

CONFERENCE ON ETHICS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH REGULATIONS, HEALTHCARE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Final Report

Organizers:

- Bioethics Program, Pan American Health Organization.
- Interdisciplinary. Center for Bioethics in Research (Collaborating Center of the World Health Organization).

Sponsors:

- Joint Center for Bioethics, University of Toronto, Canada.
- Ethics Programs, University of Miami, USA.
- Heidelberg Center for Latin America, Universität Heidelberg, Germany.

Intercontinental Hotel Santiago de Chile.

April 23-25, 2009.

The objectives of the meeting were to examine the ethical basis of regulations for scientific research in medicine and social sciences related to health. Written rules and regulatory procedures in various countries were compared and analysed. The meeting concluded with recommendations for the work of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the Region of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The program included both lectures and discussion seminars, attended by 120 professionals, thirty of whom were foreign guests. Simultaneous translation English-Spanish was provided and the proceedings were transmitted by webcast. All lectures and discussions were recorded.

Press coverage was moderate, since it was defined as a working meeting of the Pan American Health Organization itself without breaking stories of controversial issues. However, it coincided with the outbreak of swine influenza that captured the attention of the media.

The main outcome of the meeting was to strengthen the guiding role of the PAHO Bioethics Program on for discussions pertaining to the moral foundations that legislators and drafters of written rules take into account when preparing texts. Sometimes the ethical directives are explicit, but sometimes they are more inspirational for the reflection and analysis needed to assess their importance and influence. Conferences delivered at the meeting will be published in a supplement of the journal *Acta Bioethica* and available on a DVD that will be distributed to interested parties.

After the congress, a meeting of all Collaborating Centers in Bioethics of the World Health Organization was held. Attended by delegates from the centers of Canberra, Toronto, Miami, and Santiago, with connections to Paris and Zurich at that meeting, the first of its kind, a network of partners was established that will enhance the work of each by a synergy that allows resources to be shared.

PROGRAM

International Conference: "Health Regulation Ethics"
April 23-25, 2009

Thursday, April 23

09:00 – 09:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Juan Manuel Sotelo, Fernando Lolas

09:15 – 10:00 a.m. Paper Session

Ethical Foundations of Health Regulations

María Casado

10:00 – 10:40 a.m. Paper Session

Ethical Foundations of Research with Human Subjects

Ross Upshur

11:00 – 12:30 a.m. Roundtable

The Need to Regulate

Gonzalo Figueroa, Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau, Andreas Reis

Moderator: Angélica Sotomayor

2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Roundtable

New Developments in International Guidelines

Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau, Adolfo Martínez-Palomo, Analía Pérez

Moderator: Francisco León

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Paper Session

The Role of Professional Codes

Rogelio Altisent

4:20 – 5:30 p.m. Roundtable

European Models. Application of International Guidelines to National Regulations on Research and Healthcare

Monika Bobbert, Eugenijus Gefenas

Moderator: Eduardo Rodríguez

Friday, April 24

09:00 – 9:45 a.m. Paper Session

Laws, Regulations and Guidelines on Research with Human Subjects in Latin America

Edward Bartlett

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Roundtable

The State of Regulations in Latin American Countries and the Caribbean

Leo Pessini, Salvador Bergel, José Ramón Ramírez

Gorostiza, María Angélica Sotomayor

Moderator: María Angélica Sotomayor

11:20 – 12:30 p.m. Paper Session

Legislative Levels

Melody Lin

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Paper Session

Cultural Bioethics: Priorities in Health, Conflict of Interests and Vulnerable Populations

Kenneth Goodman

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Roundtable

Processes of Social Participation

Dirceu Raposo, Ingrid Heittman

4:50 – 6:00 p.m. Paper Session

General Regulatory Policies and Their Impact on Scientific Investigation and Healthcare Practice

Adolfo Martínez-Palomo

Saturday, April 25

09:00 – 10:00 a.m. Roundtable

Regulation and Interculturalism

Sergio Litewka, Jennifer Gibson

Moderator: Laura Rueda

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Roundtable

International Models. Application of International Guidelines to National Regulations on Research and Healthcare

Aminu Yakubu, Amar Jesani, M. Selgelid

Moderator: Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau

11:15 – 12:30 p.m. Roundtable

Projections of Regulations in America

Gabriel D'Empaire, Iliana Herrera, Rafael Pérez, Luis Moreno, José Geraldo de Freitas Drumond

Moderator: Roberto Mancini

12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lineamientos editoriales del Programa de Bioética OPS/OMS.

Álvaro Quezada, Fernando Lolas

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Conclusions and Closure

Fernando Lolas, José Luis Di Fabio