted by the MAHUT Center of Ministry of Education, in promoting its mission of implementing an educational covenant among parents, teachers and students. with the understanding that an individual's cerebral infrastructure is what determines his or her character, morality, ability to learn and ability to function as an effective citizen and contributing member of society. The SMM method promotes the principles of mutual responsibility and social solidarity. This approach has the potential to bring about a quantum leap in education, culture and health.

Insights for the individual and for society:

The global aspect of cerebral awareness: SMM is an innovative approach that introduces a global language and way of thinking to connect science to national traditions and heritage. This approach is in keeping with the notion of lifelong learning. Indeed, the model of thinking in partnership has the potential to bridge multilingualism and multiculturalism and to promote a culture of brotherhood and peace in the spirit of science and traditions.

The realization of rational intelligence is the new hope for humankind:

Dr. Weinbach presented this Method in Napoli, at the 11th International Conference in Bio-ethics 2016.

In February 2016 took place a Conference on Ethics in Thinking, Language and Action and its relation to education, Health and Welfare. The conference was in collaboration with the Faculty for Health Professions, with Prof. Nili Tabak, head of the school for health professions and head of nursing in the international center for health, law and ethics.

Prof. Amnon Carmi opened the conference with a welcoming speech and Prof. Tabak presented the definitions of health as were formulated by world health organizations in the last decades as preparations to discussions of the relation to SMM method for self-control, strength and human welfare.

Dr. Lliora Weinbach presented in her speech "the knowledge a person needs in order to pass from "unconscious speech" to "conscious speech" as the person's responsibility to the influence of his speech on others. The control of the person to "unconscious speech" for a lengthy periods wired up the human mechanism: common sense, healthy logic, loving heart, clear conscious and language understood by others. In the passage from "speech" to "conscious speech" the person is actualizing all the virtual of the Homo-Sapiens".

Dr. Ernesto Korman, Neurophysiologist and Expert in Neuro-Biofeedback, explained the results of the SMM Method in Brain wiring and the connection between "The Three Musketeers": Forehead-Lobe-Heart-Speech. In His speech he presented the importance of the Forehead-Lobe as a regulator for optimal functions.

Prof. Zila Shaves confirmed the SMM Method by MRI. She described the differences of the conscious and unconscious functions in Brain Radiology and the importance of the finding for the internal understanding hidden for the eye in the Biology, Chemical and Magnetic fields of the brain.

Edna Tuna, President of the Bio-Feedback Organization in Israel, presented the achievements of the integration between conscious speech to the technology of the Biofeedback in activating the Forehead-Lobe among the pupils with learning disabilities.

In the second half of the conference Mrs. Sara Caspi reported on the results of implementing SMM, in the Education System in the city of Rishon Lezion.

Where the method was bestowed to the educational advisors, teachers, parents and pupils from kindergarten to youth-at-risk. The results and findings pointed of outing from hardship to relief, from risk to prospect, of improvement in relationships, in study achievements and personal strength.

The Conference ended with a general discussion that acknowledged the contribution of the SMM Method for improving the self education and to the Human Health.

Women's Dignity and Women's Rights

by Isotta Burlin, Ph.D. in Bioethics and European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life expert

The 4th of March 2016 at Ennio Flaiano Library (Biblioteca Ennio Flaiano) in Rome, Italy, there has been a meeting dedicated to "Women dignity and Women Rights", organized by the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life – UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit in collaboration with Ennio Flaiano Library, within the week of celebrations for the Woman's Day (8th March). The event has had a great and interested public composed by the cultural panorama of Rome. Actually, there have been teachers, school managers, librarians, representatives of parents' associations, educational professionals and local politicians. It has been the perfect occasion to present the story and the work of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and the initiatives designed and promoted by the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life – UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit. The attention has been focused on the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, in particular on the principle n.3 on Human dignity and human rights which states "Human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms are to be fully respected", and on the fact that, if we want to build up a society able to enshrine this principle, it is necessary to teach to youngsters - who will compose the tomorrow citizenry - how to be hospitable and sensible to ethical issues, since they will have surely to face them during their daily adult life. Then it has been showed the project developed by the Italian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics that, under the wise guide of its Director, Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, has assembled a group of educators and other professionals who have designed and published the "First Syllabus for Youth Bioethics Education" in the world, where there are presented 12 principles of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. Together with the public it has been analyzed the Unit number 6 of the Syllabus, dedicated to the ethical principle n.3 of the Declaration, which has been chosen because of its relation with the celebrations for Women's rights, this Unit being about the story of Malala Yousafzai, the 17-year-old winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace (2014) for her efforts as activist to defend women's rights to education worldwide. There have been showed the learning objectives, the teaching methodology and other study materials provided for deepening the proposed themes of the Unit. The public has showed great interest in the Syllabus project, as demonstrated by many questions and requests for a more in-depth analysis of the Unit during the plenary session dedicated to the discussion. Other questions of the public have been related to Bioethics issues, like gender differences, women's right to informed choice in maternity, the right to informed consent, etc. The discussion has showed that there are still many doubts and prejudices due to misunderstanding and misinformation about the thorny bioethical issues, so it is indeed urgent and necessary the organization of events and initiatives able to dispel the confusion which still now exists. This is why the public has showed a lot of enthusiasm and interest in the announcement of the celebration of the first World Bioethics Day (19th of October 2016) promoted by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) which will be the occasion to organize many events, competitions and activities open to citizen, students, professionals from every field, in order to think together about the theme of this year: "Human dignity and Human Rights".

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"Immigrant as Patient" International Conference partecipation

16.3.2016, Treviso - Casa dei Carraresi

The International Conference, organized in collaboration with Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia Units on the 16.3.2016 in Treviso, has seen the participation of Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, Head of Italian Unit and Dr. Fulvia Dematteis, board member of the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit, who has talked about the recent issues on Immigration fluxes which involved Valle D'Aosta Region, especially in consequence of the recent terroristic attacks. The Congress has been an occasion to discuss on a topic, the immigration and bioethics, which represents an emergency and is going to be one of the hot-topic of next years. Different speakers have spoken about their experiences and their feelings and concerns about the difficult situation in which a person is when he/she is doubly fragile, that is when the disease comes in a stranger and unknown Country. This is what Dr. Altin Stafa, Head of the Albanian Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and neuro-radiology ULSS 12 Venice, said in his welcoming address: these immigrants patients are so vulnerable since they have regressed to an emotional level, and what they demand to health-care givers is nothing different from help. Prof. Amnon Carmi, who chaired the 1st session of the congress, reminded to the auditory that immigration is the new challenge for the globalization, that is an issue deeply linked to the human right framework, since only emphasizing the human face of the immigration it will be possible realizing activities aimed at contributing to the social inclusion of immigrants and at building an intercultural dimension regarding law, gender equality, medicine and education.





Dr. Altin Stafa, President of Conference



Dr. Fulvia Dematteis, Speaker and Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, Co-chair of session



Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

RUSSIA VOLGOGRAD UNIT

The Experience of the Teacher: Cross cultural approach to the Formation of Bioethical Knowledge

by Prof. Alena Donika, Head of Russia, Volgograd Unit - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

Students from Malaysia, India, Arabic countries are taught in our Russian medical universities. Study subjects for foreign students are the same, differentiated approach is maintained in the teaching of the humanities disciplines. In accordance with the curriculum, all students of the first year students study Philosophy, History of medicine and basic medical disciplines, such as First aid. Bioethics, as an academic discipline, is also included in the total educational program for general practitioners, but Bioethics is studied on the second course. For me, as a teacher, it is very interesting - what the initial idea of bioethics have foreign students? The Russian national expectations of the doctors profession are based on image of doctor from novels by Russian writers (Chekhov, Bunin, Tolstoy). Conducted at our department sociological studies have shown that 57-68% of the students choose the profession because of an altruistic desire “to

help people".

So it is very interesting for me as a researcher in the field of Bioethics, whether there are the same motives for foreign students.

I want to share their impressions of the conducted classes on First aid with students of the first year. Practical skills students receive at practical training on the phantoms. We, the teachers, consciously give human names to phantoms. This is to ensure that students may associate them with their patients. Students not only carefully taught techniques of First aid, but also gently and carefully treated with a phantoms. For example, during chest compressions - students were afraid to "break the ribs", during transportation of "patient", they gently shifted phantom on a stretcher, and so on. When we studied dressings rules, I suggested students try to train on each other. This further intensified the effect of compassion. Students realized that it may be painful and unpleasant.

It is possible that the teaching of philosophy in our interpretation is not clear to foreign students due to differences in culture and religion, especially in the first year, when only social adaptation begins in another country. But the teaching of basic medical disciplines shows that the majority of foreign students are well altruistic motivated, as our Russian students. We believe, this is a good foundation for the perception of Bioethics as an academic discipline in the second year of study at the medical University.





SERBIA

Serbian Unit Activities from January 2016 to April 2016

Authors: Dunja Begovic and Stefan Micic

Lectures "Thursday at Noon"

The Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, in cooperation with the Center for the Study of Bioethics (CSB), have been organizing on a regular basis lectures “Thursdays at noon”. The lectures take place every Thursday at noon during the Fall and Spring semester, at the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Belgrade. CSB and the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics have managed to constantly maintain a high level of quality of lectures, featuring new and highly esteemed professionals from their respective fields every week.

Some of the lectures were:

RARE DISEASES AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

On 10 March 2016 the Center for the Study of Bioethics and the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics organized a lecture by Professor Svetozar Damjanovic, PhD: "Rare Diseases and Laboratory Medicine". Svetozar Damjanovic is a Professor of Internal Medicine at the

School of Medicine of the University of Belgrade. The lecture was about rare diseases, problems in their diagnostics and treatment options in our country, and it highlighted the fact that the formal un recognition of rare diseases and public concern aimed at curing only some of them potentially leads to breach of ethical norms.

ABUSE OF THE TERM 'RARE' IN THE DEFINITION OF RARE DISEASES

On 17 March 2016 the Center for the Study of Bioethics and the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics organized a lecture by Davor Duboka: "Abuse of the term 'rare' in the definition of rare diseases". Davor Duboka is Executive Director of the National Organization for Diseases of Serbia (NORBS). According to a commonly used definition, a rare disease is one which "affects fewer than 1 per 2000 persons", which in the context of Serbia means a disease affecting fewer than 3500 people. Still, moving from the domain of definition to the practical use of the term is not at all simple. Lack of information about rare diseases, unavailable diagnostics, the high price of "orphan drugs" and the inability to claim welfare benefits are some of the obstacles that any rare disease patient has to face on a daily basis. The argument of the lecture was that the term "rare disease" has been misused and the rarity of the diseases has been put forward as an excuse for non-action, instead of raising awareness and highlighting the problems that patients confront.

BIOETHICALLY AWARE JOURNALISM

On 24 March 2016 the Center for the Study of Bioethics organized with the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics a lecture by Danijela Davidov Kesar: "Bioethically Aware Journalism". Danijela Davidov Kesar is a journalist of the Serbian daily newspaper "Politika" and has been reporting on issues regarding medicine, healthcare and public health for 11 years. Her lecture highlighted the importance of journalists and the media in raising relevant issues for bioethics and bringing them to public attention. In Serbia education of media representatives in bioethics is necessary, and it would also be important to conduct a survey in which journalists could explain which topics they are most interested in. So far, Serbian media have most often covered the following subjects: facts and misconceptions about organ transplantations, ethical dilemmas regarding IVF, surrogate motherhood, the use of gene therapy to eradicate rare diseases, and ethics of contemporary genetics.

INFERTILITY - ETHICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES IN SERBIA

On 31 March 2016 the Center for the Study of Bioethics and the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics organized in partnership with the Institute for Social Sciences a lecture by Professor Aleksandar Vuksanovic of the School of Medicine of the University of Belgrade: "Infertility - Ethical and Legal Issues in Serbia". Research shows that about 20% of couples face infertility. Modern treatment technologies allow a significant number of these patients to reach normal fertility status. In cases where this is impossible, procedures such as IVF and ICSI allow a great number of couples to become parents. Unfortunately, many countries including Serbia do not have sufficient legislation, which leaves a lot of legal and ethical issues unresolved. This lecture presented some of these issues, including egg cell and sperm donation, surrogate motherhood, embryo transfer and donation regulations.

CSB and the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics begin new project on rare diseases

In cooperation with the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, CSB has also started implementing a new and significant project on rare diseases, entitled "Pomozite nam" ("Help us"). The project is of unlimited duration. It was officially put into motion by a meeting of the project's Steering Committee in March 2016. Members of the Committee include representatives of CSB and the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Dr. Vojin Rakić, Dr. Amira Fazlagić, Dr. Dušanka Krajnović), the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (acad. Vladimir Kostić), various prominent Serbian healthcare and medical research institutions (Dr. Svetozar Damjanović, Dr. Aleksandar Vuksanović, Dr. Milan Petakov, Dr. Maja Đorđević), patients' organizations (Marija Joldić, Davor Duboka), the Ministry of Health, the media, the legal sphere, as well as the otganizations that support the project.

Bioethics education for journalists

The Center for the Study of Bioethics in cooperation with the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics has started with the implementation of the project "Bioethics Education for Journalists". The realization of this project began on 22nd December 2015 with an educational workshop. Attendees were journalists and editors-in-chief of some of the most important media houses in Serbia.

The Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in the media

On 27 February 2016 an interview with the Head of the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, dr Vojin Rakić was published in the Science and Culture rubric of the Serbian daily newspaper "Politika". The interview covered various bioethical issues, especially those pertaining to gene editing technologies. The activities of the Unit, especially projects that involve international collaboration, were also mentioned, as well as the many successful educational activities and public lectures organized by the Unit. In the previous period, there has been a notable increase of interest of national media houses in Serbia, that are covering bioethical topics and the work of the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

USA BOSTON UNIT

Harold J. Bursztajn, M.D., President of the American Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

Lectures and Presentations:

Invited: Healthcare from Hell to Here: Trauma and Resilience from the Shoah (1939-1945) to Today (2015). Longwood Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, October 15, 2015. A presentation which explores the relationship between trauma, massive psychic trauma, and post-traumatic discrimination.

