



**14th WORLD CONGRESS OF BIOETHICS  
of the  
International Association of Bioethics**

**&**

**7th NATIONAL BIOETHICS CONFERENCE  
of the  
Indian Journal of Medical Ethics**



**THEME**  
**Health for all in an unequal world:  
Obligations of global bioethics**

**DATES**

Pre-congress satellite meetings : December 3-4th (Mon-Tue), 2018

Main Congress : December 5-7th (Wed-Fri), 2018

**VENUE**

St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences

Sarjapur Road, John Nagar, Koramangala,  
Bengaluru, Karnataka 560034 India

**ORGANISERS**

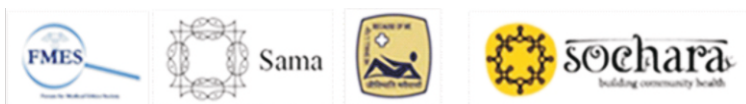
Forum for Medical Ethics Society, Mumbai

Sama Resource Group for Women and Health, New Delhi

St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru

Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action, Bengaluru

**Congress website**



## About the World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) platform

In August 2016, the International Association of Bioethics awarded the 14th World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) to the Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES), Mumbai, MH, India and Sama Resource Group for Women and Health, New Delhi, India. WCB aims to be truly international, linking all those working in bioethics and related fields, facilitating mutual contact, and encouraging the discussion of cross-cultural aspects in bioethics. Past Congresses have been held in Edinburgh (2016), Mexico City (2014), Rotterdam (2012), Singapore (2010), Croatia (2008), China (2006), Australia (2004), Brazil (2002), the United Kingdom (2000), Japan (1998), the United States (1996), Argentina (1994), and Amsterdam (1992).

## About the National Bioethics Conference (NBC) platform

The IJME's National Bioethics Conferences are a meeting ground for delegates from India and abroad to report, debate and brainstorm on a wide range of ethical issues in health, health care and health research. Each NBC has witnessed the active participation of bioethicists from across the globe. Past NBCs have been held in Pune (2017), Bengaluru (2014, 2007), Hyderabad (2012), New Delhi (2010), and Mumbai (2005). NBCs take place every two years in India and are co-hosted by IJME along with other entities. [\[NBC Archives\]](#)

This time, in a unique opportunity, the 14th WCB and the 7th NBC will be jointly organised.

## Congress Theme

The theme of the 14th WCB is Health for All in an Unequal World: Obligations of Global Bioethics and it seeks to strengthen bioethics in the context of health for all, by providing a relevant and critical platform to advance bioethics discourses and inform praxis/policies, programmes, guidance – both in the region and globally.

## Congress sub-themes

The five sub-themes around which intensive plenaries would be organised are as follows:

- a) Bringing rights and ethics to the centre in the 'Health for All' discourse;
- b) Rethinking bioethics boundaries in the context of 'Health for All';
- c) Challenges for bioethics in an unequal world;
- d) Implications of gender and sexuality in bioethics;
- e) Interrogating the construct of marginalisation and vulnerabilities as obligations of bioethics.

Presentation of papers, posters, workshops, pre-congress symposia and satellite meetings will be organised around the Congress sub-themes, and include themes from within the broader discipline of bioethics.

## CONGRESS PROGRAMME

- a) Pre-Congress: Mon-Tue, December 3-4th, 2018; and
- b) Main Congress: Wed-Fri, December 5-7th, 2018

The three-day main event of the Congress will comprise plenaries; parallel tracks for paper presentations, workshops and symposia and poster presentations. The Congress will host a parallel Art Festival centred around diverse bioethical issues, which will include films, theatre, exhibitions and installations.

### **Congress Organising Committee**

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### **Congress Venue and Facilities**

The Congress will be organised at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Sarjapur Road, John Nagar, Koramangala, Bengaluru. The institute has several auditoriums. Plenary sessions will be held at the main auditorium which seats 1050, while the parallel sessions and poster displays will be held at the main auditorium complex and in venues at the adjacent Medical College, Research Institute and Hospital. These venues have a seating capacity ranging from 50 to 300. A parallel Arts Festival based on the theme of the Congress will include installations, exhibitions, films and performances. Stalls for organisations and publication houses to display their publications and resources will be accommodated adjacent to the main auditorium.

### **Congress resource kit and hospitality**

All participants will be provided with a congress kit and hospitality during the Congress which will include lunch and tea at the venue.

