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2011 International Colloquium

**Palliative Sedation: Moral Distinctions and Practical Considerations**

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
July 10-14, 2011

**Program** (version June 21, 2011)

**Saturday, July 9, 2011 (early arrivals)**

5.00 – 7.30 p.m. Early Registration (additional accommodation charges apply)

**Sunday, July 10, 2011**

- 2.00 p.m. Registration  
3.00 p.m. Tea and Coffee  
3.30 p.m. Opening Ceremony  
Chair: **Dr. John Haas (U.S.A.)**  
Addresses: **H.E. Albrecht von Boeselager (Germany)**  
**Fr. Scott Borgman (Italy)**  
**Dr. William Sullivan (Canada)**
- 4:15 p.m. *Paper 1: Moral Questions Regarding Palliative Sedation*  
Author: **Brother Daniel P. Sulmasy, M.D., Ph.D. (U.S.A.)**  
4:45 p.m. Comment: **Dr. Edmund Pellegrino (U.S.A.)**  
5:00 p.m. Questions and discussion  
Chair: **Dr. John Haas (U.S.A.)**
- 6:00 p.m. Mass  
Presentation of the Order of Malta Cross of Merit to Dr. Pellegrino  
Introduction: **Dr. William Sullivan (Canada)**  
Presenter: **H.E. Albrecht von Boeselager (Germany)**
- 7:00 p.m. Reception and dinner

**Monday, July 11, 2011**

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast

## Session A: Clinical Realities and Psycho-Socio-Spiritual Issues

- Chair: **Dr. Christoph von Ritter (Germany)**
- 8:50 a.m. Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. *Paper 2: Palliative Sedation: Analysis of Clinical Realities, Trends, and Existing Guidelines*
- Author: **Dr. Paulina Taboada (Chile)**
- 9:30 a.m. Response to Paper 2
- Respondent: **Sister Alice O'Shaughnessy, M.D. (U.S.A.)**
- 9:45 a.m. Communication: **Dr. Bernadette Tobin (Australia)**
- 10:00 a.m. Questions
- 10:15 a.m. Tea and coffee break
- 10:30 a.m. *Paper 3: Suffering, Dying, and Death*
- Author: **Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. (U.S.A.)**
- 11:00 a.m. Response to Paper 3
- Respondent: **Sister Nuala Kenny, M.D. (Canada)**
- 11:15 a.m. Communication: **Dr. Robert Barnet (U.S.A.)**
- 11:30 a.m. Questions
- 11:45 p.m. Small-group Discussions regarding Paper 2
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Small-group Discussions regarding Paper 3
- 3:45 p.m. Tea and coffee break
- 4:00 p.m. Communication: **Father Paul Chummar, Ph.D. (Kenya)**
- 4:15 p.m. Group Presentations and Plenary Discussion
- 6:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner

## Tuesday, July 12, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

## Session B: Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues

- Chair: **Dr. Neil Weir (U.K.)**
- 8:50 a.m. Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. *Paper 4: Palliative Sedation Considered in Relation to Euthanasia*
- Author: **Dr. Henk ten Have (Netherlands, U.S.A.)**
- 9:30 a.m. Response to Paper 4
- Respondent: **Dr. Jos Welie (Netherlands, U.S.A.)**

- 9:45 a.m. Communication: **Dr. José Pereira (Canada)**  
 10:00 a.m. Questions
- 10:15 a.m. Tea and coffee break
- 10:30 a.m. *Paper 5: Moral issues in Substitute Decision Making and Following Advance Directives*  
 Author: **Dr. Pierre Mallia (Malta)**
- 11:00 a.m. Response to Paper 5  
 Respondent: **Dr. William L. Saunders (U.S.A.)**
- 11:15 a.m. Communication: **Dr. Joseph Boyle (Canada)**  
 11:30 a.m. Questions
- 11:45 a.m. Mass
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Small-group Discussions regarding Paper 4  
 (brief break)
- 2:45 p.m. Small-group Discussions regarding Paper 5
- 4:00 p.m. Tea and coffee break
- 4:15 p.m. Group Presentations and Plenary Discussion
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner on board the Moshulu on the Delaware River

### **Wednesday, July 13, 2011**

- 7:30 a.m. Mass  
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:45 a.m. Tour of Philadelphia's historic sites  
 1:00 p.m. Lunch at the City Tavern, Old City, Philadelphia

#### **Session C: Synthesis of Issues**

**Chair: Dr. William Sullivan (Canada)**

- 2:30 p.m. Small-group Discussions regarding the first draft of the Consensus Statement  
 3:45 p.m. Group Presentations and Plenary Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of the IACB (all are invited to attend)  
 7:00 p.m. Dinner

### **Thursday, July 14, 2011**

- 7:30 a.m. Mass  
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Chair: **Dr. William Sullivan (Canada)**

8:45 a.m. Small-group discussions regarding the second draft of the Consensus Statement

10:00 a.m. Group Presentations regarding the second draft of the Consensus Statement and Plenary Discussion

11:15 a.m. Tea and Coffee

11:30 a.m. Concluding Remarks

12:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony

Chair: **Dr. John Haas (U.S.A.)**

12:15 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Press Conference

3:15 p.m. *IACB Education Working Group* (open to any interested participants)