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Chair's Address

- * On June 24th 2001, an agreement was signed by the Director-General of UNESCO and the Rector of the Haifa University, Israel, concerning the establishment of a UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at the International Center of Health, Law and Ethics, University of Haifa. The purpose of the Chair is to coordinate and stimulate an International Network of Institutes for Medical Ethics Training (NIMED), associating higher education institutes in both the developed and developing countries, and to develop an up-to-date syllabus for medical ethics education which will satisfy the requirements of medical schools in the world.
- * During its 11th **World Conference at Naples, Italy** in the General Assembly of Heads of Chair's Units (18th - 19th October 2015), **Prof. Amnon Carmi**, Head, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa proposed to celebrate one day in a year to foster the principles of Bioethics, as laid down by UNESCO. It was suggested to celebrate **World Bioethics Day** on the day when **UNESCO** adopted '**Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights**' which was on 19th October 2005. So it was unanimously agreed upon to celebrate **World Bioethics Day** on **19th October** every year, starting from 2016. Following this meeting an **International World Bioethics Day Committee** was constituted to coordinate the program among Chair's Units worldwide.
- * First **World Bioethics Day** was celebrated worldwide on **19th October 2016**, by more than 80 Units of Chair's International Network. The celebrations included lectures, seminars, debates, panel discussions, videos/films and various kinds of International, National and University/Institution level competitions organized by International World Bioethics Committee and individual units.
- * International World Bioethics Day Committee, like last year, has prepared a '**Common Program**' for the celebration of the day by the members of its International Network. The program is distributed amongst its members and is also shared here for all the stakeholders as a suggestion and reference.

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

Preface

- * After unanimous agreement on celebration of **World Bioethics Day (WBD)** in the General Assembly meeting of Heads of Units of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa at Naples in October 2015, Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa set up a committee to look after the planning and coordination of First World Bioethics Day celebrations proposed on 19th October 2016. The **International World Bioethics Day Committee** comprised of members and Bioethicists from across the world.
- * It was planned to design a '**Common Program**' to give uniformity to the celebrations by the Chair's network across the world. The '**Common Program**' was designed in such a way so that it should be feasible for Units to follow it despite varied regional, political and social differences. At the same time the program should also cater the needs of the vast group of stakeholders.
- * Creating awareness regarding the first World Bioethics Day among the diverse group of stakeholders from students to professionals to laymen was a big challenge in front of WBD Committee and Heads of Chair's Units across the world. The members of International Network took up the challenge and worked extensively to spread the message to all possible participants.
- * On **19th October 2016**, world celebrated its **First World Bioethics Day** with great enthusiasm and fervency. More than 80 Units across the World took part in celebrations which extended from one day to week long celebrations. Lectures, debates, panel discussions, presentation of scientific work (papers/posters) were held in addition to students participation in the form of videos/films, skits, street plays, TV and other media appearances and various competitive events at local, national and international levels.
- * This year again, we are ready to celebrate this great occasion with zeal and enthusiasm. Like last year, WBD Committee has prepared the 'Common Program' which is circulated among Chair's Units and also with its collaborating bodies like WMA, IFMSA etc. The same is shared here for all the stakeholders as a guide. International WBD Committee wishes good luck to all for celebration of this noble project.

Dr. Praveen Arora

Head, International World Bioethics Day Committee

Aim

- * The aim of **World Bioethics Day (WBD)** project is to foster the Bioethical Principles as adopted by **UNESCO** in '*Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights*' through:
 - * Strengthening the importance of upholding Bioethical Principles in scientific research and innovations.
 - * Creating awareness among various stakeholders, including health care providers as well as beneficiaries of the same.
 - * Creating an atmosphere to encourage participation by various stakeholders.
 - * Stimulating the ongoing and new research projects related to Bioethics.
 - * Providing a platform for academic deliberations and research outcomes.
 - * Encouraging discussions and debates related to bioethical issues in various dimensions of health care and related specialities.
 - * Promoting students' participation and awareness through various interesting competitive events at International, National and University/Institution level.

