



**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)
Villa Palazzola, near Rome, Italy**

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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