## CONGRESS CO-ORGANISERS



### **Forum for Medical Ethics Society, Mumbai**

FMES was founded by a group of Mumbai-based medical practitioners in 1989, with the primary agenda to highlight issues in medical ethics and generate discussions around them. The organisation has played a critical role in developing, and supporting the growth of bioethics in India.



### **Sama Resource Group for Women and Health, New Delhi**

Sama is a Delhi-based health resource group that works on health and human rights that evolved from the people's health movement and women's health movement in India. Sama works towards expanding the discourse on bioethics through its intersections with different areas of the organisation's work ethics vis-a-vis clinical research/trials, assisted reproductive technologies and surrogacy, gender biased sex selection, sexual and reproductive health rights, gender based violence and other public health issues.



### **St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru**

St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences is run by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) as an apex institution of the health endeavours of the Catholic church, which now number over 3500 member institutions from across India. The motto of the academy is derived from the inspiration of Christ and is a constant reminder to the staff and students that they are God's collaborators in their care of human lives and are instruments of healing, dependent on the divine. Medical ethics has been at the core of its curriculum – it was the first medical college in India to initiate medical ethics as an integral part of the training of students.



### **Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action (SOCHARA), Bengaluru**

The Society for Community Health Awareness Research and Action (SOCHARA) is an independent non-government organisation registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 17A (1960). SOCHARA and its functional units have promoted a people-centred paradigm for health and development, envisioned through a community health movement and a community health approach to public health issues. Two decades into its inception, SOCHARA continues to participate and strengthen health movements in India and around the world, supporting and engaging with people, communities, professional bodies and governments for equitable health and development, towards the goal of 'Health for All'.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts that critically discuss cutting-edge themes and concepts in bioethics, and those that describe research findings or project outcomes will be selected. We encourage submission of abstracts that relate to the theme and sub-themes of the Congress, but they do not necessarily have to conform to them.

## CALL FOR SYMPOSIA/WORKSHOPS (Embedded in the main Congress)

We also invite proposals for symposia and workshops to be organised during the main Congress. All topics related to the theme of the Congress, along with those which fall within the broader discipline of bioethics are welcome. Each symposium or workshop can be organised as a 90-minute session. A 90-minute session could consist of up to four presentations, though limiting it to three presentations is preferred to allow ample time for discussion.

**Abstract and workshop proposals should be sent to:** [14thwcb.abstract@gmail.com](mailto:14thwcb.abstract@gmail.com)  
**Important dates relating to submissions (oral presentation and workshop/symposia):**

- Submission timeline for oral presentations extended to **May 10, 2018 (Thursday)**
- Submission timeline for embedded workshop/symposia extended to **May 10, 2018 (Thursday)**
- Notification of decision to authors: **Mid June, 2018**

All proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee whose decision will be final.

## Congress Registration

Registration fees for the main Congress (December 5 to 7, 2018)				
Types of Registration fees*#	Participants from India and other countries with low-income and lower-middle-income economies**		Participants from countries with upper-middle and high-income economies**	
		Students***		Students***
Registration fees, including spot registration for three days of Congress	INR 4,000 US\$ 60	INR 2,000 US\$ 30	INR 20,000 US\$ 300	INR 10,000 US\$ 150
Early bird registration (until September 15, 2018) for three days of Congress	INR 2,700 US\$ 40	INR 1,400 US\$ 20	INR 15,000 US\$ 225	INR 8,000 US\$ 115
One day registration, including one-day spot registration and registration for pre-Congress Workshop/Symposium	INR 1,200 US\$ 20	INR 600 US\$ 10	INR 6,500 US\$ 100	INR 3,500 US\$ 50
* includes lunch, refreshments, Congress material, and access to all Congress sessions and cultural events except pre-congress meets/workshops/symposia				
# IAB Membership fees to be paid to IAB separately over and above the registration fees. IAB membership fee structure will be made available on the Congress website.				
** <a href="https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups">https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups</a>				
*** Registration fees for students are at 50% discount in respective categories. Students will be required to produce a valid student identification card				
Registration fees do not include breakfast, dinner or accommodation.				
For more details please visit: <a href="#">Congress website</a>				

Registration fees maybe paid via online payment (coming soon), cheque and NEFT.

Cheques should be drawn in favour of

**Forum for Medical Ethics Society**

and posted to: **Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES)**

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