

Call for Abstracts
Fourth Islam and Bioethics International Conference
Coimbra, Portugal, August 5-6, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The fourth **Islam and Bioethics International Conference** (following Haifa University, 2001, Penn State University, 2006, and Ankara, Turkey 2010) will take place at Coimbra, Portugal, during **August 5-6, 2015**. The conference will be part of the **21st Annual meeting of the World Congress on Medical Law (WCML) August 2-6, 2015**.

Dr. Oren Asman, Chair of the Education Committee of the World Association for Medical Law (WAML), and Prof. Vardit Rispler-Chaim from the University of Haifa are the co-organizers.

Participants and speakers from various disciplines are welcome (medicine, Islamic studies, natural sciences, law, history, sociology, philosophy, etc.). The conference language is English.

Abstract submission deadline is April 2, 2015.

To submit your abstract, please use the link below and follow the instructions:

<https://waml.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=4386&language=en-uk>

Notification of acceptance: by April 30, 2015.

Please consult the Congress website (<http://wafml.memberlodge.org/event-703110>) for guidelines about abstract submission, registration, hotels, etc.

Registration fees:

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| - Participation on the 5-6 August 2015: | 300\$ |
| - Participation in the whole WAML conference 2-6 August 2015: | 400\$ |

The participants of the Islamic Bioethics sessions will be entitled to:

- a. Access to all sessions on the 5-6 of August 2015
- b. Name badge and bag
- c. Coffee breaks during 5-6 of August 2015
- d. Gala dinner

The conference website, will be updated as specific information becomes available (Program, CME, registration, etc.) The address is www.thewaml.com.

Suggested Topics

- Methods and sources of justification in Islamic medical ethics.
- Setting bioethical principles in Islamic ethics.
- The physician-patient-family triad in healthcare in Muslim societies.
- Interplay of traditional Islamic teaching and local cultural settings.
- Interplay of traditional Islamic teaching and secular medical ethics; between universal

- principles of medical ethics and Islamic ethics.
- Muslim responses to water, climate, and the environment as influencing healthcare.
 - Organ trafficking and transplantation.
 - Medical tourism.
 - The use of contraceptives, for both males and females.
 - New reproductive technologies.
 - The principle of autonomy in Islamic bioethics.
 - Interdisciplinary debates (involving physicians, philosophers, jurists, social scientists, theologians, others) in multicultural societies, where Muslims are a minority or a majority.
 - Attitudes to death, euthanasia, and treating the terminally ill.
 - Old age.
 - Attitudes to forms of disability- both physical and mental.
 - The power and limitations of medical sciences.
 - Abortion and ensoulment.
 - Aesthetic medical devices.

These are a few suggested topics, but other topics may also be considered.

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