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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### Bernard Keating 2005-2007

#### A report to read and discuss

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) published the findings of an external review undertaken on its first five years of activity<sup>1</sup>. This review, undertaken at the CIHR's own initiative, is the work of a committee of 27 members (the International Review Panel – IRP), including some of the most prominent scientists and health care professionals in the world.

The committee members examined reviews of each of the 13 Institutes of the CIHR. They also consulted the results of a study conducted among funded and non-funded researchers,

as well as 270 documents from all over Canada.

The importance of ethics could not be left aside during such an exercise since it is stated twice in the mission given to the CIHR by Parliament. In fact, the latter expects the Institutes to excel by “promoting, assisting and undertaking research that **meets the highest international scientific standards of excellence and ethics**” and by “**fostering the discussion of ethical issues and the application of ethical principles to health research**”.

Stated in the heart of the CIHR's mission, the ethical dimension of the mission has

also been the subject of rigorous reviews. The committee feels that there are wonderful opportunities that represent potential areas of developmental focus for Canadian bioethics:

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/documents/irp\\_2000-2005\\_e.pdf](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/documents/irp_2000-2005_e.pdf)

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- **To position Canada as an international leader in all aspects of ethics in health research**, including best practices, innovative mechanisms for oversight, governance, review and related policy topics.
- **To become an international laboratory for developing effective methods for integrating ethics, science and policy.**
- To support innovative ways of **integrating ethics into all aspects of CIHR activities** (i.e., within/ across Institutes; from CIHR central to Institutes; and from CIHR to external partners and collaborators).
- **To develop ethics capacity in young Canadian researchers** in a way that includes broadening the field of scope beyond ethics and law to include **other areas/disciplines.**

From my standpoint, the avenues which the International Review Panel believes are important and opened for exploration don't only call out to the CIHR, but to the whole Canadian bioethics community. This is an invitation to raise the bar, though some may say too high! I think this represents recognition of the quality of work done in Canada, and an invitation to continue in this well-established direction.

This report is absolutely correct. The CBS is launching a review process that should help us develop a detailed vision of what we want to become in the next few years. The discussion in this report will fuel our thinking process. I invite you to take a look at the report available on the CIHR Website and to discuss it with your colleagues and students.

Happy reading and discussions!

Bernard Keating Ph.D.

p.s. Your comments are always welcomed in the newsletter!

**18th Canadian Bioethics Society  
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**Preconferences: May 30, 2007**  
**Global Health and Ethics**  
**Pediatric Bioethics**

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# **DEVELOPING THE JOURNAL OF ETHICS IN MENTAL HEALTH: Small Group Thinks Big**

**T**he beginnings of the Journal of Ethics in Mental Health (JEMH) can best be described as modest, but determined and ambitious. In a short period of time, this new initiative in the mental health field has hosted a successful conference, established a prominent international editorial board and will soon publish its first free on-line issue.

As an occupational therapist who has worked in several mental health settings over the last twenty-five years, I repeatedly came across ethical issues that kept me awake at night. I decided to search the internet and library for a journal on ethics related to mental health but found none. I broadened my search finding journals such as the Journal of Clinical Ethics and Canadian Journal of Psychiatry and was surprised to see how little was written on mental health ethics. The ethics journals tended to focus solely on bioethics containing articles on the ethics of organ transplants, cloning, euthanasia, and abortion, but not a great deal on issues concerning clinicians and clients in the mental health field. I came across a few textbooks, but again, the content was not specific to the dilemmas faced in psychiatry. These books touched on patient confidentiality but did not cover the types of issues that I knew people in mental health settings were struggling with.

I decided there was an opportunity to start a journal focusing on ethics and mental health. I approached the CEO of Whitby Mental Health Centre (WMHC), Mr. Ron Ballantyne, to find out if it would be possible to start such a journal. He asked me a few tough ethical questions right away, for example, "Will you take money from pharmaceutical companies to support the journal?" I quickly said "No." He asked me to write up a proposal, which I gave to him in November 2003. "It sounds like a great idea" he said, "one in keeping with the philosophy and values of WMHC. It should be very helpful to the mental health community."

A month later, I heard that WMHC had a new psychiatrist, Dr. John Maher, with extensive training in ethics from the University of Western Ontario. I approached Dr. Maher, who was the psychiatrist for WMHC's ACT Team in Peterborough and he was delighted with the concept of a journal. Next, I approached Michael Bay, a prominent lawyer who established Ontario's Consent and Capacity Board. He was very enthused about this idea, again, confirming for us that this journal did not yet exist.

