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CRISES, EVOLUTION, GROWTH
SAN MARINO, 17 - 18 - 19 APRIL 2024

14th GLOBAL SUMMIT
OF NATIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEES

PROGRAM

Day 1 – 17 APRIL, Wednesday

Morning Session

Opening Ceremony

08:00/08:50 Opening Registration Desk

09:00/10:00 **Luisa Borgia** - President of National Bioethics Committee and President of 14th Global Summit, Republic of San Marino

Mariella Mularoni – Minister of Health, Republic of San Marino

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – WHO General Director (video message)

Hans Henri P. Kluge - Regional Director WHO for Europe

Gabriela Ramos - Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO (video message)

Katherine Littler - Co- Unit Head of the Global Health Ethics & Governance Unit at WHO Headquarters

Plenary Session

I – Preparing for crises in times of resource shortages: role of National Ethics Committees

Introduction: Belgium - **Virginie Pirard** - Member of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics

Moderation: Zambia – **Godfrey Biemba** - Director and CEO for the National Health Research Authority

Talk 1 - *Trinidad & Tobago* - **Shakuntala Thilstead** - Director for Nutrition, Health and Food Security Impact Area Platform, CGIAR

Talk 2 – *United Kingdom* – **Katherine Wright** – WHO Consultant, Climate Change, Health & Ethics

Talk 3 – *United States* - **Anne Barnhill** - Associate Research Professor and Core Faculty at the Berman Institute of Bioethics



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Panel & Plenary Discussion

12:00/13:30 Lunch & posters

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session I*

13:30/14:30 a) Issues of crisis: pandemic preparedness

Moderation: United Kingdom – Katherine Littler - Co- Unit Head of the Global Health Ethics & Governance Unit at WHO Headquarters

Italy – Claudia Navarini - Deputy Vice President of the National Bioethics Committee (CNB)
“Covid-19 Pandemic, Food Insecurity and Health Implications in Children”

Barbados – Mike Campbell - Chair, UWI- Cave Hill & Ministry of Health & Wellness Research Committee
“Building Sustainable Ethics Systems in Small Island Developing States”

South Africa - Penelope Engel-Hills - Chairperson National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC)
“Preparing for Crises in Time of Resources Shortages: role of National Ethics Committees”

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session I*

13:30/14:30 b) Issues of crisis: pandemic preparedness

Moderation: Council of Europe - Lorenzo Montrasio – Former Head of office of Biological Medicines at AIFA

Iran - Bagher Larijani – Director of Medical Ethics and history of Medicine Research Center, UNESCO chair in bioethics, WHO collaborating center
“Challenges of Education, research and providing health services during COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learned from best practices”

Portugal - Pedro Fevereiro - Member of the Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences

“The right to food and the morality of farming under the scope of “One Health”

Mexico - **Patricio Santillan-Doherty** - National Bioethics Commissioner of Mexico

“Preparing for crises in times of resource shortages: role of National Ethics Committees”

Afternoon
Session

Plenary Session

14:30/16:30 II – Contributions and challenges of National Ethics Committees in fostering inclusion for persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups

Introduction: San Marino – Giampiero Griffo - Member of National Bioethics Committee

Moderation: Portugal – Adionilde Aguiar - President of the Ethics Committee of the Ministry of Health

Talk 1 - *Argentina* - **Agustina Palacios** - Human Rights Teaching, Faculty of Law

Talk 2 - *Belgium* - **Florence Caeymaex** - Member of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics

“Facing vulnerabilities: lessons from the social model of disability, and beyond”

Talk 3 - *Switzerland* - **Darryl Barrett** – Technical Lead (Disability), WHO HQ

Panel & Plenary Discussion

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16:30/17:00 *Coffee-break*

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session II*

17:00/18:30 a) Inclusion, exclusion and ‘vulnerability’

Moderation: Mexico - Dafna Feinholtz - Chief of the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section, within UNESCO’s Social and Human Science Sector



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Sweden - **Sven-Erin Söder** – The Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics
“**Working towards a more inclusive pandemic preparedness plan**”

Spain – **Juan Carlos Siurana** – Vice Chair of the Spanish Bioethics Committee
“**Fair access to health care. A case for universal (national) health card**”

Italy – **Giampiero Griffo** – Member of National Bioethics Committee
“**Persons vulnerables or persons become vulnerables?**”

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session II*

17:00/18:30 **b) Issues & challenges in Research Ethics**

Moderation: New Zealand - **John McMillan** – Chairs New Zealand’s National Ethics Advisory Committee (NEAC)

India – **Roli Mathur** - Scientist “F” & Head, ICMR Bioethics Unit, ICMR -
“**ICMR-DHR Outreach Program to strengthen the functionin of Ethics Committees in India**”

Greece - **Vasiliki (Vicky) Mollaki** - National Centre For Scientific Research Demokritos AND National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics
“**A call for action in the ethics review process to address the changing research environment**”

WHO Regional office EMRO - **Arash Rashidian** - Director of Science, Information and Dissemination
“**Science and Misinformation: part of the problem, part of the solution**”

Senegal – **Samba Cor Sarr** - Permanent Secretary of National Ethics Committee for Health Research
“**Achieving ISO9001 Certification: A significant Step in Quality Management for Nationl Research Ethics Committees – The case of the Senegal Research Ethics Committee**”

Brasil - **Andrea Leite** – Technical Consultant e General Coordination of Strategic Actions in Clinical Research of the Department of Science and Techonology of the Secretariat of Science



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“Ethical regulation of research involving human beings in Brazil: bioethical reflections on law proposition no.7082/2017”

18:00

Welcome Aperitif

End of Day 1

Day 2 – Thursday 18 APRIL

Morning
Session

Plenary Session

09:00/11:00 III – Striving for equity in the face of medical innovations: how can National Ethics Committees help redress the balance?