Omar Sultan Haque, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the American Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

Presentations:
Invited: Peduncular Hallucinosis as a Vascular Parasomnia: New Onset Visual Hallucina6ons and Delusions with Oculomotor Paresis. American Neuropsychiatric Association (ANPA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March, 2016 (with Benjamin Margolis)
Invited: Dehumanization in Hospitals: Implications for Global Health. Harvard College, Partners in Health (PIH) Engage, Cambridge, MA, November, 2015
Invited: The Aging, Disabled Shoah Survivors and the Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma, Resilience, Memories and Moral Values. International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH)/XXXIVth International Congress of Law and Mental Health. Vienna, Austria, July 2015 (with Harold Bursztajn).
Invited: DSM's PTSD vs. ICD-10's Enduring Personality Change After Catastrophic Experience. International Psychoanalytical Association 49th Congress. Boston, MA, July 2015 (with Harold Bursztajn).
Invited: The psychology of common knowledge and coordination. Talk presented at 9th annual Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS) Conference. Boston, Massachusetts, April 2015 (With Kyle A. Thomas (presenter), Peter DeScioli, Steven Pinker)
Invited: What can Religious Traditions Contribute to Preventing Dehumanization in Medicine? 4th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Spiritual Dimensions of Illness and Healing. Cambridge, MA, March, 2015.
Invited: What can the DSM learn from King Lear? International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis. New York, NY, March 2015 (with Harold Bursztajn, M.D.).

André Churchwell, M.D., Director of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, American Unit

Lectures/Presentations:
Invited: Panel: Blindspots and Unconscious Bias–No, Not Me!!—Health Sciences Education Grand Rounds, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. February 2015. Nashville, TN.
Invited: Panel: Blindspots and Unconscious Bias–No, Not Me!!—VUSM Executive Faculty Meeting, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. September 2015. Nashville, TN.
Invited: Panel: Blindspots and Unconscious Bias–No, Not Me!!—Department of Pediatrics, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. October 2015. Nashville, TN.
Invited: Lessons from Industry: Diversity & Inclusion are Good for Business and the Academic Health Mission—AAMC National Meeting. November 2015. Baltimore, MD.
Invited: Panel: Blindspots and Unconscious Bias–No, Not Me!!—Newman/Bridge Seminar, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. December 2015. Nashville, TN. Invited: Building Diversity -A Voyage—Harvard Medical School. December 2015. Boston, MA.Walker M, Churchwell AL. (2016) Clinical Immersion and BME Design Education: “Engineering Grand Rounds.” Cardiovascular Engineering and Technology, 7(1), pp. 1–6. Invited: Creativity & Applied Physics—Chancellor’s Lecture Series, Vanderbilt University. April 2016. Nashville, TN. Invited: Reflections on J. Willis Hurst, MD: Hearing Voices—Harvard Medical School. May 2016. Boston, MA.

USA INDIANA UNIT

"The Ritualized Memorialization of Pets Around the World" at the (Re) Conceptualizing Death and Religion Conference at Indiana University-Bloomington April 8-9, 2016.

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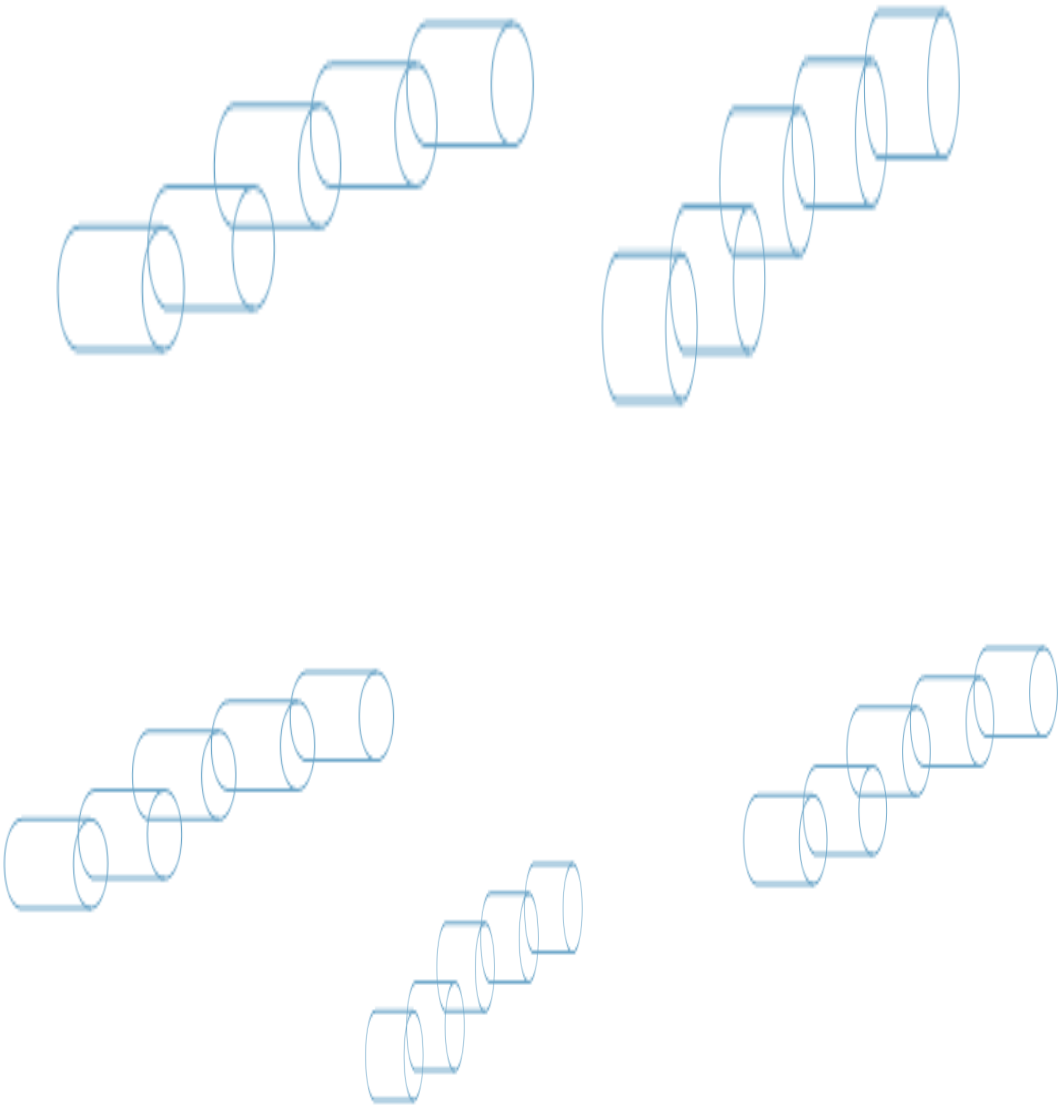


Report of Units WBD Tentative Programs

WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2016

During the last UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 11th World Conference on BIOETHICS, MEDICAL ETHICS & HEALTH LAW held in Naples, on October 2015, Prof. Amnon Carmi, Holder and Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), has proposed to establish a special day to celebrate the Bioethical Principles in all the world. His proposal has been welcomed unanimously by all Units Heads, and so it has been decided to celebrate the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY, a global event which will take place on 19th October 2016 and will be celebrated each year starting from now on. The theme of the first celebration will be “Human Dignity and Human Rights” (Article 3 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights), and, in order to organize shared activities into all Institutions of the world, it has been suggested to all Units of the Chair to follow a common program. The common program, which Units can modify in its minor parts, suggests to include as many stakeholders as possible in the celebrations of the program and to organize the World Bioethics Day event as follows:

Part 1
a. Opening speech by Head of the Unit or Head of the Institution.
b. The greetings of the highest local representatives.
c. The greetings of International or local representatives of UNESCO.
d. The presentation of an award to an active member of the Unit.

Part 2
A Guest lecture of 1 hour duration or so, by eminent personality in Bioethics on the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights".

Part 3
Panel Discussion by experts in Bioethics/Senior Faculty. Targeted audience should be Junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff) and other stakeholders as decided by the Unit. The above mentioned 3 parts of the program should be conducted in pre-lunch session. To encourage and enhance students' participation in the program, the activities in the Post-lunch session should include

Part 4
Debate competition on “Human Dignity and Human Rights”.

Part 5
Poster Exhibition on “Human Dignity and Human Rights” to increase awareness amongst students', faculty members and other stakeholders.

Part 6

Essay writing competition on “Human Dignity and Human Rights”, which can be held a couple of months/sufficient time prior to World Bioethics Day 2016 and winners shall be awarded on the day. In addition to above, Units across the Globe should prepare either the flyer or poster for World Bioethics Day event. It is further suggested that these flyers/posters should be prepared by the students of various Institutions/Units based on the Theme of the year. One poster/flyer per Unit shall be sent to the Committee (on or before the date as mentioned below), and the Committee shall select the best poster, which shall be awarded (Certificate with the name of Unit/Students). Units will be allowed to place and use their own flyers/posters (prepared by them) in their respective local events. All the posters submitted to Committee for competition along with the "Poster of the Year" shall be displayed on the special website section dedicated to World Bioethics Day. It may be further suggested that Units should hold such Poster Competition sufficient time prior to date of submission of posters to the World Bioethics Day Committee and winner poster of such competition may be sent to the Committee for participation in International Competition. (Please note this is merely a suggestion, Units may decide their plan of action). Hon’ble Chair shall award Certificate to the Winner of the Best flyer/poster ONLY.

Units, if wanted, may hold a week long program as per their feasibility (though it is not suggested as common program for all the Units by Hon’ble Chair), but this celebration should not change the Common Program as suggested for the World Bioethics Day 2016. All the correspondence regarding World Bioethics Day 2016 should be addressed to worldbioethicsday2016@gmail.com

In order to better realize the organization of this huge event, Hon’ble Chair Prof Amnon Carmi Sir. has appointed the members of the International Organizing Committee and its General Coordinator as follows:

Regional Coordinators

1. Unit and sub-units of Italy: Dr. Miroslava Vasinova
2. Units in India: Dr. Smita Deshpande
3. Units in America: Dr. Gina Lorena Garcia Martinez
4. Units in Asia: Dr. Princy Louis Palatty
5. Units in Europe. Dr. Gerhard Fortwengel

Members

1. Dr. Rui Nunes
2. Dr. Altin Stafa
3. Dr. Tsai Fu Chang Daniel

General Coordinator

Dr. Praveen Arora

World Bioethics Day Units Programs in Progress

The 60 Units of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics inform on the WBD Tentative programs since now:

ALBANIA UNIT

The Albania Unit of the UNESCO Chair In Bioethics (Haifa), in collaboration with Ministry Of Health Of The Republic Of Albania, Medical University Of Tirana, Albania Catholic University "our Lady Of Good Counsel", Tirana, Albania will celebrate the 1st WORLD BIOETHICS DAY dedicated to “HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS” on October 19th 2016 with many events, like the opening speech by Dr. Altin Stafa, Head of the Albanian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), a lesson on Social bioethics and social conflicts, a polemologic standpoint by Prof. Fabio Marco Fabbri, “La Sapienza” University, Rome, Italy, a lesson on Human rights and current Albanian Legislation by Ass. Prof. Gentian Zyberi, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and Director of the Albanian Scientific Institute “ Alb-Shkenca” (to be confirmed), other lessons will be dedicated to the interreligious dialogue, the basis of mutual understanding, sexual orientation, a human right, the social relationship between men and women in Albania, a historical perspective and current situation; speeches on the right of the terminally ill to be informed; medical scenarios and current legal platform by Ass. Prof. Ridvan Alimehmeti (Medical University, Tirana) and Dr. Armand Gurakuqi (Public Prosecutor, Tirana Court, Albania). Finally there will be organized an Essay Writing and Graphic Poster Competition (high school students) and the Best Essay award and best Graphic Poster awards.

ARGENTINA UNIT

The Argentinean Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics under the supervision of its Head Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar M.D. Ph.D. will open the celebration starting with the speech of Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar, M.D. Ph.D., Head of the Unit, followed by Dr. Enrique Novelli, M.D., Ph.D., Member of IFT. The guest lecture will be given by Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D., Member of IFT. Then a panel discussion will follow, with the participation of Dr. Irene Cambra Badii Ph.D., Member of IFT and Dr. Eduardo Ramos M.D., Member of IFT. It is also foreseen a poster exhibition at the University of Salvador that will take place on September 2016 for a Target audience composed by Graduate and Postgraduate students. Other activities will include:

1) The II Interdisciplinary Seminar about Ethics and Research at the University of Salvador, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology, Pilar, Buenos Aires on the 14th of June. The lecturer will be Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D. On this Seminar, projects about different researches will be presented, by researchers from the Institutes of Research, with the aim of making an epistemic, methodological and ethical exchange to deal with dilemmas in research, between various proposals of the different Academic Units from University of Salva-

dor: Research Institute of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology, Research Institute of Arts and Architecture, Institute for Research in Agronomy.
2) The III Intercurricular Seminar about ethics and research (for undergraduate and post-graduate students) at the University of Salvador, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Psychology. The discussed topics will be: Ethics, Bioethics and Research; dilemmatic situations in different contexts; ethics, moral and deontology; ethics, bioethics and ecobioethics; professional ethics and research; psychology and educational psychology on the 5th and 6th of September 2016. The lecturer will be Dr. Susana Otero Ph.D. The III Intercurricular Seminar about ethics and research aim is to provide researchers, academics, PhD students and post graduate students a place to exchange and transmit their knowledge and professional experiences facing dilemmatic situations in different contexts to undergraduate students.
3) The First Seminar of the Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics: World Bioethics Day at the University of Morón on September 2016, whose lecturer will be Dr. Enrique Novelli Ph.D., will include a seminar for teachers, graduate and undergraduate students and local authorities of Morón, and will be aimed at the interdisciplinary integration of the Faculty of Philosophy, Economics, Law, Agriculture, Health Sciences and Natural Sciences.
4) The Training sessions in Boulogne Hospital: the importance of bioethics in hospitals on September 2016 will be aimed at health professionals, mental health services, psychologists and psychiatrists and will be about these topics: "The role of ethical principles in diagnostic communication: patient labeled or oriented?" and "Honorary clinical practice, subversion of the 'psi' system". Participants will be from Municipal Hospital of Boulogne, University of Salvador, Psychoanalytic Association of Argentina (APA) and the referent will be Lic. Nestor Tamburini.
5) The Postgraduate Course: 'Trauma and Disruption' will be taught by Prof. Dr. Moty Benyakar, M.D. Ph.D. and Dr. Eduardo Ramos M.D. and will be organized by the Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. It will take place on May 12 and 13, 2016 at the National University of San Luis.

