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INTERNATIONAL CASE-LAW IN BIOETHICS: INSIGHT AND FORESIGHT

5 December 2016

Press room, European Court of Human Rights
Council of Europe, Allée des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg (France)

High level seminar organised by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)
under the auspices of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Programme

9h30

Opening session

Mr Guido Raimondi, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Ambassador Theodora Constantinidou, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Mr Philippe Boillat, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law

9h50

Session 1: Human rights in biomedicine: trends and challenges

Chair: Dr Mark Bale, Deputy Director, Science Research & Evidence, Department of Health (United Kingdom), Chair of the DH-BIO

- a. Cases on human rights and biomedicine brought before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR): Common trends and challenges

The beginning and the end of life in the case-law of the ECtHR

Prof. Dr Helen Keller, LL.M., Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

The right for privacy in the case-law of the ECtHR

Dr Pere Pastor Vilanova, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

10h50

Coffee break

11h20

Session 1 (continued): Human rights in biomedicine: trends and challenges

Chair: Ms Brigitte Konz, Head Justice of the Peace (Luxembourg), Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights of the Council of Europe (CDDH)

- b. Impact of the ECtHR judgments at the national level

Mr Justice Peter Jackson, Judge of the Family Division of the High Court (United Kingdom)

Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, member of the Constitutional Council (France), member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

12h00

- c. Latest developments in Russian jurisprudence in the field of Human Rights and biomedicine

Mrs Tatyana Vavilycheva, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation

12h20

- d. The beginning of life and the prohibition of in vitro fertilization in the case-law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Mr Roberto de Figueiredo Caldas, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

12h40

Discussion

13h00

Lunch break

15h00

Session 2: Forward look

Chair: Prof. Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

- a. Current trends in the development of the case-law at the national level
Ms Grainne McMorrow, Senior Counsel (Ireland), substitute member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

15h30

- b. Round table: Forward look based on the existing case-law and national experience
Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, member of the Constitutional Council (France), member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
Prof. Dr Aart Hendriks, Leiden Law School (Netherlands)
Mr Justice Peter Jackson, Judge of the Family Division of the High Court (United Kingdom)

16h30

Discussion

17h00

Coffee break

17h30

Closing session

Prof. Angelika Nußberger, Judge and Section President of the European Court of Human Rights

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Human Rights, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law