



American University of Beirut
Faculty of Medicine
& Medical Center



Salim El-Hoss Bioethics & Professionalism Program



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

منظمة الأمم المتحدة
للثقافة والعلم والتربية

Cairo
Office
مكتب
القاهرة



On the occasion of Global Medical Ethics Day

The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the
American
University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine

in joint sponsorship with Cleveland Clinic and UNESCO
announces its 2nd regional conference

**Current Controversies in Research Ethics:
Research Integrity, Research Ethics Committees
and International Clinical Trials**

*September 16 & 17, 2011
Golden Tulip Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Overview

This activity is the second regional one held on the occasion of Global Medical Ethics Day which falls on September 17 of every year (as per the AMA). It aims at bringing physicians/bioethicists from the region together to discuss issues pertaining to research ethics. It also aims at further developing the regional network of professionals related to the formation of the Arab Biomedical Ethics Society which was initially planned during the first Regional conference.

Venue

The Current Controversies in Research Ethics Conference will be held at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon.

Target Audience

This annual scientific meeting has been designed for nurses, physicians, trainees and researchers in all specialties.

Objectives

As a result of attending this course, the participant will be able to do the following:

- Raise awareness and share ideas regarding good research practices
- Discuss what constitutes research integrity
- Discuss the role of National Ethics Research Committees
- Discuss barriers faced by local research ethics committees
- Discuss issues involved with international clinical trials
- Develop the Arab Biomedical Ethics Society

Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education and American University of Beirut Medical Center. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association Council on Continuing Medical Education for Category 2 credit.

Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement

The Current Controversies in Research Ethics course also complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.

Faculty Disclosure

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education has implemented a policy to comply with the current Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Standards for Commercial Support requiring resolution of all faculty conflicts of interest. Faculty declaring a relevant commercial interest will be identified in the activity syllabus.

Registration

Attendance is FREE for all attendees. Pre-registration is highly recommended to assure availability of places. Please contact CME office at cme@aub.edu.lb for reservation.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Attendees are invited to give a 10 minute oral presentation or a poster presentation on the following themes:

- Theme I: research integrity.
- Theme II: Research Ethics Committees (both local and national) Subthemes: authority of national committees, barriers for local RECs, training for REC members and investigators. Theme III: Issues in International clinical trials.

Both programmatic abstracts and scientific abstracts are welcome.

Abstract submission and deadlines:

- Electronic submissions to cme@aub.edu.lb will be accepted.
- Please send as text attachment and follow instructions below as to format.
- The deadline for receipt of abstracts is June 15, 2011
- Abstract disposition notices as well as the accepted format of the presentation will be sent by June 30, 2011
- Please send your CV with the abstract
- The first author shall be the presenter of the abstract

Format

- Full title of paper, restricted to 105 characters.
- Names of authors: All co-investigators should be listed using full last name and first name. Last name should be capitalized. The principal investigator should be identified with an asterisk and the presenter's name underlined.
- Affiliation by institution and country of principal investigator and presenter
Example: WARD Paul, HAMAD Sami, KAWA Nancy*, RAMI Sani

Dr. Ward: University of Cedars, Lebanon

Dr. Kawa: University of Palms at Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

- Body text: Text should be structured in three clear paragraphs: Background / Methods and Results / Conclusion. Total text should not exceed 350 words.

Activity Directors:
Dr. Thalia Arawi

Director,

Salim El-Hoss Bioethics & Professionalism Program
Clinical Bioethicist

Vice Chair, Hospital Bioethics Committee
American University of Beirut
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. George Abi Saad

Director

Continuing Medical Education Office
Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery
American University of Beirut

GUEST SPEAKERS:



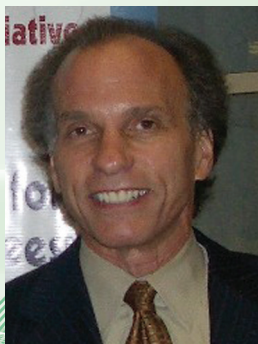
Ms Orio Ikebe

Programme Specialist of Social and Human Sciences, Regional Bureau for Science in Arab States in Cairo, United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Born in Tokyo, Orio Ikebe studied and conducted research on glico-phingolipid of human cancer cells in Gakushuin University and Tokyo University, Bioethics, Medical Anthropology, and Medical and Social Sciences in Leuven University in Belgium. She joined UNESCO in 2000 at Bioethics Section of Social and Human Sciences Sector in Paris then she was transferred to UNESCO Cairo Office in 2007. Since then, she has been working as a focal point for UNESCO's projects on bioethics and ethics of science and technologies in the Arab Region.