We began to meet monthly to pursue our goal by adding a few more people to our newly established Editorial Committee. This included Professor Bernard Dickens, from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and two members from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, John Trainor, Director of the Community Support Research Unit and Gail Czukar, a lawyer and Vice President of Policy and Planning. We added more psychiatrists, namely, Dr. Paul Dagg from British Columbia's Interior Health Authority, Dr. Raj Bhatla from the Royal Ottawa Hospital and Dr. Sarah Garside from the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, at McMaster University. Dr. Garside has been paramount in providing a link between JEMH and McMaster University. Our website, [www.jemh.ca](http://www.jemh.ca), is hosted on McMaster University's server and we are extremely grateful for this partnership. Consumer participation is an important component of the journal's structure and are pleased to have Theresa Claxton, Chair of the Ontario Association of Patient Councils, as a member of the Editorial Committee. We are also indebted to Dr. Quentin Rae-Grant who serves as our Senior Advisor.

The three founding members from Whitby Mental Health Centre developed and presented their vision for the journal. The Editorial Committee members fine-tuned the proposal. We wanted a journal that was free from corporate funding, so that we could avoid conflicts of interest that have proven

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problematic for other journals. We also wanted the journal to be accessible to as many people as possible. Hence, we opted for a free, on-line, peer-reviewed journal (open access) that would have no subscription costs.

Our goal was to bring ethical issues in mental health to the forefront so that professionals, clinicians, researchers, consumers and families could turn to the journal to increase their familiarity with and awareness of mental health ethics. We wanted to advance knowledge, so the JEMH Editorial Committee worked hard to acquire a very substantial and expert international Editorial Board.

JEMH hosted its inaugural conference in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, May 26 – 27, 2006.

This event confirmed the value of having a journal that focuses on ethical issues in mental health and demonstrated the importance of bringing experts, practitioners, consumers, family members and others together for networking and dialogue.

We are committed to hosting a conference at least every other year.

As with any new venture, the hardest part is to sustain the energy and time that goes into it. We rely on professionals, front line workers, academics, researchers, consumers and family members to write to us, read our journal and challenge us to produce a good product that will help us all.

Although JEMH is a peer-reviewed journal, we do have space for case studies, legal updates from around the world, and opinion pieces. We want to hear from families and consumers and will not feel that we are meeting our goals, without this input. Please access our website for more information and guidelines for submissions. Our first issue will appear in October 2006 and we will produce three issues annually.

Thanks to our international Editorial Board, which includes representatives from four continents to date and a variety of disciplines including consumers. Board members from the United Kingdom include Dr. Gwen Adshead, Piers Allott, Professor Peter Bartlett, Professor K.W.M. Fulford, Dr. Julian C. Hughes, and Dr. Sameer Sarkar. Board members from the USA include Dr. Paul Appelbaum, Dr. Stephen Green, Dr. Judy Illes and Dr. Philip Meredith. From Australia, we are delighted to have Professor Sidney Bloch and from New Zealand, Dr. Grant Gillett. We are grateful to have Judith Klein, J.D. from Hungary, Professor Emilio Mordini from Rome, Dr. Godfrey Tangwa from Cameroon, Dr. Tuviah Zabow from South Africa and Dr. Jocelyn Hattab from Israel. Our Canadian Board members

include Professor Francoise Baylis from Halifax, Professor David N.

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A few more members are being added to enhance our worldwide representation.

Thanks to the Canadian Bioethics Society for asking how the journal was started. A sincere thank you goes to our Managing Editor, Ron Ballantyne, for his integrity, genuine concern for patients, families and staff in the mental health field and for supporting this concept from the start. Thank you as well to Dr. John Maher, Senior Editor, for all of the time and effort he generously devoted to making this journal a reality, and to other Editorial Committee members for their enthusiasm, expertise and commitment.

Kelly MacRae, PhD, MA, BSc (OT)  
Chair, JEMH Editorial Committee,  
Associate Editor



# CBS STUDENT UPDATE

By Shannon Madden

As forecast, 2006 has been a great year for the students of CBS/SCB! The student body continues to grow and prosper and plans are underway to ensure we keep going in that direction.

