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**Report: Concerning the 8th Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies
And the 10th World Congress of Bioethics in Singapore**

Dear President,
Dear Professor Boustany,

I had the pleasure to attend both the 8th Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies from 26, 27 July 2010 & the 10th World Congress of Bioethics from 28-31 July 2010 in Singapore.

When receiving the First Announcement of the Congress early this year, I have proposed an abstract to the Scientific Committee of the Congress titled: “Pain Relief is a Human Right”, which was accepted as an oral presentation. Consequently, the organizers offered to cover my registration and partially the hotel accommodation. I had to pay myself the travel expenses, local transportation, visa fees, 2 days of hotel accommodation, and other personal expenses.

As I was the lonely one registered from Lebanon in these 2 meetings, I had the pleasure & the privilege to be representing the CCNLE / LNCCE and participate in the 8th Global Summit of National Bioethics Bodies with representatives of 60 other countries.

I am enclosing with this report some documents, brochures, and books which were distributed during the Summit & the Congress; some of these documents can be interesting to distribute to the members of the CCNLE / LNCCE, and the others to be displayed in the office of the CCNLE for personal consultation.

Attending the 8th Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies & the 10th World Congress of Bioethics was a good opportunity for me to:

- 1) Meet interesting and internationally renowned people in the Bioethics field, and who can be of a great help & support in our local activities in the future.
- 2) During the Summit, I have participated with the other members in the elaboration of:
 - 1) New WHO guiding principles in Transplantation of Organ, Tissues and Cells. (Copy attached to be sent to interested Committees and persons)
 - 2) Ethics in Infectious and Communicable diseases & Global Spread
 - 3) Research Ethics: New WHO Guidelines for Research Ethics Committees.
 - 4) Ethical Issues in TB Control: Discussion on WHO draft guidance document (to be distributed)

3) Learn about new issues on Bioethics including: (Copy of Abstracts attached)

- Human organs & Tissue Donation.
- Healthcare and Global Justice
- Research Ethics
- Reproductive Technology (Stem Cells, Markets, ---)
- Genetic Research, Biobanking, Genomics
- End of Life Care
- Education in Bioethics
- Bioethical Developments in
 - Synthetic Biology
 - Ethical Issues in Biobanks
 - Stem Cell Research and Therapy
 - Medical Ethics
 - Law & Regulation in Bioethics.

4) Persons whom I have met :

- WHO – Dr. Puediger Krech (Dir. EET&HR)
- CCNLE / SVS - France – Dr. Patrick Gaudray (Report of last meeting)
- Prof Lim Pin, President B.A.C. - Singapore
- Prof. Sadek Beloucif, (Espace Ethique - AP- HP)
- Dr. Manuel Ruiz de Chavel, president NBC, – Mexico
- EMRO for regional symposia: c/o Marie Charlotte Bouesseau (WHO-EET&HR)
- Dr. Lino Paula – European Commission for Bioethics
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Many of these people had met with you our president and /or the General Secretary in previous meetings and send for them their best regards & good memories (meilleurs souvenirs).

During this conference, and following discussion I have gained some experience from other members which can help in promoting our CCNLE.

Here are some ideas or propositions:

- 1) Elaborate Bylaws for the Committee defining its mission, role, objectives, and functions (based on IBC recommendations), and create a Logo.
- 2) Create a webpage for the CCNLE where we can get all information concerning the CCNLE and its achievements; Reports, Laws, Decrees, Recommendations, Resources, links and other interesting documents can be consulted and downloaded
- 3) Put a calendar for an annual activity: Seminar for the members to elaborate, discuss, and approve a document (collaboration with UNESCO, IBC, Local institutions...)
- 4) Increase collaboration with the IBC of the Unesco and prepare joint meetings in Lebanon- Joint Symposium on a topic; Capacity-Building in Bioethics for the members of the Committee, and interested people..

- 5) Increase collaboration with Universities (for teaching and education of Bioethics), and with the Research Committees for the Ethics issues...
 - 6) Increase collaboration with Ethics Committees in the hospitals: help in their creation, and reinforce their role...
 - 7) Put a mailing list of local organisms, institutions, persons... interested or involved in Bioethics; send regular information about the activity of the CCNLE or Unesco... We can be a leader in the ME area and the Arab countries...
 - 8) Update a mailing list : locally, regionally, and internationally
 - 9) Application for Membership of the CCNLE in the International Association of Bioethics (I.A.B.)
 - 10) Create sub-committees for follow up on
 - a. –Bioethics Education in the Universities and also in Schools and Colleges
 - b. – Ethics of Research in the Universities and Hospitals
 - c. –Ethics Committees in Hospitals
 - d. – Coordination with the LOP and its Ethics Committee
 - e. - Ad Hoc Committees when needed
 - f. – Coordination with National Committees needing advices: (CNRS, Comite Mere-enfant, Comite des Handicapes et personnes vulnerables, Jails..
- Plan for participation in the next Summit (9th Summit of N.B.A.B.2012) in Tunis
- Plan for participation in the next World Congress (11th W.C.B. in 2012) in Rotterdam

These ideas and propositions need reflection, progressive application, time and continuity..

Once again thank you for your trust and confidence.

With my best wishes

Respectfully,

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