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Annual report – 2022-2023**

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Introduction

In this reporting year 2022-2023, the Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) completed 30 years since its inception. It continues to focus on strengthening medical ethics in modern healthcare. Over time, FMES has expanded its engagement beyond medical ethics to the broader discipline of bioethics and its various sub-fields.

We take this opportunity to report the work accomplished during the year 2022-2023 across its three platforms namely:

- I. Health, Ethics and Law Institute for Training, Research and Advocacy (HEaL Institute) for FMES' programmatic work (since 2018);
- II. The *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* for exchanges between non-medical experts, philosophers and social scientists, medical providers, health researchers, paramedical personnel, and advocacy groups. *IJME*, till date, is the only journal on bioethics and medical ethics published from India (since 1993);
- III. National Bioethics Conferences (NBCs) platform for engagement amongst the stakeholders in bioethics. So far, FMES hosted **nine** NBCs in different parts of India in collaboration with other organisations including academic institutions-medical colleges, universities, and other organisations engaged with works in the space of health and allied themes (since 2005).

It also presents (Section IV) the audited statement of accounts for the reporting financial year 2022-2023, that is the assessment year of 2023-2024.

I. Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) For Training, Research and Advocacy

The Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) for Training, Research and Advocacy, a programmatic platform of FMES is the youngest one amongst the three platforms of FMES. It was established in 2018-2019. The HEaL Institute aims to serve as a bridge between academia and activism for promoting and safeguarding people's democratic and constitutional entitlement to health. The HEaL institute takes a multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral, and intersectional approach which enables it to critically engage with law, regulations, and constitutional entitlements.

I.1 Research Initiatives

We continued with **the project titled** '[A collaborative research initiative cataloguing key community engagement practices embedded in Implementation Research Public Health Projects Involving Disadvantaged \(rural/indigenous\) Communities in India](#)'. The last annual report detailed the inception of this project.

In this reporting year, we completed the empirical research at two sites in collaboration with the two partners. Currently the writings based on empirical research are in progress. In this reporting year we disseminated the proceedings reports of the two witness seminars organised under the aegis of this project in the previous reporting year, that is, 2021-2022. They are as below:

Witness seminar-1: Tracing the historical trajectory of community engagement in TB related public health interventions in India | Thursday, October 21, 2021 | Program, witnesses, and organisers | Proceedings report of the Witness Seminar 1 | [Proceedings Report of A Witness Seminar on Tracing the historical trajectory of community engagement in TB-related public health interventions in India](#).

Witness seminar-2: Community engagement and Patient-centered care in TB related public health interventions in India: perspectives of survivors, champions and community-based organizations | Saturday, December 18, 2021 | Program, witnesses, and organisers | Proceedings report of the Witness Seminar 2 | [Report of A Witness Seminar on Community engagement and patient-centred care in TB-related public health interventions in India: perspectives of survivors, champions and community-based organisations](#)

E-release of witness seminar reports | Wed, May 25, 2022 [[Proceedings](#)]

**E-release
Witness seminar reports**
Wed, May 25, 2022 | Time: 630 – 745 pm

Proceedings Report 1
Tracing the historical trajectory of community engagement in TB-related public health interventions in India.

And

Proceedings Report 2
Community engagement and patient-centered care in TB-related public health interventions in India: perspectives of survivors, champions and community-based organisations

Speakers:
 Jim Lavery: Wilson Chair in Global Health Ethics, Professor, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, USA
 Manan Gaguli: Exco Nivaran TB Centre, Cochin, Jharkhand, India
 Michael Mihut: Head, Programme Innovation and Management (PIM), WHO-TDR, Geneva, Switzerland
 Santosh Kumar Giri: Secretary & Ex Director, Kolkata Health, W Bengal, India
 Asha Frederick: Asst Director, Mero & Pura: HS, TN, India

Programme

- Moderator: *Anurag Bhargava*
- Welcome & Introduction: *Anant Bhan*
- Introduction to CNS & FMES: *Madhavi Bhargava, Sunita Sheel*
- WHO-TDR's initiative in Community Engagement in Implementation Science: *Michael Mihut*
- Discussant to Report 1: *Manan Gaguli*
- Discussant to Report 2: *Jim Lavery*
- Special remarks on TB programme in India & Marginalised Communities: *Santosh Giri*
- Locating proceedings in the context of implementation of TB programme in India: *Asha Frederick*
- Audience engagement & Discussion

Supporters:
 The UNICEF / UNDP / World Bank / WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) [Grant Number: P21-00344]

Logos: FMES, HEaL (Health, Ethics, and Law Institute), CNS (Centre for Narrative Science)

Additional Speakers:
 Anant Bhan: Independent Researcher
 Madhavi Bhargava: CNS-YOU
 Anurag Bhargava: CNS-YOU
 Sunita Sheel: FMES-HEaL Institute

Please register here

1.2 Public engagement and advocacy

1.2.1 Public health emergency and ethics of reporting: Learnings and way forward | Co-hosted by Department of Communication, Sarojini Naidu School of Arts and Communication, University of Hyderabad, and Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) and its two platforms –Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME)* | Proceedings


If there is one thing the Covid-19 pandemic has done across the board, in society, industry, governance and politics, it is to expose the cracks in our material, social, administrative and policy infrastructures. The media, as a key institution that is expected not only to hold those in power to account, but also to keep the public informed so that they deal with the everyday ups and downs of life, struggled to keep pace with the rapidly evolving dynamics of knowledge creation, management, and dissemination. Suddenly everything was thrown into disarray. Journalists could not depend on the usual networks of sources, there were few systems in place to deal with information verification, and had to combat the deluge of misinformation and fake news that circulated on and off the Internet. After things have settled down somewhat, it was important to take stock of what we have learned and how we might be able to draw on the full range of journalistic experience to set new standards of reporting, writing, and dissemination centre-staging media integrity and ethics. How should we think about how we research and tell stories? What ethical frameworks can we draw upon? How do we understand the full spectrum of audiences and stakeholders in the media landscape and ensure we bring an empathetic and critical lens to crisis reportage? While doing so, how do we navigate through the uncertainties implied and integral to the evolving science of a novel virus, long drawn pandemic, evolving variants, and risks communication to people from across the sections of population? In doing so, how do we ensure warding off discriminatory practices – knowingly or unknowingly, and making communication and information dissemination accessible, relevant, and inclusive?

The two 90-minute Round Tables in the series featured conversations among media professionals, academics from across the relevant disciplines, health communicators, ethicists, and cultural commentators to address some of these questions.