AUSTRIA UNIT, Division Of Biological Chemistry, Biocentre, Medical University Innsbruck

The celebration of the World Bioethics Day will see the participation of Gabriele Werner-Felmayer, Head of Austria Unit; Helga Fritsch, Rector of Medical University Innsbruck; Christine Bandtlow, Vice rector for Research and International Affairs, Medical University Innsbruck (not yet confirmed); P. Lukas, ethics commission; H. Hüttenhofer, GSP and the themes will be Bioethics and the role of UNESCO; Human rights as a core concept of medicine; Why bioethics matters; Ethical challenges in clinical research from the perspective of the Ethics Commission; GSP as basis for ethical research.

AZERBAIJAN UNIT, The Heydar Aliyev Center

The Azerbaijan Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics will celebrate the WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2016 on the 19th October 2016 at the Heydar Aliyev Center. There will be many speeches, included Mr. Akif Alizade, Professor, President of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Mr. Anar Alakbarov, Executive Director of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Director of the Heydar Aliyev Center, Mr. Vugar Mammadov, Professor, JD, MD, Head of the Azerbaijan Unit, Head of the Azerbaijan Bioethics and Medical Law Association, Head of the Humanitarian and Social Projects Department of the Heydar Aliyev Center, Governor of the World Association of Medical Law, Member of Board of the European Association of Health Law, Honorary member of the American College of Legal Medicine. As Representative of UNESCO there will be Mrs. Gunay Afandiyeva First secretary of Azerbaijan National Commission for UNESCO who will talk about the extensive research in the field of bioethics and cooperation with the Unit in fulfillment of numerous projects in the field of human rights.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA , University Of Sarajevo

The Bosnia and Herzegovina Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics will organize an opening speech by Prof.Dr. Yucel Ogurlu, Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Dr. Fahrudin Kulenovic, MD, President of the Medical Chamber Canton Sarajevo; Sabina Semiz, Unit Head. The Award for active member will be given to Dr. Fahrudin Kulenovic, MD, President of the Medical Chamber Canton Sarajevo, who, as a member of the Steering Committee, is very active and helps with the initiation of this Unit's activities. The invited eminent personality in Bioethics will be Dr. Heidi C. Howard, Centre for Research Ethics & Bioethics (CRB), Uppsala University, Sweden. In addition, the Unit will organize a Symposium on "Bioethics in the Era of Genomics", in October 2016 at the International University of Sarajevo, with the speakers announced above and additional international and national experts in the area of bioethics. The World Bioethics Day 2016 will be announced at this Symposium as well as the activities of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.

BRAZIL-RIO DE JANEIRO UNIT, National School of Public Health Sergio Arouca - Oswaldo Cruz

Under the supervision of the Unit Head Prof. Sergio Rego, the opening ceremony for the celebrations of the First World Bioethics Day will see the participation of the Director of Ensp; Representative of UFRJ; Representative of UFF; Representative of UERJ; Stare Council of Medicine; State Council of Nursing; Bioethics and Biolaw Commission of the Lawyers State Order – OAB; Judge's School; Head of Unit. Then there will be the Tribute to Professor Olint-Pegoraro for his life dedicated to the defense of democracy, human rights and ethics. Prof. Debora Diniz (UnB) will be present to the conference on Human Dignity and Human Rights and then there will be the panel discussion on many different bioethical issues like: Bioethics and the right to non-violence by Prof. Olinto Pegoraro – UERJ; Bioethics and reproductive

and sexual rights by Dra Maira Fernandes – OAB; Bioethics and the right to housing by Prof. Maria Clara Dias – UFRJ; Bioethics and health right by Prof. Aluisio Gomes da Silva Junior – UFF. The essay writing competition will concern the "UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human rights: the meaning, the fortress, its weakness, problems, impacts, perspectives. The place of the celebrations will be the Auditorium of the National School of Public Health.

BRAZIL—SAO PAULO UNIT, Municipal University of Jundiaí

Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. José T. Thomé, M.D, Ph.D., Head of the Brazilian Unit, President of the Brazilian Unit of the 'Iberoamerican Ecobioethics Network for Education Science and Technology of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Co- chair of the Section on Disaster Interventions from the W.P.A (World Psychiatric Association) and Chair of the Psychodinamic Course of Intervention in Crises of the Sedes Sapiaentiae Institute of São Paulo, the Brazilian Unit – Sao Paolo is organizing activities in the new academic address Medicine School of the Municipal University of Jundiaí. In addition, the Unit is hiring many different medical and legal groups of Bioethics fields for the creation of new units in Brazil who will take part in the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day 2016.

BRAZIL—SAO PAULO UNIT, University of Campinas

At the University of Campinas the celebrations will start with the opening speeches by Prof. Ivan Felizardo C. Toro, Dean of the Medical Sciences School; Prof. Carmino Antonio de Souza, Campinas' Secretary of Health; Prof. Flavio Cesar de Sa, Head of the Brazil-Sao Paulo Unit. The award for an active member will be given to Dr. Irene Harumi Barcellos, M.D., Ph.D., for the efforts in the organization of the entire core of disciplines of ethics and bioethics of the University, that have stimulated the participation of new teachers. The guest lecture will be by Prof. Leocir Pessini, philosopher, theologian, doctorate in moral technology, post-doctorate in bioethics, General Superior of the Camillians about Bioethics in time of globalization. With regard to the panel discussion, the participants will be Prof. Venancio Pereira Dantas Filho, Head of the University, Hospital Bioethics Committee and Prof. Roberto Texieira Mendes, Associate Dean of the Medicine Sciences School. The foreseen poster exhibition will last for 3 hours and the target audience will be under and post graduate students of the University of Campinas and other educational institutions of the metropolitan area.

BULGARIA UNIT, Medical University of Sofia

Prof. Sashka Popova, MD, PhD, Head of the Bulgarian Unit will supervise the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day that will start with an opening ceremony chaired by Academic Vanyo Mitev, MD, PhD, DSc, with the speech of Prof. Vihra Milanova, MD, Dsc, Rector of the Medical University of Sofia. There will be several guests and important local representatives who will attend the celebrations, as Mrs. Meglena Kuneva, Minister of Ministry of Education and Science; Dr. Petar Moskov, Minister of Ministry of Health; Dr. Daniela Daritkova, Chair-

person of Healthcare Parliamentary Committee; Mrs. Desislava Atanasova, Deputy Chairperson of Legal Affairs Parliamentary Committee; Dr. Ventsislav Grozev, President of Bulgarian Medical Association and Assoc. Prof. Assena Stoimenova, Executive Director of Bulgarian Drug Agency. With regard to representatives of UNESCO who will take part into the event, which will be celebrated at Musala Hall 2, Hilton Hotel, Sofia, there will be Mrs. Irina Bokova , Director General of UNESCO and Mr. Rumen Alexandrov, President of National Commission of the Republic of Bulgaria for UNESCO. In the second part of the matinee there will be organized a lecture in Bioethics on the theme "Human Dignity and Human Rights" held by Prof. Tzekomir Vodenicharov, MD, PhD, DSc, Dean of Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Sofia, followed by a Discussion and then a panel discussion and suggestions on Human Dignity and Human Rights moderated by the Head of Bulgarian Unit – Prof. Sashka Popova, MD, PhD. After the discussion, there will be the a session for the students' Competition and Award of Essay on Bioethics. At the Lobby of Musala Hall 2, Hotel Hilton, for a target audience composed by students of the Medical University of Sofia, there will be the poster exhibition from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. With regard to the essay writing competition, the date of competition is August 31, 2016: names of the winners will be communicated to the World Bioethics Day Committee on September 20, 2016.

COLOMBIA-BOGOTA' UNIT, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

The Unit, whose Head is Prof. Andrea Hellemeyer, will lead a series of debates and workshops related to the process of peace that is taking place in Colombia at the Bioethics Institute of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and will organize some activities on the Peace process and postconflict scenario. A bioethics Debate will be organized.

COLOMBIA-BOGOTA' UNIT**,** Universidad Nacional de Colombia Medellín

The Unit Head Ariel Marcel Tarazona Morales will lead the opening speech on Education in bioethics and amplification of the circles of empathy. With regard to the Essay Writing Competition, the opening contest will be made public in April, will receive written contributions until June 30th, during July there will be the evaluation aimed at choosing the winner. The celebrations will take place at the Aula Máxima, Facultad de Ciencias Agrarias.

COLOMBIA-VILLAVICENCIO UNIT, Universidad De Los Llanos

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

CYPRUS UNIT, Cyprus University Of Technology (CUT)

Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Andrie Panayiotou, will see the participation of the Cyprus University Of Technology rector, the representative of the Minister of Health, the Head of National Bioethics Committee, Members of the national bioethics committee/ faculty from medical, nursing and relevant schools/ governmental stakeholders. In addition, a competition for the best poster among students form all universities in Cyprus will be held. The deadline will be in June/July and the best poster will be submitted to the proposed international competition on August 31st. A selection of the best posters submitted will be exhibited at the venue for the event and will be open for at least one week.

CROATIA UNIT

The Croatian Unit will organize celebrations for the World Bioethics Day which will include a debate and some lectures, under the supervision of its Head Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu/University of Zagreb Law School. The opening speech will be cured by Prof. Dr. Sc. Dubravka Hrabar, dean, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, and will be about the topic "TBC". Prof. Dr. Sc. Ante Čović, Honorary member, Head of the Centre of Excellence in integrative bioethics, vice-rector, University of Zagreb will talk about "Integrative bioethics - Contemporary Challenges", followed by Prof. Dr. Sc. Jozo Čizmić, Faculty of Law, University of Split, who will give a speech on the "Development of medical law in Croatia". Finally, Prof. Dr. Sc. Velinka Grozdanić, Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka will talk about "Bioethics and People with Mental Disabilites". Local representatives who will attend the congress will be Prof. Dr. Sc. Iris Golder Lang, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, with a speech on "TBC", while the representative of UNESCO Chair, Doc. Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, Head of the Croatian Unit, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb will talk about "Human dignity, human rights and world bioethics". It i salso foreseen an award for an active member upon decision of the UNESCO Chair Unit members, who will be announced on October 19th 2016. The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Prof. Dr. Sc. Ksenija Turković, judge, European Court of Human Rights on the topic "Bioethics, Human dignity ECHR". The commentator will be Dr. sc. Svetlana Paramonova, senior scientific researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb on the NEWFELPRO Project Bioethics and criminal law and on the Role of ECtHR in setting standards for the protection of human rights. In addition, during the event, there will be a debate competition on Human Dignity and Human Rights: the rights of unborn child" to which the students of the Medical School, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Philosophy will take part. The panel discussion too will be about the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights: The rights of unborn child", whose commentator will be Prof. Dr. Sc. Sunčana Roksandić Vidlička, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb and whose participants will be Prof. Dr. Sc. Dubravka Hrabar, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; Prof. Dr. Sc. Tonči Matulić, Dean, Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Zagreb; Prof. Dr. Sc. Hrvoje Jurić, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb and Prof. Dr. Sc. Ana Borovečki Medical School, University of Zagreb, TBC. It is also foreseen a student essay writing competition on the topic

"Bioethics, Human Dignity and Human Rights" which will be open until October 10th 2016.

CZECH UNIT

The Czech Unit under the supervision of its head, Prof. Tomáš Doležal will celebrate the World Bioethics Day at the Institute of State and Law of Czech Academy of Sciences with an opening speech by the Director of the Institute, Prof. Jan Matejka, followed by the interventions by Dr. Radek Policar, Ministry of Health and Prof. Tomáš Doležal. The guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Prof. Josef Kuře. It will also be organized a Panel Discussion in topics relted to themes of the year, to which are going to participate Dr David Černý, Dr. Adam Doležal; Dr. Josef Kuře and Dr. Petr Agha. Among the additional plans it is foreseen a conference organized with the kind support of Ministry of Health and Faculty of Medicine, Charles University.

FINLAND UNIT

Many bioethics personalities will take part into the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day in Finland, like Prof. Rosa Rantanen, who will have the opening speech, Prof. Eerik Lagerspetz, Head of Philosophy Unit, Prof. Helena Siipi, Head of the Unit. The award for the active member will be given to Prof. Polaris Koi, for the organization of the student symposium. The guest lecture by an eminent personality in Bioethics will be by Pekka Louhiala and the panel discussion will be about human dignity and human rights, in particular the current issues in Finish society: "us and them, how meet others?". The names and the title of the participants are Prof. Anna Haverinen who will talk about "Hate speech"; Prof. Simo Vehmas who will talk about disabled persons; Prof. Lauri Kuosmanen, who will discuss on Involuntary treatment and Prof. Juha Lavapuro, with a speech about Human rights and basic rights. The target audience to which the program is addressed are students from philosophy, medicine, nursing science, social sciences, law and Turku University Applied Sciences (health care).