Henry Silverman, MD MA is Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine.

Dr. Silverman obtained his medical degree from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine University (1974) and his Master's Degree in Bioethics from Georgetown University (1995). Dr. Silverman's career in bioethics includes being the Chair of the Clinical Ethics Committee at the University of Maryland Medical Center since 1990 and consultant for Research Ethics Committees and Data Safety Monitoring Boards. Currently, he is Program Director of the Middle East Research Ethics Training Initiative (MERETI) since 2005. Dr. Silverman has been involved with qualitative and quantitative research investigating topics in research ethics in the Middle East. He has given presentations and organized workshops in research ethics to international audiences, predominately in the Middle East.



Gregory Larkin, MD MS MSPH MA FACEP,

Serves as an advisor to the CDC/NCIPC (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control), AAAM (Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine), AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention), AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), NIH, NIMH and NINDS (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke). Dr. Larkin is Co-Director of International EM at YSM, Co-Founder of the Global Health Fellowship, and faculty advisor to the Johnson & Johnson Scholars Program as well as to faculty and residents interested in international EM and international Public Health. He is Chair of the International Association for Suicide Prevention's Task Force on Suicide and Emergency Medicine, and current Chair of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine's Public Health Interest Group.

PROGRAM AGENDA:

Friday September 16, 2011

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 - 9:10 AM | Welcome (NON-CME)
Dr. Mohamed Sayegh |
| 9:10-9:15 AM | Introduction
Dr. Thalia Arawi |
| 9:15 - 10:05 AM | Challenges Facing Local Research Ethics Committees in the Arab World
Dr. Henry Silverman |
| 10:05 - 10:10 AM | Questions & Answers |
| 10:10 - 10:25 AM | UNESCO'S activities on Bioethics and Research Ethics in the Arab Region
Ms. Orio Ikebe |
| 10:25 - 10:30 AM | Questions & Answers |
| 10: 30 - 11:00 AM | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 - 11:50 AM | Conflicts of Interest and Codes of Research Conduct: Virtues & Vices in the Conduct of Human Subjects Research
Dr. Gregory Larkin |
| 11:50 AM - 12:00 PM | Questions & Answers |
| 12:00 - 12:30 PM | Perspectives of investigators and patients regarding research ethics
Dr. Henry Silverman |
| 12:30 - 1:00 PM | Panel discussion
Dr. Henry Silverman, Dr. Gregory Larkin & Dr. Thalia Arawi |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Lunch Break |

2:00 - 4:00 PM Abstract Presentations

4:00 - 4:15 PM Coffee Break

4:15 - 5:30 PM Panel Discussion

Dr. Henry Silverman, Dr. Gregory Larkin & Dr. Thalia Arawi

Saturday September 17, 2011

9:00 - 9:30 AM Issues involved with International Clinical Trials

Dr. Henry Silverman

9:30 - 10:15 AM Panel Discussion

Dr. Henry Silverman, Dr. Gregory Larkin & Dr. Thalia Arawi

10:15 - 10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Workshop: Voluntary Informed Consent in the Conduct of Acute Care Research: Micro, Meso, and Macro Level Challenges

Dr. Gregory Larkin

12:30 - 1:00 PM Questions and Answers

1:00 - 2:30 PM Lunch Break

2:30 - 4:00 PM Arab Biomedical Ethics Society- Update

Dr. Thalia Arawi

Contact Information

For more information about this course, please contact:

Continuing Medical Education Office
American University of Beirut
P.O. Box 11-236 Riad El Solh

Beirut 1107 2020
Lebanon
Tel: +961-1-350 000 ext 4717/8
Fax: +961-1-744 467
Email: cme@aub.edu.lb
Web: <http://cme.aub.edu.lb>