**Public health emergency and ethics of reporting:
Learnings and way forward**

As part of the 'Looking back and looking ahead' **Round Table and Grand Round Series 2022-23**
To commemorate 30th Year of FMES-IJME Co-hosted by
Department of Communication, Sarojini Naidu School of Arts and Communication,
University of Hyderabad and
The Forum for Medical Ethics Society, Health, Ethics and Law Institute and
Indian Journal of Medical Ethics


Panel 1: Communicating ethically in a crisis-what, how, and with whom?
Date: Monday, October 10th, 2022 | Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm




Banjot Kaur
Sr Correspondent-Health,
The Wire




Menaka Rao
Independent Journalist,
Suno India



Murad Banaji
Middlesex University,
London




B.R. Shamanna
School of Medical Sciences,
University of Hyderabad




Sayatan Datta
Centre for Writing and
Pedagogy, Krea University





Moderated by





Usha Raman
Professor, University of
Hyderabad



Sandhya Srinivasan
Consulting Editor
IJME, Mumbai

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1ZAscu2vrDovGdQBGGsJOLXFI-s7G0T8pNJ2>
Click here for Concept note and Biosketch • Email id correspondence: fmescentre.events@gmail.com

I.2.2 The Archie Battersbee Case: Lessons in Trust, Dignity and Autonomy in End of Life Care | Hosted by FMES, HEaL Institute, IJME; Seth GSM Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai | January 11, 2023 | 5 - 7 pm | Virtual | [Proceedings](#).

Synopsis: On 7th April 2022, 12-year-old Archie Battersbee’s mother found him unconscious at home with a ligature around his neck. The clinical team at Barts Health NHS Trust gave him round-the clock intensive care. However, once the full extent of his devastating brain injuries became clear the clinical team concluded that prolonging treatment was no longer in Archie’s best interests. Archie’s parents believed he could recover, and wanted intensive care to continue. They took Barts to court. After multiple appeals, the legal dispute ended with the Court stating that it could not authorise or declare lawful the continuation of his present treatment. Archie’s life support was withdrawn on 6th August 2022 and soon after he was pronounced dead.

The Archie Battersbee case in the UK brought to the forefront ethical complexities in end of life care the world over. It is especially relevant in the Indian context. This webinar delved into the legal, medical, ethical and financial dimensions of end of life care (EoLC), especially where trust between the family and healthcare professionals has broken down.

The Archie Battersbee Case - Lessons in Trust, Dignity and Autonomy in End of Life Care

Hosted by
Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) and its two platforms -Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME) & Department of Medical Humanities, Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital

Wednesday, 11th January 2023 | 5 - 7 pm | Virtual

MODERATORS



Dr Sanjay Nagral,
Chairperson, FMES, Mumbai



Dr Sumana Navin,
Independent Consultant - Organ Donation & Transplantation, Chennai

PANELISTS



Dr Paul McConnell,
Chair of Ethics, European Society of Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care Consultant in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine, Royal Alexandra Hospital, UK



Dr Radha Sundaram,
Consultant in Intensive Care, Royal Alexandra Hospital, UK



Dr Dhvani Mehta,
Co-Founder and Lead, Health at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, Delhi



Dr Naveen Salins,
Professor and Head, Department of Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal



Dr R. K. Mani,
Director Clinical Services, Pulmonology and Critical Care Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital, Ghaziabad




Dr Vidya Viswanath,
Assistant Professor, Department of Palliative Care, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Visakhapatnam




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Consultant in Intensive Care, King Faisal Specialist Hospital, Madinah, Saudi Arabia

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Health, Ethics, and Law Forum for Medical Ethics Society

I.2.3 IJME Author's Webinar series: It is to provide a platform for authors who have published in the IJME to present their papers and have experts discuss the paper. This will be a channel for dissemination of the ethical scholarship that is published in the IJME.

The first such webinar on the theme 'Ethical issues in haemodialysis in resource limited settings' was organised during the reporting year. | Hosted by FMES, HEaL Institute and IJME | Saturday, January 28, 2023 | 530 to 600 pm | Virtual | [Proceedings](#).

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HEaL Health, Ethics, and Law Institute for Health Systems Studies

IJME AUTHOR'S WEBINAR SERIES – JAN – MAR 2023

WEBINAR THEME: ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEMODIALYSIS IN RESOURCE LIMITED SETTINGS

Date: Saturday January 28, 2023,
Time: 5.00 – 6.30 PM (IST)
Registration Link:
<https://rb.gy/he7ets>

5.00 – 5.05 pm	Introduction of webinar
5.05 – 5.15 pm	Introduction of the South Asian Bioethics Community (SABC)
5.15 – 5.35 pm	Indirect costs associated with "free" paediatric haemodialysis: Experience from Karachi, Pakistan
5.35 – 5.55 pm	Financial toxicity and dialysis: Autonomy and truth-telling in resource-limited settings
5.55 – 6.15 pm	Discussant's Remarks
6.15 – 6.30 pm	Open House

Authors

- Prof Ali Asghar Anwar Lanevala**
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Emerging Technology Bioethical and Public Health Scientist, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia
- Adv Rohin Bhatt**
Lawyer, Supreme Court of India

Discussants

- Dr Valerie A Luyckx**
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- Prof Priya Pais**
Associate Professor, Dept of Pediatric Nephrology St John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore, India

About SABC

- Supriya Subramani**
IJME Editorial Team Zurich, Switzerland

Facilitator

- Dr Vijayaprasad Gopichandran**
IJME Working Editor, Chennai, India

About the Webinar

This *IJME* quarterly Author's Webinar series is aimed at providing a platform for authors who have published in the *IJME* to present their papers and have experts discuss the paper. This will be a channel for dissemination of the ethical scholarship that is published in the *IJME*. It is planned to be held once every quarter when the journal is released and will showcase the papers published in that issue of the journal.

Register for the Webinar before 25.01.2023. The link for the Webinar will be shared only to interested participants who register.
 For any further queries contact - IJME Office: Mob. : 07506265856 Email: fmescentre.events@gmail.com

I.3 Bioethics trainings

In continuation with our efforts spread over the past over two decades in bioethics training, we organised two short duration intensive training institutes in two sub-fields of bioethics, namely, public health ethics, and social science and health research ethics. These were as follows:

I.3.1 Short-Duration Intensive Training Program in Public Health Ethics | Co-hosted by HEaL Institute, FMES in collaboration with Centre for Public Health, School of Health Systems Studies Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, Center for Policy Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) and ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai and Vidhayak Trust, Pune | Virtual | during October 1, 2022 to November 26, 2022. [[Program Schedule](#)]

About the course: The field of public health ethics is an emerging subfield within bioethics and is influencing the overall bioethics discourse. The goal in public health is to improve the health of communities, and, in general, public health by utilizing societally oriented strategies and collective interventions. Therefore, public health ethics as a field encompasses ethical issues relating to any societal activity involved in public health; and ethics discourse, frameworks, and principles which help to respond to these ethical issues by taking into consideration the social, scientific and moral context of the decisions

The course was intended to equip course participants with knowledge and skills in public health ethics. They would serve as significant human resource to take the learnings to their own ecosystems and facilitate knowledge transfer in public health ethics in their organization and peer networks.

Course Faculty:

1. Dr Amar Jesani, MBBS, Independent Researchers and Consultant, Public Health and Bioethics, Mumbai; and Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME), Mumbai, MH, India
2. Dr Anant Bhan, Sangath Bhopal, Bhopal, MP, India; Adjunct Professor, Yenepoya (deemed to be University), Mangalore, India
3. Dr Angus Dawson, Professor of Bioethics and Director of Sydney Health Ethics, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
4. Dr Calvin Ho, Professor with the Faculty of Law, and Co-Director, Centre for Medical Ethics, University of Hong Kong
5. Dr Jagdish Patel, Founder, Peoples Training & Research Center, Baroda, GJ, India
6. Dr James Dwyer, Professor, Upstate Medical University, NY, USA
7. Dr Kaustubh Joag, Senior Research Fellow & Consultant Psychiatrist, Centre for Mental Health, Policy and Law (CMHLP), ILS Society, Pune
8. Dr P Manickam, Scientist F, ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai, TN, India
9. Dr Nilesh Gawde, Professor, Centre for Public Health, School of Health Systems Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, MH, India
10. Dr E Premdas Pinto, Professor of public health and human rights law in the Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India
11. Dr Srijit Mishra, Professor, India Gandhi Institute for Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai
12. Dr Subha Sri Balakrishnan, Independent Women and Human Rights activist; associated with Rural Women's Social Education Centre, Chengalpattu District, Tamilnadu, India
13. Dr Sunita Sheel Bandewar, Director, FMES' Health, Ethics and Law Institute of Training, Research and Advocacy, Mumbai-Pune; Working Editor, IJME; Gen Sec, FMES; Founding Trustee, Vidhayak Trust
14. Dr Tarun Bhatnagar, Scientist F, ICMR-National Institute of School of Public Health (ICMR-NIE), Chennai, TN, India
15. Dr Vijay Gopichandran, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, ESIC Medical College, Chennai, TN, India

The course participants comprised of mid-career professionals from diverse disciplines alongside candidates pursuing their degree programs. The virtual mode of running this training institute spread over six weeks enable participants from across the country to sign up for it. It was an enriching space both for the course participants, the faculty and for the organisers.

I.3.2 Short-Duration Intensive Training Program in Social Science and Public Health Research Ethics | September 6, 2022 to November 8, 2022 | By (FMES; HEaL Institute in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, and Vidhayak Trust (VT), Pune | during September 6 to November, 8, 2022 | 1600 – 1930 hrs | **Virtual [[Program schedule](#)]**

About the course: The course curriculum has a legacy of 15 years to which number of scholars including those trained in bioethics have contributed. Over time they developed research ethics case studies from the Indian context. These serve as one of the key resources for this course.

The course aimed to equip course participants with knowledge and skills in research ethics. They would serve as significant human resource to take the learnings to their own ecosystems and facilitate knowledge transfer in research ethics.

Course Faculty:

1. Prof Abhijit Nadkarni, Global Mental Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK; Director of the Addictions Research Group, Sangath, Goa, India
2. Dr Amar Jesani, MBBS, Independent Researchers and Consultant, Public Health and Bioethics, Mumbai; and Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME)

3. Dr Anant Bhan, Adjunct Professor, Yenepoya (deemed to be University), Mangalore, India and Adjunct Faculty, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, India.
4. Prof Calvin Ho, Health Law, Policy & Bioethics – Associate Professor of Law, The University of Hong Kong; Co-Director, HKU Centre for Medical Ethics & Law, Hong Kong; Hong Kong SAR; Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore; and Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
5. Prof Eunice Kamara, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya
6. Prof Lakshmi Lingam, Dean & Professor, School of Media and Cultural Studies, TISS, Mumbai
7. Prof Lisa Schwartz, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University; Professor, Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact, Faculty of Health Sciences; Member, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis (CHEPA), Faculty of Health Sciences; Associate Member, Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities
8. Sandhya Srinivasan, Consulting Editor, IJME; Editorial Board Member, Developing World Bioethics; Member, Network of Women in the Media-India, the Indian Association of Medical Journal Editors, and the World Association of Medical Editors.
9. Prof Srijit Mishra, Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai; Former Director, NCDS, ICSSR Institute, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. [Course Director]
10. Dr Sunita Sheel Bandewar, PhD (Anthropology) and Masters in Bioethics (Toronto, Canada), Independent Researcher, Pune; Working Editor, IJME; and Director, Health, Ethics and Law Institute of Training, Research and Advocacy, Mumbai-Pune [Course Director]
11. Tejal Barai, Independent Sr Research Professional, Mumbai
12. Prof Uma Kulkarni, Ophthalmology; Faculty at the Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya deemed to be University, Mangalore, KA, India
13. Prof Vina Vasvani, Forensic Medicine Dept; and Director Centre for Ethics Yenepoya (deemed to be University), Mangalore, KA, India

[The course participants](#) comprised of mid-career professionals from diverse disciplines alongside candidates pursuing academic degree programs. The virtual mode of running this training institute spread over six weeks enable participants from across the country to sign up for it. It was an enriching space both for the course participants, the faculty and for the organisers.

I.4 Collaborators: Academic institutes, networks, and organisations

As always, we continued working collaboratively with like-minded organisations, networks, and academic institutes during the year for research activities, advocacy and campaigns, and training initiatives.

Centre for Public Health, School of Health Systems Studies Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Center for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay; [Department of Communication](#), Sarojini Naidu School of Arts and Communication, University of Hyderabad; ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai; Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research ([IGIDR](#)), Mumbai; Seth GSM Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai; Vidhayak Trust (VT), Pune.

I.5 Fortnightly Digest

We started crafting and disseminating fortnightly digest in Aug 2020. It has been aimed at updating e our readers and peers about all the activities of FMES, HEaL, and IJME that took place in the previous fortnight along with curated information from the peer spaces. The first Fortnightly Digest was sent out on August 11, 2020.

During this report year 2022-23 we curated and disseminated 23 Fortnightly Digests.

[Archive of the Fortnightly Digests.](#)

II. Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME)

IJME continues to face financial challenges, but has succeeded in carrying on with continuous publication even after 30 years. Considered a reliable source of healthcare ethics information and policy, our articles are cited by journalists, policy makers, and even the courts. *IJME* content is used widely for ethics courses.

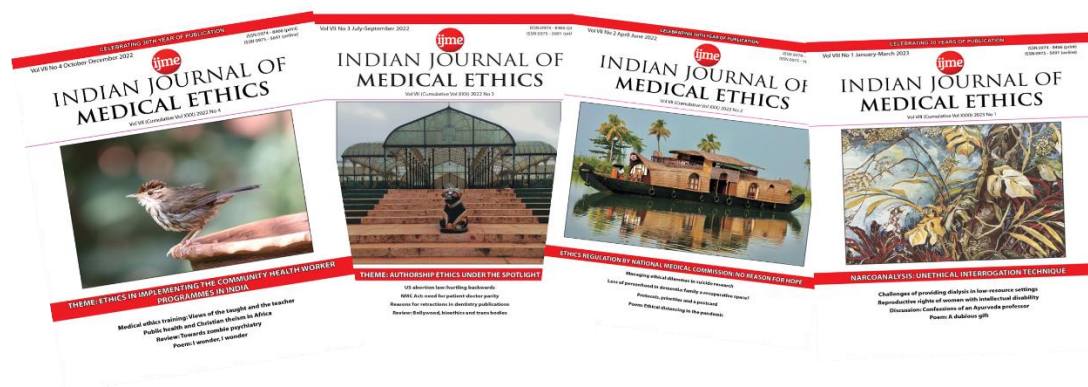
This brief report summarises the journal's work from April 2022 to March 2023.

