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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bernard Keating 2004-2005

Will we see you in Halifax?

For many years now, I have not wanted to miss the Canadian Bioethics Society's annual conference. To be quite honest, the theme is never my principal motivator to attend; some years it appeals to me, and others it doesn't. Nevertheless, I've always played along, and each time I've been pleasantly surprised to find myself interested in certain themes that had not caught my attention at the start. What actually motivates me to come is meeting people and having discussions inspired by presentations that challenge my thinking or that offer new perspectives.

From a francophone Quebec perspective, the originality of Canadian culture compared to that of our southern neighbours, isn't always obvious. The practice of bioethics however is enough to

convince us of its importance. I'm referring particularly to solidarity, which in some ways represents the key to the Canadian health system. As Canadians, we believe that risks taken in the area of health are a collective responsibility and that access to health services is a right guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms...

Seen from this perspective, Quebecers and other Canadians may have more in common than they are led to believe! However, no one would dare deny the differences. The most obvious, of course, is the linguistic difference since French is the mother tongue of most Quebecers. But this is only one of many differences. Quebecers who practice bioethics are inspired from two worlds: those of Anglo-Saxon culture and of Francophone culture. Those two worlds are comprised of many

intellectual traditions and this diversity is one element explaining the complexity of bioethics debates.

To the mix of intellectual and ethical traditions, we must in my opinion, add two other elements absolutely essential to bioethics: an interdisciplinary approach and

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a respect for cultural pluralism. These elements are highly destabilising, they force us to move beyond the comfort of family discussions: whether it be among physicians, legal officers, philosophers...or among Canadians, Swiss or North Africans... The tendency to focus on our own discipline and culture and this can be observed in the literature. Take a look at a recent article on ethics and ask yourself if the author mentions sources outside his own disciplinary field or culture.

Ill will? Absolutely not! Ignorance or lack of awareness of the impact? More likely.

Will you be wearing headsets?

With the Halifax convention a few days away, I share with you a concern that I have had for a number of years. It has to do with the real bilingualism of our conferences. I'm aware of the danger of openly asking a question that could be considered "political", in the least flattering sense. Nevertheless, for me it is first and foremost, an ethical question!

Bilingualism is an ethical question because it deals with the recognition and the respect of someone else's identity. It requires an effort. We agree to it, gambling that the exchange, now possible, will be enriching and meaningful. We all know from experience in ethics that broadening the conversation allows creativity to be part of the research for what is fair and good. The inclusion or the exclusion of conversation shows interest, indifference, or worst disregard: "They don't deserve to be part of the conversation!"

Some of you might remember that, a few years ago, I had asked a question in French to an English speaker during a plenary session which was being simultaneously translated at great cost. It was, I must admit, a provocation! I voluntarily violated the implied rule that it was not appropriate to express myself in French. You probably think that this implied rule is coming straight from my disillusioned mind? The message is clear, however, by the fact that the great majority of unilingual Anglophones don't sport the simultaneous translation headset, whether they are in attendance or at the podium; French interventions are not expected...

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This plenary session was not an isolated case; it was preceded by French workshops where simultaneous translation is useless given the linguistic barrier. There are only a few brave souls, who take on the challenge to listen to the translated, but monotone, version of an apparently fascinating presentation in its original language. The result is that my young francophone Quebecer colleagues present their work to their francophone Quebecers peers! Is this what they were really looking for in joining the CBS?

These comments do not come from bitterness but from a different view of ethics along with a preoccupation regarding the presence of francophones in CBS. I sincerely believe in the virtues of a broadened dialog. It is because of this invaluable contact with colleagues of other regions of the country that I am loyal to this society.

Bernard Keating Ph.D.

