



THE INTERNATIONAL CHAIR IN BIOETHICS (ICB)

The International Chair in Bioethics (ICB) is an international organization founded in 2001. The mission of the ICB is to serve humanity by endeavouring to achieve the highest international standards in Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law Education. The ICB is an independent organization that is based on an international network with currently more than 260 Units on five continents. The ICB provides a forum for its members to communicate freely, to cooperate actively, to achieve consensus on high standards of Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law Education. The ICB runs Professional Departments and an International Forum of Teachers (IFT) with currently more than 1200 members.

Under these terms the World Bioethics Day was established in 2015 and the date chosen is 19 October. For the first 20 years, the organization operated under the auspices of UNESCO (Haifa) and is now officially a Cooperative Center of the World Medical Association (WMA). The WMA has a long-standing history of collaboration with the ICB that has significantly intensified on the international level, particularly with collaboration at the International Conference on Bioethics and, more recently, on the ICB Department of Education online activities.

The Greek Unit representing our country in the ICB, was founded in August 2015 at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and specifically at the Applied Philosophy Research Lab. Its aim is to promote the dialogue in regards to Bioethics and to contextualize scientific and social actions related to bioethical issues in close cooperation with other bodies and institutions.



WORLD BIOETHICS DAY - INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS “Protecting Future Generations”

The theme for this year’s celebration shall be ‘*Protecting Future Generations*’ and is inspired by the Article 16 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (UDBHR) where it is explicitly stated that “*the impact of life sciences on future generations, including on their genetic constitution, should be given due regard*”. Protecting future generations in bioethics involves ensuring that the ethical principles and values that guide scientific research and medical practice today are sustained and strengthened for their benefit. Protecting future generations is multidimensional and involves creating an environment which provides physical, mental, psychological, social, and moral health. It requires a commitment to ethical principles that promote the health and wellbeing of individuals and society as a whole, ongoing reflection, discussion, and collaboration among healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and the public.

The celebration is co-organized in hybrid mode on the 18th of October by the [Greek Unit, International Chair in Bioethics \(WMA Cooperation Center\)](#) and the [NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab](#), the [National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics](#), the [Open University of Cyprus](#), the [European Laboratory of Bioethics, Technoethics and Law](#) and the [Research Center of Biopolitics](#).

The congress, which will be held at the premises of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, will be attended by influential scientists from various disciplines, from Greece, Cyprus and abroad, who will analyze from their particular perspective these bioethical issues

The congress will be live streamed by the [National and Kapodistrian University of Athens YouTube channel](#) and media sponsor [BCI Media BROADCAST CANADIAN & INTERNATIONAL TV NETWORK](#).