TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

St John's Medical College is located in Koramangala, South Bangalore, Karnataka, India. There are prepaid autos from bus and train stations. AC buses to St. John’s ply from the main bus stand opposite the railway station. Prepaid taxis and Bus Nos 7 and 7A can be used from the airport.

Limited accommodation is available at Annexe III on the campus (single Rs 572; double Rs 780). Rooms will be blocked on a first come first served basis. To block a room, email nbc@stjohns.in

There are a number of hotels within a 3 km radius of St. John's Medical College. Please check the internet for details.

REGISTRATION:

Can be made by email to: nbc@stjohns.in with the following details: Name, affiliation, institutional and mailing address, intent to submit abstract / workshop proposal, payment details (see below).

Registration is also possible online at: http://ijmenbc.ijme.in/index.php/nbc-5/nbc-5/user/account

Payment for the conference:
(Indian: Rs. 1500, student Rs 750; Foreign $100, Student $50)

Indian delegates should send a Demand Draft made in the name of “National Bioethics Conference” payable at Bank of Baroda, Bangalore to the Secretariat address. Foreign delegates can pay at the venue in equivalent Indian currency.

Co-organised by:
St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore
SOCHARA, Bangalore
Forum for Medical Ethics Society, Mumbai

Theme: Integrity in health care, and research

International symposium: Corruption in health care and medicine

11-13th December, 2014

Venue:
St. John’s Medical College,
Koramangala
Bangalore, India
(Applying for 5 credits from the Karnataka Medical Council)
Conference themes and scope

Since 2005 the National Bioethics Conference (NBC) has been conducted under the aegis of the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME), in partnership with several institutions, focusing on various contemporary ethical issues. This is the fifth NBC. The priority themes of this year’s conference are dual issues of integrity and corruption in healthcare and research. When corruption creeps into healthcare and medical research, health professionals should be able to uphold integrity in professional practice and also be held socially accountable. The conference aims to explore various sides of corruption and examines the limits and dimensions of integrity for health professionals and the health system. In addition to the keynote addresses, there will be paper and poster presentations and workshops which will be selected by a scientific committee. There will also be screening of films centred around the conference theme. “The Dolls Speak” is a special exhibition at the conference which is guaranteed to enlighten and enthrall all.

The meeting aims to expose the participants to varied aspects of bioethics, while concentrating on the pivotal themes. We expect delegates from medical, community and public health, legal, consumer movement and public affairs fraternities including students from these disciplines. We hope that the bioethics discipline and movement grows and gains strength from this NBC.

Dr Thelma Narayan
Dr G D Ravindran
(Organizing Secretaries)

PROGRAMME

A preconference Medical/Nursing Workshop: “Integrated Teaching of Ethics” on 10th Dec, 2014 is being organized by the Medical Education Cell, St. John’s Medical College. By the end of the workshop, participants as teams will develop a skeleton of an Ethics curriculum for their own institute. For further details contact the Secretariat.

Days 1 and 2 (11,12th Dec), focus on the theme Integrity in medical care, public health and health care research. Keynote lectures include (among others):
- The importance of integrity and its place in bioethics and health care activism.
- Regaining people’s trust in medical care, public health programs and research.
- Role of professional councils and health care regulators in upholding integrity of medical care.
- Transparency and Accountability in public health policy and resource allocation
- Conflict of Interests in research

Day 3, (13th Dec) focus on Corruption in health care and medicine in an International Symposium in collaboration with MEZIS Germany with international and Indian Speakers giving keynote lectures and as part of a panel discussion.

On all 3 days: 3-4 parallel sessions in the morning (free paper / poster presentations) and afternoon (workshops).

There will be a parallel film festival on Days 1 and 2 between 11 am and 5 pm exploring themes related to the conference, and exhibitions.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / WORKSHOPS

Abstracts that critically discuss cutting edge themes and concepts in bioethics, and those that describe research findings or project outcomes will be selected. We encourage submission of abstracts that relate to the theme and sub-themes of the conference, but they do not necessarily have to conform to them.

The following format should be followed: (1) Title; (2) Authors/Speakers, Designation and Institutional Affiliation (if any): Please list authors in order (First Author/Speaker to Last); (3) Background and Purpose; (4) If applicable, description of research method and ethical issues/dilemmas inquired into or focused on in workshop/symposia; (5) Results of research or outcome of ethical inquiry, if applicable; (6) Discussion (relate to bioethics principles, theories, and frameworks) and implications for bioethics; (7) Preferred mode of presentation: only applicable for paper presentation abstracts (Tick): Oral /Poster/ Either; (8) Name of person presenting the paper at the NBC/contact person for workshop/symposia; (9) Maximum number of words (parts 3-6 above) is 500.

We also call for workshop proposals. Proposals can be up to 2 pages, 1.5 spaced, size 12 font, and should include: Purpose/Process/expected outcomes/ List of facilitators. If the workshop can accommodate only a fixed number, this should be indicated. Workshop duration will be 2 hours.

Abstract and workshop proposals should be sent to: nbc@stjohns.in or by mail to the Secretariat Address by 31st July, 2014

All proposals are reviewed by the Scientific Committee whose decision will be final.