

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF BIOETHICAL ISSUES

Past, Present and Future National Bioethics Commission of Mexico



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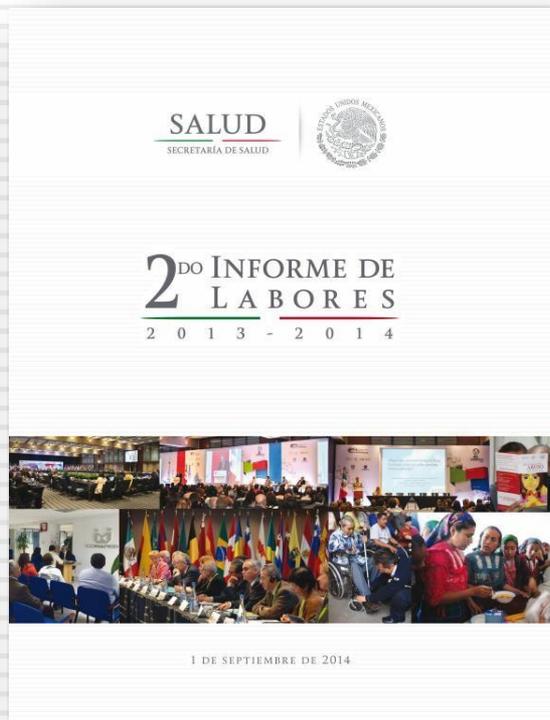
Acknowledgement

For giving distinction to the National Bioethics
Commission of Mexico

- Amy Gutmann, Chair
- Lisa M. Lee, Executive Director

Presidential Commission for the Study of
Bioethical Issues

Impact of a National Commission



- Legal framework
- Bioethical infrastructure in Mexico
 - State Bioethics Commissions
 - Research Ethics and Hospital Bioethics Committees
- Public policy and Bioethics
- Capacity building and outreach
- International stage
- Prospective goals

Normative Framework's Evolution

- 1992 Creation as advisory body
- 2005 **Presidential Decree**, as deconcentrated body with new legal mandate as Commission
- 2011 Reform Health Act (LGS) by **Legislative Initiative** as mandate for the establishment of Hospital Bioethics Committees (HBC) and Research Ethics Committee (REC)
- 2012-2014 Mandatory Provisions and amendments for HBC and REC by **Secretarial Agreement**, under guidelines issued by the Commission
- 2016 Amendments for registry of REC by the Commission
- 2016 Modernization initiative by Presidential Decree

Bioethics in the Health Sector Program 2013-2018



PLAN NACIONAL
DE DESARROLLO
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GOBIERNO DE LA REPÚBLICA

PROGRAMA SECTORIAL
DE SALUD

SECTORIAL

Place bioethics as management and development policy of the Universal Health System of Mexico

Promote respect for dignity and human rights in health care

Foster Ethics, Scientific Integrity and Protection of Human Rights in research

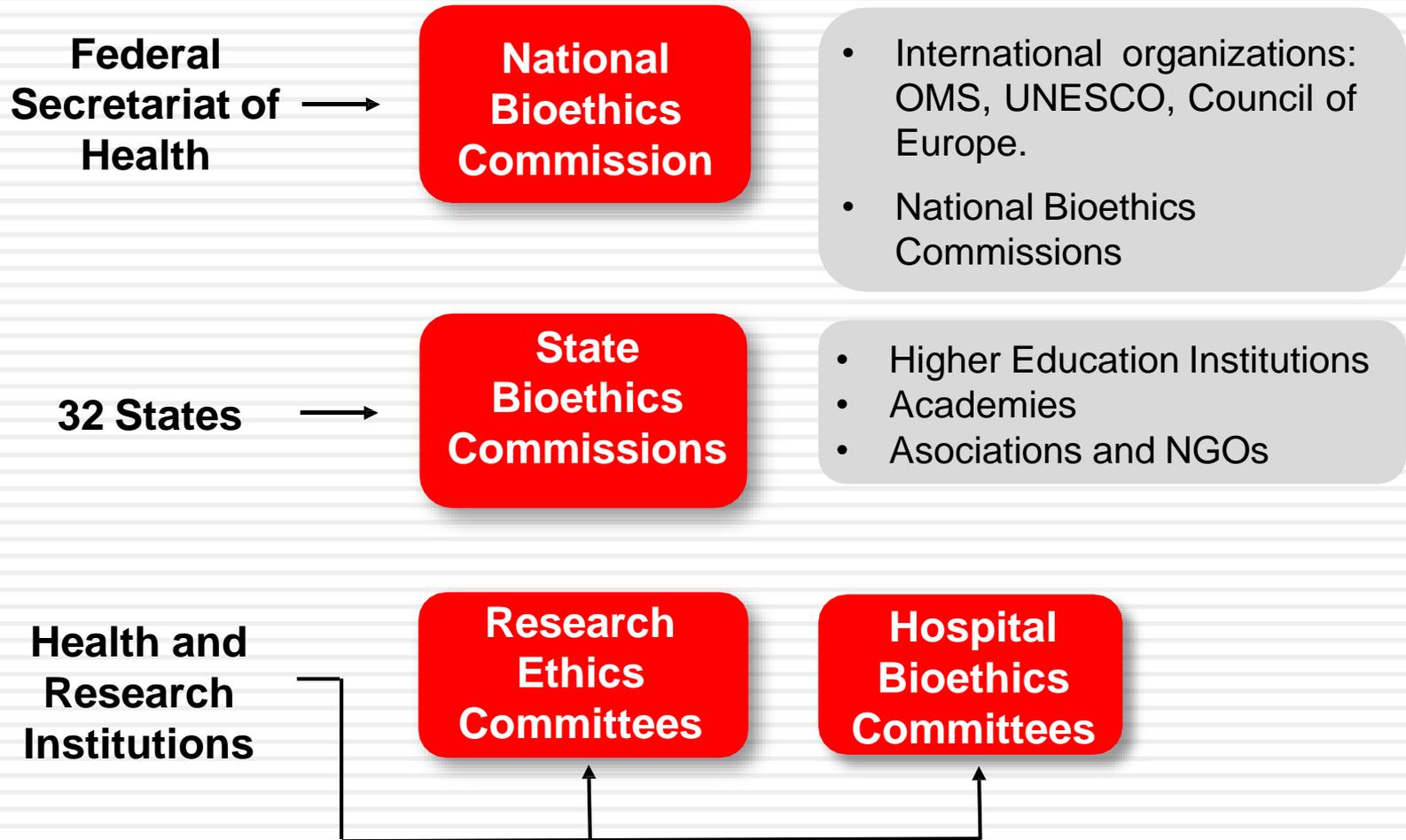
Incorporate bioethics in the design and evaluation of public policies and resource allocation