Mark Your Calendar

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15th Annual Provincial Hospice Palliative Care Conference

September 22 & 23, 2005

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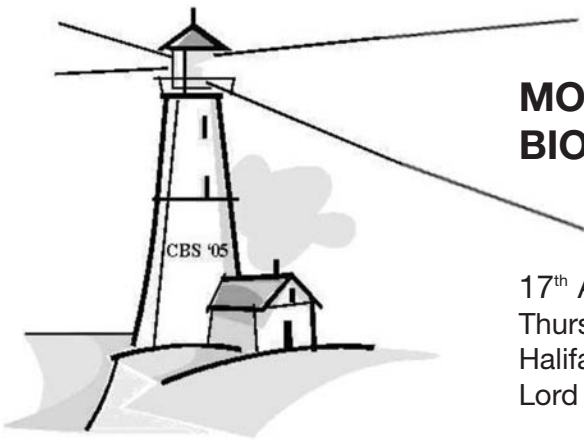
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Dr. Alan Wolfelt, Dr. Nuala Kenny and Rev. Stan McKay.

For further information visit our web site

www.manitobahospice.mb.ca

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17th Annual CANADIAN BIOETHICS SOCIETY CONFERENCE
Thursday - Sunday October 20-23, 2005
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Lord Nelson Hotel

Thursday October 20

Pre-Conferences:

- Controversies in Human Development and Genetic Research Ethics
- Ethics Committees for Health Regions: *Visibility, Vulnerability and Vision*

Thursday October 20

- *Opening Plenary Session: \$\$\$ and Health* looks at issues of resource allocation and priority setting by government, institutions and practitioners.
Hon. Roy Romanow: *"Medicare at the Crossroads"*
- *Welcome Reception & Registration*
Featuring Dalhousie University's Music in Medicine Program

Friday October 21

- *AM Plenary Session: \$\$\$ and Research* assesses the multiple ways in which money influences the research agenda with attention to fairness in the distribution of the burdens and benefits.
Dr. David Healy: *"Money is not the Root of All Evil"*
- *PM Plenary Session: \$\$\$ and the World* focuses on health needs in developing countries and issues of global social justice.
Dr. Peter Singer: *"Harnessing Emerging Technologies for Global Health Equity"*
Dr. James Dwyer: *"Health Prospects in Developing Countries: Why Justice is Key"*

Saturday October 22

- *Plenary Sessions: \$\$\$ and Bioethics* considers the often neglected relationship between individual bioethicists and/or bioethics centres, and those who fund their endeavours.
Prof. Jocelyn Downie: *"Glass Houses: Money and Us"*
Prof. Daniel Weinstock: *"L'argent corrompt-il l'éthique? Une proposition"*
- *Supper and Social: "A Ceilidh on the Harbour"*
Come and celebrate with old friends and new as CBS takes over Murphy's on the Water

Sunday October 23

- *Closing Town Hall: \$\$\$ and Drugs* asks how industry money affects the health research agenda and the institutions in which we work as bioethicists
Prof. Carl Elliott, Prof. Janice Graham, Ms. Ann Silversides and Prof. Ingrid Sketris
Moderator: Costas Halavrezos, CBC Maritime Noon

For registration information please consult the CBS website: www.bioethics.ca

Engaging Voices: PRE's Principled Approach to Evolving and Improving the TCPS

In late 2001, CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC¹ formed a new entity to provide them with independent, interdisciplinary advice on the evolution, interpretation and use of the TCPS, their joint research ethics policy statement. They created the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE) whose 12 members have expertise in areas as diverse as psychology, medicine, law and ethics, aboriginal studies, political science, engineering, sociology, anthropology, research administration and community relations.

The original five-year term of PRE was recently extended to 2009. In April 2005, after having successfully led PRE through its foundational phase, PRE's inaugural Chair Howard Brunt handed over the leadership to Bruce Clayman, also a founding member of PRE, who promises to build on his predecessor's work.

"Strong principles are enduring," said Bruce Clayman, "Howard Brunt and the other original members of PRE developed a clear set of first principles to guide our process and approach to delivering the mandate given to us by the Agencies. They will continue to be among PRE's most valued assets throughout my term as Chair."

PRE's 1st principles guiding its action are:

- evolving the TCPS in a deliberative, open, consultative manner;
- respecting the diversity of research approaches;
- maintaining a multidisciplinary and inclusive voice on health, engineering, natural and social sciences and humanities research ethics;
- working with regional, national and international models, and
- seeking collaborative partnerships

These principles helped to inform development of one of PRE's early position papers, *Process and Principles for Developing a Canadian Governance System for the Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans* (2002)².