Introduction: Portugal – **Maria Do Ceu Patrao Neves** - President of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences

Moderation: Italy - **Lorenzo Montrasio** – Independent Expert at the Minister for the Family, Birth Rate and Equal Opportunities

Talk 1 *South Africa* – **Jantina De Vries** - Associate Professor in Bioethics University of Cape Town

Talk 2 *Oman* - **Faryal Khamis** - Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Royal Hospital in Muscat

Talk 3 *Italy* – **Nicola Magrini** - Co-director, WHO Collaborating Centre for evidence synthesis and guideline development

Panel & Plenary Discussion

11:00/11:30

Coffee-break

Parallel Session III

11:30/12:30 a) Equitable access and benefit sharing: prevention, diagnosis and treatment, adapting resources to unforeseen challenges

Moderation: Council of Europe - Lorenzo Montrasio – Former Head of office of Biological Medicines at AIFA

Singapore – A/Prof Ngiam Kee Yuan - Co-Chair of Bioethics Advisory Committee's (BAC) Big Data and AI Review Group

“Ethical Issues Arising from Use of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Biomedical Research and Healthcare”

Portugal – Inês Godinho – Council Member National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences (CNECV)

Portugal – Margarida Silvestre - Council Member National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences (CNECV)

“AI and Decision-making in Medicine”

Philippines - Atty. Charade B. Mercado - Assistant secretary of Health Department of Health
“Navigating Ethical Considerations in Stem Cell Regulation: A Closer Look at the Philippine Context”

France – Florence Jusot – Member of the CCNE

“Revolution in therapeutic innovations: what are the ethical issues?”

Parallel Session III

11:30/12:30 b) Issues & challenge in Research Ethics

Moderation: Saudi Arabia - Mohammed Alkawi – Research Monitoring Office

Guinea – Alpha Ahmadou - General Secretary of National Ethics Committee

“Implication éthiques soulevées par la recherche clinique avec la participation des couchés vulnérables em situation d’urgence de santé publique em Afrique de l’Ouest ”

Malawi - Billy W. Nyambalo - REC Administrator for the National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC)

“Ethics in Health Researches Priority setting: The Case of The National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC)”

Afternoon
Session

Plenary Session

14:00/16:00 **IV – The role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare**

Introduction: United Kingdom - Sarah Cunningham-Burley - Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics

Moderation: Saudi Arabia - Mohammed Alkawi - Director, Research Ethics Monitoring

Talk 1 *San Marino* – **Felice Strollo** - Member of National Bioethics Committee

Talk 2 *Ghana* - **Paulina Tindana** - Associate Professor of Bioethics at the University of Ghana School of Public Health

Talk 3 *Council of Europe* – **Lee Hibbard** – Human Rights and Biomedicine Division – Council of Europe

Panel & Plenary Discussion

NECs 1,2

16:00/16:30 *Coffee-break*

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session IV

16:30/17:30 **a) Trust, misinformation and engagement**

Moderation: Belgium - Virginie Pirard – Jurist and Philosopher, specialized in bioethics & research ethics

Poland - Bartnik-Jaszewska Magdalena - Deputy Director Medical Research Agency

“The role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare”

Singapore - Gregory Vijayendran - Deputy Chair of Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC)

“Public Engagement Efforts of the Bioethics Advisory Committee”

France – Jean-François Delfraissy - President of the CCNE

“The French experience through two examples: the general debates on bioethics and the process regarding end-of-life issues”



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Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session IV

16:30/17:30 **b) Trust, misinformation and engagement**

Moderation: Switzerland – Andreas Alois Reis – Co-Unit Head Ethics & Governance Unitat WHO in Geneva

*Lebanon – Michel Daher - General Secretary Lebanese National Ethics
“The way-out Pandemic Crisis: making it the last pandemic?”*

*Saudi Arabia - Mohammed Alkawi – Member National Committee of Bioethics, KACST
“The role of NECs during crises”*

*United Kingdom - Danielle Hamm - Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics
“The importance of public engagement and deliberation - reflections on AI & genomics, assisted dying and more”*

*WHO Regional office EMRO - Arash Rashidian - Director of Science, Information and Dissemination
“Role of Eastern Mediterranean Bioethics Summits in Promoting Dialogue and Trust in Public Health”*

20:00 *Gala dinner*

End of Day 2

Day 3 – 19 April, Friday

Morning session

REPORTS FROM REGIONAL MEETINGS

09:00/10:00 Chair: NBC member, SC member, WHO/UNESCO as co-chairs

Rapporteur:

AFRO

AMRO+EURO

EMRO

SEARO+WPRO

Plenary Session I

10:00/10:40 Conclusions of the Regional Meetings



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10:40/11:00 *Coffee-break*

Plenary Session II

11:00/11:45 Reporting back: from Lisbon to San Marino

11:45/12:00 Global Summit 2026 – Announcement of Next Venue
San Marino Conclusions
Closing Ceremony

End of Day 3



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