



16th Asian Bioethics Conference (ABC16) of the Asian Bioethics Association

3-8 November 2015, Quezon City, Philippines

The St. Paul University Quezon City and SPC Healthcare Ministry, the Asian Bioethics Association (ABA)¹, Eubios Ethics institute and American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN), invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at the forthcoming 16th Asian Bioethics Conference to be held in Quezon City, Philippines on 3-8 November 2015.

The intensive academic sessions (plenary with extensive discussion) will be held on 4-8 November at St. Paul University Quezon City. There will be scholars from more than 40 different countries of the world. We welcome everyone from any region and specialty, regardless of age, gender, religious beliefs, and philosophy, to engage in dialogue on research and policy in science and technology, medicine and health care, environmental ethics, biomedicine and biotechnology, ethics education, bioethics, etc. The conference also serves as the annual conference of the Asian Bioethics Association.

The first Asian Bioethics Association Conference was held in 1995 in Beijing, and in the past two decades bioethics has rapidly developed in Asia. The previous conferences were held in China, Japan, Korea, Turkey, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Iran and Taiwan. The conference brings together scholars and policy makers from many disciplines all around the world (beyond just Asia and the Pacific) to discuss and deliberate on the latest issues facing humanity.

The themes of ABC16 will include all topics of bioethics, especially those reflecting on bioethics in and between different cultures. These includes: healthcare and medicine, environmental research and ethics, biopiracy, environmental policy and regulations, mining, medical policy, reproductive technologies, organ transplants and trade, culture-based bioethics, current issues in science and technology, stem cell therapies, genetics and ethics, Biotechnology, Bioethics Education in Schools and Universities, Public Health Ethics, Disaster Ethics, nuclear research, Indigenous Peoples, industrial bioethics, research ethics, and others!

We look forward to welcoming you in ABC16. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the chair of ABC16: Prof. Marlon Patrick Lofredo at mlofredo@yahoo.com. You can join the Asian Bioethics Association at the same time as registration, inquiries to Prof. Darryl Macer, Provost, American University of Sovereign Nations, Scottsdale, AZ, USA; Director, Eubios Ethics Institute; Secretary, Asian Bioethics Association.

¹ http://www.eubios.info/asian_bioethics_assn

Abstracts - ALL ARE WELCOME

Abstract review is underway, do not miss out on the chance to join us to discuss the state of bioethics in the world! Paper presentation and participation are welcomed from academics, scholars, policy makers, students and enthusiasts in any disciplines, from expert to novice. Both members and non-members of ABA are welcome. Bioethics is the love of life, and examines the ethical, legal, scientific, and social and dimensions of decisions that affect life, society, and environment, in all communities.

Abstracts should not be more than 300 words in English with 3-5 key words. It should also carry the full name(s) and contact details of the author(s). Kindly indicate 3 preferred sub-themes (from the list) that your abstract fits into. The Full paper should be approximately 5000-8000 words. In addition, the papers will be automatically included into the Best Paper competition. A proceedings volume will be published. Selected papers will be offered to be published in special issues of the Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics (EJAIB) - the official journal of ABA. Kindly submit your application and abstract using the form herewith attached (also available on ABA website, www.eubios.info/ABA.htm). Proposals for sessions can also be made.

FIRST ABSTRACT DEADLINE – 31 July 2015; to EMAIL mlofredo@yahoo.com with cc to asinabioethics@yahoo.co.nz Notification of paper acceptance will be sent immediately upon review.

CONFERENCE AND LODGING FEE (*Includes accommodation, conference kit, breakfast, lunches and snacks from 4th to 8th evening, tourist admission fees for group tours; and travel on group day trips*)

TYPE	Accepted before 20 Sept. 2015	Accepted after 20 Sept. 2015
ABA Member	USD 325.00	USD 350.00
Non-ABA Member	USD 375.00	USD 400.00
Student	USD 325.00	USD 350.00

(Deposit instruction will be given once registration form is submitted.)

Payment can be made in US Dollar or in PHP equivalent (depending on the current exchange rate). ABA Membership fee/renewal must be paid at the conference registration table. Delegates who prefer single-room occupancy should inform the organizers ahead of time for appropriate reservations – additional fee will be charged based on hotel rates. For those who wish to stay longer in Manila after the conference and you need the organizer's help, just inform us ahead of time. Each delegate will receive an abstract book/souvenir program and conference kit.

Letters of Invitation: Upon request, the conference secretariat will supply participants with personal invitations to the ABC. These invitations are meant to help visitors raise travel funds or obtain visas and do not represent a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide financial support.