Consolidate the institutional infrastructure on Bioethics

Promote international bioethics criteria, in accordance with national policies

Foster a bioethical culture among society, capacity building and vocational training on bioethics with focus in health

Institutional Infrastructure for Bioethics



State Bioethics Commissions CEBs



Annual National Meeting of CEBs

Year	CEB
2005	6
2009	18
2016	31

Fostering bioethics culture among health providers and the general public

Collaborating in the design of public policies from a bioethical perspective

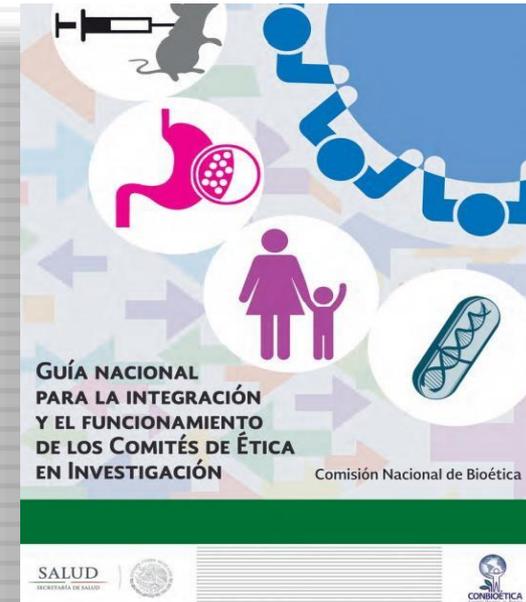
Outreach on bioethics via print and broadcast media

Advice on emerging bioethical dilemmas in the region

Encouraging education on bioethics in health care and research

Review bioethical issues within the National Health Council

Coordinating Bioethical Committees



Hospital Bioethics Committees HBCs

- **1200** hospital units must have **HBCs**
- **623** Registered Committees
- The General Health Council set the establishment of HBC as a standard for hospital certification

Research Ethics Committees RECs

- 2016 Mandatory Provisions for registration of RECs by the Commission
- Strengthening oversight and accreditation
- Institutional public and private committees vs. private associations. **Conflict of interest**

Commission's Structure

Operative Structure

- Executive Director
- National Capacity Building
- Center for the Knowledge of Bioethics
- Planning & Academic Development
- Administrative Support

Council
6 Honorary Members

President / National
Commissioner

Operative Structure

Female	28
Male	28
Total personnel	56

STAFF

Directors	5
Administrative Support	7
Multidisciplinary staff	44

Council of the National Bioethics Commission

The Council is integrated by six honorary members for a 4 years' term and a President, **appointed by the Secretary of Health**

Functions

- Advisory body of the executive, legislative and judicial powers
- Issuing statements at national and international level in bioethics
- Approval of regulatory documents: annual programs and guidelines
- Accountability and transparency



Council's XLVIII Ordinary Session

JUNE, 2014



Participants

Distinguished attendees: Andrew Haines, Amar Jesani, David Koepsell, Fabiola Leyton, Francisco León, Hans van Delden, John Harris, Jonathan Moreno, María Casado, Maria Patrão, Michael Selgelid, Peter Kemp, Simón Kawa, Søren Holm; and the Council

Topics

- NECs Challenges
- Public policies
- