

International Conference on Bioethics Committees in Hospitals

May 17-20, 2009, Zefat, Israel

The purpose of the Conference organized by the *UNESCO Chair in Bioethics* and *ISAS International Seminars* was to serve as an international platform for exchange of knowledge and thoughts on bioethics committees in health care institutions.

The Conference focused on definitions, composition, functions, and a general place and role of hospital ethics committees, with main aim to channel new ideas in order to provide expertise and represent different viewpoints concerning ethical issues raised in biology, medicine and the life sciences, to improve patient-centered care, to protect persons who become involved in research trials and to facilitate the acquisition and use of new knowledge directed to improving health and the delivery of health care, to benefit individual patients as well as entire societies.

Conference Topics

- The challenge and tasks of bioethics committees
- Establishing bioethics committees
- Different forms of bioethics committees
 - Policy-making bioethics committees
 - Advisory bioethics committees
 - Health professional association bioethics committees
 - Health care/hospital bioethics committees
 - Research ethics committees
- Procedures and operations
- Evaluating bioethics committees
- Programs for continuing bioethics education

10 Parallel Sessions

1 Workshop: Multicultural Considerations in Ethical Consultation

1 Poster Session

Additional info:

<http://www.isas.co.il/bioethics2009/index.php>

This year's conference is taking place from 2-5 May, 2010, also in Zefat, Israel. The focus is on Bioethics Education: Contents, Methods, Trends. The Conference is designed to offer **a platform** for the exchange of information and knowledge, and to hold discussions, lectures, workshops, as well as an exhibition of programs and databases.

More info at:

www.isas.co.il/bioethics2010

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