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20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OVIEDO CONVENTION: RELEVANCE AND CHALLENGES

International Conference
organised by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)
under the auspices of the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

24-25 October 2017
Room 1, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

Programme

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017

9.30 SESSION I - OPENING

Chair: *Mrs Beatrice Ioan (Romania), Chair of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) of the Council of Europe*

- ▶ **JUDr Radek Policar**, Deputy Minister for Legislation and Legal Affairs, Czech Republic
- ▶ **Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General
- ▶ **Ms Nada Al-Nashif**, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

10.10 Keynote speeches

- ▶ The Oviedo Convention: An achievement and a starting point
Dr Octavi Quintana (Spain), Director of the Partnership on Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), European Commission; former Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)
- ▶ How to protect Human rights in the face of current biomedical developments? The significance of the Oviedo Convention
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Ludger Honnefelder (Germany), Professor emeritus of Philosophy, Friedrich-Wilhelms University, Bonn; former member of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)
- ▶ An ethics of integration: Novel biotechnologies and human dignity
Prof. Sheila Jasanoff (USA), Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Objectives of the conference

- ▶ **Prof. Dr Zvonko Magic** (Serbia), Chair of the Preparatory Group for the Conference

12.10 International case-law in bioethics: Insight and foresight

- ▶ Outcome of the high-level seminar organised on 5 December 2016 at the European Court of Human Rights
Mr Hans-Jörg Behrens (Germany), Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) of the Council of Europe

Questions/Discussion

12.40

LUNCH BREAK

14.30 Signing Ceremony of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning genetic testing for health purposes (CETS 203) by the Czech Republic

14.45 SESSION II - EVOLUTION OF PRACTICES IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD

Rapporteurs

- ▶ **Ms Isabelle Erny** (France), Head of the Bioethics and Patients' Rights Division of the Division of Users' Rights and Legal and Ethical Affairs at the General Secretariat of the Directorate-General for Health, Ministry of Solidarities and Health; member of the DH-BIO
- ▶ **Prof. Constantinos Phellas** (Cyprus), Vice Rector for Faculty & Research University of Nicosia, Chairman of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee; member of the DH-BIO

14.45 Autonomy – Consent and Privacy

Chair: Ms Ina Verzivolli (Albania), Chair of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF) of the Council of Europe

- ▶ Challenges raised by the evolution of practices for children rights
Dr Kavot Zillen (Sweden), LL.D and postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of Law, Stockholm University
- ▶ Action(s) to be undertaken at intergovernmental level to address the identified challenges
Prof. Dr Ton Liefwaard (Netherlands), Professor of Children's Rights/UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, Law School, Leiden University

Discussion

Chair: Mr Miroslav Mikolášik, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the EPP Working Group on Bioethics and Human Dignity

- ▶ Challenges raised by the evolution of practices for elderly persons
Prof. Ana Sofia Carvalho (Portugal), Director of the Bioethics Institute, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (IB-UCP)
- ▶ Action(s) to be undertaken at intergovernmental level to address the identified challenges
Prof. Antonio Cherubini (Italy), Director, Geriatrics and Geriatric Emergency Care, IRCCCS-INRCA, Ancona

Discussion

16.45 Coffee break

17.15 Equity of access to health care

Chair/moderator: *Ms Brigitte Konz, Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) of the Council of Europe*

- ▶ Effectively exercising a right to protection of health: common or individual challenges?

Ms Marit Frogner (Norway), Member of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR) of the Council of Europe (Rapporteur for Article 11 of the European Social Charter)

- ▶ **Round table**

Dr Rogelio Altisent (Spain), Director of Academic Projects, Chair of Professionalism and Clinical Ethics, University of Zaragoza; **Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier** (Switzerland), Chair of the Committee on Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; **Ambassador Santiago Oñate Laborde** (Mexico), Permanent Observer to the Council of Europe, Mission of Mexico to the Council of Europe; **Dr Ucha Vakhania** (Georgia), Executive Director of the “Coalition Homecare in Georgia”

