

## Conference Themes

In 2007 the Institute of Biomedical Ethics at the Zurich University Centre for Ethics will host the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME). Together with the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences and with the support of a scientific committee also representing ethics institutions from the universities of Basel, Geneva, Lausanne and Lucerne, the Zurich University Centre for Ethics will be organising the event.

The conference will focus on the professionalisation of (European) bioethics and on the accompanying trend to engage in the public, political and professional arena: *How does bioethics affect the "real world", and how does the "real world" affect bioethics?*

These questions will be grouped into four **core themes**:

### 1. BIOETHICS AND ITS PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY:

- Academic discipline and/or practical involvement
- Professional integrity in bioethics
- Moral versus political and legal reasoning

### 2. BIOETHICS EXPERTISE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE:

- Bioethics and policy-making
- Bioethics and political advice
- Bioethics and public discourse

### 3. ETHICS CONSULTANCY IN THE PROFESSIONAL ARENA:

- Ethics consultancy in Public Health
- Ethics consultancy in health research
- Ethics consultancy in clinical practice
- Ethics consultancy and the industry

### 4. EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN HEALTH CARE ETHICS:

- Standards of teaching ethics for future health care professionals
- Postgraduate education and training
- Evaluation of teaching methods

## Call for Abstracts

The conference programme will include plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions. Persons wishing to present papers are invited to submit an abstract (500 words maximum) addressing the above mentioned themes before **March 1, 2007**. Papers will be selected by the conference programme committee for oral or poster presentation. Please send abstracts to:

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Conference website: [www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed](http://www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed) (from October 2006)

### Scholarships

A limited amount of scholarships will be made available to junior researchers and Eastern European scholars. For further information please contact our website from November 2006: [www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed](http://www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed)

### Student reduction

A student reduction of 50% is possible with submitted proof of student identification.

### Bank Details

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## Registration

- ☒ I would like to participate at the EACME 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference **"Bioethics in the Real World"**, taking place from 13–15 September 2007 in Zurich, Switzerland.

Title/Full Name .....

Address .....

City/Country .....

Daytime Phone .....

Date .....

Signature .....

### Registration entry before May 17, 2007 / after May 17, 2007

☐ EACME member: € 230 / € 330

☐ Non-EACME member: € 280 / € 380

☐ Eastern Europe: € 100 / € 200

☐ Accompanying person: € 80 / € 180

☐ I qualify for **student reduction** of 50% on above marked fee (copy of student identification enclosed)

The registration fee for participants includes: conference dinner, lunch, reception, refreshments, conference book, and attendance to all sessions. The registration fee for accompanying persons includes: conference dinner and reception.

### Payment

- ☐ Bank transfer for the amount of € .....  
Upon registration you will receive a proper invoice, payable within 10 days upon receipt. For more information see: [www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed](http://www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed)
- ☐ Cash at the Conference (additional 25€ handling fee)

Please send your registration by mail, fax or E-Mail to:  
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## Venue

The city of Zurich lies at the heart of Europe and at the centre of Switzerland, 409 m (340 feet) above sea level on the northern shores of Lake Zurich. A quality-of-life study by William M. Mercer recognized Zurich as the city with the highest quality of life worldwide for the fifth consecutive year.

Zurich's guests give the city high marks for safety and cleanliness as well as the wide-ranging cultural and culinary delights and nearby recreational areas. Moreover, in an evaluation testing conducted by Reader's Digest in June 2006 on politeness and courteousness, Zurich topped the list of friendliest cities in Europe.



Grossmünster Church, Zurich

The University of Zurich has been accepted as a member into the League of European Research Universities and is ranking amongst the top ten European Research Universities.

Membership in LERU, which is by invitation, is periodically evaluated against a broad set of quantitative and qualitative criteria, such as research volume, impact and funding, strengths in PhD training, size and disciplinary breadth, and peer-recognised academic excellence.



The Zurich University Centre for Ethics

## About the Institute of Biomedical Ethics

The Institute of Biomedical Ethics was established in 2005 at the University of Zurich as one of the few institutions in the German speaking countries focusing on research, teaching and consultancy services regarding the numerous ethical questions in the area of biomedical sciences, clinical medicine, and health policy. The Institute forms part of the Faculty of Medicine and is located at the Centre for Ethics, a well-established interdisciplinary institution covering different areas of ethical reflection.

The Institute is responsible for conducting research activities in fields such as the ethics of biomedical research, clinical ethics, and the ethics of public health policies as well as the ethical aspects of biotechnological developments and the theoretical foundations of medical ethics. It is involved in medical school training as well as postgraduate education. Through its collaboration with international organisations, including the World Health Organization, the Institute is engaged in regional and global policy discourses.

For more information see <http://www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed>

## About the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences

The Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) was founded in 1943 by the five Swiss medical faculties, the two veterinary medical faculties and the Swiss Medical Association (*Foederatio Medicorum Helveticorum* – FMH).

Today, SAMS activities are focused on the following:

- Clarification of ethical questions related to medical developments and their impact on society;
- Comprehensive reflection on the future of medicine;
- Engagement in university, scientific and education politics, combined with expert and advisory activity for politicians and authorities;
- Promotion of professional training for future scientists, especially in clinical research;
- Support for high quality research in biomedical and clinical areas;
- The connection between scientific medicine and medical practice.

For more information see <http://www.samw.ch>



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Zurich, Switzerland

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