"Translating our first principles into action has resulted in a dynamic policy development cycle that PRE and its interdisciplinary working committees have embraced," said Derek Jones, Executive Director of the Interagency Secretariat on Research Ethics, which supports the Panel. "First, issues are identified and prioritized. The project is then designed, with goals, partners and initial research framed. Project design advances to substantive research and analysis to identify policy options before initial working recommendations are drafted. Working recommendations benefit from internal, technical and public consultations, forming the basis for revisions and final recommendations to the Agencies. Implementation and evaluation then follow."

What does this mean for the Canadian research ethics communities? As part of basic democratic process values, it means that their diverse voices, views and expertise are afforded opportunities to help evolve ethical guidelines for research involving humans. PRE, for instance, has engaged the community in identifying and prioritizing a working list of leading definitional and procedural issues for potential reform in the TCPS. Feedback from the social sciences and humanities community has indicated that the TCPS may be improved to address differing research methods and paradigms. The consultation report on those issues, *Giving Voice to the Spectrum*,³ will inform PRE's recommendations in this area.

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*Bruce Clayman
Chair, PRE*



Ethics Policy Development Cycle

1. *Issue Identification & Prioritization*
2. *Project Design: Goals, Partners & Initial Research*
3. *Research, Analysis & Development of Policy Options*
4. *Draft Working Recommendations*
5. *Consultations: Internal, Technical, Public*
6. *Revisions & Final Recommendations*
7. *Implementation & Evaluation*

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Beyond identifying potential reforms for the TCPS, community engagement has identified needs for better understanding and use of the TCPS. To respond to basic TCPS education needs, for instance, PRE developed an online, self-administered tutorial.⁴ It serves the needs of members of Research Ethics Boards, researchers, administrators and students. The community also faces occasional challenges in interpreting specific issues, articles or sections of the TCPS. To help, a compilation of PRE's advisory responses to community requests for interpretation⁵ was recently made available online.

Other projects currently in progress include analyses of proportionate ethics review, sharing of information on clinical trials, Aboriginal ethics norms, ethics review exemptions, multi-centred ethics review, and ethics issues in emergent research design. PRE is also identifying other emerging issues for potential inclusion in future work plans.

For further information about PRE or for copies of its publications, please visit PRE online at www.pre.ethics.gc.ca, or contact the Secretariat's communications officer, Michèle Bourgeois-Doyle at (613) 996-2569; michele.bourgeois-doyle@pre.ethics.gc.ca.

References

1. Acronyms referenced in this article are as follows: CIHR: Canadian Institutes of Health Research; NSERC: National Sciences and Engineering Research Council; SSHRC: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council; TCPS: *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans*; PRE: Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics.
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Canada Research Chair in Health Ethics Research The University of Western Ontario



The University of Western Ontario, one of Canada's leading research-intensive universities, requests applicants for a prestigious Canada Research Chair Tier 2 in Bioethics. To position itself as a world leader in bioethics, Western seeks to build on existing excellences, particularly in reproductive ethics, mental health ethics, research ethics and methodological approaches to bioethics. Although a track record in an area of research that complements one or more of these areas would be an asset, all candidates who have a strong publication record, and have a demonstrated ability to attract independent research funds will be considered. All candidates must have completed doctoral training or professional equivalent in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Medicine, Nursing or other health science.

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The successful candidate will be expected to pursue his or her own independent programs in bioethics research as well as participate in graduate level teaching. Participation in other education initiatives, such as the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry's Medical Ethics and Humanities Program, will be welcomed, but is not a major component of this Canada Research Chair.

With a full-time enrollment of about 32,000, The University of Western Ontario graduates students from a full range of academic and professional programs. The university campus is located in London, a city of 340,000, located midway between Toronto and Detroit. With parks, tree-lined streets and bicycle trails, London is known as the "Forest City". London boasts an international airport, art museums, theatre, music and sport-related recreational activities expected of a larger center (see <http://www.goodmovelondon.com>).

