
International Conference on Human Rights and Biomedicine

Venue: Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 10-12 December 2008

Programme

Wednesday 10 December: Human Rights Day

12.00 – 13.00 Registration

13.00 - 15.00

Opening of the Conference – Plenary Session

- Vice-Minister of Health (invited)
- Dr. C. de Sola, head Bioethics Department Council of Europe
- Prof. dr. S. Lamberts, rector magnificus Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof. dr. W. Notten, dean Institute of Health Policy and Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof. dr. M. Loth, dean School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof. H. Pols, dean Medical School, Erasmus University Rotterdam

15.00 – 15.30

Intermezzo: De Woorddansers

15.30 – 17.00

Session I: Setting the scene: Human Rights Day: Health care rights

Chair: Dr. A. den Exter (Erasmus University/Erasmus MC)

Prof. R. Lawson (Leiden University, NL):

"The ECHR and Biomedicine: On the Significance of a General Human Rights Treaty for the Specific Area of Biomedicine"

Dr. H. ten Have, UNESCO:

"Promoting and applying bioethics"

17.15 Reception

Thursday 11 December

Day Two

9.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 11.00

Public lecture:

Prof. T. Beauchamp, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University (USA)

“Which moral principles are universal?”

11.00 -11.30

Coffee

11.30 – 13.15

Session II: Equitable access to health care

Chair: Prof. A. Hendriks, Leiden University (NL)

Prof. F. Coomans, (Maastricht University, NL)

“Access to health care as a human rights issue”

Dr. W. Devillé, Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL), (NL)

“Equity and diversity in the right to health care for vulnerable groups in Europe”

(Parallel) session III: Bioethics in post-communist countries

Chair: Prof J. Simek (South Bohemian University, CZ)

Prof. M. Sutrop, University of Tartu (EE)

“Are European moral principles universal?”

13.15 – 14.15

Lunch

14.15 – 16.00

Session IV: Clinical trials

Chair: Prof. Metselaar (Erasmus MC)

Dr. R. Andorno, senior research fellow Zurich University Centre for Ethics (CH)

“Setting a legal framework for biomedical research in Europe”

Prof. dr. E. Doppelfeld, university of Bonn, chairman of the Permanent Working Group of Scientific Ethics Committees in Germany (DE)

“Different types of medical research – appropriate regulations”

(Parallel) session V: Training on the Convention

Chair: Dr. H. ten Have (UNESCO)

19.00

Dinner (invitational)

Friday, 12 December

Day Three

8.15 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.45

Public lecture:

Prof. J. Harris, Lord David Alliance Professor of Bioethics, University of Manchester

“Genetics, ethics and health care rights”

9.45 – 10.15

Discussion

10.15 – 10.30

Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00

(Parallel) Session V: Genetics and Health care rights

Chair: Ms. L. Geldof van Doorn, Ministry of Health (NL)

Dr. R. Reusser, Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Human Genetics (CH)

Prof. dr. G.J. van Ommen, Leiden University Medical Center (NL)

“Genomics and preclinic facts, fiction and fantasy”

10.30 – 12.00

(Parallel) Session VI: Organ transplantation

Chairs: Prof. H. Akveld (Erasmus University) and Dr. J. Terlouw

Prof. H. Nys, Catholic University Leuven (BE)

“Removal of organs from deceased persons. Towards a common legal framework in Europe?”

Dr. E. Kompanje, Erasmus Medical Center (NL)

“Prevention of premature death conflicts with the need for human organs. Practical and ethical aspects.”

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch

13.30 – 15.00

Session VII: Patients rights

Chair: Dr. A.P. den Exter (Erasmus University/Erasmus MC)

Prof. C. Casabona, University of Deusto and University of The Basque Country (ES)

"Patients' rights and Human Dignity"

Prof. T. Stoltzfus Jost, Washington and Lee University (USA)

"Patient Rights in the United States: Beyond or Behind the Convention?"

(Parallel) session VIII: Feminist approach on Bioethics

Chair: Prof. M. Verkerk (Groningen University MC, NL)

Prof. H. Lindemann, Michigan State University (USA)

"Protection of Persons not able to consent: A Feminist view"

15.00 – 15.45

Concluding plenary session

Chair: Dr. M. Buijsen (Erasmus University/Erasmus MC)

15.45 – 16.30

Reception

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