II.1. Submissions we received

During this reporting year, *IJME* received 233 submissions of which 154 were declined, 65 accepted, and 14 still in review as of March 31, 2023. A total of 144 papers were published during the year of which 95 featured in the four issues printed during the reporting year and the rest of 49 were published under ‘Online first’. The articles included in the issues also consisted articles submitted in the previous Financial Years.

II.2 What we published

As always, four quarterly issues were published during the year.



From April 2022 to March 2023, *IJME* published 144 items, 95 of them in the four issues from Apr-Jun 2022 to Jan-Mar 2023, while 49 were published as Online First till March end. These included some received over the previous year. The section-wise distribution of content of all the four issues is shown below:

Editorials: 6;	Theme editorials: 2;	Theme articles: 2;	Research articles: 10;
Theme comments: 7;	Comments: 12;	Case study: 1;	Law: 3;
Theme commentaries: 2;	Reflections: 6;	Discussions: 4;	Students' Corner: 2;
Creative space: 6;	Reviews: 16;	Letters: 13;	Report: 1;
Financial Report: 1;	Obituaries: 1		

IJME brought out two theme sections in the two of the four quarterly *IJME* issues during this year. The April-June 2022 carried a theme section on the theme, namely, ‘[Authorship ethics under the spotlight](#)’ and was guest edited by Sandhya Srinivasan and Trudo Lemmens. The theme section comprised of six papers and a [theme editorial](#). The October-December 2022 carried a theme section on the theme, namely, ‘[Ethics in implementing the Community Health Worker programmes in India](#)’ was guest edited by Vijayaprasad Gopichandran. It comprised of five papers and a [theme editorial](#).

II.3 Our reviewers

We are fortunate to have dedicated expert reviewers who put their sincere efforts into working on and improving submissions. Besides our internal reviewers, we thank the following external reviewers for their support during the year 2022-23:

Aarthy Ramasamy, Abhijeet Kulkarni, Abida Sultana, Alok Sarin, Amita Pitre, Anand Zachariah, Anant Phadke, Aniruddh Kala, Arun Bhatt, Astrid Lobo Gajiwala, Biju Som Kumar, BN Vallish, Chayanika Shah, Christina George, Cornelius Ewuoso, D Savitha, David Healy, Deepa Venkatachalam, Dheeraj Kattula, Dhvani Mehta, Farzeena Habeeb, GD Ravindran, George Thomas, Harris Solomon, Isha Sinha, J Devika, Jagadeesh Narayan Reddy, Jagriti Gangopadhyaya, Jissa VT, Joe Varghese, K Muthuprathiba, Kangkana Bhuyan, Kausar S Khan, Kingsly Robert Gnanadurai, Kishor Patwardhan, KS Jacob, L Ramakrishnan, Lakshmi Lingam, Lancelot Pinto, Leena Gangolli, Lincoln Choudhury, Madhurima Ghosh, Malu Mohan, Manjulika Vaz, Mario Vaz, Meena Putturaj, Melvin Thomas, Monica Sakhrani, Neha Madhiwala, Nithya Gogtay, Manickam Ponnaiah, Padma Ramachandran, Prabha Chandra, Pragati Hebbar, Prathap Tharyan, Prathibha KM, Pravin Bolshete, E Premdas Pinto, Priya Pais, Priyadarshini Chidambaram, Raakhi Tripathi, Radha Holla, Raj Kumar Mani, Rajeev Kumar, Rakhal Gaitonde, Ranjith Viswanath, Ravi Prasad Varma, Rohin Bhatt, Roop Gursahani, Samuel Ujewee, Sanjay Kalra, Sapna Mishra, Satendra Singh, Satheesha Nayak, Santosh Kumar, Saumil

Dholakia, Sayantan Datta, Shahista Parveen, Shaibya Saldanha, Sharmitha Krishnamurthy, Sivakami Muthusamy, SP Kalantri, Sualeha Siddiq Shekhani, Sudha Ramalingam, Sundari Ravindran, Sunil K Pandya, Sunil Rajpal, Sunu Thomas, Supriya Subramani, Suthanthira Kannan S, Swapnatai Meshram, T Sundararaman, Tarun Bhatnagar, Thomas A Lang, Udaya S Mishra, Uma Kulkarni, Upreet Dhaliwal, Usha Raman, Valerie Luyckx, Varalakshmi Elango, Vina Vaswani, Vivekanand Jha, William Joe.

II.4. Social media presence

IJME use its social media presence to widely disseminate the articles published in the journal. The *IJME* Facebook public group now has 7.9K members, whereas its Facebook page has 2.4K followers/friends. Additionally, we have Twitter accounts for *IJME* with 2391 followers and LinkedIn account with 1044 followers and 954 connections.

The HEaL institute Facebook page has 541 followers and a Twitter account with 138 followers. Bioethics news items across media, information on our short duration training sessions, and various events and discussions held at FMES are regularly posted on these platforms.

II.5. Indexing

We continue to be indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed, The Philosopher’s Index and Scopus. We have been part of PubMed’s LinkOut facility from 2017 onwards, in order to provide direct access to readers searching the database. The Table below shows the direct usage from the PubMed database over the four years up to March 2023. We have extended the range of our content to law, philosophy and the social sciences, and will keep striving towards inclusion in more databases in those disciplines, thereby enlarging the reach of our content.

Month (2019-20)	Hits	Month (2020-21)	Hits	Month (2021-22)	Hits	Month (2022-23)	Hits
Mar 2020	974	Mar 2021	1535	Mar 2022	1636	Mar 2023	1723
Feb 2020	939	Feb 2021	1213	Feb 2022	1514	Feb 2023	1484
Jan 2020	880	Jan 2021	1177	Jan 2022	1456	Jan 2023	1524
Dec 2019	824	Dec 2020	1160	Dec 2021	1448	Dec 2022	1409
Nov 2019	800	Nov 2020	1220	Nov 2021	1612	Nov 2022	1928
Oct 2019	857	Oct 2020	1129	Oct 2021	1561	Oct 2022	1921
Sep 2019	869	Sep 2020	1033	Sep 2021	1293	Sep 2022	1469
Aug 2019	758	Aug 2020	971	Aug 2021	1155	Aug 2022	1234
Jul 2019	790	Jul 2020	1162	Jul 2021	1297	Jul 2022	1369
Jun 2019	707	Jun 2020	1573	Jun 2021	1346	Jun 2022	1349
May 2019	904	May 2020	1953	May 2021	1539	May 2022	1569
Apr 2019	1095	Apr 2020	1217	Apr 2021	1463	Apr 2022	1743
	10,397		14,123		15,708		18,722

II.6. Usage data for the website

Indicator	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Users	572504	422565	93216	59618
Number of sessions	709948	529277	126915	85070
Page views	983615	744345	211075	151008
Pages/session	1.39	1.41	1.66	1.78
Average session duration (minutes: seconds)	1.03	1.04	1.21	1.31
Bounce rates (%)	83.79	83.30	80.77	76.82
Key terms used:				
1. Session: A session is the period/time a user is actively engaged with the website. When a user is inactive for 30 minutes or more, any future activity is attributed to a new session.				
2. Bounce rate: Any user session which views only one page is considered to have bounced. Bounce rate is single-page sessions divided by all sessions.				
3. Cumulative time spent = number of sessions multiplied by average session duration (in seconds) divided by 86400 seconds				

Explanation:

1. The number of users reduced by about 36% over the past one year, whereas the page views have reduced by 28%.
2. The average session duration has seen a growth of 12% and the pages per session too have increased by 7%, with a slight decrease in the bounce rate.
3. The total time spent by all *IJME* users has decreased by 28%, from 119 days in 2021-22 to 90 days in 2022-23.
4. We are trying to get the website audited from our technical support to understand the reason for sudden change in the viewers visiting the website over the past two years. We can then work on the issue and increase the site visits.