Normally at this time, I would be eagerly awaiting the fall conference — with announcements pertaining to it. This time around, things are a little different as the annual conference moves to the spring of 2007. I still have a few things to tell you so here goes:

The **18<sup>th</sup> annual conference** is being held in the beautiful city of Toronto in the late spring at the Marriott Toronto Eaton Centre Hotel. As you may be aware, this is being held in conjunction with the 3rd International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation. The dates are as follows:

- 18th Canadian Bioethics Society Conference: Wednesday evening, May 30, 2007 – Friday, June 1, 2007
- 3rd International Conference: Clinical Ethics Consultation: Friday, June 1, 2007 – Sunday morning, June 3, 2007.  
Note: Friday June 1 is an overlapping day.

I have had a great response from individuals wanting to help out with conference planning – thank you for that!! The Student Local Planning Committee and the Student Abstract Committee are working hard to make sure this conference is a success!

In the works for the 2007 conference: in addition to the student abstract awards, we are hoping to offer students a chance to apply for travel bursaries. This will be a needs based travel fund that will hopefully allow more students to attend the conference who might not otherwise have been able. Please email me if you would like more information on this. I plan on sending out more information via email about this fund, so if you are not on the student email list, get in touch!

Are you interested in being the next student rep? My term as student rep is slowly coming to an end. I have had such an amazing journey, but it is time for a new rep to come on board with the Executive and represent the student body. If you are interested in this role, please contact me. Elections will be held at the next annual meeting (in Toronto, spring 2007). Again, I will be sending more information out via email regarding the duties and role of this position.

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# UPDATE ON CBS VISIONING PROCESS

**T**he CBS executive is moving forward with the CBS visioning process that the membership approved at the 2005 annual meeting. Over the summer of 2006 a number of focus groups have been held with groups of CBS members. Members have been asked to comment on the current mission of the CBS and provide input into a future vision and operational plan for the society. In the fall of 2006, the members of the executive committee will meet face-to-face for an all-day strategic planning session where, building on the input received from

the membership, the executive will develop a draft vision and operation plan for the organization. At the annual meeting in 2007, these draft plans will be presented to the larger CBS membership for comment.

If you have any questions or would like to provide some input into the strategic planning process, please contact Sue MacRae at [sue.macrae@utoronto.ca](mailto:sue.macrae@utoronto.ca) or Bashir Jiwani at [bashir.jiwani@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:bashir.jiwani@fraserhealth.ca)

## **CBS Joint Ethics Conference: Ethics Matters** **May 30-June 1, 2007**

### **CBS Pre-Conference**

**May 30, 2007**

**Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

### ***“GLOBAL HEALTH & ETHICS”***

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: to be confirmed

**Co-hosts: Canadian Institutes of Health Research & Network for Health in  
an Unequal World: Global Ethics & Policy Choices**

This pre-conference is designed to help people who want to include ethical issues about global health in their teaching; conduct research and write about ethical issues in global health; and take appropriate action in response to health inequities.

***Check CBS website for more information***

*Cost of Pre-conference is \$75 with reduced rate for students*

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## BOOK REVIEW

# BEYOND THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

by John B. Dossetor

What a pleasure it was to read this engaging book. It is described as “a memoir on the rise of modern medical ethics”, begging the question of whether this is a book about ethics, or a book about the history of ethics, or perhaps something else. Dossetor is well known in Canadian bioethics circles, and well known beyond Canada. He was a pioneer bioethicist in Edmonton, and his name is attached to the Health Ethics Centre at the University of Alberta. The book is easy to read, is well paced with interesting insets. The insets are sometimes quotations from literature, sometimes descriptions of an “ethical dilemma”, whether from Dossetor’s extensive personal experience or from the public media or from the literature – medical, philosophical or bioethical.

Dossetor’s life, personal as well as professional, is chronicled in detail, but the book is wide ranging and the reader becomes immersed in the times portrayed. Many of the “chance” events of life that led to his particular career path are recounted but the important role of mentors in encouraging his various moves is emphasized.

He graduated in medicine from England, and held a variety of posts after graduation, including a stint in the British Army. Thereafter his career was very unlike that of current medical graduates in North America. Now medical graduates enroll in a formal, approved and highly structured training program. Many recent physicians may indeed have chosen the training program before or in the early stages of medical school. Many will have chosen a subspecialty early in their education. By contrast, Dossetor worked in a variety of medical disciplines and sub specialties in England and Canada without a clear end point! When in Britain he became an

enthusiast for the new specialty of liver disease, and had a great admiration for Sheila Sherlock, the highly regarded pioneer in the area. Sherlock told Dossetor that one of his roles as a junior physician was to protect the patient from ambitious researchers. However, Sherlock herself is cited in detail in the classic British text on research misconduct, “Human Guinea Pigs” by Pappworth.

