

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)



UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) announces the First celebration of **WORLD BIOETHICS DAY** globally on **19th October 2016**. It is decided to celebrate the common program by all the Units across the Globe as suggested by Hon'ble Chair. The theme for this year's celebration is '**Human Dignity and Human Rights**' (Article 3 of *Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights*). The Common Program and Timeline of the events for World Bioethics Day 2016 is as suggested below:

Common Program for World Bioethics Day 2016:

Part 1.

- a. Opening speech by Head of the Unit or Head of the Institution.
- b. The greetings of the highest local representatives.
- c. The greetings of International or local representatives of UNESCO.
- d. 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. A Guest lecture of 1 hour duration or so, by eminent personality in Bioethics on the topic "Human Dignity and Human Rights".

Part 3. Panel Discussion by experts in Bioethics/Senior Faculty. 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.

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. Debate competition on "Human Dignity and Human Rights".

Part 5. Poster Exhibition on "Human Dignity and Human Rights" to increase awareness amongst students', faculty members and other stakeholders.

Part 6. Essay writing competition on "Human Dignity and Human Rights", which can be held a couple of months/sufficient time prior to **World Bioethics Day 2016** and winners shall be awarded on the day.

In addition to above, Units across the Globe should prepare either the flyer or poster for **World Bioethics Day** event. It is further suggested that these flyers/posters should be prepared by the students of various Institutions/Units based on the **Theme of the year**. One poster/flyer per Unit shall be sent to the Committee (on or before the date as mentioned below), and the Committee shall select the best poster, which shall be awarded (Certificate with the name

of Unit/Students). Units will be allowed to place and use their own flyers/posters (prepared by them) in their respective local events. All the posters submitted to Committee for competition along with the "Poster of the Year" shall be displayed on the **special website section** dedicated to World Bioethics Day.

It may be further suggested that Units should hold such Poster Competition sufficient time prior to date of submission of posters to the **World Bioethics Day Committee** and winner poster of such competition may be sent to the Committee for participation in International Competition. **(Please note this is merely a suggestion, Units may decide their plan of action.)**

Note:

1. It is suggested to include as many stakeholders as possible in the celebration of the program.
2. Units have the liberty for minor modifications/additions/deletions to the program.
3. Participation in international poster/flyer competition is suggested to all the Units.
4. Hon'ble Chair shall award Certificate to the Winner of the Best flyer/poster ONLY.
5. All the correspondence regarding **World Bioethics Day 2016** should be done on: worldbioethicsday2016@gmail.com

Timeline of events:

1. **Nomenclature: World Bioethics Day 2016.**
2. **First announcement:** Units should announce the program in the first week of March 2016 through their website and other methods to all stakeholders.
3. **Submission of Draft Program by the Units:** 31st March 2016.
4. **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 etc. to announce and disseminate the program through their websites/other methods starting from March till the **World Bioethics Day**.
5. **Submission of Competitive posters/flyers:** From the date of first announce of the World Bioethics Day 2016, till **31st August (Wednesday) 2016**.
6. **Essay Writing Competition:** To be decided by individual units.
7. **Report by Units:** Units are suggested to submit a report on the **World Bioethics Day 2016** as celebrated by their Units on or before **31st October (Monday) 2016**.
8. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. All the Unit Heads need to submit monthly progress reports to their Regional Coordinators.
 - b. Regional Coordinators should submit their monthly progress report to the General Coordinator.

Other Important Points:

Having week long celebrations: Units, if want, may be suggested to hold week long program as per their feasibility (though it is not suggested as common program for all the Units by Hon'ble Chair), but this celebration should not change the Common Program as suggested for the **World Bioethics Day 2016**.

World Bioethics Day Committee:

Hon'ble Chair: Professor Amnon Carmi

Regional Coordinators:

1. Units and sub Units of Italy: Dr. M. Vasinova
2. Units in India: Dr. Smita Deshpande
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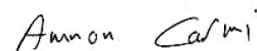
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1. Dr. Rui Nunes
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General Coordinator: Dr. Praveen Arora



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