Countries of the visitors (Top five)

India (38%)

United States (21%)

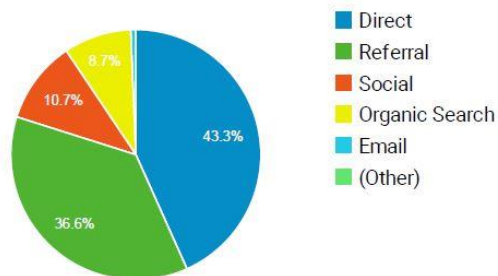
United Kingdom (6%)

Canada (4%)

China (3%)

Statistics of the search traffic to the website

Top Channels

**Top five referrals**<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> (72%)<https://europepmc.org/> (1%)<https://capella.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/> (<1%)<https://liberty.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/> (<1%)<https://science.thewire.in/> (<1%)**Top five social media sites**

Twitter (52%)

Facebook (30%)

LinkedIn (5%)

ResearchGate (5%)

Instagram (4%)

II.7 Our print issues

We have maintained the size of the print issue at 88 pages. The subscription rates were revised in January 2023. We have been able to print all four issues throughout 2022-23.

Subscription rates for print issue of IJME Effective from January 20213							
Period	India (in INR)			SAARC Countries* (in INR)		International (in USD)	
	Individual	Student	Institutional	Individual	Institutional	Individual	Institutional
One Year	1,700	900	4,300	2,600	5,200	110	220
Two Years	3,000	1,500	7,500	4,800	9,300	180	400
Five Years	7,800	NA	19,450	12,000	23,760	430	980
Life-time	86,400	NA	216,000	103,680	237,600	8,640	21,600

**SAARC Countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka*

II.8. Web management

In 2022, our contract with our previous technical partner Samanvay Foundation was concluded. We have collaborated with Z-Aksys Solutions Pvt. Ltd as technical partner from Jan 2023, for any help with issues related to websites and servers. In an effort to make FMES largely self-sufficient in technical management, we have enabled in-house website management including page-making, uploading of content, and management of the back-end.

We have also collaborated with OJSCloud to setup a new online submission system in place, which we are working towards making live by the end of 2023.

II.9. Updates from the editorial office

Our Editorial Coordinator for 12 years, Meenakshi D’Cruz, retired in June 2022, and took on the role of an Editorial Consultant on voluntary basis since Jan 2023. At present, we have three full time staff for FMES/IJME work.

III. National Bioethics Conference

III.1 The 9th National Bioethics Conference 2022

The 9th NBC was jointly organised with the 5th **Global Mental Health Summit (GMHS)** on the theme, namely, ‘Mental Health: Center-staging Human Rights, Ethics, Law, and Policy’, offering a unique opportunity for various stakeholders to reflect on and discuss priority areas in ethics and mental health. The Conference was to offer a platform for critical reflections, discussions, and debate on critical issues from the intersections of mental health, human rights, and ethics. Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health (BALM), Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy (CMHLP), and Sangath joined FMES as co-hosts.

GMHS is conducted once every 3 years by the hosting secretariat for the Movement for Global Mental Health (MGMH). This summit aims to bring together stakeholders from across the world, particularly persons with lived experience and practitioners working with vulnerable communities in psychosocial distress.

Conference theme: The conference theme focused on advancing knowledge and broadening perspectives on mental health, which are founded on core ethical principles of individual and societal wellbeing, and rights-based and equitable care for all. We invited interest and contributions that question existing paradigms and investigate critical problems that impede progress in the mental healthcare system globally, and offer solutions to achieve improved outcomes at both an individual and systemic level. Our conference programme was curated keeping in mind that there are perspectives that are neglected and need to be heard; that there is a need to meaningfully involve diverse and representative stakeholders; and that we need active and constructive dialogue to push the needle forward. The conference was aimed at providing an opportunity for practitioners, implementers, academics, policymakers, service users, families, and various other actors to influence the agenda for ethics and mental health.

The conference was organised in hybrid mode and was spread over three consecutive Saturdays during November and December 2022. [Conference Program]

Participants: Total registration were 614, 500 were from within India, 20 from other Asian countries, 15 from African nations, 43 from the United States, South America 1, and 2 Canada, , 20 from the United Kingdom and 9 Europe, 3 from Australia.

From a professional perspective, considering occupational affiliation of the participants Academic Scholar 5, Activist 4, Assistant Professor 32, Clinical Psychologist 11, Consultant 23, Development Professional 8, Health Professional 386, Student 81, Journalist 5, Lawyer 5, Mental Health Professionals 17, PhD Scholar 23, NGO 4, Others 10

III.1 FMES-IJME Ethics Award 2022-23

The Award is an event of our biennial NBCs. The FMES-IJME Ethics Award 2022-23 was part of the joint 9th NBC and 5th GMHS organised during November and December 2022. This was a third round of the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards. They were purposed to honour the for outstanding contribution to ethical practices and improving access to mental healthcare for marginalised communities in alignment with the conference theme.

The three awards categories were:

Category 1 | Persons with lived experiences of navigating through mental health issues turned into advocates and champions in spaces of ‘right to mental healthcare’.

Category 2 | Youth-led organisation working with marginal communities on mental health matters, especially providing services, implementing innovative approaches to respond to mental health concerns of marginalised communities. Organisations that have been operating in mental healthcare for less than 5 years and the age bracket of the lead/head of the institution and/or of board members and/or overall team ranges between 15 and 25 years will be eligible for this category. Given the complexity of these criteria, the Award Selection Committee (ASC) may use its discretion within certain parameters.

Category 3 | Community-based civil society organisations engaged with mental health spaces, service provision, working to improve people’s access to mental health services, working to strengthen public mental healthcare services, and may have explored and/or implemented innovative approaches to community mental health service provision. The work of these organisations is expected to be informed by the overall philosophy of making mental health services inclusive; working towards destigmatising persons with mental health concerns, and their near and dear ones; and destigmatising seeking help or treatment for mental healthcare concerns.

Award prize: It was comprised of a cash award of INR 80,000/- (eighty thousand only) in each of the three categories, and a citation prepared by the selection committee.