FRANCE UNIT

Prof Henry Coudane, Head of the French Unit, announces the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day that will take place in Paris, 6 rue Pierre Bayle, at the Hospital of Maison Blanche Salle Van Gogh on the 19th October 2016. The opening session will be made by Prof Henry Coudane, Head of the French Unit and the event will see the collaboration of the Department of CPD and Life Long Learning of Paris . The keynotes speakers from University of Lorraine and from Paris and the Scientific and Organization Committee will be composed by Prof Bernard Kabut Nancy, Prof. Gisele Kanny Nancy , Philippe Swandra PhD Paris, Prof. Christian Herve Paris, Prof. Claude Albert Benhamou Paris , Dr. Jean-Pierre Blum Paris, Prof. Bruno Py, Dr. Vincent Sievert MD Nancy, Jane Laure Danan PhD Paris member of Ift, president Fine –EU Christophe Debout PhD Paris , Vice president Fine –EU.

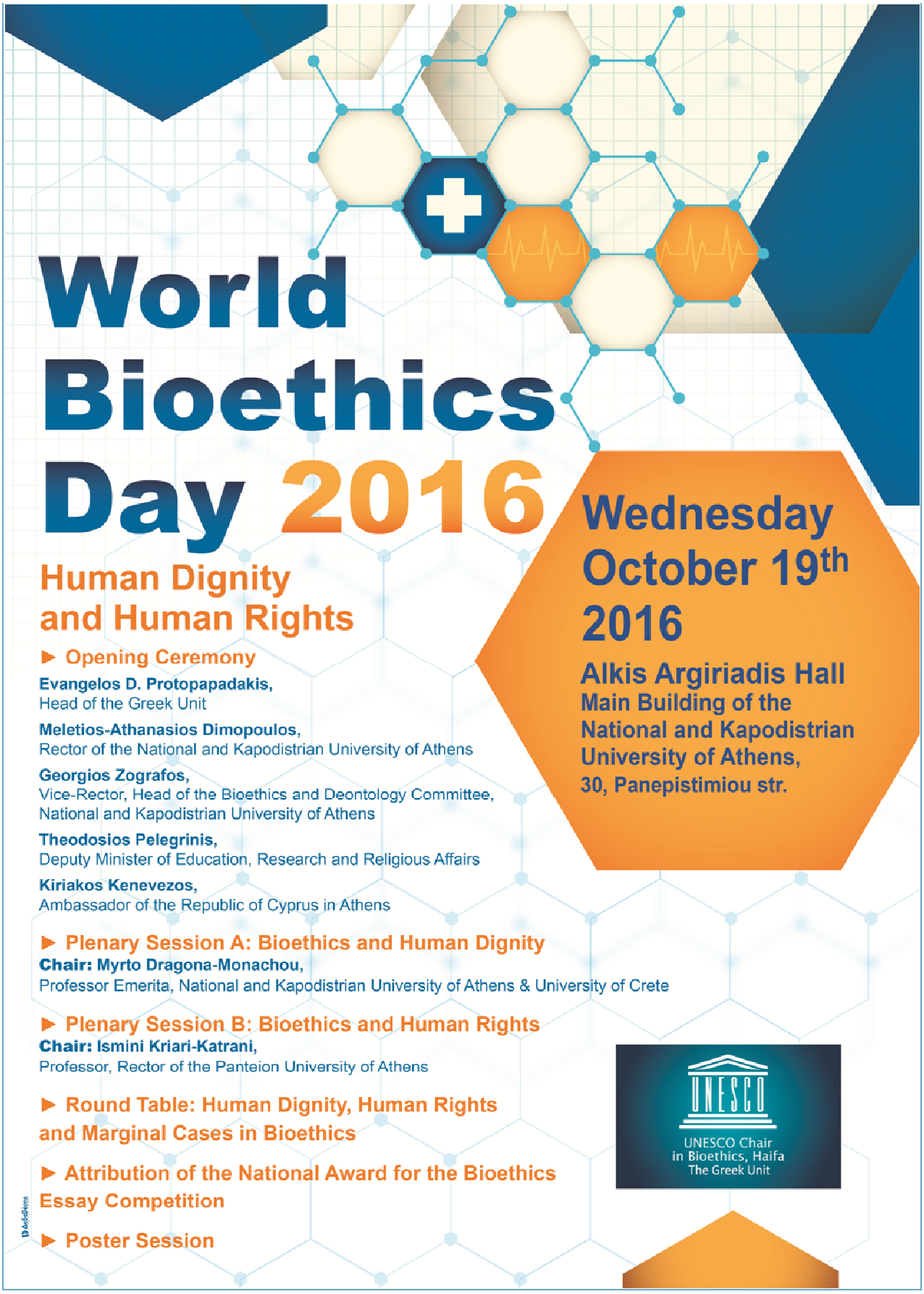
GERMAN UNIT, University Of Applied Sciences And Arts, Hannover

The opening speeches for the celebration of the First World Bioethics Day in Germany will be held by Prof. Dr. Gerhard Fortwengel, Germany Unit Head and Prof. Dr. Nadia Tornieporth, Member of the German Unit in Hannover. Some of the invited local representatives will be Dr. Dnyanesh Limaye, Head Steering Committee and Vanessa Strüver, Member of the German Unit in Hannover. The guest lecture by Prof. Dr. Frank von Sonnenburg, MPH, Head of the Clinical Trial Center at the Section of International Medicine & Public Health, Dept. of Infect. Diseases and Tropical Medicine at the University of Munich will be about the Ethical challenges and opportunities of an IDMC. Among the foreseen additional plans, TV Journalism students of the faculty will prepare a movie on bioethics with street interviews on the topic of bioethics and how it applies in daily life of interviewees, and the movie will be presented to the public during the World Bioethics Day. Plus, a local radio station will attend the event and will make a radio report.

GREECE UNIT

At the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Unit Head Prof. Dr Evangelos D. Protopapadakis will celebrate the World Bioethics Day 2016 with the kind participation of Prof. Dr Meletios-Athanasios Dimopoulos, Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Professor Emeritus Theodosios Pelegrinis, Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs; Kiriakos Kenevezos, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Athens; Prof. Dr Georgios Zografos, Vice-Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Head of the Bioethics and Deontology Committee. The guest lecture will be by Most Reverent Nikolaos Chantzinikolaou on Metropolitan of Messogaia and Lavreotiki, Chair of the Special Synodical. The Plenary sessions' theme will be about Bioethics and Human Dignity and chaired by Myrto Dragona-Monachou, Professor Emerita, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & University of Crete and Ismini Kriari-Katrani, Professor, Rector of the Panteion University of Athens. Then there will be a round table on Human Dignity, Human Rights and Marginal Cases in Bioethics and the attribution of the National Award for the Bioethics Essay Competition by the Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Professor Meletios- Athanasios Dimopoulos.

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National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Theodosios Pelegrinis,
Deputy Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs
Kiriakos Kenevezos,
Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Athens
► Plenary Session A: Bioethics and Human Dignity
Chair: Myrto Dragona-Monachou,
Professor Emerita, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & University of Crete
► Plenary Session B: Bioethics and Human Rights
Chair: Ismini Kriari-Katrani,
Professor, Rector of the Panteion University of Athens
► Round Table: Human Dignity, Human Rights and Marginal Cases in Bioethics
► Attribution of the National Award for the Bioethics Essay Competition
► Poster Session
Wednesday October 19th 2016
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ICELAND UNIT

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

INDIA - AURANGABAD UNIT, Govt Medical College

The Bioethics Unit of Govt. Medical College, Aurangabad (MS) under the supervision of its Head, Dr. C. B. Mhaske, Dean, GMC, Aurangabad, will organize a Conference with the opening speech by Dr. C. B. Mhaske followed by Dr. Nidhi Pandey, District Collector, Aurangabad; Dr. S. D. Dalvi, Vice Chancellor, Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences University, Loni. The award for the active member will be given to Dr. M. S. Baig, Associate Professor Pharmacology, GMC, Aurangabad, Member Secretary, Bioethics Unit of GMC, Aurangabad for the involvement in planning activities of the Unit. The second part of the conference will see the guest lecture by Mr. Vishwas Nangre Patil, Special Inspector General, Aurangabad about "Human Dignity and Human Rights". The event in-charge will be Dr. M. Doibale, Prof & Head Community Medicine, GMC, Aurangabad. Following, there will be the panel discussion on "Human Dignity and Human Rights": the panel moderator and event in charge will be Dr. Sarojini Jadhav, Prof. And Head Surgery, GMC, Aurangabad whilst the panelists will be Dr. Nidhi Pandey, Collector Aurangabad; Dr. C. B. Mhaske, Dean, GMC, Aurangabad; Dr. Mangala V Borkar, Professor and Head Medicine and Dr. Varsha Rotte, Professor and Head OBGY. It will also be organized a debate competition on the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights" for the target audience composed by faculties, MBBS (UG), PG and Nursing students. The in-charge of event will be Dr. M. S. Baig. In the Corridor Auditorium of the Govt. Medical College, Aurangabad (MS), for the target audience of faculties, MBBS (UG), PG, Nursing students there will be the poster exhibition: the event in charge will be Dr. A. S. Damle; Dr. S. M. Doifode; Dr. Shivaji Surke. There will also be an essay writing competition on the topic "Human dignity and human rights" (Date: 5th September 2016) for the target audience MBBS (I/II/III year) and postgraduates students organized by Dr. Kulkarni M. D. and students wing representatives. To take part into the flyer or poster competition for the World Bioethics Day event based on the theme of the year (Human dignity and human rights) the deadline for the submission to worldbioethicsday@gmail.com is on 31st August 2016 . All posters submitted to Committee for competition along with the "Poster of the Year" shall be displayed on the special section dedicated to World Bioethics Day. The competition is organized by Dr. Varsha Rotte, Dr. Kulkarni M. D. and students wing representatives. From March to 19 October 2016 there will be actions for the promotion of the World Bioethics Day in collaboration with medical/dental/nursing/physiotherapy and other health care associations, student associations, corporate sector, hospitals, to announce and disseminate the program through their websites/other methods. The in charge of activity are Dr. M. K. Doibale; Dr. Varsha Nandedkar and Dr. K. U. Zine.

INDIA-BHAVNAGAR UNIT, Government Medical College

The Head of the Unit, Dr Vikas Sinha, will hold the opening speech for the inauguration of the First Bioethics Day at Bhavnagar, and many other guests are expected to celebrate this important day. One of the proposed activities will be an online lecture about Ethics in Doctor – Patient Relation Ship and a panel discussion with Dr. Pradeep Joshi and Dr. M R Kanani, Consultant Physicians. Then there will be organized a debate competition of one hour and the poster exhibition on bioethical themes.

INDIA-GUJARAT UNIT

The PRAMUKHSWAMI Medical College, Gujarat, India, in the Auditorium of the Academic Centre, under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Barna Ganguly, will organize a Debate competition about "Why female feticide?" on the 14th October 2016, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, a Poster Exhibition on the 15th October 2016, from 9am to 1pm at the Academic Centre, P. S. Medical College, Karamsad, Gujarat, for a target audience that will be composed by all the members of the organization. Plus, there will be an essay writing competition on "Sex determination and female feticide – whose right to be honored?". The submission opening date will be 26 September 2016 and the deadline 03 October 2016. In order to proper celebrate the World Bioethics Day there will also be organized two skit/drama presentations by Students of P. S. Medical College, followed by discussion on issues highlighted in the skits and the release of 3td issue of Newsletter of Gujarat Unit, Harbinger, followed by the prize distribution of the winners of debate and poster competition.

INDIA-LONI UNIT, Pravara Institute Of Medical Sciences, Deemed University

Several Bioethics eminent personalities will take part into the celebrations of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed University), Loni for the World Bioethics Day. Among these personalities, there will be Dr. Shashank D. Dalvi, Vice-chancellor, PIMS (DU) and Head of the Unit, Loni, who will hold the opening speech, followed by Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, CEO, Pravara Medical Trust, Loni and Dr. (Mrs.) Payal Bansal, Professor & Head, IMETTT, Pune. The awards for active members will be given to Dr. Amol Hartalkar, Department of Medicine and to Dr. M.C. Tayade, Department of Physiology. The guest lecture by Dr. (Mrs.) Payal Bansal,Professor & Head, IMETTT, Pune, will be about Human Dignity & Human Rights and will be followed by a panel discussion with Dr. S.D. Dalvi, Vice-chancellor, PIMS (DU), Loni; Dr. (Mrs.) Payal Bansal, Professor & Head, IMETTT, Pune; Dr. V.B. Bangal, Member, PIMS Bioethics unit; Dr. Amol Hartalkar, Secretary, PIMS Bioethics unit. The poster exhibition will be held for one hour in the Corridor near RED / BLUE hall and the target audience will be the Junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff). In addition, it is foreseen the involvement of Middle school & High-school students for essay writing competition / poster exhibition.

INDIA-LUCKNOW UNIT, Central India, King George's Medical University

The Central India Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa at the King George's Medical University, Lucknow, will start the celebrations with the Welcome address by Dr. Shally Awasthi, Head of the Unit and Prof. Ravi Kant, Vice Chancellor and Head of Institution. The event will see a guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics, a brief Presentations on Patients' Rights and responsibilities, a panel discussion and a role Play/Skits on Patients' Rights and responsibilities moderated by Prof. Rakesh Dixit. Finally there will be a press conference under chairmanship of Prof. Ravi Kant, Vice Chancellor (30 minutes), coordinated by Prof. Shally Awasthi and Dr. Samir Misra.

