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Announcing the programme of the 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium...



## *Human Life with Cognitive Impairment: Caring and Giving Hope in a World of Change*

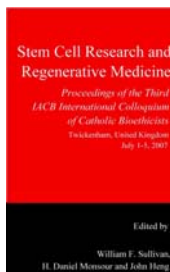
Kardinal-Schulte-Haus, Cologne, Germany

July 12-16, 2009

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## Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine

*Proceedings of the 2007  
IACB International  
Colloquium (forthcoming)*



Papers by:

Albrecht von Boeselager  
William F. Sullivan  
David Albert Jones  
Neil Scolding  
Elio Sgreccia  
Patrick Byrne &  
Michael Stebbins  
Norman Ford  
Helen Watt  
Julia Polak  
Daniel P. Sulmasy  
Margaret Somerville

## IACB Director's Message

One of my favorite paintings is "Le Sommeil de l'Enfant Jésus." The painter has depicted the baby Jesus in deep slumber in the loving arms of Mary. His tiny face expresses peace but also vulnerability. When I meditate on the painting, I am overwhelmed by the mystery of the Eternal Word becoming a helpless infant and entrusting himself to the care of human beings.



The moral duty to care for the weak and the frail among us is at the heart of Catholic bioethics. Each human being without exception is created in the image of God and redeemed by the Word who was made flesh and dwelt among us. Christ said that whatever we do for the least of his brothers and sisters, we do for him. Those who are in need of care are "our lords".

On July 12-16, 2009, Associates of the IACB and other bioethicists will gather for the Fourth International Colloquium to discuss various emerging and controversial topics regarding ethics and the health care of people with dementia. The growing numbers of such persons around the globe, and various medical advances, have raised many ethical questions. As usual, the colloquium will offer an opportunity not only to hear from experts in relevant fields but substantial time for discussing emerging and unsettled ethical questions. I hope very much that you would be able to join us.

May God, whose faithful love gives his people hope, bless you and your families during this season with the gift of Peace.

*Bill Sullivan*

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium

In addition to the commissioned background papers, a new feature of the programme for this colloquium are **short communications** that participating bioethicists or graduate students are invited to contribute. We welcome this input as an important supplement to the commissioned background papers and as a stimulus for the small-group discussions. The Programme Committee would like to receive an abstract from authors interested in writing such a communication. The abstract should be written in **English**, the language of the colloquium, and be no more than **250 words or 1 page of double-spaced typing**.

The topic of the proposed communication must relate to **ethics in dementia**, considered within any discipline or across disciplines relevant to bioethics such as medicine and allied health sciences, philosophy, theology, clinical ethics, law, economics, and pastoral care. The communication should focus on at least **one ethical or policy question** that the author thinks merits attention.

Abstracts should be sent as an attachment in MS-Word or Adobe-PDF by **e-mail to Dr. Ursula Sottong at the following address: [IACB@malteser-akademie.de](mailto:IACB@malteser-akademie.de)**. The deadline for receiving abstracts is **February 13, 2009**. Please clearly provide the following information at the beginning of the abstract: Name of author(s), academic degree(s), institutional affiliation(s), address and telephone number, and the title of your proposed communication.

Authors of abstracts that are selected will be invited to write their communication, which should be no more than 1,250 words (5 pages of single-spaced typing) in length.

This should be completed by June 5, 2009 in order to give participants in the 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium time to read and think about the communication one month before the colloquium. At the colloquium, authors are asked to present a succinct highlight of their communication in 5 minutes. All communications that will be presented at the colloquium will also be published as part of the *Proceedings* of the 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium after editorial review.

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## WEB BIBLIGIOGRAPHY ON ETHICS AND DEMENTIA

A bibliography is being assembled for the 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium. Check for updates at: [www.iacbweb.org/Koeln/cologne2009bib.pdf](http://www.iacbweb.org/Koeln/cologne2009bib.pdf). Suggestions of references would be appreciated. A password is necessary to access the bibliography because of restrictions on some linked electronic texts, and this password will be sent to registrants of the colloquium.

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## CONVENOR: 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium

### Dr. Ursula Sottong

looks forward to welcoming bioethicists from near and far to the 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium in Cologne. Dr. Sottong is a physician with a Master's degree in Public Health. She is the Managing Director of the Malteser Akademie, which offers educational programmes in health care and health care ethics.



## BACKGROUND PAPERS: 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium

*Each newsletter leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> IACB International Colloquium will introduce some authors of the background papers for this colloquium.*

### **Wilhelmina Hoffmann**

is a geriatrician in Stockholm who specialises in caring for persons with dementia. She is the Managing Director of the Swedish Dementia Centre (*Svenskt Demenscentrum*), which was recently established as a centre of excellence by the Swedish government to focus on education and the translation of research into practice.



