



UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

COMMON PROGRAM

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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 (151 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:

International Program: (To be coordinated by Unit Heads)

1. **Name of Event: World Bioethics Day 2017.**

- a. **Official WBD LOGO:** (on the top of this page and sent along with this email) should be used for all the documents, programs, banners/flyers related to WBD.
- b. **Official LOGO of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa:** It should also appear on all the documents, programs, banners/flyers related to WBD.
- c. **Official WBD International Banner:** will be prepared by WBD Committee in coordination with Bioethical Voices newsletter board and circulated to all Units.
- d. **Official WBD Banner of Units:** Every 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. **First announcement:** Units should announce the program till the Second week of March 2017 (i.e. till 15th March 2017) through their Universities/Institutions and through their institutional website(s) and/or other methods to all stakeholders (Teaching faculty/students/nurses/private practitioners/general public etc.).

3. **Submission of Draft Program by the Units:** 30th April 2017.

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, philosophers, speech therapists, judges, jurists, police, social workers etc. to announce and disseminate the program through their websites/other methods starting from March till **19th October 2017, The World Bioethics Day**.

5. **Submission of entries for various International Competitions:** From the date of first announcement till **31st August (Thursday) 2017**.

International Competitions suggested for this year are (all will be on “The Theme of the year” i.e. ‘Equality, Justice and Equity’):

- i. Artistic Poster Competition
- ii. Scientific Poster Competition
- iii. Short films/ videos Competition
- iv. 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.

All the Units should actively participate in International Competitive Events. The winners will be awarded.

6. Progress Information:

- a. Unit Heads should keep their Regional Coordinators informed about the developments and any hindrances/difficulties faced by them.
- b. Regional Coordinators should share information about developments in their region and any issues faced by them/raised by Units with Head of the Committee, so that necessary and timely measures can be taken.

7. Submission of Provisional Program by the Units to Regional Coordinators: 30th June 2017.

8. Submission of detailed report by the Regional Coordinators to WBD Committee: 20th July 2017.

9. Submission of Final Program by the Units: 31st August 2017 to WBD Committee at worldbioethicsday2017@gmail.com

10. Final Report by Units: Units will need to submit a report on the **World Bioethics Day 2017** as celebrated by their Units on or before **7th November (Tuesday) 2017** to WBD committee and Bioethical Newsletter board.

11. Special WBD issue of the Bioethical Voices Newsletter: December 2017.

Common Program for Units (to be celebrated on 19th October 2017):

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 Chair in Bioethics.
 - 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. 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.

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**.

All Units should actively participate in International Competition organized by WBD Committee. It is further suggested that Units should hold such Competitive events for which they need to submit their entries for International Competition, sufficient time prior to date of submission to **World Bioethics Day Committee** and winning entry of such competition(s) may be sent to the World Bioethics Day Committee for participation in International Competitions.

In addition to International Competitive Events and Local Events, other Unit level events suggested are:

- i. Essay writing competition.
- ii. Debate competition.
- iii. Skit/Play competition.
- iv. Symposia.
- v. Bioethics fair. Students may put up stalls and have street plays to create awareness among their colleagues, practicing doctors and laymen.
- vi. Media appearances (Television/Radio).
- vii. Newspaper articles.

Units are free to choose one or more activities suggested above, depending on feasibility.

Program for Students' Wings of the Units:

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 (Please suggest)

Common Program for Students' Associations:

IFMSA along with its associate medical associations Worldwide should actively participate in the celebration of World Bioethics Day. The suggestions for IFMSA are:

1. To designate a team of members to coordinate the World Bioethics Day 2017.
2. To create a Facebook page dedicated to World Bioethics Day.
3. To create an Instagram page dedicated to World Bioethics Day.
4. Share the links of these pages to all the collaborating medical students' associations across the World.
5. The following events can be planned (all events should be based on theme of the year i.e. Equality, Justice and Equity): (Events to be finalized after suggestions of Hon'ble Chair, WBD Committee and IFMSA. The committee will try to match the Competitive events for Units and Students' Associations as much as possible.)
 - a. Webinar
 - b. Online debate
 - c. Real time telecast of bioethics movies
 - d. Short film competition (Real time online telecast of the same).
 - e. Online Panel Discussion
 - f. Photographic competition
 - g. Essay writing competition
 - h. Scientific/Artistic Poster competition

Important Notes (For all):

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 Competitions is suggested to all the Units.
4. All correspondence related to World Bioethics Day 2017 should be done on email id: worldbioethicsday2017@gmail.com

5. **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 2017**.
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World Bioethics Day Committee:

Hon'ble Chair: Professor Amnon Carmi

Head of Committee: Dr. Praveen Arora

Regional Coordinators:

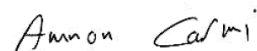
1. Units and Sub-Units of Italy: Dr. Miroslava Vasinova
2. Units in India: *To be announced*
3. Units in America: Prof. Moty Benyaker
4. Units in Asia: *To be announced*
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