



# 8<sup>th</sup> Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies



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## Invitation to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies 26 to 27 July 2010

The Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies is a biennial event since 1996 and has thus far been held in conjunction with the World Congress of the International Association of Bioethics. The first meeting was held in San Francisco, California, USA, at the invitation of the U.S. *National Bioethics Advisory Commission* and the French *Comité Consultatif National d'Ethique pour les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé*. Subsequent meetings were held in:

- Tokyo: 3-4 November 1998
- London: 20-21 September 2000
- Brasilia: 3-4 November 2002
- Canberra: 7-8 November 2004
- Beijing: 4-5 August 2006
- Paris: 1-2 September 2008

At the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies in Paris, France, in September 2008, it was decided that the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Summit will be held in Singapore from 26 to 27 July 2010 ahead of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics ([www.bioethics-singapore.org/wcb2010/](http://www.bioethics-singapore.org/wcb2010/)), which will take place from 28 to 31 July 2010. Singapore's Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC) and the Ministry of Health are pleased to host the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies. An organising committee has recently been formed to plan for the meeting. As in previous Global Summits, the local organising committee will work together with the previous Summit organisers, and the Ethics and Health Team at the World Health Organization (WHO), which provides the permanent secretariat for the Global Summit.

A meeting such as the Global Summit would provide an opportunity for members of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies to share their experiences with each other and to discuss emerging bioethical issues. This would allow better anticipation of future issues and contribute to the development of public policies that reflect best international practice.

All National Bioethics Advisory Bodies are invited to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Summit in Singapore. Each body may send one or two representatives. As in previous years, the host country will bear the cost of organising the Global Summit and participating organisations will be responsible for the travel and accommodation expenses of their representatives.

## Venue

The Global Summit will be held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre, located in the city centre. It is about 20 minutes drive from Changi International Airport, and is easily accessed by the Mass Rapid Transit System (a train system linking many parts of Singapore), taxis and buses. It offers access to 5200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail stores, 300 restaurants and the region's new centre for the performing arts, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. Facilities are interconnected via air-conditioned tunnels and covered walkways.

## Date

The Global Summit will take place on 26 to 27 July 2010, immediately before the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics. More information about the World Congress is available at:

[www.bioethics-singapore.org/wcb2010/](http://www.bioethics-singapore.org/wcb2010/)

## Bioethics Advisory Committee, Singapore

[www.bioethics-singapore.org](http://www.bioethics-singapore.org)

The Bioethics Advisory Committee was established by the Government in December 2000 to examine ethical, legal and social issues arising from life sciences and biomedical research in Singapore, and to recommend policies concerning these issues to the Steering Committee on Life Sciences. The BAC has so far published recommendations on human cloning and stem cell research, human tissue research, research involving human subjects, genetic testing and genetic research, personal information in biomedical research, and the donation of human eggs for research. It is currently considering issues on human-animal combinations for research.

## Ministry of Health

[www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg)

The Ministry of Health nurtures the health of all Singaporeans and is responsible for promoting good health and reducing illness. It ensures that Singaporeans have access to good and affordable healthcare that is appropriate to needs. It is committed to pursuing medical excellence that will improve medical outcomes, standards of care and well-being of all.

## Questionnaire

To assist the local organising committee in planning the programme for this meeting, please complete and return to us by email the attached questionnaire. We thank you in advance for your assistance. Any queries on the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Summit of National Bioethics Advisory Bodies may be directed to:

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