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The University of Western Ontario, Room HSA 111, London, Ontario N6A 5C1

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Applicants should have fluent writing and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

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The DVD/video also includes a 30 page Facilitator's Guide that includes background information, bibliography, lesson plans, learning activities and strategies for use in a wide variety of workshop and other learning situations.

The Expert Panel includes:

David Kuhl, MD, PhD – a physician involved in providing care for persons at the end of life for many years who has recently published a book – “What Dying People Want” – presenting his research into the topic of death and dying.

Paddy Rodney, RN, MSN, PhD – a nurse ethicist who is an Associate Professor at the University of Victoria School of Nursing and who is affiliated with Providence Health Care Ethics Services as well as the W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics at UBC.

Harvey Bosma, MSW – a clinical social worker who works on a 12 bed Palliative Care Unit at St. Paul's Hospital, an inner city hospital in Vancouver. Harvey works with an interdisciplinary team that provides palliative care to a diverse population dealing with a wide range of terminal illnesses.

Culleen Bryant, M.Div, D.Min. – is a pastoral care worker and teaching chaplain who practises at Providence Health Care in Vancouver.

Bashir Jiwani, MA – a clinical ethicist with Providence Health Care and a Special Projects Consultant with the Provincial Health Ethics Network of Alberta.

The video builds on two dramatic healthcare professional/patient meetings where grave news is given – a family physician meeting with a long-time patient and a meeting between the health care team and the family of a dying person.

After each meeting an expert panel discusses how these meetings went and what can be learned from them. And for workshop presenters the video is divided into sections to facilitate its use in workshops.



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REPORT OF THE CBS DELEGATE TO THE CANADIAN COUNCIL ON ANIMAL CARE

*Eike-Henner W. Kluge
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The Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) is the federal body charged with developing guidelines for the ethical treatment of animals in Canadian research, and with developing and administering an inspection programme to oversee the implementation of these guidelines. CCAC is funded jointly by NSERC and CIHR. While the guidelines that CCAC develops have no direct legal standing, they are quasi-legal in nature and constitute the basic standards against which all animal-related research in Canada is measured. Moreover, an institution's failure to follow the guidelines may result in public funds being withheld from its research programmes.

CCAC has representation from the following organizations: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Association of Faculties of Dentistry, Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, Canadian Animal Health Institute, Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Medicine, Canadian Bioethics Society, Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canadian Society of Zoologists, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Department of National Defence.

I was appointed as the CBS representative to CCAC in the Fall of 2004 for a three-year term to succeed Dr. M. McDonald, and have had the privilege of continuing the work that he has done on behalf of the CBS over the last three years. This is the first of my annual reports on the activities of CCAC.

The Council has a permanent secretariat with its seat in Ottawa, and a staff of fulltime inspectors who make site-visits to Canadian establishments that use animals in their research, in order to determine whether these establishments meet CCAC guidelines and standards. The Council does its work through regular face-to-face meetings in Ottawa, generally twice a year, and through the work of its various committees and subcommittees whose specific charge is to develop guidelines that then are brought to the Council for approval and ratification. The Council, its committees and its subcommittees are supported by the secretariat and by a research fellow,

who prepare background material and assist in the production of draft documents that are circulated electronically for comment and analysis prior to face-to-face meetings. The committees and subcommittees may meet more than twice a year if this is indicated. Prior to approval and ratification, proposed standards and guidelines are generally distributed on a national and international basis for consideration and comment. The Canadian Bioethics Society is the only member whose central professional focus is ethics, and as such it fulfils an important role in allowing CCAC to achieve its mandate

Over the past year, CCAC has undergone a Performance Review by CIHR and NSERC, who were assisted by two international advisors (Dr Jon Richmond of the UK Home Office, and by Dr John Miller of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International), two Canadian scientists (Drs David Fraser and Edwin Kroeger), and two veterinarians (Drs Denna Benn and Stéphane Goulet). The review has been positive, and CCAC has received renewed funding.

