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Committee (IBC)**

Fifteenth Session of the International Bioethics Committee

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UNESCO Headquarters – Room IV (Fontenoy building)

Programme

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2008

- 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. *Registration of participants*
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Opening Ceremony with**
Mr Koïchiro Matsuura,
Director-General of UNESCO
Mr Adolfo Martinez Palomo,
Chairperson of the International Bioethics Committee
- 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Principle of respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity: Preliminary reflection**
Chaired by
Prof. (Mr) Adolfo Martinez Palomo, Chairperson of IBC
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Keynote Conference: “Respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity: theoretical challenges and practical achievements”**
by Prof. (Mrs) Maria do Céu Patrão Neves,
Professor of Ethics, Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, University of Açores, Portugal
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Discussion
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- 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Draft report on social responsibility and health: Progress report of the IBC Working Group**
Chaired by
Prof. (Mr) Fawaz Saleh, Professor of Private Law, University of Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic
Vice-Chairperson of IBC
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Presentation by Prof. (Mr) Adolfo Martínez Palomo,**
Coordinator of the Council of Science and Technology of the Presidency of Mexico
Chairperson of the IBC Working Group
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Discussion
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. *Coffee Break*
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Discussion and conclusion

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2008

**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Human cloning and international governance:
Public hearings**

Chaired by
Prof. (Mr) Toivo Maimets,
*Professor of Cell Biology and Director of the Institute of
Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Tartu, Estonia
Vice-Chairperson of IBC*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Introductory remarks by the Chairperson

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Presentation by Dr (Mr) Dirceu Bartolomeu Greco,*
National Commission of Ethics in Research (CONEP)
Brazil
Questions / answers

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. *Presentation by Dr (Mr) Rajaona Andriamananjara,*
Chairperson,
Madagascar's Committee for Ethics of Science and
Technology (CMEST)
Questions / answers

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Coffee Break

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. *Presentation by Dr (Mr) Carolus B. Kusmaryanto,*
Member of the National Committee of Health Research
Ethics (KNEPK), Indonesia
Chair, KNEPK Working Group for developing
guidelines for stem cells,
Questions / answers

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**2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Human cloning and international governance:
Public hearings - continuation**

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. *Presentation by Prof. (Mr) Lars Ährlund-Richter,*
Professor of Molecular Embryology,
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
Member of the International Society for Stem Cell
Research (ISSCS)
Questions / answers

3:15 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

**Human cloning and international governance:
Progress report of the IBC Working Group**

Chaired by

Prof. (Mr) Takayuki Morisaki,

Director of the Department of Bioscience,

National Cardiovascular Center Research Institute, Japan

Member of IBC

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Presentation by Prof. (Mr) Toivo Maimets,

Chairperson of the IBC Working Group

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Discussion and conclusion

5:20 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Conclusions and closure of the fifteenth session
of IBC**

with

Mr Adolfo Martinez Palomo,

Chairperson of IBC

Mr Henk ten Have,

Secretary-General of IBC

Director of the Division of Ethics of Science

and Technology of UNESCO