INDIA-MANGALORE UNIT, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University

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

INDIA-MUMBAI UNIT, GSMC MUHS, Seth G S Medical College & K E M Hospital, Paul

Under the supervision of the chairman of the Unit, Dr Avinash Supe (Dean & Director) and the Unit Head, Dr Santosh B Salagre, who will open the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day, there will be an event with the participation of Senior Professors and Ethicists and award for active member that will be selected from Unit members and student's wing according to the contribution made over the year. Then it will follow a Panel Discussion on the theme "Bioethical Issues in Children related to Human Dignity & Human Rights" to which will take part Dr. Ashish Deshpande, Child Psychiatrist; Dr. Armida Frenandes, Pediatrician; Neha Madhiwala, Social activist & Ethicist; Dr. Sandeep Bavdeka, Research Expert & Editor and Preeti Patkar, Social Activist. A debate competition will be organized by Student's wing on the Theme – Human Dignity & Human Rights a week before and winners will be felicitated on WBD, 19th October 2016. There will also be a poster competition in English, Hindi and Marathi that will be organized a month before on the theme and the exhibition of posters will be put up at the venue and later the posters will be put in the hospital premises at relevant places. The target participants will be undergraduate, postgraduate students of MBBS, PT, PT, Nursing, Faculty, Paramedical staff, College and hospital staff. In addition, it is foreseen a release of Annual Bulletin of GSMC MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit, giving account of activities over the year, with articles on the theme and Bioethical principles by Unit members and the guest authors.

INDIA-MUMBAI UNIT, H.B.T. Medical College & Dr. R. N. Cooper Municipal General Hospital

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

INDIA-NEW DELHI UNIT, Post Graduate Institute Of Medical Education And Research, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Central India

As communicated by Dr. Smita N. Deshpande, Head of The Central India Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, the celebrations will take place with the welcome address by the Head of the Unit followed by the opening speech by Dr. A. K. Gadpayle, Director & Medical Superintendent and many other foreseen speeches and lessons by eminent Bioethics personalities. It will be also organized a poster exhibition at PGIMER Exhibition Hall Next to Auditorium for the Target audience composed by post graduate Faculty and students and an essay writing competition, that will be announced on April 2016.

INDIA-PADMASHREE UNIT, Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital

Bioethics is an activity of ethical issues in health care, health science, and health policy and can be taught with the help of the media, in the academy, in classrooms, and in labs, offices, and hospital wards. It involves doctors, patients, scientists and politicians and the general public. Padmashree Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital is pleased to be part of the celebration of the First "World Bioethics Day 2016" of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics [Haifa), on "Human Dignity & Human Rights" which will be celebrated on 19th October 2016. The Unit will be actively involved in the process of planning, formulation & circulation of the "common program" for celebration and will also invite all teaching & non - teaching staff students to join, as celebration to mark the adoption of the UNESCO Universal declaration on Bioethics & Human Rights. Therefore, with the view of encouraging awareness regarding the principles & practices of Bioethics among students faculty and members of Padmashree Dr' Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital, it will be organized an event which will include several lectures, a poster presentation for students

and an essay competition for students.

INDIA-PUNE UNIT, Maharashtra State, DPU

The DPU Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora, will organize an opening speech by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of DPU Dr. P. N. Razdan, Vice Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune and will see the participation of Dr. A. L. Kakrani, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune and the guest lecture by Dr. Anant Bhan, Researcher, Bioethicist & Global Health, Adjunct Visiting Professor Yenepoya University, Mangalore, Karnataka, India. The debate competition will concern this issue: " Is our social environment conducive for ethical practices?". In addition, it is foreseen a poster Exhibition on 13th August 2016 for the target audience composed by student, parents, faculty members, practicing health sciences professional. Finally, the date of Competition for the best Essay Writing Competition will be 12th August 2016.

INDIA-PUNJAB UNIT, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

The Punjab State Nodal Bioethics Centre Unit, under the supervision of the Head of the Unit Prof. Raj Bahadur is going to celebrate the World Bioethics Day with an event opened by Prof. Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, BFUHS, Faridkot, Punjab, who will talk about "Ethics in medical profession", followed by the guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics who will be Professor Emeritus R.C. Mahajan, PGIMER, Chandigarh (Chairman University Ethics Committee). The Chair will also organize an essay writing competition and a debate competition in the month of September 2016 and winners will be awarded on the 19th of October.

INDIA-TERNA UNIT, Medical College, Muhs

The Terna Medical College MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit, under the supervision of its Head, Dr. Kanchanmala G. Ghorpade will organize a congress that will start with the opening speech by Dr. Kanchanmala G. Ghorpade, Dean and Head of Bioethics Unit, Terna Medical College, followed by the speeches by Dr. Sangita Sukumaran, Secretary, Bioethics Unit and Dr. Shekar Rajdherkar, Ex-Pro Vice Chancellor, MUHS. The award for the active member will be given to Dr. Sangita Sukumaran, Secretary, Bioethics Unit and Professor of Pharmacology , for her involvement in organizing Bioethics training workshops at Terna Medical College and teaching bioethics. The guest lecture will be given by Dr. Sanjay Oak, Vice-Chancellor, DY Patil University, Navi Mumbai. After the speeches, there will be the panel discussion on "Caring for Women's Health and Dignity", by Dr. V. R. Badhwar, Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, DY Patil School of Medicine, Navi Mumbai and Dr. Gopinath Shenoy, Gynecologist and Medicolegal Expert, Mumbai. There will also be a poster exhibition that will last for 1 hour near Terna Auditorium for a target audience composed by MBBS & Nursing Students of Terna Hospital and it will be organized an essay writing competition (27 August 2016).

INDIA-THANE UNIT, Mumbai West India

At the Rajiv Gandhi Medical College, Thane, INDIA the Western India Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Dr. Anu Kant Mital, will organize an event at the Rajiv Gandhi Medical College Kalwa Thane. After the welcome address by the Head of Unit, there will be the opening speech by the Head of Institution, Dr. C Moitra, Dean, on the importance of Biomedical Ethics in Today's World. Then there will be the speeches by Dr. Korde, Medical Superintendent, who will talk about the importance of informed consent and by Dr. Anu Kant Mital representative of UNESCO Chair. At the St. Pious College for Bioethics, Goregaon, Mumbai INDIA, the guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics will be given by Fr. Stephen Fernandes, Director of the St Pious College of Bioethics and Member of the Steering Committee. AT the S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai, there will be a panel discussion to which will take part Dr. Anuradha Soveni, Professor & HEAD, Dept. of Psychology and Vandana Chatterji, Pro-Vice Chancellor, S.N.D.T Women's University. It is also foreseen a debate competition at the Rajiv Gandhi Medical College and also at the S.N.D.T Women's University, with the participation of two teams in the finals who will discuss about these themes: A. Surrogacy - a boon and B. Prolongation of Life In Permanent Vegetative States. Posters painted by students of Psychology and Nursing at the S.N.D.T Women's University will be shown during the poster exhibition. Finally, it will be organized an essay writing competition, to be conducted for the alumni of the St. Pious College of Bioethics. The winners will be awarded on the World Bioethics Day.

INDONESIA UNIT

The Indonesian World Bioethics Day Tentative Programs will consist in a series of activities, as told by its Unit Head, Prof. Siti Pariani, which will be the development of a National Standard Curriculum of Bioethics and Humanities which will have a corporation with Indonesian Medical Education Institution Association in May or June 2016 in Malang, East Java Indonesia. In addition, it will be planned on 19th of October 2016 a talk show and a seminar on "Human Dignity, Human Right and Bioethics" which will have a corporation with Airlangga University in Surabaya. Finally, it is foreseen the finalization of Standard Curriculum of Bioethics and Humanities which will have a corporation with Indonesian Network on Bioethics and Health Humanities in Jogyakarta 12-13 November 2016 and the socialization of the Standard Curriculum of Bioethics and Humanities in Asean Bioethics Conference in Jogyakarta 14-17 November 2016.

IRELAND UNIT, Centre Of Bioethical Research And Analysis (Cobra), National University of Ireland

The opening speech for the celebration of the First World Bioethics Day will be held by Dr. Oliver Feeney, Head of the Unit and will be about the role of UNESCO in Irish bioethics edu-

cation. The guest lecture will regard the issue ”Human Dignity and Human Rights: Consequences of lack of regulation of assisted human reproduction & research in Ireland (TBC)”. Then it will be organized a panel discussion that will see the participation of Dr. Heike Felzmann, who will talk about the current challenges in Irish Bioethics and other guests. The poster exhibition, included the winner poster as selected by World Bioethics Day Committee) will be all day and will include a walking tour: its target audience are students from all universities and faculties. The celebrations will take place at Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway, Rep. of Ireland on 19th October 2016.

ISRAEL UNIT, University of Haifa

Prof. Shai Linn, Haifa Unit Head, will open the celebrations on the 26 October 2016 with a speech on “Dignity and Human Rights” followed by the speech of Hon'ble Prof. Amnon Carmi, Holder and Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa). Among the initiatives aimed at spreading Bioethical thinking to a wider audience, there will be organized an innovative Theatrical Performance about bioethics issues.

ITALY UNIT, Subunits & Institutions

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

At the European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit, Saint-Vincent, the Head of Unit Dr. Miroslava Vasinova in collaboration with Directors of Universities departments from January has activated a wide promotion of the World Bioethics Day on the national territory and has proposed to the International Organizing Committee a specific LOGO and a BANNER for the event realized by the graphic designer Emanuela Buccelli, which are shown hereby. On the 19 October 2016 the European Centre will organize in Aosta a Congress on Human Dignity and Human Rights, in collaboration with Aosta Valley Region Ministry of Health and Social Politics; Aosta Valley Region Order of Physicians; Aosta Valley Region IPASVI (Nurses Order); Aosta Valley Region Order of Social Workers; Aosta Valley Region Order of Psychologists. The World Bioethics Day official Conference Program on the 19.10.2016 will follow the suggested sequence in the Common Program for World Bioethics Day 2016, so there will be speeches by Local representatives and Representative of UNESCO Chair. It is foreseen an award for active member and a Guest lecture by eminent personality in Bioethics, plus a panel discussion with the presentations by Ministry of Health and Social Policies and Presidents of Regional Orders of physicians, nurses, psychologists and social workers. The schools of Aosta Valley Region and Imperia Province are invited by the Director of the Education Agency to participate to the World Bioethics celebrations by dedicating a Day of Study about Bioethical topics. In addition, high schools and libraries from all the 20 Italian regions (Aosta Valley, Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia Romagna, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardia, Marche, Molise, Piemonte, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana, Trentino-Alto- Adige, Umbria, Veneto) have been invited to organize events for the World Bioethics Day celebration.

Naples Federico II University

Under the supervision of its Director Prof. Claudio Buccelli, the International Office for Bioethics Research will organize a congress, whose theme will be "Human dignity and Human Rights. Between Mind and brain in neurology, psychiatry and neuropsychology: interdisciplinary perspectives". The congress is dedicated to four different topics, as in the Biomedical session, the discussion will be about scientific data capture in the Neurological (G. De Michele); Psychiatric (A. de Bartolomeis) Neuro-psychological fields; in the theological-philosophical session the speeches will be about Mind and conscience in the theological debate (P. Giustiniani); Freedom and determinism in neurosciences (V. Marzocco); Cerebral death and human subjectivity. Another session will be dedicated to the legal side, with interventions on neurosciences and human fundamental rights protection (F. Pizzetti); Capability to understand and to decide and neurosciences (P. Perlingieri); Neurosciences, imputability and the right to try (S. Moccia). The last session will be dedicated to medicolegal issues, like problems with experiments on state of minds (M. Mori); neurosciences contribute in the diagnosis of dementia (A. Spagnuolo) and Neurosciences and cognitive enhancement (C. Donisi).

Genoa University, School of Specialization in Humanistic Sciences

The University of Genoa, School of Humanistic Sciences will hold a Congress on "Human Dignity between bioethics and biopolitics. After the greetings of Prof. Franco Montanari, Director of DAFIST and other Authorities, the congress will be open by Prof. Franco Manti, University of Genoa, followed by the lectio magistralis by Prof. Luisella Battaglia, University of Genoa and National Bioethics Committee. Then there will be a discussion with Isotta Burlin, Ph.D. in Bioethics, member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics, Dr. Natasha Cola, Researcher at University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics, Dr. Eleonora Colombo, Researcher at University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics and Dr. Alessandra Fabbri, Researcher at University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics. Then there will be organized a round table chaired by Dr. Ivana Carpanelli, member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics, with discussions by Prof. Rosagemma Ciliberti University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics; Prof. Gloria Bardi, University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics and Prof. Sandra Morano University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics, University of Genoa and member of the Italian Institute of Bioethics.

Genoa University, Hospital San Martino Cardiovascular Surgery Department

At the Genoa University (Vascular Surgery Department), the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day will include a conference on "To publish or to perish: falsification and plagiarism in scientific research" by Prof. E Bucci (to be confirmed), the award ceremony for the best poster on "Human Dignity and Human Rights" and a discussion on clinical cases related to bioethics issues, human dignity and human rights. In the European Society for Cardiovascular and Endovascular Surgery (ESCVS) Congress 2016 it has been established the ESCVS Bioethics Committe-

e, with the Patronage of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics which includes UE-member countries as Germany, UK, France, Czech Republic, Greece and extra-UE countries as Serbia. The Committee will promote the WBD celebrations and the education in bioethics field in the Countries where ESCVS operates, in their Countries members and in the Universities where it is present (Salpetriere, Regensburg University, Newcastle on Tyne (UK), Genoa University, Pilsen (Rep Ceca), Prague, Belgrade, Lion). Under the initiative of Prof. Domenico Palombo, past president of the ESCVS, the institution is working on a book aimed at presenting clinical cases on bioethics dilemmas and issues to respect human dignity and human rights in vascular and cardiac surgery. The book is cured by Professor Lazar Davidovic , Clinic for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Serbian Clinical Center, Belgrade, Serbia; Professor Stephan Schueler, Newcastle upon Tyne Freeman Hospital, Department for Cardiothoracic Surgery, Newcastle upon Tyne United Kingdom; Professor Francesco Snider, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Unit Policlinico Gemelli, Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Rome University; Professor Domenico Palombo , Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Unit IRCCS AOU San Martino – IST Genoa University Hospital Genoa Italy; Professor Oztekin Oto, President of the ESCVS Department of Cardiovascular Surgery Dokuz Eylul University Hospital, Balcova, İzmir /Turkey . Some cases have already been proposed to Prof. Carmi, and all cases will be submitted within the end of May 2016.