With respect to the development of guidelines, the Council has worked on revising the final draft of its *guidelines on: the care and use of fishes in research, teaching and testing*, and has produced a second draft of the *guidelines on: the care and maintenance of marine mammals* for widespread review. Further work by the Council includes a first draft of *guidelines on: the care and use of farm animals in research, teaching and testing* (which is currently undergoing editing for peer review); and a first draft of the *guidelines on: procurement of animals used in science* (which has been circulated to a group of 24 experts for peer review). Of particular note is a discussion paper entitled *Wellness Assessment of Genetically Modified Animals* (prepared by a research fellow of the CCAC) which has been reviewed by the subcommittee on biotechnology as background material for the development of new guidelines. Close attention has focused on the notions of species telos, animal integrity, and species boundaries and their relevance in this regard. The work of the subcommittee is currently being collated, and it is expected that the preparation of a draft for presentation to Council will begin in the Fall of this year. The CCAC

also finalized and published *guidelines on: the care and use of wildlife* (available in English and French).

In conducting its work, CCAC has been especially mindful of the universal applicability, harmonization and recognition of CCAC standards within the Canadian research setting, and particular attention has been paid to the new *Alberta Animal Protection Act*. Moreover, CCAC officers have held meetings with federal science-based departments and with disease-specific professional societies in Canada in order to explore the possibility that host institutions must hold a CCAC Certificate of Good Animal Practice (GAP) as a mandatory requirement for operation and funding. CCAC has also been represented at the international level at the Fifth World Congress on Alternatives and

Animal Use in the Life Sciences (WC5) and the US National Academy of Science ILAR International Workshop on Science-Based Guidelines.

As the CBS, delegate I look forward to continued and productive work with other members of CCAC to ensure that Canadian guidelines for the treatment of animals in research are as ethical as they can be, and that material and pragmatic considerations will not overrule fundamental ethical principles insofar as these extend to non-human animals.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eike-Henner W. Kluge
University of Victoria*

CBS Representatives on National Committees

In addition to Dr. Kluge, the CBS has representatives on three committees convened by Health Canada:

Gordon DuVal: Scientific Advisory Committee on Neurological Therapies (SAC-NT)

Segun Famure: Scientific Advisory Committee on Metabolic and Endocrine Therapies (SAC-MET)

Stacey Page (ad hoc member): Expert Advisory Committee on Marijuana for Medical Purposes (EAC-MMP)

From the Nominations Committee

Executive Committee Candidate for 2005-2006

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Patricia (Paddy) Rodney, RN, MSN, PhD, is an Associate Professor with the University of Victoria School of Nursing (located on the Lower Mainland Campus). She is a Faculty Associate with the Mary and Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics at UBC, a Research Associate with Providence Health Care Ethics Services, and Chair of the Canadian Nurses Association Ethics Committee. She is currently a member of the ethics committee at BC Women's Hospital and a past member of the ethics committee at St. Paul's Hospital, both in Vancouver, BC. Paddy's research and publications focus on end-of-life decision-making and the culture of health care delivery. She has a particular interest in nurses' moral agency and the difficulties that nurses and other health care professionals experience in the current moral climate of health care delivery.

Vacant Position: EASTERN MEMBER-AT LARGE



CBS STUDENT UPDATE – May 2005

By Shannon Madden

Spring Greetings! The student body continues to flourish with activity. Since my last update in January, my own life has been a flurry of activity too, as I welcomed a new baby boy into the world. Aidan James Madden born April 22, 2005. Thanks to the great team of student reps and the conference planning team – business with the CBS/SCB students is still running smoothly.

The **17th Annual conference** is fast approaching. This year promises to be another huge success. In Halifax, Catherine MacPhearson, Ryan Melnychuk and their phenomenal team have been working hard to plan and organize this year’s events. I would like to encourage all students to attend the conference. Our annual conference provides a forum for social interaction and learning as well as an opportunity to present and discuss ongoing research. Even if you are not presenting work, the conference provides invaluable networking opportunities and the chance to see what is going on across the nation in bioethics.

This year’s abstract competition is underway with over 30 submissions; this is an increase from last year’s 24, and the 17 submissions in 2003. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$750 as well as the opportunity to present their work at the conference. Stay tuned; winners will be notified by email and announced in the next newsletter.