Awards selection committee: Deepa Pawar, Founder Director, Anubhuti Charitable Trust, Thane; Ufra Mir, Founding Executive Director, Peace-psychologist, Paigam and International Center for Peace-psychology, Kashmir; and Harsh Mander, Chairperson, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi served as jury and shouldered the responsibility of screening the nominations and selecting the individuals and groups for the awards across the aforesaid three categories.

Awardees: Aryan Somaiya, Co-founder of Guftagu Counselling and Psychotherapy (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. [\[Citation\]](#); Sudarshan R Kottai, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, [Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad](#) [\[Citation\]](#); and Ekjut (Together building healthier communities), civil society organization and has been working with marginalized and tribal communities [\[Citation\]](#) were conferred with awards.

Awards presentation ceremony (Virtual) was held on Friday, June 9, 2023. [\[Proceedings\]](#)

**Awards presentation ceremony (Virtual)
Friday, June 9, 2023 between 4:00 and 5:15 pm**

AWARDEES

**FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO ETHICAL PRACTICES AND IMPROVING
ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES**

Category 1

**Advocates/Champions foregrounding lived experiences and
contributing to ethical practices for rights-based mental healthcare**

Winner



Aryan Somaiya

Co-Founder - Therapist, Trainer,
Nature and Animal Lover,
Guftagu Counselling and
Psychotherapy, Sector 17, Vashi,
Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Appreciation Award



Sudarshan R Kottai

Assistant Professor
Department of Humanities and Social
Sciences, IIT, Palakkad, Kerala, India

Category 3

Community-based civil society organisations

Winner



EKJUT

**(Together Building Healthier
Communities)**

Plot no. - 556B, Potka Chakradharpur, West
Singhbhum, Pin - 833102, Jharkhand, India.

SELECTION COMMITTEE



Deepa Pawar

Founder Director, Anubhuti Charitable
Trust, Thane, Maharashtra, India



Harsh Mander

Chairperson,
Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi



Ufra Mir

Founding Exec Director,
Peace-psychologist; Paigaam & International
Center for Peace-psychology, Kashmir

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Program 2022-23

Opening of the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Presentation (10 mins)

Welcome and congratulatory note by **Amita Pitre**, Member, Managing Committee, FMES; and Advisor, Care Project, Oxfam International, Mumbai, MH, India

Introduction to FMES and FMES-IJME Ethics Awards by **Amar Jesani**, Independent Researcher and Teacher (Bioethics, Public Health), Editor IJME; Mumbai, Visiting Faculty: Yenepoya (Deemed-To-Be) University, Mangalore, KA, India

Introduction to IJME by **Sandhya Srinivasan**, Consulting Editor, IJME; Mumbai, MH, India

Introduction to BALM by **Mrinalini Ravi**, Co-lead Sundaram Fasteners Centre for Social Action and Research at The Banyan Academy; Deputy Director, Partnerships, BALM, Chennai, TN, India

FMES-IJME Ethics Awards Selection Committee | Nominations and screening process (7 mins)

Deepa Pawar, Founder Director, Anubhuti Charitable Trust, Thane, MH, India

Ufra Mir, Founding Exec Director, Peace-psychologist; Paigaam & International Center for Peace-psychology, Kashmir

Harsh Mander, Chairperson, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi, India

Award Presentation and Speeches by Awardees of the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23 (35 mins)

Olinda Timms, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Health and Humanities, St. Johns Research Institute, Bangalore, KA, India (**Citation reading, 1 min**)

Aryan Somaiya, Guftagu Counselling and Psychotherapy Services, Navi Mumbai, MH, India (**Acceptance speech, up to 10 mins**)

Meenakshi D'Cruz, Sr Associate, IJME; and former Editorial Coordinator, IJME, Mumbai, MH, India (**Citation reading, 1 min**)

Sumitra Gagrai and Sachin Barbde, (Community Lead), Community Mental Health Initiative, Ekjut, New Delhi, India (**Acceptance speech, up to 10 mins**);

Georgiaria Fernandes, Editorial Coordinators and Consultants, IJME; Mumbai, MH, India (**Citation reading, 1 min**)

Sudarshan Kottai, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Palakkad, KL, India (**Acceptance speech, up to 10 mins**)

Floor open for awardees and audience (5-7 mins) steered by Amita Pitre

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks (7 mins) by Amar Jesani



SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR
FMES-IJME ETHICS AWARDS 2022-23
 IN COLLABORATION WITH
BANYAN ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP IN MENTAL HEALTH (BALM)



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
FMES-IJME ETHICS AWARDS 2022-23
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For Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practices and Improving Access to Mental Healthcare for Marginalised Communities

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AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Advocates/champions with lived experience of mental health issues
- Youth-based organisation working in mental health spaces.
- Community NGO or Civil society organisation working in mental health spaces

AWARDS CEREMONY

Will be announced later

We welcome self nominations

Part of 9th NBC-5th GMHS 2022-23

NOMINATIONS OPEN : FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022
 NOMINATIONS CLOSE : EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

Who can apply?

Any Indian nationals serving marginalised and vulnerable communities and promoting the culture of ethical mental healthcare practice.



Call for Nominations FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23
 Nomination form for Category 1, 2 & 3
 Send us your nomination form and queries at: fmes.ijmeethicsaward@gmail.com
 Twitter handle: @ijmeethicsaward



PLEASE DO HELP US FIND A DESERVING CANDIDATE. IT COULD ALSO BE YOU.



THEME: ETHICS IN IMPLEMENTING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROGRAMMES IN INDIA

Medical ethics training: Views of the teacher and the teacher
 Public health and Christian Mission in Africa
 Resilient: Towards the possible spirituality
 Peace: I wonder, I wonder

9th NBC-5th GMHS 2022-23

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Advocates/champions with lived experience of mental health issues
- Youth-based organisation working in mental health spaces.
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AWARDS CEREMONY

Will be announced later

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Who can apply?

Any Indian nationals in the awards categories serving marginalised and vulnerable communities and promoting the culture of ethical mental healthcare practice.



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Sachin P. Mulgaokar & Co.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

Name of the Trust: **FORUM FOR MEDICAL ETHICS SOCIETY**

Registration No. F-17441 dt. 14-05-1995.

We have audited the annexed Balance Sheet of the **FORUM FOR MEDICAL ETHICS SOCIETY** as on **31st March 2023** and also the annexed Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ended on the date. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further report that:-

1. The accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules.
2. The receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts.
3. The cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the Manager or Treasurer on the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts.
4. All books, debts, accounts, vouchers or other documents or records required by us were produced before us.
5. The trust does not own any immovable property. The trust has maintained registers in respect of moveable property.
6. The Treasurer or any other person required by us to appear before us did so and furnished the necessary information required by us.
7. No property or funds of the Society were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purposes of the Trust.



8. There are no amounts which are outstanding for more than one year and no amount is written off.
9. No tenders were invited for repairs or construction, in excess of Rs. 5,000 during the year;
10. The moneys of the Society have not been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35 of the Act.
11. The Trust does not hold any immovable property and as such the provisions of Section 36 of the Act do not apply.
12. So far as it is ascertainable from books of accounts and according to the information and explanations given to us there were no cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure, or failure or omission to recover moneys or other property belonging to the Society or of loss or waste of money or other property belonging to the Trust.
13. The budget required to be filed under Rule 16-A is filed.
14. The maximum and minimum number of the members of the Trustees is maintained.
15. The meetings are held regularly.
16. The minute books of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained.
17. None of the Trustees has any interest in the investment of the Trust.
18. No Trustee is debtor or creditor of the Trust.
19. No irregularity has been pointed out by us in our previous report.
20. There is no special matter, which we think fit necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner.