Naples Pegaso University, Life Long Learning Department

Under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Luigia Melillo, the Institute will organize a congress Human Dignity and Human Rights, whose themes will be the Right to the Happy and Healthy Ageing. The opening speech will be by Danilo Iervolino, President, PEGASO, about the Ageing and Lifelong Learning: the UNIPEGASO' role followed by the speech of Luigia Melillo about Changes in the social image of elderly people. It will be given an award to the Best Member of International Office for Life Long Learning Bioethics Education to Luciano Chiappetta, Ministry of Education, Italy for his contribute to spread the teaching of bioethics in Italian schools, promoting the integration with other disciplines, and national networks. Then there will be the Lectio Magistralis by Francesco Casavola, Former President of Bioethics National Committee, and a discussion chaired by Elio Cardinale, President of History of Medicine and Bioethics Italian Society. The discussants will be Feng Cheng, who will talk about the Population ageing in a Global Perspective; P. Calissano, President of Fondazione Rita Levi Montalcini, who will talk about the Paradox of Ageing; A. Caruso, Ambassador, Campania Region Delegate for UNESCO who will talk about the role of healthcare system in the ageing society. It will be also given the best paper award (Submission: 30th May 2016 - 30th July 2016) about Ageing Societies in Comparative Perspective and the Best Poster Award. Eight schools will display a poster on Relationship among generations. At the end, there will be the closing Remarks by A. Carmi, Holder and Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) and Dr. M. Vasinova, Head of Italian Unit.

Salvatore Maugeri Foundation IRCCS, Pavia

The International Research Office for Bioethics Education in Rehabilitation of the Salvatore Maugeri Foundation IRCCS in PAVIA, will celebrate the world bioethics day with a congress under the supervision of its President, Prof. Gualtiero Brugger. The first part of the congress will start with the opening speech by Dr. Roberto Pedretti - Director Salvatore Maugeri Foundation, Clinica del Lavoro e della Riabilitazione, IRCCS, Pavia, who will talk about Patient's Dignity and Rights in clinical practice and research, followed by a speech that will discuss about "What kind

of rehabilitation for the partially-sighted patient?" by Dr. Monica Schmidt and Dr. Ines Giorgi. The lectio magistralis will be cured by Dr. Carlo Pasetti, Scientific Director of the European center for Bioethics and Quality of life, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Italian Unit, Ethic Committee President, who will discuss about The Human Dignity and Rights: from the International Declarations to the relationship with the patient. Then it is foreseen the discussion with the members of the Ethics Committee and some oral presentations on The Informed Consent as a guarantee instrument of patient's dignity and rights (Prof. Paolo Danesino); The Triad: health care professional, patient, caregiver (Dr. Ines Giorgi); The importance of rehabilitation after care (Prof. Bianchi); The testimony of two patients and the Associations' perspective, followed by a final discussion. There will also be an award ceremony for the best essay on the subject visually impaired", developed by the University students of the Course in Techniques of Rehabilitation. The competition will start on June 1, 2016 and the deadline is on September 31, 2016. In the morning there will be organized a group of 6/8 volunteer persons of different cultural and professional backgrounds involved in discussed issues will have the experience called "coffee in the dark". Afterwards there will be the award ceremony for the best essay written by students of the Course in Rehabilitation Techniques. In the afternoon session there will be the meeting of the Ethics Committee of the Salvatore Maugeri Foundation in the course of which it will proceed to further discuss on the topics proposed in the morning. Plus, the World Bioethics Day will be preceded by a Training Course on "Bioethics and Cinema". The Course is divided into 5 days of three-hour each and it will include both movies and bioethics discussion among the participants and a final thesis for learning assessment (ECM). The project has the Patronage of Order of Physicians of Pavia Province, the Health Tutelage Agency and University of Studies of Pavia. The work will be coordinated by a film critic (Roberto Figazzolo) with the following topics: 1) Bioethics and cinema: Can the fiction help us to understand? (C. Pasetti, R. Figazzolo); 2) The relationship among health care professional-patient -caregiver and the dignity in disability (I. Giorgi, Fizzotti); 3) Ethical issues in end-of-life care (P. Danesino, A. Giardini); 4) The diagnosis, the technique and the sick body (I. Giorgi, F. Cupella); 5) The genetics. Utilitarianism or a new humanism? (S. Priori, C. Danesino). Fictions and cinema thanks to their narration and imagination can be used as basis to discuss about moral issues, even for people who are not daily involved in such field. At the end it will be projected a movie related to ethics issues and then there will be a discussion among present people, who will be divided in groups. The will have to talk for one hour and at the end will present an essay which will be evaluated by Professors of the course. Directors of the course are Professors F. Cupella, I. Giorgi, C. Pasetti.

University of Bari "Aldo Moro"

The "Aldo Moro" Bari University will focus the World Bioethics Day 2016 on "Human Dignity and Human Rights" related to the Migrants. At the end of a seminar with experts (they will later be specified in details) it will be the prize-giving ceremony of the photographic competition, organized for university students to let them visually express their sense of the aforementioned article. All the photos will be part of a temporary and/or permanent exposition. In the following years, the portrayal of bioethical principles may be widen to the kindergarten and the schools of all levels through photographic, drawing, and sculpturing competitions. Moreover, written essays and related script on specific bioethical issues could be dramatized; music and dance can be other artistic tools to properly celebrate the World Bioethics Day. The place of celebrations will be the Forensic Medicine Institute, Policlinico di Bari.

National Research Council (CNR) Rome

At the CNR Headquarters, Aula Marconi, P.le Aldo Moro, 5, 00185, Roma there will be organized an event on “the implementation of Article 3 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights in State Practice”, with the opening remarks by Cinzia Caporale, Convener of the CNR Commission on Research Ethics and Bioethics. A speech on the evolution of the concept of human dignity in international human rights law will be given by Giuseppe PalmisIn the second part of the event, Carmela De Caro, Professor of Constitutional Law, LUISS University will talk about “The Legal Perspective of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights”, followed by presentation and open debate.

University of Studies of Milan

At the University of Milan there will be organized an event titled “conversations on human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms” that will be introduced by Francesca Poggi, Associate Professor of Philosophy of Law and Bioethics, followed by a speech on “The right over one’s own body” by Corrado De Bò, Associate Professor of Philosophy of Law and Bioethics. Another speech will be given by Ilaria Cutica, Adjunct Professor of Psychology of Decision Making on personalised medicine and patient empowerment followed by Patrizia Borsellino, Full Professor of Philosophy of Law and Bioethics, who will talk about the topic “Maintaining Dignity at the End of Life” and Antonella Piga, Adjunct Professor of Legal Medicine who will discuss on “the case of clinical research”. After the speeches there will be an open discussion addressed to the attending audience.

University of Studies of Siena, School of Specialization in Forensic Medicine

At the University of Siena, Forensic Medicine Faculty and School of Specialization in Forensic Medicine, it will be organized a round table on the theme “ Bioethics discusses on human rights in the globalization era”, with the participation of Professor Belleini and Professor Gaetani from the University of Siena, as announced by Prof. Mario Gabbrielli, Professor of Forensic Medicine at University of Siena, Department of Medical Sciences, Surgery and Neurosciences and Prof. Anna Coluccia, Professor of Forensic Medicine at University of Siena, Department of Medical Sciences, Surgery and Neurosciences.







Italy, 19th October 2016

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program

Opening by Head of the Institutes, Greetings of local and guest Authorities, Award to active members, Lecture on "Human Dignity and Human Rights", Panel discussion, Debate and writing competitions, Poster exhibition of students.

Italian Unit World Bioethics Day Organizing Committee

Prof. Francesco Maria Avato; Prof. Claudio Buccelli; Prof. Franco Introna; Prof. Franco Manti; Prof. Luigia Melillo; Prof. Domenico Palombo; Prof. Carlo Pasetti; Dr. Miroslava Vasinova

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JAPAN UNIT

The Japanese Unit, whose Head is Mitsuyasu Kurosu, Ph. D., Tokyo Medical University will hold a celebration for the First World Bioethics Day on 15th December, starting with the welcome address from Japanese Unit, Tokyo Medical University, Japanese UNESCO Office, Japanese Bioethics Association and Japanese Medical Association. Then Dr. Nagao will hold a commemorative lecture and after this event, there will be organized a workshop of Clinical ethics conference.

KAZAKHSTAN UNIT

On the 11-12 May 2016 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, under the supervision of Dr. Sadykova Aizhan, Head of the Unit and President of the National Medical Association of Kazakhstan, it will be organized a congress of independent experts and mediators in health care in the framework of the VII general Assembly of the National Medical Association. Issues on patient's rights protection, health workers as well as human being, participating in clinical trial will be discusses. This congress marks the beginning of a series of events planned in honor of the World Bioethics Day 2016 celebrations.

KOSOVO UNIT

The Center for Integration and rehabilitation of Chronic ill Psychiatric Patients at the Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo, under the supervision of the Psychiatrist, Director of CIRChPI and Head of Unit Dr. Miftar Zenelaj, the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day will open with a ceremony to which will take part Mr. Kadri Veseli, President of the Kosovo Parliament; Dr. Imet Rrhmani, Minister of Health of the Republic of Kosovo; Prof. Dr. Arsim Bajrami, Minister of Education of Republic of Kosovo; Prof. Dr. Marian Dema, Rector of the Public University of Prishtina; Prof. Dr. Suzana Mangjuka, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Kosovo and Dr. Curr Gjoci, Director of Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo. The guest lecture will be on the role of medical ethics in public health institutions and will be given by Prof. Dr. Nysret Ramadani, Ethics Lecturer of the Faculty of Medicine Prishtina and Director of the National Institute of Public Health. Another guest lecture will be about adhering to ethical principles in mental health institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, given by Dr. Miftar Zenelaj, Head of the Kosovo Unit, followed by a lecture on the role of psychology in the advancement of bioethics, given by the political psychologist Prof. Mimoza Telaku. Dr. Arsim Gergjaliu, Director, will talk about adhering to ethical principles in the Institute of Forensic Medicine and Dr. Feride Rushiti, Director of Kosovo Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims will talk about the ethical and legal basis of involuntary treatment in psychiatric health institutions of Kosovo. After the guest lectures it will follow a panel discussion and a debate competition. The celebrations will take place at Villa Germia-Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo on the 19th October 2016.

LITHUANIA UNIT

The First celebration of WORLD BIOETHICS DAY on 9th October 2016 , as announced by Prof. Gintautas Vysniauskas, Head of the Lithuanian Unit, will be opened by the speech of the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences of Klaipeda University, Prof. Dr. Artūras Razbadauskas, followed by the greetings of the highest local representatives and the greetings of local representative of UNESCO, Prof. Dr. Dalia Marija Stančienė. In the second part of the celebrations there will be a guest lecture by Director of Lithuanian Bioethics Committee, Prof. Dr. Eugenijus Gefenas on the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights" followed by a Conference on "Human Dignity and Human Rights“. Finally, there will be presented short videos’ or posters’ on human dignity and human rights competition.

NEPAL UNIT

The Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at the B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences under the supervision of its Unit Head, Prof. Rupa Rajbhandari Singh, will celebrate the World Bioethics Day with an opening speech by Prof. B. P. Das, VC, BPKIHS, than there will be the speeches by Prof. Rupa Singh, Chair, Div. of Neonatology & Professor Pediatrics Head, Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and a guest lecture by Prof. Ramesh K. Adhikari, Chair, Div. of Neonatology & Professor Pediatrics, Kathmandu Medical College, Jorpati, Ktm, Nepal, Former Chairman of Ethics Committee, NHRC, Ktm, Nepal. In addition, there will be a panel discussion which will see the participation of Prof. B. N. Yadav, Prof. Sami Lama and Prof. Shivlal Sharma. The debate competition and the essay writing competition will be guided by Prof. Shivalal Sharma and team. With regard to the poster exhibition, a student committee in coordination with Dr. Deepak Moktan,Jr will organize the event in the Auditorium of the WBD celebration venue, for a target audience of students, teachers and staff of the Institute.

NETHERLAND UNIT, Departement of Medical Ethics and Philosophy of Medicine, Rotterdam

At the department of Medical Ethics and Philosophy of Medicine in Rotterdam, Prof. Dr. Maartje Schermer, Head of the Netherland Unit, will supervise the celebrations for the World Bioethics Day which will start with the speech by Prof I de Beaufort, Head of department of Medical Ethics, who will talk about the topic “Why World Bioethics Day?”, followed by the speech of Prof. Schermer who will introduce the work of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. In addition, there are foreseen other interventions and events following the common program.

POLAND-Lodz UNIT

At the Medical University of Lodz, Poland, under the supervision of its Heads Dr. Anna Alichniewicz and Dr. Monika Michałowska, World Bioethics Day celebrations will open with the speeches by Anna Alichniewicz and Monika Michałowska on "Human dignity and human rights in pluralistic societies ", followed by the guest lecture by the eminent personality in Bioethics, Prof. Kazimierz Szewczyk. After the speeches and the lecture, there will be an open discussion of 1 hour on bioethics issues, followed by a workshop on human rights in medicine for medical students of the Medical University of Łódź and a lesson on human dignity and human rights and challenges of contemporary medicine addressed to high school students.

