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

In collaboration with the Nuffield Council on Bioethics-UK

and joint sponsorship with Cleveland Clinic

presents its 6th regional conference

Research in Developing Countries

Sunday May 25 – Monday May 26, 2014

The Arab Organizations Headquarters Building, Kuwait

(Headquarters of The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development)
Announcement

GENERAL INFORMATION
Program Overview
This activity is the 6th Regional Conference held by the Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine. It aims at bringing together all those concerned (including physicians, researchers, scientists, those concerned with the ethical review of research, policymakers, and research promoters/funders) to explore how ethical research can be promoted in developing countries.

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

- Examine how research priorities are set – and how high priority research can be encouraged
- Recognize the role of pharmaceutical companies
- Discuss the ‘exporting’ of research from developed to developing countries
- Discuss post-trial access to medicines
- Describe how the views of research participants can be better heard
- Plan support for the ethical review of research
- Establish Institutional Review Board’s responsibilities of researchers (clinicians and scientists)
- Formulate ethical reflection into scientific practice

Target Audience
This annual scientific meeting has been designed for physicians, researchers, scientists, those concerned with the ethical review of research, policymakers, and research promoters/funders.

Accreditation
This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

Faculty Disclosure Statement
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
There will be no registration fee for this conference. However, reservation and pre-registration are required. Kindly send an email to ba45@aub.edu.lb to reserve a seat.

Registration will include syllabus, coffee breaks and lunches.

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Featured International Speakers:

Howard Brody received his MD Degree from the College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University in 1976, and his PhD in Philosophy, also from Michigan State University, in 1977. He completed his residency in family practice at the University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville. Currently he is Director of the Institute for the Medical Humanities and John P. McGovern Centennial Chair in Family Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He is the author of eight books, including The Future of Bioethics (Oxford University Press, 2009) and Hooked: Ethics, the Medical Profession, and the Pharmaceutical Industry (Rowman and Littlefield, 2007), as well as more than 125 articles on medical ethics, family medicine, and philosophy of medicine. In 1995, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities in 2009.

Katharine Wright is Assistant Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, currently leading a project on the ethical issues arising out of the involvement of children in clinical research. Her background is in health policy, law and ethics: before taking up her current post, she spent 9 years at the UK House of Commons, briefing MPs of all political parties on health issues, and then four years in the NHS, monitoring the effect of the Human Rights Act on health law in England. During this time she was also seconded to the English Department of Health to work on patient consent. Her work at the Nuffield Council has included consideration of ethical issues arising in dementia; in the donation of all forms of bodily material for treatment or research; and the sharing of information in the context of people born as a result of the donation of gametes and embryos.
Hugh Whittall studied Philosophy and Politics in the early 1980s, and has since worked in policy roles, mostly in areas where developments in health and science can give rise to social and ethical concerns. He became Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics in February 2007, since which time the Council has published reports on issues including public health, dementia, human bodies in treatment and research, and emerging biotechnologies.

Before joining the Nuffield Council, Hugh was at the Department of Health, where he was involved with the preparation and passage of the Human Tissue Act 2004, and the setting up of the Human Tissue Authority. He was also involved in end-of-life issues and transplantation policy, having initiated the Organ Donation Task Force which reported to Ministers with recommendations on how to improve organ donation rates.

Prior to that Hugh spent three years at the European Commission in Brussels, where he was involved in the funding and promotion of bioethics research, and was for seven years Deputy Chief Executive of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, responsible for licensing, policy and communications.
PROGRAM:

Sunday May 25, 2014

08:30am – 09:00am  Registration

09:00am – 09:10am  Opening Words
HE Dr. Abdalatif Al-Hamad, Director General / Chairman of the board of Directors of The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development

09:10am – 09:15am  Word of HE Dr. Salim El-Hoss delivered by Mrs. Wadad El-Hoss

09:15am – 09:20am  Opening Words
Professor Abdalatif Ahmad Al-Bader, Dean of Kuwait University

09:20am – 9:30am  Welcome and Introduction
Dr. Thalia Arawi

09:30am – 10:25am  Research and the pharmaceutical industry
Dr. Howard Brody

10:25am – 10:30am  Questions & Answers

10:30am – 11:25am  Research in developing countries: what are the ethical issues?
Mr. Hugh Whittall

11:25am – 11:30am  Questions & Answers

11:30am – 11:55am  Protection of Human participants in Research: WHO is doing WHAT in Kuwait?
Dr. Manal Bouhaimed

11:55am – 12:00pm  Questions & Answers

12:00pm – 12:25pm  Coffee Break

12:25pm – 12:50pm  Are Western Approaches to Research, Diagnosis, and Treatment Universal? A cross Cultural Perspective
Dr. Naji Abi Hashem

12:50pm – 12:55pm  Questions & Answers

12:55pm – 13:20pm  Arab World Contribution to Biomedical Research
Dr. Waleed Al Faisal
13:20pm – 13:25pm Questions & Answers

13:25pm – 13:50pm Challenges to the Application of Research Ethics: Researchers' Views from Lebanon and Qatar
Dr. Jihad Makhoul

13:50pm – 13:55pm Questions and Answers

13:55pm – 14:20pm Panel Discussion: Dr. Thalia Arawi, Dr. Howard Brody, Mr. Hugh Whittall and Ms. Katharine Wright

14:20pm Lunch

Monday May 26, 2014

09:00am – 09:55am Research in developing countries: the Nuffield report then and now
Ms. Katharine Wright

09:55am – 10:00am Questions and Answers

10:00am – 10:55am Conflict of Interest in developing countries
Dr. Mohamed Salah Ben Ammar

10:55am – 11:00am Questions and Answers

11:00am – 11:30am Coffee Break

11:30am – 11:55am Misconducts...Facts, figures and approach to minimization
Dr. Hamid Hussain

11:55am – 12:00pm Questions and Answers

12:00pm – 12:25pm Highlights on Awareness of Participants Rights in Clinical Research among Saudi Adults
Dr. Mohamad Al-Tannir

12:25pm – 12:30pm Questions and Answers

12:30pm – 12:55pm After Trial, Poor Patients Continued Access to the Drug: A Success Story
Dr. Hany Sleem

12:55pm – 13:00pm Questions and Answers

13:00pm Lunch
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