Discussion

18.15 End of day 1

9.00 SESSION III - NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Rapporteurs

- ▶ **Dr Anne Forus** (Norway), Senior Adviser, Department of Biotechnology and Health Legislation, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, member of the DH-BIO
- ▶ **Dr Tina Garani-Papadatos** (Greece), Lawyer, National School of Public Health, member of the DH-BIO
- ▶ **Prof. Stefano Semplici** (Italy), Professor of Social Ethics, Department of Literature, Philosophy and History of Art Studies, University of Rome Tor Vergata; Chair of the Bioethics Committee of the Italian Society of Pediatrics; former Chair of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO

9.00 Genetics – Genomics

Chair: *Prof. Milan Macek (Czech Republic), Head of Department of Biology and Medical Genetics, Charles University, Prague*

- ▶ Sequencing and analysis: Human rights challenges raised by scientific and technological developments
Prof. Anne Cambon Thomsen (France), Emeritus Research Director, Paul Sabatier University, Toulouse; member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies, European Commission
- ▶ Principles at stake – Action(s) to be undertaken at intergovernmental level to address the identified challenges
Prof. Bartha Knoppers (Canada), Director of the Centre of Genomics and Policy, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal

Discussion

Chair: *Dr Petra de Sutter (Belgium), member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly*

- ▶ Modification of the human genome: Human rights challenges raised by scientific and technical developments
Prof. Jonathan Montgomery (United Kingdom), Professor of Health Care Law, University College, London; former Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics; member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies, European Commission
- ▶ Principles at stake – Action(s) to be undertaken at intergovernmental level to address the identified challenges
Prof. Ewa Bartnik (Poland), Professor of Genetics, Faculty of Biology, University of Warsaw; member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO

Discussion

10.40 Coffee break

11.10 Brain technologies

Chair: *Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France), former member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly*

- ▶ Human rights challenges raised by scientific and technical developments
Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno (Switzerland), Director of the Institute of Biomedical Ethics and history of medicine, Center for Medical Humanities, University of Zürich

- ▶ Principles at stake – Action(s) to be undertaken at intergovernmental level to address the identified challenges
Prof. David Winickoff (OECD), Senior Policy Analyst, Secretary of the Working Party on Bio-, Nano- and Converging Technologies (BNCT)

Discussion

12.00 Information technologies/NBIC and Big data

Chair: *Mrs Tesi Aschan (Sweden), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) of the Council of Europe*

- ▶ Human rights challenges raised by scientific and technical developments
Ms Antoinette Rouvroy (Belgium), The Research Centre in Information, Law and Society (CRIDS), Namur University; member of the Ethics Advisory Group of European Data Protection Supervisor

- ▶ Principles at stake – Action(s) to be undertaken at intergovernmental level to address the identified challenges
Ms Alessandra Pierucci (Italy), Chair of the Council of Europe Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD)

Discussion

13.00

LUNCH BREAK

15.00 SESSION IV – PAVING THE WAY FOR A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

15.00 Priority issues and action proposals

***Moderator:** Prof. Dr. med. Christiane Woopen (Germany), Professor of Ethics and Theory of Medicine, University of Cologne; member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO; Chairperson of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies, European Commission*

▶ Round table

Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno (Switzerland), on behalf of WHO, Director of the Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine, WHO Collaborating Center in Bioethics, University of Zurich; **Prof. Jean-François Delfraissy** (France), President of the National Ethics Committee; **Dr Lyalya Gabbasova** (Russian Federation), Adviser to the Health Minister; **Ms Paula Kokkonen** (Finland), former emeritus Chair person of the National Advisory Board on Health Care Ethics, former Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI); **Ms Brigitte Konz** (Luxembourg), Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) of the Council of Europe; **Dr Petra de Sutter** (Belgium), member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly

16.30 CONCLUSIONS OF THE GENERAL RAPPORTEUR

- ▶ **Dr Siobhan O’Sullivan** (Ireland), Lecturer in Healthcare Ethics and Law, Royal College of Surgeons; Vice Chair of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies, European Commission

17.00 SESSION V – CLOSING

- ▶ **Dr Beatrice Ioan** (Romania), Chair of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) of the Council of Europe