



WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2018

Dear Colleagues,

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) announces the celebration of **WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2018** globally on **Friday, 19th October 2018**. All the Units across the World shall celebrate the “**Common Program**” as suggested by Chair and WBD Committee. The theme for this year’s celebration shall be ‘**Solidarity and Cooperation**’ (Article 13 of *Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights*). The Common Program and Timeline of the events for **World Bioethics Day 2018** are as suggested below:

International Program: (To be coordinated by Unit Heads)

1. Name of Event: World Bioethics Day 2018.

- a. **Official WBD LOGO** (on the top left of this page and sent along with this email): It should be used for all the documents, programs, banners/flyers related to WBD.
- b. **Official LOGO of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa** (on the top right of this page and sent along with this email): It should also appear on all the documents, programs, banners/flyers related to WBD.
- c. **Official WBD International Banner**: is prepared by WBD Committee and circulated to all Units along with the email containing this program.
- d. **Official WBD Banner of Units**: Every Unit should prepare its own official WBD banner as soon as possible. The same should bear the official WBD LOGO, as mentioned above under point no. 1(a) and (b).

2. First announcement: Units should announce the celebration of World Bioethics Day 2018 in the **First week of February 2018** through their Universities/Institutions and institutional website(s) and/or other methods to all stakeholders (Teaching faculty/students/nurses/private practitioners/general public etc.). The collaborators of Chair, e.g. WMA, IFMSA etc. should also announce the program to their associates through their website(s) or by any other means as deemed fit and decided by them.

3. Submission of Draft Program by the Units: 31st March 2018.

4. IMPORTANT: Promotion of Program by Units: As advised by Chair, WBD Committee suggests that Units shall try to expand the program **beyond the limits of their Institutions to city level**. It may be either in the form of celebration beyond the physical boundaries of Institution and/or actively involving various relevant professional organizations of the city in which unit operates, such as doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, lawyers, judges, hospitals (municipal/ corporate), philosophers, speech therapists, psychologists, social workers, journalists etc. Different groups of citizens should be invited to take active part in various programs organized by the Units, such as seminars, posters, debates, panel discussions, films etc. Units may undergo Memorandum of Understanding, if required, with such professional organizations for the celebration of World Bioethics Day. Once such collaboration is established, Units should also announce, disseminate and promote WBD through channels of such professional organizations.

5. Submission of entries for various International Competitions: From the date of first announcement till **10th August (Friday) 2018**.



All the international competitions will be on the theme of the year i.e. ‘Solidarity and Cooperation’

International Competitions suggested for this year are:

- i. Artistic Poster Competition**
- ii. Scientific Poster Competition**
- iii. Short films/ videos Competition**
- iv. Photography Competition**

Only **one entry per Unit per competitive event** shall be allowed. All the entries shall be awarded Certificate with the name of Student(s) and Unit. **ONLY STUDENTS** are allowed to participate in these International Competitions. **NO FACULTY/ STAFF** entries would be entertained. All entries should be sent along with the details of the participants’ viz. Name, Course, Year/Semester of Study, Name of the Institution, Name of Unit and Unit Head. The document containing such details (or details as will be prescribed later in the Rules for International Competitions) should be signed by the student and Unit Head.

All the Units are allowed to participate in International Competitive Events. If a Unit has multiple sub-units, such sub-units are **NOT** permitted to send separate entries. All such sub-units may send their entries to their Unit, which in turn shall select **ONLY ONE** entry per competitive event and submit the same as Unit’s entry in that event category. The winners will be awarded.

6. Progress Information:

- a. Unit Heads should keep their **Regional Coordinators** (as per the list mentioned below with email ids) informed about the developments and any hindrances/difficulties faced by them.
- b. **Regional Coordinators** shall share the information about developments in their region and any issues faced by them/raised by Units with Head of WBD Committee, so that necessary and timely measures can be taken to resolve the same.

7. Submission of Final Program by the Units: Before 15th July 2018 to WBD Committee at worldbioethicsday2018@gmail.com

8. The Report of WBD 2018 celebration: Units will need to submit a report on **World Bioethics Day 2018** as celebrated by their Units on or before **10th November 2018** to WBD committee.

9. Special WBD issues of the Bioethical Voices Newsletter: July 2018 (Will publish Final Programs of Units) and December 2018 (Will contain WBD 2018 reports of Units).

Common Program for Units (to be celebrated on 19th October 2018):

Session I: (Pre-lunch Session: 10:00 am onwards till lunch)

Part 1.