New to the conference this year will be an informal meet & greet on the Thursday evening. We will also

have the annual student business meeting and our enjoyable student social event! There will be more details regarding these and other conference events in the months to come! We will also be sending more information soon regarding local hotels and hostels. Students receive a discounted rate to attend the conference – don’t forget to register early! Please email me or Catherine (Catherine.MacPherson@dal.ca) if you have any questions!

As the summer begins, work continues for CBS/SCB students! Currently, Marie-Eve Bouthillier and I are working to create a functional and useful student website. If you have any ideas as to what you would like to see on that website – let me know! The site is up and running now, but pretty bare! Keep checking for updates. As well, the executive is still working out the details of the AMS studentship. This award competition provides funding for summer work in bioethics and this coming year will be administered by CBS/SBC. And lastly, I am still working hard to keep bioethics students across Canada connected. Our student reps are one outlet of this – and it is my hope to continue to create more links in the upcoming months with the various student bioethics groups across the country.

Good luck to all of you as this academic year winds down. I look forward to seeing you in the fall in Halifax! As usual, please contact me at any time!

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CBS HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

Since February 2005, web surfers have probably noticed that the CBS website has been revamped*. The new Website was completely remodeled in order to give CBS members a useful communication tool.

The main objective of the website is not only to inform members about activities and the mission of the CBS, but also to offer a greater visibility of the CBS to anyone showing any degree of interest in bioethics. The executive committee did not want to develop a site with original content, but rather direct people to relevant resources for their research and questions.

The website allows the user to find information about the CBS, such as its history, constitution, executive committee and how to join. All newsletters and publications produced by the CBS are accessible, as are current projects, for example working conditions of bioethicists and surveys on Canadian bioethics centers. Important aspects of the site are still under development, such as the CBS student page which will contain information about student matters. A section containing useful hyperlinks will also be added shortly. For now, the most active page of the site is by all means the one

containing announcements. Information concerning conferences, call for abstracts, job offers, recent publications (books, official documents), bursaries and other bioethics related subjects are displayed on that page. Don't miss it!

Built this way, the site is an open window on the CBS. Therefore, it is important to well represent the members' preoccupations and to keep them interested. Over the next few years, the site will evolve to better serve the members' needs. This is why I ask you to send me all information, suggestions and ideas that could help improve the Website.

In conclusion, on behalf of all the CBS members, I would like to thank Chris MacDonald, who maintained the old site for many years, for his great work. Thank you!

Marie-Eve Bouthillier

Send your ideas to m-eve.bouthillier@sympatico.ca

*The Website's design was developed by Pier-Luk Bouthillier, a young computer graphics designer from Montreal. He is also in charge of regular updates.

PHEN – Bioethics Centre Directory

The Provincial Health Ethics Network (PHEN) of Alberta has recently compiled what may be the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of bioethics centres and organizations in the world. The listing includes descriptions, contact information and website links for hundreds of organizations in over 50 countries.

*It is available on PHEN's website
at*

www.phen.ab.ca/biocentres/



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The University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics (JCB) invites applications for eight (8) paid Clinical Ethics Fellowships starting in September 2005.

The fellows will spend one year assisting with clinical and organizational ethics activities (case consultation, policy development, teaching, research, organizational/clinical ethics program initiatives) in the JCB-affiliated health care organisations. Through the JCB, fellows will have numerous opportunities for multi-disciplinary ethics networking, educational opportunities, and access to a wide range of clinical ethics and organisational ethics expertise in a variety of health care settings.

The ideal candidates will hold a graduate degree in bioethics or have a professional degree with significant bioethics training, and will have had some previous experience in clinical ethics, including consultation and teaching. Applicants will be ranked based on four criteria: 1) previous training in bioethics, 2) experience in a clinical setting (preferably in clinical ethics), 3) commitment to a future in clinical ethics, and 4) interpersonal skills.

Graduate students must have completed their degree by start of fellowship. If currently enrolled in a degree program, students must have their supervisor send a letter confirming their graduation before start of the fellowship. The stipend for this fellowship is CAD \$38,000/year.

