FIRST REGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEES
EMRO/Cairo, 5-7 May 2007

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Saturday, 5 May 2007

08:30  Registration

09:00-09:20  Address by RD, WHO/EMRO
Dr Hussein A. Gezairy, Regional Director, WHO/EMRO

09:20-09:40  Address by UNESCO
Awad Elhassan, Dir a.i. UNESCO Cairo Office

09:40-10:00  Opening Address by Representative of Minister of Health
Dr Ibrahim Badran, Chairman, National Bioethics Committee, Egypt

10:00-10:30  Coffee Break

SESSION 1
Bioethics and International Community: Where Do We Stand?
Chairperson, National Bioethics Committee

10:30-10:45  Presentation of the Status of Ethics in WHO/HQ
Dr Marie-Charlotte Bouësséau, Programme Specialist, WHO/HQ

10:45-11:00  Presentation of the Status of Ethics in EMRO/WHO
Dr Alaa Abou-Zeid, Technical Officer, RPC, WHO/EMRO

11:00-11:15  Presentation of UNESCO-HQ’s Ethics Programmes
Henk Ten Have, Director, Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, UNESCO/HQ

SESSION 2
Activities of International Bodies in the Region Concerned with Ethics
Chairperson, International Bioethics Committees

11:15-11:30  Presentation of UNESCO/Cairo Office’s Ethics Programmes
Orio Ikebe, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Cairo Office

11:30-11:45  Presentation of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC)
Dr Nouzha Guesouss-Idrissi, Chairperson, International Bioethics Committees
11:45-12:00 Presentation of the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences (IOMS)  
**Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, President, Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences**

12:00-12:20 Presentation of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)  
**Dr Bahlul Eliagoubi, Director, Department of Science and Scientific Research Programme, ALECSO**  
**Dr Salwa Baassiri, Vice president, Arab Committee of Ethics of Science and Technology**

12:20-12:40 Presentation of the European Group for Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE)  
**Dr Inez de Beaufort, European Group of Ethics in Science and New Technologies**

12:40-13:00 Presentation of the Results of the Mapping Research of National Ethics Committees: Situation Analysis  
**Dr Henry Silverman, Director, Middle East Research Ethics Training Initiative (MERETI), University of Maryland**

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

**SESSION 3**  
Updates on the Priority Issues in the Field of Bioethics  
**Chaired by Henk Ten Have, Director, Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, UNESCO/HQ**

14:00-14:30 Ethics of Research on Human Embryos  
**Dr Gamal Serour, Chairman, International Federation for Gynecology and Obstetrics/Committee for Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women’s Health**

14:30-15:00 Ethics and Law of Biobanks - Comparative and International Perspectives  
**Dr Judit Sandor, Director, Centre for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine, Central European University**

15:00-15:30 Ethical Issues in Pandemic Influenza Planning and Response  
**Dr Andreas Reis, Programme Specialist, WHO/HQ**

15:30-15:45 Presentation on National Bioethics Committees in Lebanon  
**H.E. Dr Marwan Hamade, Minister of Telecommunication, Lebanon Chairman, National Bioethics Committee**

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Discussion

**Evening event:** Optional Sightseeing tour “Pyramids Sound and Light Show” can be organized by Monte Carlo Tours (information will be available at the reception)
Sunday, 6 May 2007

SESSION 4
International Networks and National Ethics Committees in the Region
Chairied by Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, President, Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences (IOMS)

09:00-09:15 Presentation of the Global Ethics Observatory and the Guide of Establishing Bioethics Committee
Henk Ten Have, Director, Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, UNESCO/HQ

09:15-09:30 Presentation of the Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies
Dr Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau Programme Specialist, WHO/HQ

09:30-09:45 Presentation of the Health Ministers Council for Cooperation Council States (GCC)
Dr Tawfik A.M. Khoja, Director-General, Health Ministers’ Council for Gulf Cooperation Council States (GCC)

09:45-10:00 Discussion

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

SESSION 5
Challenges and Success Stories from the Region
Chairied by Dr Tawfik A.M. Khoja, Director General, Health Ministers Council for Gulf Cooperation Council States (GCC)

10:30-10:45 Presentation of Iran
Dr Hussein Malek Afzali, Deputy Minister for Research & Technology, Ministry of Health & Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran Head, National Bioethics Committee

10:45-11:00 Presentation of Saudi Arabia
Dr Faisel Mohamed Abu-Duhier, National Bioethics Committee, Saudi Arabia

11:00-11:15 Presentation of Pakistan
Dr Huma Qureshi, Secretary, National Bioethics Committee, Pakistan Pakistan Medical Research Center

11:15-11:30 Presentation of Egypt
Dr Ibrahim Badran, Chairman, National Bioethics Committee, Egypt

11:30-11:45 Discussion

SESSION 6
Challenges and Success Stories from the Region
Chairied by Dr Hussein Malek Afzali, Deputy Minister for Research & Technology, Ministry of Health & Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran Head, National Bioethics Committee
11:45-12:00 Presentation of Tunisia

*Dr Majed Zemni, Member, Arab Committee of Ethics of Science and Technology*

12:00-12:15 Presentation of Syria

*Dr Fawaz El Saleh, Secretary General, National Bioethics Committee*

12:15-12:30 Presentation of Jordan

*Dr Suheil Shaheen, Rapporteur, National Ethics Committee for Science*

12:30-12:45 Presentation of Sudan

*Dr Iman Abdalla Mustafa, Reporter, National Ethics Review Committee*

12:45-13:15 Discussion

13:15-14:15 Lunch Break

**SESSION 7**
Challenges and Success Stories from the Region

*Chaired by Dr Mohammad Afzal, Acting Regional Adviser, Research Policy and cooperation, WHO/EMRO*

14:15-14:30 Presentation of Afghanistan

*Dr Mir Lais Mustafa, Secretary, Institutional Review Board*

14:30-14:45 Presentation of Morocco

*Dr Nouzha Guesouss-Idrissi, Chairperson, International Bioethics Committees*

14:45-15:00 Presentation of Qatar

*Dr Khalid Al-Ali, Member, World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)*

15:00-15:15 Presentation of Yemen

*Dr Abdallah Hattab, Member, Arab Committee of Ethics of Science and Technology*

15:15-15:30 Presentation of Libya

*Dr Abdul Qader El Maleh, Member, Arab Committee of Ethics for Science and Technology*

15:30-16:00 Discussion

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-16:30 Parallel Working Groups

Objectives, nomination of moderator and rapporteur for each group

16:30-17:30 **Group Work**

Group 1&2: Strategy to Support Establishment of New Bioethics Committees

Group 3: Establishing Cooperation Among National Bioethics Committees in the Region, Including the Possibility of Virtual Networking

**20:45** **Evening Event:** Nile Pharaoh Cruise and Dinner offered by UNESCO
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