



FEAMC-AMCI CONGRESS

Rome, 15-18th November 2012

Bioethics and Christian Europe

Europe is in crisis. Financial crisis! But perhaps moral crisis too of a Europe that is not willing to recognize its Christian roots in its basic texts, nor even perhaps the Christianity of its founding fathers : particularly Robert Schumann (whose beatification process is still ongoing), Konrad Adenauer and Alcide de Gasperi (both Catholics believers, and promoters of Christian democracy in their respective countries).

At the heart of this crisis, values recognized as universal and which are the strength of our society are under threat : no respect for the life of the weakest, nor for the meaning of marriage, while the almighty power of money sheds any vestige of respect for Man.

Some of the ethical foundations of our society are so globally challenged that we face the risk of decadence, and so for us as doctors, the field of bioethics must be of special concern.

Our conviction is that, starting precisely from our common Judeo-Christian roots, Europe could join a shared ethical vision, that would bring humanity - created at the image of God - to its fullness.

The choice of different topics covered here was made by the various national associations, and will enable them to best express their dominant preoccupations. May this Congress bring some light to our work in Italy and in the whole of Europe.

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Venue : Aula Magna, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart (near Gemelli Hospital), Rome

Languages : Italian, French, English (*simultaneous translation*)

Full Programme, Registration, Accommodation: See www.amci-feamc2012.org

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Registration, until 30th Sept.: Participant: 250€ / Accompanying person: 120€ - From 1st Oct.: 300€ / 150€

Instructions to Authors

Oral presentations are strictly limited to 20 minutes (discussion after every 3 or 4 papers)

The full texts of presentations (*for the interpreters and the Acta of the Congress*), and of summaries (*max: 250 words - distributed at the Congress*) should be sent before 15th September

Posters are welcome (Size: 100 x 70 cm, horizontally). Texts must be submitted to the Scientific Committee before 1st September 2012.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 15 November

- 09.00 : [FEAMC & AMCI General Assemblies](#) - Break
- [First Session : Christian roots and conception of Bioethics in Europe](#) (Chairmen : *Dr C Mantovani, Dr I Jessiman*)
- 11.00 : Science and Miracles - *Dr A de Franciscis, Italy*
- 11.20 : Secular ethics and Christian ethics - *Prof. F d'Agostino, Italy*
- 11.40 : The dignity of human Life. Prospects in the light of Faith and Science - *Prof J Markeljevic, Croatia*
- 12.00 : The originality of bioethical reflection in Europe - *Dr E Pavesi, Switzerland*
- 12.20 : Discussion - Lunch
- [First Session : 2nd Part](#) (Chairmen : *Dr R Giertler, Prof D Di Virgilio*)
- 14.30 : Faith and Bioethics - *Card. G Versaldi, Italy*
- 14.50 : Biotechnology and Bioethics, as fruits of Christian Europe - *Prof H-B Gerl-Falkovitz & Prof H-B Wuermeling, Germany*
- 15.10 : Fifty years after II Vatican Council : the new evangelization and Medicine - *Prof B Ars, Belgium*
- 15.30 : European institutions and Bioethics - *Mgr J Suaudeau, PAV, France*
- 15.50 : Discussion - End of Session - Break
- 17.00 : [Opening Ceremony](#) conducted by FEAMC & AMCI Presidents. Greetings of the ecclesiastical and political authorities
- 18.00 : *Lectio Magistralis - HE Cardinal D Tettamanzi*
- 19.00 : Holy Mass
- 20.00 : Welcome Cocktail

Friday 16 November

- 08.00 : Holy Mass
- [Second Session : Round table on conscientious objection](#) (Chairmen : *Dr S Ojetti, Dr B Galichon*)
- 09.00 : In Italy - *Dr F Balzaretto, Italy*
- 09.10 : For Pharmacists - *Dr P Uroda, Italy*
- 09.20 : In Scandinavia - *Dr G Grøstad-Johnson, Norway*
- 09.30 : In Portugal - *Dr D Cunha e Sa, Portugal*
- 09.40 : In Spain - *Dr J Buxadé Arribas, Spain*
- 09.50 : In Slovakia - *Dr J Glasa, Slovakia*
- 10.00 : Discussion - End of Session - Break
- [Third Session : General information on Bioethics](#) (Chairmen : *Dr I Luts, Prof A Bova*)
- 11.00 : Ethics of Disaster Medicine - *Pr A Laureano-Santos, Portugal*
- 11.20 : Mass media and bioethics - *Dr G-M Vian, Italy*
- 11.40 : Ethical Aspects of the medical genetic counselling in Ukraine - *Dr N Helner, Ukraine*
- 12.00 : Discussion
- 12.15 : [Testimony](#) - End of Session - Lunch
- [Fourth Session : Problems at the Beginning and the End of Life](#) (Chairmen : *Prof A Novarini, Dr A Greziak*)
- 14.30 : The challenge to life born on the limits of survival - *Prof. Filippo Boscia, Italy*

- 14.50 : From clinical diagnosis to predictive medicine - *Prof. B Dalla Piccola, Italy*
- 15.10 : Ethical Considerations in the provision of hydration and nutrition - *Dr P Howard, UK*
- 15.30 : Prenatal euthanasia - *Pr N Aberle, Croatia*
- 15.50 : Discussion - Break
- [Fourth Session : 2nd Part](#) (Chairmen : *Pr J Marek, Prof F Splendori*)
- 16.30 : Demography of the elderly for the years 2020-2030. What bioethical problems shall we face? - *Prof Christian Brégeon, France*
- 16.50 : End of life legislations in Europe - *Prof Y-M Doublet, France*
- 17.10 : Laws permitting euthanasia in Europe, and their drifts. Prevention of euthanasia - *Dr H Stevens, Netherlands*
- 17.30 : Discussion
- 17.45 : [Testimony](#) - End of Session
- Concert

Saturday 17 November

- 08.00 : Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica celebrated by *H.E. Msgr. Z Zymowski, President of the Council for Health Pastoral Care*
- 11.00 : [Audience with the Holy Father](#) (for Congress participants and accompanying persons)
- 12.30 : Lunch, up to the participants
- [Fifth Session : For an equitable division of resources for health](#) (Chairmen : *Prof F Galluppi, Dr N Waldis*)
- 14.30 : For a health care culture at the service of the person - *Don A Manto, Italy*
- 14.50 : Ethical implications in the globalization process - *Prof. V Saraceni, Italy*
- 15.10 : Poverty in a rich country - How to give equitable medical care? - *Pr K Baumann, Germany*
- 15.30 : Solidarity and Medical Ethics - *Dr G Fejerdy, Hungary*
- 15.50 : Discussion - End of Session - Break
- [Sixth Session : Miscellaneous items](#) (Chairmen : *Dr F Garcia-Faria-Rialp, Prof F Santeusanio*)
- 16.30 : Post-humanism, cyborgs and personalistic bioethics - *Pr J Dacok, sj, Slovakia*
- 16.50 : Ethical guidelines in clinical trials - *Dr A Anzani, Italy*
- 17.10 : The doctor-patient relationship in our post-modern society : challenges and solutions - *Dr J Sanz-Latiasas, Spain*
- 17.30 : The neurobiology of consciousness - *Dr M Gandolfini, Italy*
- 17.50 : Discussion - End of Session
- Gala dinner

Sunday 18 November

- [Solemn Mass](#) chaired by HE Cardinal T Bertone, Secretary of State
- Closing speech, and cocktail
- Departures