### **Julian C. Hughes**

holds the positions of Consultant in Old Age Psychiatry at the North Tyneside General Hospital in Newcastle, England, and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in the Institute for Ageing and Health at the University of Newcastle. Before his medical studies, he read Philosophy, Economics, and Politics at Oxford University, and while pursuing specialized training there in Old Age Psychiatry, defended a Ph.D. thesis on Wittgenstein and dementia. Dr. Hughes is the Chair of the Philosophy Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and was a member of the Working Party of the Nuffield Bioethics Council's recent Consultation on Dementia. He is a co-editor of *Dementia: Mind, Meaning, and the Person* (2008), and co-author of *Ethical Issues in Dementia Care: Making Difficult Decisions* (2006).



### **Christine Jamieson**

is an associate professor and the Chair of the Faculty of Theological Studies at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. Her research and writing focus on considering how theology can mediate contemporary thought and culture. She is the Canadian project director of "Ethical and Policy Issues



in the Sciences: A Comparative Study in Canada, the United States and Mexico," and received grants from Health Canada for her research on "Genetic Privacy and Information" and on "Assisting Research Ethics Boards in Ethical Deliberation".

### **Mette Lebech**

is originally from Denmark and has taught philosophy at the National University of Ireland Maynooth, Ireland, since 1988. She has written and lectured widely on various topics in bioethics, on the notion of human dignity, and on the philosophy of Edith Stein. She is a corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life.



### **Myles N. Sheehan, SJ**

is the Ralph P. Leischner Professor of Medical Education and Director of the Ralph P. Leischner, Jr. Institute for Medical Education, as well as the Senior Associate Dean for Educational Programs at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, U.S.A. He entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1985 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He has written and lectured on the care of the older person, end-of-life and palliative care, and is a co-editor of *Healing as Vocation: A Medical Professionalism Primer* (2006).



### **Carol Taylor** is a

founding member and the Director of the Center for Clinical Bioethics, a senior research scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, and an associate professor of nursing at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. She has gained much experience in caring for chronically and critically ill patients and their families. She lectures and writes on various issues in health care ethics and is co-editor of *Health and Human Flourishing* (2006).



## Scholarly Activities



**John Berkman** has joined the faculty of Regis College in the University of Toronto as Associate Professor of Moral Theology. He had previously been teaching at the Dominican School of Theology and Philosophy and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, U.S.A.



**Fr. Kevin T. Fitzgerald, SJ**, who occupies the Chair in Catholic Health Care Ethics at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., has recorded 24 lectures on audio CDs on "Science, Religion and Ethics in 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Biomedical Discoveries: Which Way Is Forward?". These are available through Now You Know Media (website: [store.nowyouknowmedia.com/science-religion-ethics.html](http://store.nowyouknowmedia.com/science-religion-ethics.html))



**Fr. Norman Ford, SDB**, Rector of the Salesian Fathers at Chadstone, Victoria, Australia and the long-time director of the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics in Melbourne, has been honoured this year to serve as the Scholar in Residence of Catholic Health Australia. This position involves teaching in health care ethics, presenting the key note address for CHA's annual conference, and writing research papers.



**Sr. Nuala Kenny, OC**, has been appointed the Ethics and Policy Advisor of the Catholic Health Association of Canada. She is a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, a pediatrician, and the founder and former Chair of the Department of Bioethics at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada.



**Mark G. Kuczewski** has been elected the incoming President of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities beginning in October 2009. Dr. Kuczewski, who participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> IACB International Colloquium in Melbourne, Australia, is the Director of the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy at Loyola University, Chicago, USA.



**Fr. Alain Mattheeuws, SJ**, a professor at l'Institut d'Études Théologiques in Brussels, Belgium, has written some reflections on the ethics of embryo adoption and is asking for feedback on these ideas. His article, in English, is available through the IACB website at: [www.iacbweb.org/mattheeuws.pdf](http://www.iacbweb.org/mattheeuws.pdf).



**Bernadette Tobin**, Director of the Plunkett Centre for Health Care Ethics in Sydney, Australia, was a respondent to the 2008 Oration of the Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics presented by Dr. Rodney Syme, author of *A Good Death: An Argument for Voluntary Euthanasia* (2008), at the Sydney Law School. Bernadette's contribution can be viewed on the Internet through Australia's Slow TV's website: [slowtv.blip.tv/rss/mp3/](http://slowtv.blip.tv/rss/mp3/) (Scroll down to 26 Sept., 2008, part 3.)