For SACHIN P. MULGAOKAR & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Firm Reg No 108945W



Sachin P. Mulgaokar

SACHIN P. MULGAOKAR

(Proprietor)

Membership No 040942

UDIN: 23040942BGTTPA7983

Place: MUMBAI

Dated: 15th September 2023

Schedule IX D

[See Rule 19 (2A)]

Information to be submitted by the auditor along with Audit Report under sub-section (1) of section 34 of Maharashtra Public Trust Act

Forum for Medical Ethics Society REGN. No. : F-17441 (Mumbai), 1995

Sr. No	Particular	Details		
1.	PAN Of Trust	AAATF0078M		
2.	Registration No with Date of Registration under section 12AA of Income tax Act 1961 (43 of 1961)	AAATF0078ME19950- Dated 22.09.2021		
3.	Acknowledgement no. with date of filing of the return of Income for earlier three years	Sr.No	Acknowledgement No	
		1.	A. Y. 2022-23, 774101141031122, dated 09.11.22	
		2.	A. Y. 2021-22, 330881430120322, dated 12.03.22	
		3.	A. Y. 2020-21, 251843961110221, dated 11.02.21	
4.	PAN of all trustees	Sr.No	Name of Trustee	PAN
		1.	Sanjay Nagral- Chairman	AAAPN4813A
		2.	Shamim Modi - Treasurer	BEJPM5371L
		3.	Sunita Bandewar – Gen Secretary	AGBPB1783G
		4.	Lubna Duggal - Member	AUPPD1988F
		5.	Barun Mukhopadhyay – Member	AEIPM7078Q
		6.	Sunita Simon Kurpad - Member	ABHPS5248N
		7.	Amita Pitre	AIGPP0721K

Place: Mumbai

Date: 15th September 2023

Trustee/Chairperson

Trustee/Treasurer



Firm Regn. No. 108945W

Membership No: 040942



THE MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950
SCHEDULE-VIII
[Vide Rule 17 (1)]

Regn.No.:F-17441(Mumbai)

Name of the Public Trust : Forum for Medical Ethics Society

Balance Sheet as at : 31st March 2023

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY & ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus:-			Immovable Properties (at cost)		
Bal. as per last Balance Sheet	136,157		Balance as per Last Balance Sheet	-	
Adjustment during the year	-	136,157	Addition during the year	-	
			Less: sales during the year	-	
Other Earmarked Funds			Depreciation upto date	-	
(Created under the provision of the Trust Deed or out of the Income)					
Depreciation Fund			Investments		
Sinking Fund			Note: Market Value of Investments in Rs		
Reserve Fund					
Any Other Fund			Furniture & Fixtures		
			Balance as per Last Balance Sheet	447,226	
Contingencies Reserve Fund		45,000	Addition during the year	-	
(As per last Balance Sheet)			Less: Deletion during the year	447,226	
			Less: Depreciation upto date	343,570	103,656
Life Subscription Fees (Refundable)			(Refer Schedule A)		
As per Last Balance Sheet	430,570		Loans (Secured or Unsecured): Good/Doubtful		
Addition during the year	-	430,570	Loan Scholarships	-	
(See Note c in Schedule-G)			Other Loans	-	
Loans (Secured or Unsecured)					
From Trustees	-		Advances		
From Others	-		To Trustees	-	
			To Employees	-	
Liabilities:			To Contactors	-	
For Expenses (Professional Tax)	30,300		To Lawyers	-	
For Advance	-		To Others (Schedule - B)	492,371	492,371
For Rent & Other Deposit	-				
For Sundry Credit Balance	-	30,300	Income Outstanding		
			Rent		
			Interest		
			Other Income		
			Cash & Bank Balances		
			a) In Saving Accounts with The		
			Saraswat co-op. Bank Prabhadevi Br	79,749	
			b) In saving account With Bank Of India	433,867	
			c) In saving account With Central Bank Of India	164,797	
			d) Fixed deposit in Sarawat Bank	2,900,000	
			e) With the Trustee	6,922	3,585,335
Income & Expenditure A/c:-			Income & Expenditure A/c:-		
Bal. as per last Balance Sheet	4,779,702				
Less: Excess of Expenditure as per Inc.& Exp A/c	1,240,367	3,539,335			
Total Rs.		4,181,362	Total Rs.		4,181,362

Notes : Schedule G

As per our report of even date
For Sachin P. Mulgaokar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg No 108945W

Auditors
Membership No 40942
Mumbai
Dated : 15th September 2023



The above Balance Sheet to the best of my belief contains a true account of the Funds & Liabilities and of the Property and assets of the Trusts

Trustees
Mumbai
Dated : 15th September 2023



THE MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950
SCHEDULE IX
[Vide Rule 17 (1)]

Regn. No.: F-17441 (Mumbai)

Name of the Public Trust : Forum for Medical Ethics Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending : 31st March, 2023

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of Properties			- By Rent		-
Rates, Taxes, Cess			-		
Repairs & Maintenance			- By Interest (Schedule-C)		238,949
Salaries			-		
Insurance			- By Dividend		-
Salaries			-		
Depreciation		29,418	By Donations in cash or Kind		84,734
Other Expenses			-		
To Establishment Expenses			By Grants (Schedule-D)		332,573
To Remuneration to Trustees			-		
To Remuneration (In case of Math)			By Income from Other Sources (Schedule-E)		846,282
To Legal Expenses			-		
To Audit Fees			By Transfer from Reserve		-
To Contribution and Fees			-		
To Amount written off			-		
(a) Bad Debts			-		
(b) Loan Scholarship			-		
(c) Irrevocable Rents			-		
(d) Other Items			-		
To Miscellaneous Expenses			-		
To Depreciation			-		
To Amount Transferred to Reserve or Specific Fund			-		
To Expenditure on Objects of Trust			-		
(a) Religious			-		
(b) Educational (Schedule-F)		2,713,487	-		
(c) Medical Relief			-		
(d) Relief of Poverty			-		
To Surplus carried to Balance Sheet			- By Defecit carried to Balance Sheet		1,240,367
Total Rs.		<u>2,742,905</u>	Total Rs.		<u>2,742,905</u>

As per our report of even date
For Sachin P. Mulgaokar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg No 108945W

Sachin P. Mulgaokar

Auditors
Membership No 40942
Mumbai
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Trustees
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FORUM FOR MEDICAL ETHICS SOCIETY

Schedule A

Schedule of Fixed Assets

Sr. No.	Particular	Gross Block			Depreciation			Net Block W.D.V. as at 31.3.2023		
		As at 1.4.2022	Additions	Deletion	As at 31.3.2023	As at 1.4.2022	For the Year		On Deletion	
1	Computers	284,319	-	-	284,319	241,465	17,141	-	258,606	25,713
2	Equipments	73,757	-	-	73,757	43,547	6,041	-	49,588	24,169
3	Furniture & Fixture	89,150	-	-	89,150	29,140	6,236	-	35,376	53,774
	Total	447,226	-	-	447,226	314,152	29,418	-	343,570	103,656



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Others:		Schedule-B
Deposit for Office Premises	50,000	
Tax Deducted at Source	192,555	
Tax Deducted at Source (2021-22)	65,955	
Tax Deducted at Source (2022-23)	47,358	
Accrued Interest on Fixed Deposit with Bank	10,387	
Interest on Income Tax Receivable	8,911	
Balances with Revenue Authorities	117,205	492,371

Interest :		Schedule-C
On Fixed Deposit with Banks	218,104	
On Saving Bank Account	11,934	
On Income Tax Refund	8,911	238,949

Grants:		Schedule-D
Project Grant (WHO)	332,573	
Other	-	332,573

Income from Other Sources:		Schedule-E
Membership Fees	500	
Subscriptions	589,716	
Professional Fees	107,945	
Article Processing Charges	125,000	
Currency Gain	-	
Web Advertisement	-	
Honorarium Received	-	
Service Charges	23,121	
Training and Consultancy	-	846,282

Schedules forming part of the Income & Expenditure Account

Expenses incurred on objects of the Trust (Educational)		Schedule-F
CC Avenue Charges	3,955	
Bank Charges	744	
Electricity Charges	5,196	
Hospitality and Meeting Expenses	24,872	
Rent	200,000	
Membership Fees	40,811	
Professional Fees	901,919	
Salary	988,579	
Other Allowances	26,196	
Subscription Charges	24,243	
Insurance Premium	424	
Miscellaneous Expenses	83	
Office Expenses	24,042	
PayU Service Charges	3,652	
Postage & Telegram	52,973	
Printing & Stationery	48,527	
Printing of Journal	165,196	
Repairs & Maintenances	11,715	
Interest Paid to TDS	320	
Staff Welfare	8,886	
OJS Clouds Hosting and Service Charges	29,900	
Website Expenses	40,440	
Telephone and Internet Charges	12,618	
Translation Charges	81,390	
Traveling & Conveyance	16,806	2,713,487

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Sachin P. Mulgaonkar
Shamir M. Meshi

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S. B. Bhandarkar



Notes Forming Part of Accounts

Major Accounting Policy

Method of Accounting :

- (a) Method of Accounting followed by Trust is presently on Cash Basis
- (b) Fixed Assets are stated at Cost less Depreciation
- (c) Life Subscription fees (Refundable) Rs.430570,-represents amount refundable to Life subscribers if the Society ceases to publish its Journal "Indian Journal of Medical Ethics".

As per our report on even date
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Shamir M. Modi

THE MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950
SCHEDULE IX C
(Vide Rule 32)

Statement of Income Liabe to Contribution for the year ending 31st March 2023

Name of the Public Trust : Forum for Medical Ethics Society Regn. No.: F-17441 (Mumbai)

	Rs.	Rs.
1. Income as shown in the Income and Expenditure Account (Schedule IX)		1,502,538
Note: This being an Educational Society, its income is not liable to contribution. The Society makes efforts to educate health care professionals on ETHICS. To this end we publish a registered journal, organise meetings, and conferences. take lectures on medical ethics		
II. Items not chargeable to Contribution under Section 58 and Rule 32:		
(I) Donation Received from other Public Trusts and Dharamdas	-	
(ii) Grants recd. From Government and Local authorities	-	
(iii) Interest on Sinking or Depreciation Fund	-	
(iv) Amount spend for the purpose of secular education	2,713,487	
(v) Amount spend for the purpose of medical relief	-	
(vi) Amount spend for the purpose of veterinary treatment of animals	-	
(vii) Expenditure incurred from Donations for relief of distress caused by scarcity, drought, flood, fire or other natural calamity	-	
(viii) Deduction out of income from lands used for agriculture purposes:-		
(a) Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess	-	
(b) Rent payable to superior landlord	-	
(c) Cost of production, if land is cultivated by trust	-	
(ix) Deduction out of income from lands used for non-agricultural purposes:-		
(a) Assessment, cesses and other govt. or Municipal taxes	-	
(b) Ground rent payable to the superior landlord	-	
(c) Insurance premia	-	
(d) Repairs at 10 percent of gross rent of building	-	
(e) Cost of collection at 4 percent of gross rent of building let out	-	
(x) Cost of collection of income or receipts from securities, stocks etc. at 1 percent of such income	-	
(xi) Deduction on account of repairs in respect of buildings not rented & yielding no income, at 10 percent of the estimated gross annual rent	-	
Gross Annual Income chargeable to contribution Rs.		2,713,487
		(1,210,949)

Certified that while claiming deductions admissible under the above Schedule, the Trust has not claimed any amount twice, either wholly or partly, against any of the items mentioned in the Schedule which have the effect of double deduction.

Trust Address:
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Veer Savarkar Marg
Prabhadevi
Mumbai 400 025

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Public Trust Registration Office Greater Mumbai Region Trust Accounts Submission Verification Form	Accounting Year 2022-2023
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Trust Information	Acknowledgement No: GBR/142850/TA/23	Date: 19-10-2023
	Name of Trust: FORUM FOR MEDICAL ETHICS SOCIETY	
	Address of Trust: Mumbai Mumbai Mumbai - 0.	Trust Number: F-0017441(GBR)

Accounts Details	1. Funds and Liabilities Total (Schedule VIII)	4181362.00
	2. Property and Assets Total (Schedule VIII)	4181362.00
	3. Total Expenditure (Schedule IX)	2742905.00
	4. Total Income (Schedule IX)	1502538.00
	5. Gross Annual Income Chargeable To Contribution (Schedule IX-C)	-1210949.00
	6. Amount of Contribution Computed At the Rate Fixed Under the Subsection (1) Of Section 58 and Payable	0.00

VERIFICATION

We, Trustees and Auditor of above mentioned trust, declare to the best of our knowledge and belief, the information given in the financial statements, audit report and schedules which have been transmitted electronically by us vide GBR/142850/TA/23 is correct and complete and that the amounts and particulars shown above are truly stated and are in accordance with Maharashtra Public Trust Act, 1950.

Trustee 1 (Name) : Dr. Sanjay Nagral
[Nodal officer]

Signature : [Signature] Place: Mumbai Date: 30/10/23

Trustee 2 (Name) : Pr. Shavin Modi

Signature : Shavin M. Modi Place: Mumbai Date: 30/10/23

Trustee 3 (Name) : Dr. Sunita Bandwar

Signature : [Signature] Place: Pune Date: 30/10/23

Auditor (Name) : Sachin P. Mulgaokar

For SACHIN P. MULGAOKAR & CO.
Signature : [Signature] Place: Mumbai Date: 30/10/23
Proprietor



Membership No: 040942

Firm Regn. No. 108945W

6/26, TARDEO A/C MARKET,
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अधिकृत (लेखा शाखा शाखी)
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----- End of the FMES Annual Report 2023-2023 -----