After ‘flirting’ with liver disease Dossetor followed a tortuous route to McGill, there engaging in research on electrolyte disturbance, then moving into the emerging specialty of renal disease. What an opportune connection! The future bioethicist was engaged in the practice of two of the key developments that changed the face of medicine and hence the creation of modern bioethics: renal dialysis and renal transplantation. His career as a researcher and physician in these areas led to an invitation to leave Montreal and head west to Edmonton.

Dossetor’s interest in bioethics grew gradually in Edmonton, and again supported by mentors, bioethics became his full time occupation after 1985.

Ethical themes are scattered throughout the book, drawn from his earliest days in medicine through his career as a bioethicist to his current status as elder statesman. There is the continuing problem of providing “medical continuity” to patients, in the current era when, rightly, the hours of work of trainee physicians are tightly regulated and long periods on call forbidden. However, despite the excessive work load of junior physicians of the past, continuity of care was often lacking in academic circles. In the tradition of bioethics the problem is highlighted but no solution is given – he himself went along with the system ‘because that was the way things were done.’

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At various points in the book Dossetor brings up the issue of resource allocation, the “ultimate ethical dilemma.” He raises instances of concerns, from his own past experiences, from current issues in Canada, and from the world scene, particularly in regards to India. In the concluding chapter he develops approaches to bioethics, and relationships of bioethics to religion in general and Christianity in particular.

Dossetor’s career has spanned a period when ‘miracle’ treatments were introduced. He describes the historical context that led to the development of research ethics boards, and bemoans the lack of ongoing monitoring, an area of current interest in Canada. He recounts his travels at the expense of pharmaceutical companies and later his misgivings. The changing attitudes to industrial largesse are reminiscent of the hope of St Augustine: *Make me continent and celibate but not yet.*

The reviewer goes through the book, thinking of what readers might want, or what they might dislike. Firstly there is nothing to dislike in this book. It is technically very well presented. Of course there is at

least one ethical *breech*, but this slip appears at least once in all bioethics texts, and does not in any way mar the rest of the book.

There is something in this book for everyone. There is material for the physician without a special interest in bioethics, especially the description of the ‘training’ of a distinguished physician. It is fascinating to see how different things are today and to wonder how future Dossetors will emerge from the straitjacket of excessively formalized medical training. There is a great deal for the Canadian bioethicist. Here the history of the author parallels the history of bioethics through the latter part of the 20th century.

Is the book then a historical text or a bioethics text? That question was posed and the answer is both or neither! This is an autobiography, very well written, and well worth reading.

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#### Beyond the Hippocratic Oath

is available from the University of Alberta Press, <http://www.uap.ualberta.ca> (ISBN 0-88864-453-1)

## *Canadian Bioethics Society Awards*

# REMINDER: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Canadian Bioethics Society is accepting nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the CBS Distinguished Services Award. Details on the nomination procedure can be found on the CBS website ([www.bioethics.ca](http://www.bioethics.ca)).

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 awards is

**October 31, 2006.**

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2007 Joint Ethics Conference Abstract Committee invites interested individuals and groups to submit proposals for papers, workshops and posters. The theme for this Joint Ethics Conference is "Ethics Matters." The theme reflects a vital need to explore innovative and important work across different philosophies, disciplines, cultures, and methodologies regarding how and why ethics matters in health care, in local, national, and global contexts.

Abstracts may be submitted to either the **18<sup>th</sup> Canadian Bioethics Society Conference** or the **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation** or both. If you are unsure to which conference you should submit your abstract, please consult the conference descriptions on the conference website ([www.utoronto.ca/jcb/ethicsmatters](http://www.utoronto.ca/jcb/ethicsmatters)). If you wish to have your abstract considered for both conferences, please indicate this by selecting the corresponding box on page 1 of the Official Abstract Form. As space is limited, each individual abstract will only be accepted for one conference. You may, however, submit for consideration more than one abstract to either or both conferences.