- a. Opening speech by Head of the Unit or Head of the Institution.
- b. Speech(es) by Head(s)/ representative(s) of collaborating Professional Organization(s).
- c. The greetings of International or local representatives of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.
- d. The presentation of an award to an active member of the Unit.

Part 2. Guest lecture/Panel Discussion/Symposium on “Solidarity and Cooperation”, by experts in Bioethics/Senior Faculty and also **involving student representative(s)**. Targeted audience should



be Junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff) and other stakeholders as decided by the Unit.

Session II: To encourage and enhance students' participation in the program, the activities in the **Post-Lunch Session** should include:

Part 3. Scientific Paper Presentation on Solidarity and Cooperation (WBD Committee is pleased to share that Hon'ble Chair and Prof. Russell D'Souza (Editor-in-Chief 'Global Bioethics Enquiry' – Chair's Journal) have agreed to consider **Winning Papers** in such local events for publication in 'Global Bioethics Enquiry').

Part 4. Display of entries of Short film/video Competition (The Theme for competition shall be **"The WBD Theme of the Year" i.e. Solidarity and Cooperation**)

Part 5. Display of entries of Scientific/Artistic Poster Competition (The Theme for competition shall be **"The WBD Theme of the Year" i.e. Solidarity and Cooperation**).

Part 6. Display of entries of Photography Competition (The Theme for competition shall be **"The WBD Theme of the Year" i.e. Solidarity and Cooperation**).

It is suggested that Units should hold such competitions before **Tuesday, 31st July 2018** and the First Winning entry should be sent for International Competitions before **Friday, 10th August 2018**. All such entries of local competitive events along with winning entries should be displayed for the audience during the WBD celebrations on 19th October 2018. Units can use the only such posters and display such short films and photographs in their respective local events, which are prepared by them and/ or their students.

In addition to above, all Units should prepare flyer or poster for **World Bioethics Day** event. It is further suggested that these flyers/posters may be prepared by the students of various Institutions/Units and should be based on the **theme of the year**.

(PS: Units are permitted to make appropriate changes in the common program to suit their requirements. Units are entitled to fix their celebration in a different date in the month of **October ONLY** subject to local considerations.)

In addition to International Competitive Events and Local Events, other Unit level events suggested are:

- I. Essay writing competition.
- II. Debate competition.
- III. Skit/Play/Drama
- IV. Symposia.
- V. Bioethics fair. Students may put up stalls and have street plays to create awareness among their colleagues, practicing doctors and laymen.
- VI. Media appearances (Television/Radio).
- VII. Newspaper articles.

Units are free to choose one or more activities suggested above, depending on feasibility.



Program for Students' Wings of the Units:

Students' Wings of the Units should be actively involved in the celebration of the event. Unit Heads, Steering committees of the Units and of Students' Wings should ensure maximum participation of the students in the event. Students should pro-actively participate and play important role in conduction of most of the ceremonies.

Students can also be involved in some social activities, depending on the feasibility of individual Unit and Institution. These can be:

- a. Awareness programs at community level in the form of talks, role plays, skits etc. based on the theme of the World Bioethics Day 2018.
- b. Distribution of clothes, food etc. to needy.
- c. Any other (Please suggest).

Common Program for Students' Associations:

IFMSA along with its associate medical associations Worldwide should actively participate in the celebration of World Bioethics Day. The suggestions for IFMSA are:

1. To designate a team of members to coordinate the World Bioethics Day 2018.
2. To create a Facebook page dedicated to World Bioethics Day and to share the link to all the collaborating medical students' associations across the World.
3. The following events can be planned (all events should be based on theme of the year i.e. "Solidarity and Cooperation"):
 - a. Webinar
 - b. Online debate
 - c. Online Panel Discussion
 - d. Telecast of bioethics movies
 - e. Short film competition
 - f. Photographic competition
 - g. Essay writing competition
 - h. Scientific/Artistic Poster competition

Important Notes (For all):

1. It is suggested to include as many stakeholders as possible in the celebration of the program.
2. Units have the liberty for minor modifications/additions/deletions to the program.
3. All Units can Participation in International Competitions.
4. All correspondence related to World Bioethics Day 2018 should be done ONLY on: worldbioethicsday2018@gmail.com
5. **Having week long celebrations:** Units, if want, may be suggested to hold week long program as per their feasibility (though it is not suggested as common program for all the Units by Hon'ble Chair), but this celebration should not change the Common Program as suggested for the **World Bioethics Day 2018**.
6. Please like, follow and share our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/unescochairbioethics>



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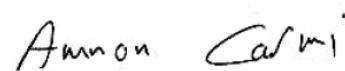
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