International Association of Catholic Bioethicists (IACB)
6th International Colloquium

Supporting and Caring for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Ethical Reflections & Practical Recommendations

June 9-14, 2013 (arrival June 8)
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PROGRAM

Saturday, June 8, 2013
Arrival and registration of participants at the Villa Palazzola

18:30  Evening Prayer
19:00  Dinner
21:30  Reception

Sunday, June 9, 2013

08:00  Breakfast
11:00  Eucharist
12:00  Lunch

Session 1 : Philosophical and Theological Perspectives

Chair: Prof. Moira McQueen, Canada

13:30  Paper: Freedom and belonging: Framing the colloquium discussions
       Dr. William Sullivan, Canada, with video clips of an interview with Jean
       Vanier, France
13:50  Questions
14:00  Paper: Intellectual and developmental disabilities—philosophical analysis
       and ethical considerations
       Dr. Jos Welie, USA
14:30  Questions
14:40  Break
14:50  Paper: What can friendship do for inclusion?—theological reflections on true
       friendship
       Prof. Johannes (Hans) S. Reinders, Netherlands
15:20  Questions
15:30  Communication: Intellectual and developmental disabilities—reflections
       from theological anthropology
       Bishop Peter Comensoli, Australia
15:50  Questions
16:00  End of Session

16:15  Transportation to the Order of Malta Magistral Villa, Rome
IACB Colloquium Opening Ceremony
(Order of Malta Magistral Villa, Rome)

18:00 **Introduction:** Dr. Domenico Arduini, Italy
18:05 **Supporting and caring for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities:** Dr. William Sullivan, Canada
18:15 **Reflection:** Albrecht von Boeselager, Grand Hospitaller SMOM
18:25 **Opening Address:** Dr. Franziskus von Heereman, Germany
18:55 **Greetings:** H.M.E.H. Frà Matthew Festing, Grand Master SMOM
19:00 Reception
20:30 Transportation to the Villa Palazzola

**Monday, June 10, 2013**

07:30 Eucharist
08:00 Breakfast
09:00 Introduction to the process
09:10 Group discussions on session 1 and Opening address

**Session 2: Life and Death**

**Chair:** Dr. Domenico Arduini, Italy

10:30 **Communication:** Genetic screening and diagnosis—ethical issues facing primary care providers and parents
   Dr. Sarah Buckley, Australia
10:50 Questions
11:00 **Communication:** Eugenics in modern societies
   Dr. Christoph von Ritter, Germany
11:20 Questions
11:30 **Communication:** Perinatal palliative care for infants with disabilities
   Dr. Marcia Riordan, Australia
11:50 Questions
12:00 Group discussions on session 2
13:00 Lunch
Session 3: Promoting Physical Well-Being

Chair: Dr. Brian Hennen, Canada

15:00  Paper: Promoting physical wellbeing in persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities—four key ethical questions
       Dr. Nick Lennox, Australia
15:30  Questions
15:40  Communication: Sexual creators and intellectual disability—being human in different ways
       Prof. Christine Jamieson and Dr. Hazel Markwell, Canada
16:00  Questions
16:10  Group discussions on session 3
17:30  Group reports
19:00  Dinner
20:30  Night Prayer
21:00  Talk on the cultural program: Dr. Teresa Tomory

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

07:30  Eucharist
08:00  Breakfast

Session 4: Ethical Issues in Addressing Behavioural and Mental Health Issues

Chair: Dr. Ian Casson, Canada

09:00  Communication: My advocacy wish list
       Kareem Elbard, Canada
09:20  Questions
09:30  Paper: The support of people with intellectual disabilities and those with other mental disabilities: a clinical perspective on the role of the law and the challenge of competing human rights
       Dr. Dieuwertje DeWaardt-Morsink, Netherlands and Dr. Anthony (Tony) Holland, UK
10:00  Questions
10:10  Communication: Mental ill-health, developmental disabilities and autism
       Dr. Elspeth Bradley, Canada
10:30  Questions
11:00  Group discussions
13:00  Lunch
Session 5: Family, Social and Spiritual Life

Chair: Dr. Neil Weir, UK

14:30  **Paper: The family – “God, Why me?”**
      Cristina Gangemi and Dr. Pia Matthews, UK
15:00  Questions
15:10  **Communication: A vision with a path is the hope of the world**
      Elizabeth O’Brien, UK
15:30  Questions
15:40  **Communication: Inclusion research**
      Prof. Pamela Cushing, Canada
16:00  Questions
16:10  Group discussions
17:30  Group reports
19:00  Dinner
20:30  Night Prayer
21:00  Videos

**Wednesday, June 12, 2013 Cultural day in Rome**

**Note:** No sessions in the academic program take place on Wednesday June 12, 2013

10:30  General papal audience (preferred seating) and visit to St. Peter’s Basilica  
       Lunch  Participants will make their own arrangements  
       Afternoon  Choice of tours  
18:00  Eucharist at the Casa dei Cavalieri di Rodi, Piazza del Grillo and dinner  
21:00  Transportation to the Villa Palazzola

**Thursday, June 13, 2013**

07:30  Eucharist  
08:00  Breakfast  
09:00  Presentation of draft of statement  
10:00  Group discussions on draft  
11:30  Group reports  
13:00  Lunch
Session 6: Research and Public Policy

Chair: Dr. Bernadette Tobin, Australia

14:30  Paper: Valuing the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and respecting their dignity in law and policy  
       Prof. John Keown, USA
15:00  Questions
15:10  Communication: Consent and persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities  
       Prof. Joseph Mfutso-Bengo, Malawi
15:30  Questions

16:00 IACB annual meeting for bioethicists
17:00  Meetings of IACB working groups
19:00  Dinner
20:30 Night prayer

Friday, June 14, 2013

07:30  Eucharist
08:00  Breakfast
09:00  Presentation of revised draft of statement
09:30  Editing of revised draft
12:30  Conclusion of the colloquium and announcement of the 2015 international colloquium
13:00  Lunch