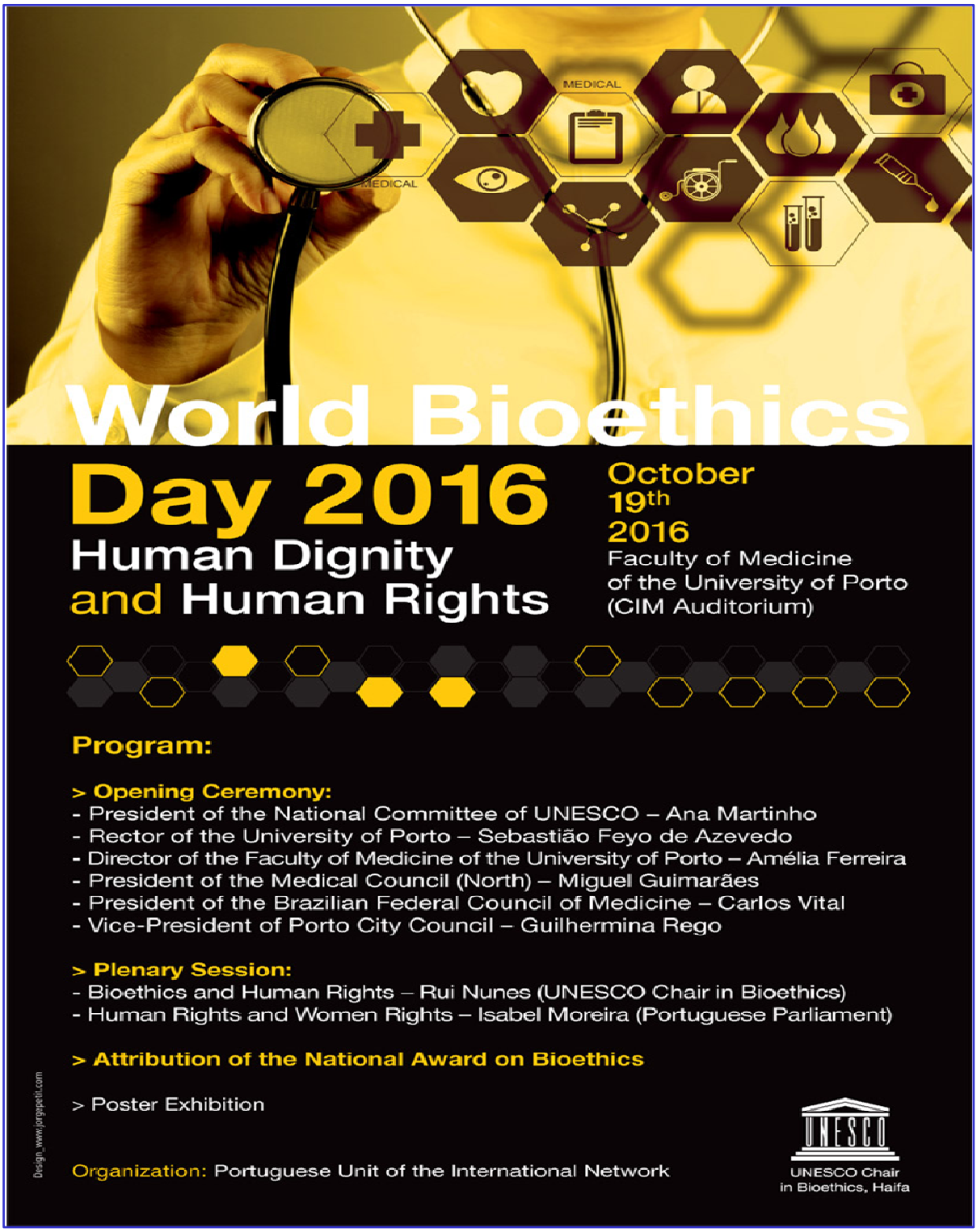
POLAND-Warsaw UNIT

At University of Warsaw, Institute of Philosophy the Polish Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics under the supervision of its Head Joanna Rozynska, PhD will organize a Conference on "Human Dignity, Human Rights and Bioethics", opened with the speech by Dean of the Faculty, followed by a speech on Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, In Search of Foundations for Global Bioethics and Biolaw by Joanna Różyńska, PhD, Head of the Unit; University of Warsaw. Then there will be a guest lecture on Human Rights – Patient Rights and several seminar talks and panel discussions on many different issues like: Indispensability of Dignity in Bioethics and Biolaw, Prof. Paweł Łuków, PhD, University of Warsaw & Warsaw Medical University; Dignity and Rights of Persons with Disabilities by Prof. Alicja Przyłuska-Fiszer, PhD, Warsaw Academy of Physical Education,; Dignity and Rights of the Dying Patient by Prof. Zbigniew Szawarski, Head of the Bioethics Committee of the Polish Academy of Science; Reproductive Rights as Human Rights by Maria Boratyńska, PhD, University of Warsaw. Finally there will be the oral presentations of papers submitted by students, PhD candidates, other Early Carrier Researchers, and young medical professionals. The deadline for abstract submission is September 15, 2016. The authors of the selected abstracts will be notified by September 25, 2016. With regard to the exhibition of posters submitted by students, PhD candidates, other Early Carrier Researchers, and young medical professionals, they will be presented in the conference venue during the conference as well as after the conference in the Center for Bioethics and Biolaw affiliated at the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Warsaw. The deadline for poster submission is August 15, 2016, the selection of the winning poster will be on August 30, 2016. The Announcement of the Competition for essays will be on May 1, 2016 and the deadline for essay submission is September 15, 2016.

PORTUGAL UNIT

At the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto (CIM Auditorium) the Portugal Unit whose Head is Prof. Rui Nunes, the opening Ceremony will see the participation of several eminent professionals who will discuss about bioethics issues. After the speeches there will be the plenary session about Bioethics and Human Rights, chaired by Prof. Rui Nunes,

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Portugal Unit Head, and about Human Rights and Women Rights, chaired by Prof. Isabel Moreira, Portuguese Parliament. After the plenary discussion there will be the ceremony for the attribution of the National Award on Bioethics. It is also foreseen a poster exhibition. The organization of the event has been cured by the Portuguese Unit of the International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.



ROMANIA UNIT

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

RUSSIA SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIT, State Pediatric Medical University

The Russian Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics Chair under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Galina Mikirtichan, MD, will organize the celebrations at the Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University. The opening ceremony will be by Prof. D.O. Ivanov, MD, Rector of Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University followed by the speeches of L.V. Erman, MD, Head of the Chair of Outpatient Pediatric Clinic at Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University and Prof. G.L. Mikirtichan, MD, Head of the Unit about "Twenty years' Experience of Teaching Bioethics at Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University and Collaboration of the Chair of Humanities and Bioethics with UNESCO". The award for active members will be given to T. M. Kaurova, MD; M.V. Muratova, MD; O.K. Ochkur, PhD, Lecturers at the Chair of Humanities and Bioethics (Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University) for the development of lecture and seminar courses, lectures and seminars for undergraduate and post-graduate students, dissertations and publications on bioethics. The eminent O.I. Kubar, MD; Member of the EFGCP Executive Committee responsible for education activity; chief researcher at the Saint-Petersburg Pasteur Scientific Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology will hold the guest lecture about "Bioethics and Human Rights", followed by a Panel Discussion by lecturers and teachers in bioethics from Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University and Pavlov First Saint Petersburg State Medical University, junior staff PG and UG students, nursing staff and others.

RUSSIA - VOLGOGRAD UNIT

The Russian (Volgograd) Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics at the Volgograd State Medical University under the supervision of its Head, Professor Donika Alena, will celebrate the First World Bioethics Day 2016 with the opening speech by Petrov V.I., Full Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, Volgograd State Medical University. Then there will be the speeches by Statsenko. M.E., Professor, Vice Rector for Research, Volgograd State Medical University and Sedova N.N., Professor, Head of department of philosophy, bioethics and law, Member of Volgograd Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics. The award for the active member will be given to Sedova Natalia, Professor, Head of

department of philosophy, bioethics and law and to Petrov Kiril, PhD, assistant professor of the department of philosophy, bioethics and law. The guest lecture will be held by Kubar O.I., Doctor of medical sciences, Head of the Pasteur clinical branch, Vice-chairman of the International Bioethics Committee at the Commission of the Russian Federation for TINESC. Then a panel discussion will follow, whose participant will be Professor Sedova Natalia, Professor Donika Alena and Guba Tatiana, PhD (sociology), Associate professor of Foreign Languages Department with a Course of Latin, VolgGMu, Member of the Russian (Volgograd) Unit of the UNESCO International Network in Bioethics. The poster exhibition will be organized throughout the day in the hall on 3d floors of the Volgograd State Medical University building for the target audience which will be composed by the members of students wing of the Unit. It is foreseen an award for the winners of the best essay writing competition (the competition is held from 30th March to 30th August 2016) and finally there will be the presentation of the special issue of the journal "Bioethics" (n.1, 2016) in English by Prof. Donika Alena.

SERBIA UNIT, Center for the study of Bioethics

The Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics will open the celebrations with the speech by Professor Vojin Rakić, PhD, Head of Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and the European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. Then there will be the participation of Academician Professor Vladimir Bumbaširević, PhD, Rector of Belgrade University; Siniša Mali, Mayor of Belgrade and Professor Amira Fazlagić, PhD, MD, General Secretary of the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. The Representative of UNESCO Chair who will take part into the celebrations will be Professor Sigrid Sterckx, PhD, Member of the Council of the European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and the guest lecture will be by Academician Professor Vladimir Kostić, PhD, President of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts. There will also be a panel discussion with Jadranka Joksimović, Minister for European Integrations of the Government of Serbia and Professor Dušanka Krajnović, PhD, Deputy Head of the Serbian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. With regard to the debate competition, the idea is to hold debates at the end of this academic year, end of May or beginning of June 2016. Students of the 8 universities of Serbia should apply to the competition, their application has to include CV and cover letter which is to explain what the significance is of the topic they propose. A selection of the best proposals will be made by the local World Bioethics Day Committee. The selection process in the various competitions will be conducted by the local World Bioethics Day Committee. This Committee will be nominated by the Secretariat of the European Division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. The selected themes will be debated by those who have proposed them. The winner of the entire competition will be introduced to the public during the celebration of 19 October. Three topics will be offered: 1. What do we mean by the term ''dignity'' in the 21st century? Does it correspond with the historical legacy of the term?; 2. To what extent do laws protect the dignity of humans?; 3. Do morally bioenhanced humans need laws to restrain them? With regard to the Poster Exhibition, it will last seven days at the Center for the Study of Bioethics, University of Belgrade, starting on 12 October 2016. The poster photo exhibition will be titled "Human dignity and human rights". The five best photographs will be exhibited during the World Bioethics Day. The selection of the best photographs will be made by the local World Bioethics Day Committee. The target is the wider public. The essay writing competition is to

be held well before the World Bioethics Day 2016, the contest will be open until 15 September. The winner will be selected by the World Bioethics Day Committee by 1 October 2016. The author of the best essay (to be selected by the local World Bioethics Day Committee) will be introduced to the public at the World Bioethics Day Celebration. There will also be other two additional plans as “the Health Festival will be held in late September. One of the main topics is planned to be "Human dignity and human rights". The other will be in cooperation with the Faculty of Dramatic Arts aimed at making a documentary film festival on bioethics topics. A jury will select the best film.

SOUTH AFRICA UNIT

Under the supervision of its Head, Professor Ames Dhai, the South Africa Unit is organizing an interactive board two weeks before the World Bioethics Day (so starting from 5th October) that will advertise Bioethics day and allows for students to engage the theme through sharing their thoughts on the board. After this, the 19th October there will be organized the WSBS Campus Invasion!, which will see a table that will be set up outside the Adler Museum during lunch time with two students in charge of the table. This is aimed at raising awareness on UNESCO, the actual day and the theme. If UNESCO information packs/flyers are available, they will be handed out to students. The WSBS members will also go around campus during lunch time informing students about the day, handing out fact-flyers on Bioethics.

SPAIN UNIT, Faculty of Law, University of Murcia

The celebrations foreseen at the Spanish Unit, Faculty Of Law-University Of Murcia by its Head Julián Valero-Torrijos and Magnolia Pardo-López will be held at the Facultad de Derecho, Salón de Grados. UMU with the opening speech by Julián Valero Torrijos, Prof. of Administrative Law (UMU), Head of the Spanish Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and by David Morillas, Dean of the Faculty of Law. A guest lecture will follow by José Salcedo who will talk about Bioethics and the Courts, then there will be a panel discussion on Crowdfunding and Medical Research by Prof. Fernando de la Vega, Prof. Mercedes Sánchez Ruiz, Prof. María José Verdú Cañete. The poster exhibition will take place from October 17th to October 21st 2016 at Cloister of the Faculty of Law (UMU) for the target audience of Students, Faculty members, Staff, General public considering the location and peculiarities of the Cloister. The essay Writing Competition will be open on September 26th 2016 and the award of the winners will be on October 19th 2016. On October 18th 2016 there will also be organized two Sessions Seminar on Ethical and Legal Issues of Medicines at the Faculty of Law, University of Murcia (Spain).

SWEDEN UNIT

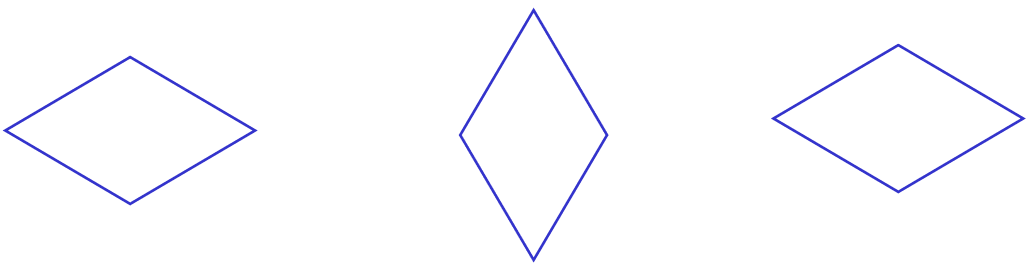
The Sweden's Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at Karolinska Institute, under the supervision of its Head, Prof. Niklas Juth, will open the celebrations with the speech by Prof. Niklas Juth and professor Gert Helgesson. The prize for the active member will be given to Professor Christian Munthe, for advancing bioethics in research ethics, particularly by bringing public attention to the subject and its importance in the aftermath of a research scandal (The Macchiarini-case). The guest lecture by an eminent personality in Bioethics will be by Professor Erik Malmqvist,and the panel discussion will see the participation of several bioethics experts like Professor Kristin Zeiler, Ph.D. Stdent Erik Gustavsson; Ph.D. Lisa Furberg; Ph.D. Karl Persson; Ph.D. Jennie Ahlgren; Ph.D. Anna-Sara Lind and Daniela Cutas, senior lecturer. There will also be a debate competition and a poster exhibition that will take place for one week at Karolinska Institute, LIME department for a target audience composed by students and co-workers at Karolinska Institute, the biggest medical University in Sweden.