Please send: a) a curriculum vitae, b) a letter of intent describing your interest in clinical ethics and in this fellowship and explaining why your experience prepares you for the fellowship, and c) three letters of reference, to:

Administrative Assistant for Sue MacRae
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The selection committee will accept applications until March 1, 2006

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A partnership among the University of Toronto; Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Centre for Clinical Ethics of Providence Centre, St. Joseph's Health Centre, and St. Michael's Hospital; The Hospital for Sick Children; Mount Sinai Hospital; Toronto East General Hospital, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre; Toronto Rehabilitation Institute; and University Health Network.

GRADUATE STUDY IN BIOETHICS UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

We invite you to consider graduate studies in bioethics at the
University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.

Collaborative Program in Bioethics (CPB)

The vision of the Collaborative Program in Bioethics is to strengthen capacity in interdisciplinary bioethics research. The CPB is a research-stream (master's and doctoral) program; students must apply and be admitted to one of the following collaborating units before being admitted to the CPB: Health Policy, Management and Evaluation; Law; Medical Science; Nursing; Philosophy; Public Health Sciences; and Religion. A thesis is normally required for completion of programs in these units. The deadline for applications to the CPB is March 31st. As part of the CPB, all students complete courses in bioethics. For further information, please visit www.utoronto.ca/jcb > Education > Graduate Education > Collaborative Program.

MHSc in Bioethics

The vision of this professional MHSc in Bioethics is to develop capacity in bioethics education and clinical activities. This professional Masters Program enrolls practising health professionals through the Institute of Medical Science. It is a course-only program delivered on a modular basis in 20 two-day sessions over a two-year period, plus a practicum. It does not require a thesis. For further information, please visit www.utoronto.ca/jcb > Education > Graduate Education > MHSc in Bioethics. Deadline for applications is February 15th.

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Canadian Bioethics Society 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING

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ABBYANN D. LYNCH MEDAL IN BIOETHICS

Call for Nominations

The Abbyann D. Lynch Medal in Bioethics was established by the Royal Society of Canada and Associated Medical Services, Incorporated.

Its purpose is to raise the profile of ethics in medicine and science by honouring leading Canadian exponents in these fields and bring recognition to their work.

The medal is awarded for a major contribution in bioethics by a Canadian. The contribution may be a book, a report, a scholarly article, a monograph or series of articles, which will normally be published in the 2 years preceding the nomination.

The award consists of a bronze medal and a cash award of \$2,000.

Individuals and organizations who wish to nominate for this award are invited to visit www.rsc.ca or contact the Awards Coordinator at:

The Royal Society of Canada
283 Sparks Street, Ottawa ON K1R 7X9
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Nominations should be received by December 1, 2005.



*The award was created to honour
bioethicist and Past President of AMS,
Professor Abbyann D. Lynch, CM, PhD,
for her substantial achievements and support
of biomedical ethics in Canada.*



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Dalhousie University
Department of Bioethics
Faculty of Medicine
Academic Position (CAPR or Tenure Stream)

The Department of Bioethics is seeking a faculty member for a 0.5-1.0 FTE Academic Position. It is anticipated that the individual in this position will provide leadership in, and have a major focus in the development and coordination of educational programs in bioethics. Particular emphasis will be on ethics education in undergraduate and postgraduate medicine. Opportunities for creative educational approaches also exist as part of the department's ethics collaborations with the IWK Health Centre and Capital Health, and as part of the Faculty's growing interest in interprofessional education. This individual will be expected to contribute to all aspects of the Mission and Mandate of the department. Applicants must have a minimum of a PhD (tenure stream) or an MD with a graduate degree in a discipline related to bioethics and additional training and experience in bioethics (Continuing Appointment with Periodic Review, CAPR). A background in health care and/or education is an asset. Salary will be commensurate with qualification and experience.

Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, teaching dossier, a writing sample and the names and contact information for 3 references to:

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Dalhousie University
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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 4H7
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Applications should be received by **October 31, 2005** and will be considered until the position is filled.
Start date January 1, 2006 or July 1, 2006.

"All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Dalhousie University is an Employment Equity/Affirmative Action employer. The University encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons and women."

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