- Papers:** Those wishing to be considered for a 30-minute oral presentation must submit a 250-word abstract on the Official Abstract Form.
- Posters:** Those wishing to be considered for a poster presentation must submit a 250-word abstract on the Official Abstract Form. Size of poster will be determined at a later date.
- Workshop:** Groups wishing to present their work in the format of a 90-minute interactive workshop must submit a two to three page, double-spaced outline of the proposed workshop and a 250-word abstract on the Official Abstract Form.

**Official Abstract Form:** Abstracts must be submitted camera-ready on the Official Abstract Form for reproduction in the conference program. The Official Abstract Form is available in English and French on the conference website at [www.utoronto.ca/jcb/ethicsmatters](http://www.utoronto.ca/jcb/ethicsmatters).

Preferred font size is 12 points. Preferred font is Times New Roman. Abstract must fit on single page. Abstracts may be submitted by e-mail as an attachment to [joint.ethics.conference@utoronto.ca](mailto:joint.ethics.conference@utoronto.ca) or by hard copy to the 2007 Joint Ethics Conference Abstract Committee, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, 88 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5G 1L4. Faxed copies will not be accepted. On page 1 of the Official Abstract Form, please ensure that you identify to which conference(s) you wish your abstract to be submitted and in which format you wish to present by clicking on the corresponding box.

**Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS) Student Abstract Competition:** Students are encouraged to submit an abstract to both the CBS Student Abstract Competition and the general Call for Abstracts. Students need not identify themselves as students in the general Call for Abstracts. For information about the Student Abstract Competition, please consult the Student section on the conference website.

**ABSTRACTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2006**



## Canada Research Chair (Tier II) 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 Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Health Ethics Research. To position itself as a world leader in bioethics, Western seeks to build on existing research excellence, 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.

The successful candidate will be appointed into a position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and cross appointed to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and/or other Faculties as relevant for the individual. The University of Western Ontario provides an exceptional multi-disciplinary research environment, with opportunities for collaboration among ethics researchers fostered through the Western Bioethics Research Group.

The successful candidate will be expected to pursue his or her own independent programs in health ethics research as well as participate in graduate level teaching. It is expected that the Chair will participate in other educational initiatives, such as the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry's Medical Ethics and Humanities Program.

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 [www.london.ca](http://www.london.ca)).

Applications will be reviewed immediately until the position is filled. Interested candidates should send a detailed *curriculum vitae*, a statement of research interests, and the names of three references to:

Dean Carol P. Herbert  
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry  
The University of Western Ontario, Room CSB 3701-A  
London, Ontario N6A 5C1

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Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. 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.

Western's Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families.

## Position in Bioethics, McGill University

The Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University invites applications for a tenure-track position in bioethics with a preference for junior candidates at the rank of assistant professor. The Biomedical Ethics Unit is situated within McGill's Faculty of Medicine and linked to the Faculty of Law, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Religious Studies and Division of Experimental Medicine. Current faculty members within the Unit are drawn from law, medicine, philosophy, molecular biophysics and biochemistry, and religious studies. The new hire is expected to complement the interests and expertise of current faculty members. Additional information about the Biomedical Ethics Unit is available at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/>.

The holder of this position will be expected to teach within the ethics and health law component of the medical school curriculum, teach and supervise graduate students within the Master's Specialization in Bioethics, develop a funded program of research, participate in clinical ethics activities, and serve on select McGill and McGill University Health Centre committees. The holder will be appointed in the Biomedical Ethics Unit and the Faculty of Medicine. Qualified scholars from disciplines relevant to the study of bioethics are encouraged to apply. Among the areas of particular

interest are medical sociology, medical anthropology, science and technology studies, public health and health economics. Ph.D. or professional degree is required. Experience or interest in clinical ethics is an asset. Cross-appointments with other faculties or departments can be arranged depending upon the applicant's disciplinary background, record of publication, and previous teaching experience. In particular, appointment to the Department of Social Studies of Medicine is possible if the research of the candidate contributes to its work.

Individuals interested in applying for this position should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, representative publications, evidence of excellence in teaching, a summary of previous experience in clinical ethics where relevant, and three letters of reference to Dr. Kathleen Glass, Director, Biomedical Ethics Unit, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, 3647 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3A 1X1. The deadline for applications is **October 2, 2006**.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Inquiries about the position should be directed to: [kathleen.glass@mcgill.ca](mailto:kathleen.glass@mcgill.ca).

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