TAIWAN UNIT

The tentative program for the Taiwan Unit, under the supervision of Prof. Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai will foresee an introduction of the meaning and values of the World Bioethics Day and of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. Then there will be a discussion on the new Taiwanese law on "Patient Self-determination Act" and amendment on "human organ Transplantation act", as recent important bioethics and biolaw progresses in Taiwan that are worth discussing.

UGANDA UNIT

At the Makerere University College of Health Sciences, the MakCHS Bioethics Center Unit under the supervision of its Head, Principal, College of Health Sciences Prof. Ibingira Charles, will celebrate the World Bioethics Day with many guests. Among them there will be: Dr. Nakwagala Fred, Physician/Bioethicist Nelson Sewankambo, Principal Investigator; Dr. Julius Ecuru, Assistant executive director of Uganda National Council for Science and Technology and Dr. Katongole Mbidde, Director of the Uganda Virus Research Institute. Additional plans for the celebrations will include 1) Launch the college of Health Science Bioethics Centre; 2) Conduct short course training in Clinical Ethics; 3) Conduct Case study discussion (Topics on Human Dignity and Human Rights); 4) Invite the country UNESCO team to orient the Bioethics steering committee.



UKRAINE UNIT, Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine, Kyiv

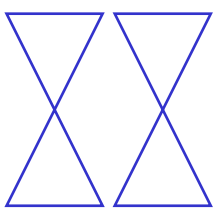
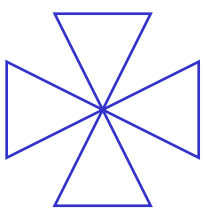
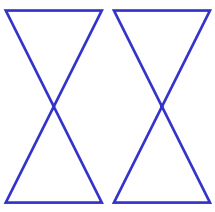
Unit Head Ass. Prof. Dr. Radmyla Hrevtsova will open the ceremony for the celebrations of the First Bioethics Day in Ukraine with an opening speech followed by the greetings of Prof. Dr. Tetyana Varfolomeyeva, Rector of the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine; Prof. Dr. Yuri Kundiyev, Vice-President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Bioethics Committee of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Mr. Oleh Musii, member of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine, deputy Head of the Parliamentary Committee of Ukraine on Healthcare, ex-President of the Ukrainian Medical Association. After the guest lecture there will be a Panel Discussion on “Bioethics and Human Rights: Burning issues” by Prof. Dr. Svitlana Pustovit, Chairperson of the Philosophy Department of the Shupyk National Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education; Ass. prof. Dr. Zoryana Chernenko, Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty of the Kyiv-Mohyla National Academy; Dr. Galyna Myronova, senior research fellow at the National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine; Dr. Volodymyr Medvediev, Associate Professor of the Bohomolets National Medical University of Kyiv, neurosurgeon at the Romodanov Institute for Neurosurgery of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine. The debate competition will be about the topic “When does human life start?”. At the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine there will be organized the Poster Exhibition and the Essay Writing Competition for young scientists on “Bioethics and Human Rights”.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIT

The United States of America Unit, guided by the Heads Dr. Harold J. Bursztain and Prof. Terry Bard will propose an event on "Bioethics in the midst of a trauma and helplessness". As tentative program, the American Unit will expand its website with new material on this theme. In addition, the Unit will upload on the website an article and a presentation pertaining to the theme in hope of creating an accessible and educational portal for the public.

VENEZUELA UNIT

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

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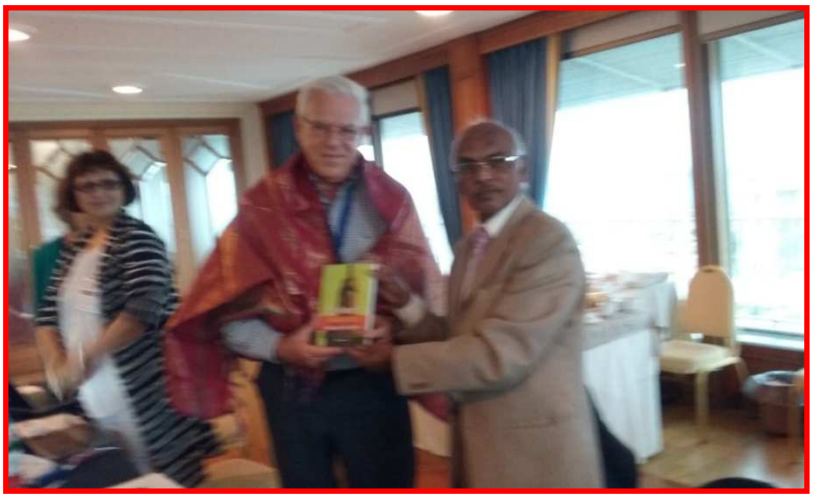
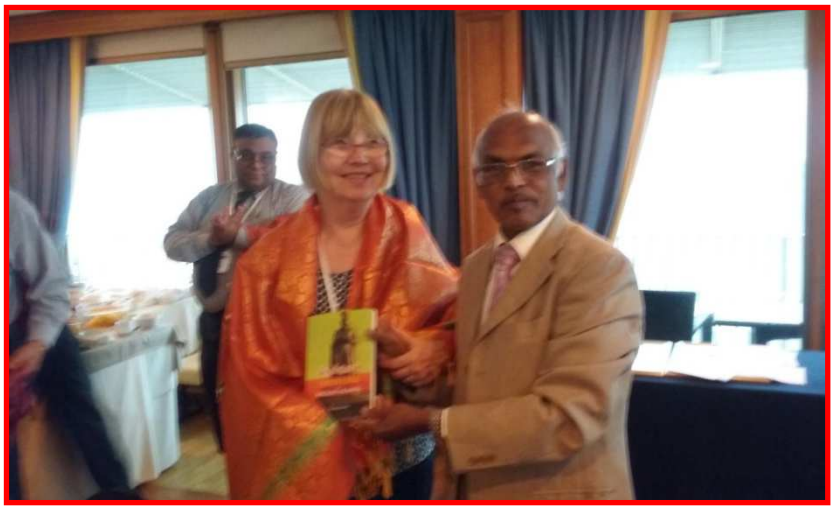
Meeting of Head of units of different countries



Honoring Prof. Amnon Carmi, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Holder



Honoring Dr. Yorarm Blachar; Past- President WMA



Honoring Dr. Miroslava Vasinova, Vice President of the World UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Conference



Honoring Dr.Russell D'Souza, Head Asia-Pacific Bioethics Program



Honoring Prof. Ames Dhai: Co- Chair South Africa



Speaker Dr. P. Thangaraju

NEXT EVENTS

AUSTRIA UNIT

Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts



Healthcare in Europe - a safe haven? - "Standard of Care" from a multidisciplinary perspective

Monday and Tuesday, September 26-27, 2016Management Center Innsbruck, Universitaetsstrasse 15, Innsbruck, Austria *http://standardofcare2016innsbruck.mci.edu/hom*

Health systems in Europe face major challenges after the economic crisis and against the background of increasing health care costs. Providing innovative personalized treatments to European citizens, as well as an increasing health care need of ageing societies will further intensify this situation.

In this context, cross-border healthcare can be seen as a chance for states to better coordinate specialized treatment centres, offering necessary innovative, high quality, but expensive, care. Recent developments (e.g. migration) or biomedical advancements (e.g. in reproductive care) thereby influence the standard of care states are willing to provide, while legal developments and human rights can further determine what states have to provide.

Against this background, the conference “Healthcare in Europe – a safe haven? Standard of care from a multidisciplinary perspective” will explore various aspects regarding standard of care by exploring, amongst others, the following questions from a multidisciplinary perspective, considering aspects of ethics, law, policy, (bio) medicine, and economics:

-Which standard of care do countries have to provide to their citizens from a (bio) medical, legal and ethical perspective?

-Which standard of care is required by law; of the European Union (EU), the Council of Europe, or by national constitutional law?

-Which role does healthcare rationing and cost-effectiveness play in the decision process?

-Above all, is it possible to define a standard of care, and how do human rights influence this standard?

-Do we have to adapt this standard of care due to ageing societies?

-How could innovative but expensive treatments that provide patient-relevant benefits (e.g. for rare diseases or personalised cancer treatments) enhance access to affordable care, and what role does Health Technology Assessment (HTA) play in this context?

-Which standard of care do patients expect?

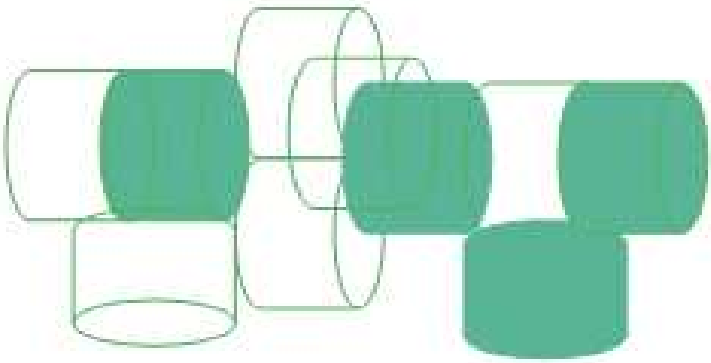
-What does this mean for the situation of patients receiving highly innovative medical treatments abroad, facing discrimination or a lack of treatment supply after returning to their home countries – e.g. in reproductive care?

The conference will be held in Innsbruck (Austria), September 26-27, 2016 and is organized by UMIT - the health & life sciences University, MCI - Management Center Innsbruck, Medical University of Innsbruck (ethucation) and University of Innsbruck. The organization is done with support of the European Association of Health Law and in cooperation with the European division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa.

We cordially invite you to join us and submit your contributions at this multidisciplinary Conference through our conference website at http://standardofcare2016innsbruck.mci.edu











Message of Chair's Holder

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to advise you about the recent developments.

The first preparations for the Chair's World Bioethics Day have been made under the leadership of Prof. Arora Praveen. His International Committee formed the common program that will be materilazed by all our Units in October, 2016. Full information is provided in the dedicated section of the present issue of the Newsletter by its editorial board, under the leadership of Dr. Vasinova and Dr. Pentone.

The ongoing growth of the number of our Units is really impressive. Prof. Vojin Rakic took an active part by establishing dozen of new Units around Europe. Prof. Russel D'Souza established additional Units in India. Prof. Benyakar established additional Units in South America. The number of the Chair's Units until today is 106. Additional teachers joined our International Forum of Teachers (IFT) and reached the total number of 405.

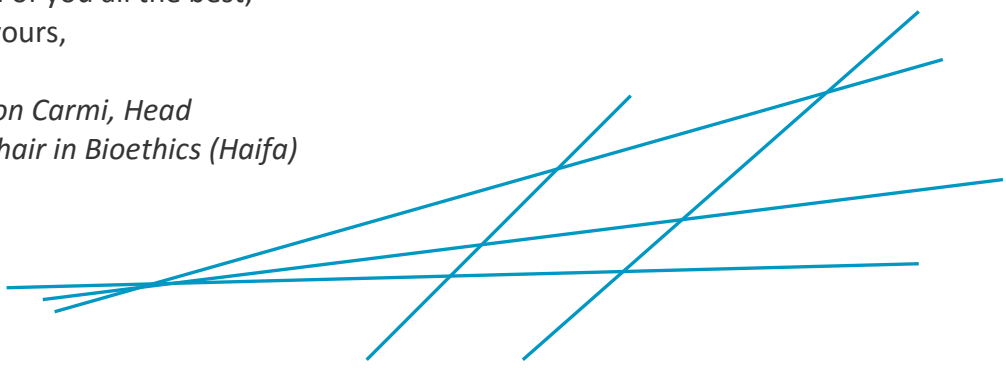
In India, Prof. Russell D'Souza took active part in the running of several courses for ethics teachers. In addition, he created strong and formal cooperation of our Chair with governmental, professional and public organizations and authorities, thereby ensuring the use of our Core Curriculum and our series of guiding books by lot of medical schools around that continent.

Lot of work is invested in the following two educational projects for children and for medical students. Dr. Vasinova continues to advance the youth project. The original text ot the First Syllabus for Youth Bioethics Education was translated to Italian and Hebrew. A pilot team will use it for the first time in Italy. A second pilot team will use it within a few months in Israel. Eight additional units have already decided to join the project.

In India. Prof. Russel D'Souza inititated together with his colleagues the establishment and activation of the new project of "Students' Wings", in order to let them participate in the education process for ethics teaching in medical schools.

I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks to our active colleagues, and to ask all of you to share their enthusiasm and commitments, and to offer your own contributions.
Wishing all of you all the best,
Sincerely yours,

Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head
UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)



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The contributions for the next Bioethical Voices newsletter must be forwarded to the Editorial Board before 31 July 2016. They should to be written in good English and in Word Format, with some photos (where possible) and their contents should be of international interest. Each author is personally responsible for the contents and the language of his/her own contribution. Contributions must be signed.

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About legislation and judgments (300 words max.): news from Law associations, Court decisions, developments in national or international legislations
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Research: ongoing research projects: title, authors and short description.
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