Announcement

- * UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) announces the celebration of **SECOND WORLD BIOETHICS DAY** globally on **Thursday, 19th October 2017**. As last year, all the Units across the World (165 Units as of now) will celebrate the “**Common Program**” as suggested by Hon’ble Chair and WBD Committee. The theme for this year’s celebration shall be ‘**Equality, Justice and Equity**’ (Article 10 of *Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights*). The Common Program and Timeline of the events for World Bioethics Day 2017 are as suggested below:

A. International Program:

1. Name of Event: “World Bioethics Day 2017”

- a. Official WBD LOGO:** Official WBD logo should be used for all the documents, programs, banners/flyers related to WBD. (**Annexure 1**)
- b. Official LOGO of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa:** It should also appear on all the documents, programs, banners/flyers related to WBD, created by Units/Members of Chair’s International Network. (**Annexure 2**)
- c. Official WBD International Banner:** It is prepared by WBD Committee and circulated to all Units. (**Annexure 3**)
- d. Official WBD Banner of Units:** Each Unit should prepare its own official WBD banner as soon as possible. The same should bear the official WBD LOGO, as mentioned above under point no. 1(a) and (b).

2. **Promotion by Collaborating Bodies:** Units are suggested to ask their collaborating bodies e.g. medical/dental/nursing/physiotherapy and other health care associations, student associations, corporate sector, hospitals, philosophers, speech therapists, judges, jurists, police, social workers etc. to announce and disseminate the program through their websites/other methods starting from April till **19th October 2017, The World Bioethics Day.**
 3. **Submission of entries for various International Competitions:** From the date of first announcement till **31st August (Thursday) 2017.**
 4. **International Competitions suggested for this year are (all will be on “The Theme of the year” i.e. ‘Equality, Justice and Equity’):**
 - a. Artistic Poster Competition
 - b. Scientific Poster Competition
 - c. Short films/ videos Competition
 - d. Photography Competition
- * One entry per Unit per competitive event shall be allowed. All the entries shall be awarded Certificate with the name of Unit/Students. Units can place and use their own flyers/posters (prepared by them) and display the short films and photographs in their respective local events.

Common Program

- * **Common Program is in 6 Parts as follows:**

- * **Part 1.**

- Opening speech by Head of the Unit or Head of the Institution.
- The greetings of the highest local representatives.
- The greetings of International or local representatives of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.
- The presentation of an award to an active member of the Unit.

(b and c are left to the Units depending on the availability of representatives)

- * **Part 2.**

- * **Guest lecture** of 1 hour duration or so, by eminent personality in Bioethics on the topic "Equality, Justice and Equity".

- * **Part 3.**

- * **Panel Discussion** by experts in Bioethics/Senior Faculty and also **involving student representative(s)**. 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.

Note: 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.**
 - * **Short films/ videos competition: 5-7 mins each (Units may decide time allotted to each entry)**
 - * **Part 5.**
 - * **Photography Competition:** on the theme of “**Equality, Justice and Equity**” to increase awareness amongst students, faculty members and other stakeholders.
 - * **Part 6.**
 - * **Scientific/Artistic Poster Competition** on “**Equality, Justice and Equity**”, which can be held a couple of months or sufficient time prior to **World Bioethics Day 2017** and winners shall be awarded on the day. All posters along with winning posters should be displayed for the audience.
- * In addition to above, all Units should prepare either the flyer or poster for **World Bioethics Day** event. It is further suggested that these flyers/posters may be prepared by the students of various Institutions/Units based on the **Theme of the year**.

Program for Students' Wings

- * The Students' Wings of the Units should be actively involved in the celebration of the event.
- * Unit Heads, Steering committees of the Units and of Students' Wings should ensure maximum participation of the students in the event.
- * Students should pro-actively participate and play important role in conduction of most of the ceremonies.
- * Students can also be involved in some social activities, depending on the feasibility of individual Unit and Institution. These can be:
 - a. Awareness programs at community level in the form of talks, role plays, skits etc. based on the theme of the World Bioethics Day 2017.
 - b. Distribution of clothes, food etc. to needy.
 - c. Any other

Common Program for Medical Students' Associations

- * **International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)** along with its associate Medical Students' Associations worldwide should actively participate in the celebration of World Bioethics Day. IFMSA has designated a team of its members to coordinate WBD among all Medical Students' Associations worldwide.
- * The following events can be planned (all events should be based on theme of the year i.e. **“Equality, Justice and Equity”**):
 - a. Webinar
 - b. Online Panel Discussion
 - c. Photographic competition
 - d. Essay writing competition
 - e. Scientific/Artistic Poster competition

International World Bioethics Day Committee

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* **Head of Committee:** Dr. Praveen Arora

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