**Nicholas Tonti-Filippini**, Associate Professor at the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne, has been serving as Chair of a Working Committee of the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council that recently produced two publications to guide the care of people in a state of post-coma unresponsiveness (PCU) or PVS. These documents can be downloaded from: [www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e81\\_82syn.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e81_82syn.htm)

## Fellowships and Scholarships

The Edmund Pellegrino Fellowship is a one-month funded opportunity to study bioethics with Dr. Edmund Pellegrino at the Georgetown Center for Clinical Bioethics, Washington, D.C. The deadline for application is June 1, 2009. For information: [clinicalbioethics.georgetown.edu/42558.html](http://clinicalbioethics.georgetown.edu/42558.html)

Lupina Fellowships are offered by Regis College at the University of Toronto, Canada, for students entering the Doctor of Theology program, and renewable for up to 3 years, with a focus on healthcare, ethics and spirituality. Recipients must be Canadian citizens and Ontario residents. For information: <http://www.regiscollege.ca>

Sullivan Scholars Program at the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine gives “under-represented minority” faculty members at a college or university, a half-tuition scholarship toward a Master of Arts degree in Bioethics and Health Policy, which can be taken entirely online. For information: [onliemasters@lumc.edu](mailto:onliemasters@lumc.edu).

## Upcoming Conferences

**Australian Association of Catholic Bioethicists**. 5<sup>th</sup> National Colloquium for Bioethicists on ‘Ethical and Pastoral Issues in Care of the Ageing and at the End of Life’, **Jan. 25-28, 2009**. Information, e-mail: [thunter@jp2institute.org](mailto:thunter@jp2institute.org).

**Pontifical Academy for Life**, 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly on ‘The Challenge of Eugenics’, **Feb. 20-22, 2009** in Vatican City, Information: [www.academiavita.org](http://www.academiavita.org)

**6<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Bioethics** of the Sociedad Internacional de Bioética (SIBI), **May 18-21, 2009** in Gijón, Spain. Information: [www.sibi.org/ingles/act/6Congreso/pinf.htm](http://www.sibi.org/ingles/act/6Congreso/pinf.htm)

**10<sup>th</sup> Asian Bioethics Conference (ABC10)**, July **26-29, 2009** in Tehran, Iran. Information: [ABC10IRAN@TUMS.AC.IR](mailto:ABC10IRAN@TUMS.AC.IR)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Contemporary Catholic Healthcare Ethics**, **Oct. 8-9, 2009** in Chicago, USA. Details soon.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of Catholic Theological Ethics**, **July 24-27, 2010** in Trent, Italy. July 26 is on ‘Casuistry: The Method and Its Use in Bioethics and Socio/Political Ethics’. Details soon.

## New Instruction on Bioethics

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) has promulgated *Dignitas Personae*, an English translation of which is available online at: [http://www.usccb.org/comm/Dignitaspersonae/Dignitas\\_Personae.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/comm/Dignitaspersonae/Dignitas_Personae.pdf).

## Recent Publications: Books

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Bert Gordijn and Ruth Chadwick, eds. *Medical Enhancement and Posthumanity*. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, 2009. ISBN: 1-4020-8851-3. 252 pp.

Linda Hogan, ed., *Applied Ethics in a World Church: The Padua Conference*. New York: Orbis, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-57075-759-4. 320 pp.

David Jeffrey. *Against Physician Assisted Suicide: A Palliative Care Perspective*. Abingdon, U.K.: Radcliffe Publishing, 2008. 1-84619-186-6. 132 pp.

William May. *Catholic Bioethics and the Gift of Human Life*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. ISBN: 978-1-59276-330-6. 384 pp.

Thomas A. Nairn, ed. *The Consistent Ethic of Life: Assessing Its Reception and Relevance*. ISBN: 1570757925. New York: Orbis, 2008. 208 pp.

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D. Sulmasy, 'What Is Conscience and Why Is Respect for It So Important?', *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 2008 June;29(3): 135-149.

P. Verspieren, 'La dictature de l'émotion', *Études* 2008 ;409(3) : 149-52.

## Journals and Electronic Media

### The Internet Journal of Catholic Bioethics

This is an electronic publication of St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, U.S.A., and is edited by Fr. Peter Clark (pictured) and Fr. Mark Aita. The latest issue and information for potential authors may be found at: [www.icbbioethics.com](http://www.icbbioethics.com)



### Loyola Bioethics on YouTube

The Neiswanger Institute of Healthcare Ethics of Loyola University, Chicago, U.S.A. has a channel on YouTube where videos of guest interviews, conference presentations, and educational sessions on bioethics can be viewed. Check it out at: [www.youtube.com/profile?user=LoyolaBioethics](http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=LoyolaBioethics)

### Studia Bioethica

The Facoltà di Bioetica of the Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum in Rome has started this new international quarterly journal on Catholic bioethics. Information for potential authors is available at: [www.facoltadibioetica.org/sb/index.php/bioethica/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions](http://www.facoltadibioetica.org/sb/index.php/bioethica/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions)