Center News

Sarah J. Flashing, M.A.Director of Public Relations and Communications
The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity

Topic-Specific Networking at July Conference

Although the title of this years summer bioethics conference is Genetic & Reproductive Ethics there will be topics of interest covering a broad range of issues both in paper presentations and in the newly created category of *Topic Specific Networking Sessions*. Papers will cover a wide range of issues while the topic specific sessions will cover such issues as: End-of-Life, Healthcare Organization, Economics, Reproductive Tech, Alternative Medicine, Complementary Healthcare, Genetics, Neuroethics, Emerging Technologies, Stem Cell Research, Cloning, and Clinical Ethics.

Taiwan Conference Update

The Chinese Christian Medical Mission in Taiwan held its second annual ethics conference on euthanasia and hospice on April 16 at MacKay Hospital, the largest Christian hospital in Taiwan. Dr. Curtis Chang said that of the more than 350 people in attendance, there were also "some important government officials who are responsible for health care policies." Dr. Robert Orr, Director of Clinical Ethics at CBHD gave the keynote address on "The History and Current Status of Euthanasia." He reflected, "The quality of the theological and clinical presentations was excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed the Chinese hospitality and the opportunity to interact with Christian colleagues from another culture."

Presidential Search Update

As was announced previously, CBHD President John Kilner will be strategically shifting his focus to a new role with CBHD and an expanded role with Trinity International University. Dr. Kilner will continue to be actively involved in CBHD's vital work in the newly created position of Senior Scholar. With TIU he will concentrate on equipping tomorrow's Christian bioethics leadership through teaching, research, and writing as the Forman Chair for Christian Ethics and Theology, and through helping to build the TIU bioethics degree programs.

Since Dr. Kilner's transition will occur this July, a search is in progress for a new President. More information is available on our web site www.cbhd.org, along with profiles of the Center and the President position.

CBHD continues to actively seek presidential candidates. Applications will be received until the position is filled. Interested people may send a cover letter and resume or CV to the Presidential Search Committee via email to phagberg@cbhd.org.

12th Annual Summer Conference: Genetic and Reproductive Ethics:

The Scientific Cutting Edge & the Everyday Healthcare Challenges

July 14-16, 2005—Deerfield, Illinois

A national/international conference providing participants with the latest information on where technologies such as genetic intervention and assisted reproduction are headed. Plan to attend not only to get the latest updates on key developments in biotechnology but also to receive very practical information on the ways that various technologies are changing the practice of health care and the lives of patients—and the current and emerging ethical challenges that must be faced in the process.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Graduate-level Academic and Continuing Education Credit Available for Each Event

Bioethics Institutes & Seminar

(Deerfield, Illinois)

Taught by over a dozen leading Christian figures in bioethics. Each *Institute* includes the **July 14–16, 2005** bioethics conference.

Week-long Institutes (July 11–16, 2005):

Intensive Bioethics Institute

A thorough orientation to the field of bioethics, comparing Christian and non-Christian perspectives.

Advanced Bioethics Institute

Considers in greater depth various approaches to bioethics, with special reference to end-of-life issues

Topical Bioethics Institute

Engaging the World Through Bioethics: Effectively addressing bioethical challenges through the media, law, public policy, the church, and health care.

Undergrad/Pre-Med Bioethics Institute (July 13–16, 2005):

An orientation to bioethics for those considering careers in ethics, medicine, of health care.

Post-Conference Seminars (July 18–20, 2005):

Bioethics and the Church: How bioethical challenges connect with adult and youth education, worship, counseling, evangelism, and other outreach ministries.

The Cutting Edge of Bioethics: Neuroethics and the challenges of mental capacity, enhancement, and what it means to be human.

For more information on conference, institutes, and seminars, please contact Jim Moscato at jmoscato@cbhd.org or at 847.317.7184.

To register for any of these events, please contact Danielle Morrow at dmorrow@cbhd.org or at 847.317.4095.

Other Upcoming Conferences

September 23-24, 2005—Oklahoma City:

Life and Death Decisions in the 21st Century: Reproductive Technologies, Stem Cells and Quality of Life

October 21-22, 2005—Cleveland, OH:

"Cutting-Edge Bioethics: Human Life on the Line"

*If you are interested in hosting a conference co-sponsored by The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity in your area, please call 847.317.4045 or see our web site at http://www.cbhd.org/conferences/regionals