Travel Advisory/Instructions: Foreign delegates should reach Manila by 3 November or early morning of 4 November 2015. There are four terminals at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). Kindly send us your travel details as soon as you booked your flights for proper and efficient monitoring and for instructions on how to reach the venue. For help in planning your travel to Manila (which terminal to land, which airline to take, etc.), you may email us at mlofredo@yahoo.com. It is recommended that you book a flight that land at Terminal 3.

Visa Requirements: There are more than 100 countries with no visa requirements to enter the Philippines. For the list, visit <http://www.dfa.gov.ph/index.php/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa>. For visa requirements, please visit the Philippine Embassy websites in your respective countries.

Certificate of Participation: A certificate of participation will be given upon request.

Currency / Exchange: Philippine's currency is the Philippine Peso (check prevailing exchange rates). International major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Exchange offices and ATM machines are easily available. It is recommended that you exchange currency at the airport.

Clothing: Smart casual or corporate dress during the sessions. Climate in Manila in November is relatively cool and sometimes windy. Bring with you appropriate comfortable clothing for non-conference activities and tours.

Tour: There will be a tour of the city of Manila, which includes Intramuros (the old Spanish fortified city), Fort Santiago, University of Sto. Tomas (the oldest university in Asia), Rizal Park, and the Manila Ocean Park.

A sample of the confirmed speakers for ABC15 include:

Prof. Tsuyoshi Awaya, Vice President for Japan
Dr. Alireza Bagheri, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran
Sr. Daphne Furtado, Society of the Sacred Heart, ABA Vice President for India
Prof. Nader Ghotbi, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan; Iran
Dr. Soraj Hongladarom, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
Dr. Aamir Jafarey, Past-President, Asian Bioethics Association; CBEC, SUIT, Karachi, Pakistan
Prof. Umar Angarra Jenie, Chair, Indonesian National Bioethics Commission, ABA VP for Indonesia
Prof. Bang Ook Jun, ABA Vice President for Korea
Prof. Shamina Lasker, Dhaka, Bangladesh, ABA Vice-President for South Asia
Prof. Shui Chen Lee, ABA Vice President for Taiwan
Prof. Marlon Patrick P. Lofredo, St. Paul's University, the Philippines
Prof. Darryl Macer, Provost, AUSN, USA; Director, Eubios Ethics Institute, New Zealand
Dr. Ravichandran Moorthy, UKM, Malaysia, ABA Vice-President for South East Asia
Dr. Irina Pollard, Macquarie University, Australia, ABA Vice-President for the Pacific
Dr. Bakhyt Sarymsakova, Astana, Kazakstan, ABA Vice President for West Asia
Dr. M. Selvanayagam, ABA Vice President for India
Dr. Shahid Shamim, Pakistan, Vice-President of Asian Bioethics Association
Dr. Jasdev Rai Singh, United Kingdom, ABA Vice President for Asian Ethnic and Religious Minorities
Prof. Miyako Takagi, Tokyo, ABA President
Dr. Marcela Mas Treviño, Mexico
Ananya Tritipthumrongchok, Eubios Ethics Institute, Thailand
Prof. Duujian Tsai, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan
Prof. Yanguang Wang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Many more are expected...

Attendance at the ABC16 conference will also count as a 2 credit course towards the Masters in Bioethics and Global Public Health (MBGPH) at American University of Sovereign Nations, Scottsdale, Az, USA (with assignments). Write to provost@ausovereignnations.com See: <http://www.au-sn.com>

THE HOST AND THE VENUE:

St. Paul University Quezon City is the host of the 16th Asian Bioethics Conference. It is one of the 6-member universities of the St. Paul University System in the Philippines.

ABA membership is encouraged...(return the form before hand).

**ABC16 DISCOUNT REGISTRATION and
ASIAN BIOETHICS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2015**

includes **2015** subscription to Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics (*EJAIB*)

I wish to pay my annual membership fees of Asian Bioethics Association (ABA), and receive the 2015 issues of *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics (EJAIB)* (The Official Journal).

Option A: Regular Price: US\$60 Euro 50 NZ\$80 ¥4000 (=Credit card price NZ\$80)

Option B: I wish to pay my **early-bird registration for full package at ABC16 INCLUDING ABA 2015 annual membership xxx payable by credit card by 30 June 2014**

I agree / do not agree to my name being listed on the ABA www site

List Research Interests to be included:

Send an **E-mail** with your address

To: E-mail: asianbioethics@yahoo.co.nz

Please charge my VISA / MASTERCARD card (circle) for NZ\$ **

Account # Expiry Date

Signature Name:

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