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the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) of the Council of Europe,
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of the Council of Europe**

Draft programme

Opening session

Chairs: Dr Tina Garani-Papadatos (Greece), Chair of CDBI
Prof. Javier Arias (Spain), member of CDBI Bureau

9.00 – 9.15

H.E. Mr. Borut Miklavčič, Minister of Health of the Republic of Slovenia
Mrs Maud De Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

I. The Convention ten years ago: an achievement and a starting point

9.15 – 9.35

Prof. Joze Trontelj, Chair of the National Medical Ethics Committee, Republic of Slovenia

II. The impact of the Convention: A binding instrument and a legal reference...which influenced the practice.

Chairs: Dr Ritva Halila (Finland), member of CDBI Bureau
Prof. Daniel Serrão (Portugal), former member of CDBI Bureau

9.35 – 9.55 The impact of the Convention at national level

Ms Eva Schewior, Head of Division of Bioethics, research and new technologies, Federal Ministry of Justice, Germany

9.55 – 10.15 The impact in Central and Eastern Europe

Prof. Jozef Glasa, Institute of Medical Ethics and Bioethics n. f., Institute of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology – Slovak Medical University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

10.15 – 10.35 The Convention: a European patient rights instrument

Prof. Herman Nys, Director of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, Leuven University, Belgium

10.35 – 11.00 Coffee Break

Chairs: Mrs Lisette Geldof van Doorn (The Netherlands), member of CDBI Bureau
Prof. Jean Michaud (France), former Chair of CDBI

11.00 – 11.20 The Convention and health systems in Europe

Prof. Henriette Roscam Abbing, European Health Law Association, The Netherlands

11.20 – 11.40 The impact of the Convention at European Union level

Prof. Göran Hermeren, Chair of the European Committee on Ethics of Sciences and New Technologies of the European Commission

11.40 – 12.00 The Convention: a reference at international level

Prof. Sheila McLean, Member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee, Professor of Law and Ethics in Medicine at Glasgow University, United Kingdom

12.00 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

III. New challenges

Chairs: Dr Vlasta Mocnik (Slovenia), member of the Bureau of the European Health Committee
Prof. Eugenius Gefenas (Lithuania), Vice Chair of CDBI

14.30 – 15.40 Ratification: What are the difficulties?

Round table

Prof. Adriano Bompiani, Université catholique Polyclinique "A. Gemelli", Rome, Italy

Prof. Christian Byk, member French Committee for UNESCO

Prof. Zvonko Magic, Head of Department for Clinical and Experimental Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering, Military Medical Academy, Belgrade, Serbia

Mrs Kari Steig, Juridical adviser, The Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Affairs

Dr Michael Stormann, Leitender Staatsanwalt, im Austrian Bundesministerium für Justiz, Leiter der Legislativabteilung für Personen-, Familien-, Erbrecht, Bioethik und Mediation

Expert from the Russian Federation

15.40 – 16.00 Facing developments in biology and medicine

Prof. Sadek Beloucif, Chair of Steering Committee of the Biomedicine Agency, France

16.00 – 16.20 Challenging fundamental ethical principles

Dr Nancy Berlinger, Deputy Director, The Hastings Center, United States of America

16.20 – 16.50 Discussion

IV. Closing session

Chairs: Dr Dubravka Simonovic (Croatia), former Chair of CDBI

Dr Wolfgang Wodarg, (Germany), Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

16.50 – 17.10 The Oviedo Convention and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights

Mr Jean Paul Costa, President of the European Court of Human Rights

17.10 – 17.25 Concluding remarks

Dr Tina Garani-Papadatos, Chair of Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)

17.25 – 17.40

Closing

Ambassador Marjetica Bole, Chairperson of the Ministers' Deputies

Mr Alexander Vladychenko, Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe