



**Extraordinary Session of the  
International Bioethics Committee  
(IBC)**

*Towards a  
declaration on  
universal norms  
on bioethics*

**PROGRAMME**

Paris, 27-29 April 2004

*UNESCO House – Room II (Fontenoy)*





**TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2004**

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9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
*Registration of participants*

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
*Coffee welcome*

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**OPENING SESSION**

- **Opening ceremony with**
  - Mr Koïchiro Matsuura*  
Director-General of UNESCO
  - Mrs Michèle S. Jean*  
Chairperson of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC)
- **“Towards a Declaration on Universal Norms on Bioethics”**  
Presentation by the Secretary-General of IBC
- **“Consultation with Member States on the Scope and Structure of the Future Declaration on Universal Norms on Bioethics: Preliminary Results”**  
Presentation by the Chairperson of IBC

**3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**HEARINGS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*Chaired by Judge (Mr) Patrick Robinson, Vice-Chairperson of IBC*

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| 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | <b>OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS</b><br><b>Mr Dzidek Kedzia</b> , Chief, Research and Right to Development Branch<br><i>Questions / answers</i>   |
| 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | <b>FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)</b><br><b>Mr Clive Stannard</b> , Senior Liaison Officer, Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture<br><i>Questions / answers</i> |

- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.     **WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)**  
**Mr Richard Kjeldgaard**, Senior Counsellor, Genetic Resources, Biotechnology and Associated Traditional Knowledge Section  
Traditional Knowledge Division  
*Questions / answers*
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.     **ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)**  
**Mrs Elettra Ronchi**, Administrator, Human Health-related Biotechnologies  
*Questions / answers*
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.     **COUNCIL OF EUROPE**  
**Mr Carlos De Sola**, Head of Bioethics Division, Directorate General of Legal Affairs  
*Questions / answers*
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.     *Coffee break*
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.     **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
**Mr Davis Coles**, Unit Ethics and Science, Research Directorate General  
*Questions / answers*
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.     **UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (UNU)**  
**Mr Darryl Macer**, Affiliated Professor of Bioethics at the Institute of Advanced Studies  
*Questions / answers*
- 5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.     **THE ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION (ALECSO)**  
**Mrs Saida Charfeddine**, Consultant to the ALECSO Office at UNESCO  
*Questions / answers*
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.     General debate

**6:30 p.m.** - Reception offered by the Director-General of UNESCO

## WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2004

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10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### HEARINGS OF NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEES

*Chaired by Mrs Michèle S. Jean, Chairperson of IBC*

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **BIOETHICS COMMITTEE, COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF JAPAN**  
**Mr Ryuichi Ida**, Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Kyoto  
*Questions / answers*
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **ETHICS COMMITTEE, HEALTH RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**Mrs Sylvia Rumball**, Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Ethics), Massey University  
*Questions / answers*
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **KOREAN BIOETHICS ASSOCIATION**  
**Mr Young-Mo Koo**, Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ulsan (Seoul)  
*Questions / answers*
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **NATIONAL MEDICAL ETHICS COMMITTEE OF TUNISIA**  
**Mr Abdelaziz Ghachem**, President of the Technical Section  
*Questions / answers*
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF EGYPT**  
**Mr Ibrahim Gamil Badran**, President  
*Questions / answers*
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon **NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE OF FRANCE (CCNE)**  
**Mrs Marie-Hélène Mouneyrat**, Secretary-General  
*Questions / answers*
- 12:00 noon – 12:15 p.m. **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ETHICS FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES OF PORTUGAL**  
**Mrs Paula Martinho da Silva**, President  
*Questions / answers*
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. *General debate*

**3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**HEARINGS OF NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEES**

*Chaired by Mrs Michèle S. Jean, Chairperson of IBC*

- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.     **THE PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL ON BIOETHICS (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)**  
**Mr O. Carter Snead**, General Counsel  
*Questions / answers*
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.     **THE NUFFIELD COUNCIL ON BIOETHICS (UNITED KINGDOM)**  
**Mr Harald Schmidt**, Deputy Director  
*Questions / answers*
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.     **NATIONAL BIOETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D’IVOIRE**  
**Mr Lazare Marcelin Poame**, President  
*Questions / answers*
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.     **NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**  
**Mr Evariste Likinda Bofonda**, President  
*Questions / answers*
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.     **NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE SOF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
**Mr Boris Yudin**, Vice-President  
*Questions / answers*
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.     *Coffee break*
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.     **NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE FOR MEDICINE OF CROATIA**  
**Mr Bozidar Vrhovac**, Co-Chairman  
*Questions / answers*
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.     **NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMISSION OF MEXICO**  
**Mr Juan Garza Ramos**, Executive Secretary  
*Questions / answers*
- 5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.     **NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMISSION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
**Mr Andres Peralta-Cornielle**, First Vice-President  
*Questions / answers*
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.     General debate

**THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2004**

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**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**HEARINGS OF INTERNATIONAL  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*Chaired by Prof. (Mrs) Nouzha Guessous Idrissi, Vice-Chairperson of IBC*

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN’S FRIENDS (AMADE)**  
**Mr Jean Michaud**, Administrator, Honorary Adviser to the  
*Cour de Cassation*  
*Questions / answers*
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WMA)**  
**Mr John R. Williams**, Director of Ethics  
*Questions / answers*
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **HUMAN GENOME ORGANIZATION (HUGO)**  
**Mrs Bartha Maria Knoppers**, President, Ethics Committee  
*Questions / answers*
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (IFHR)**  
**Mrs Monique Hérold**, Chargée de mission  
*Questions / answers*
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES OF WOMEN IN A NEW ERA (DAWN)**  
**Mrs Lilian Abracinskas**, Collaborator in Latin America for  
Sexual and Reproductive Rights  
*Questions / answers*
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Coffee break*
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE (ICSU)**  
**Mr Carthage Smith**, Deputy Executive Director  
*Questions / answers*
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon **DISABLED PEOPLES’ INTERNATIONAL (DPI)**  
**Mr Giampiero Griffo**, Member of the World Council of DPI  
and Chair of the European region  
*Questions / answers*
- 12:00 noon – 12:15 p.m. **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF BIOETHICS (IAB)**  
**Mrs Florencia Luna**, President  
*Questions / answers*
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. General Debate

• **Closure**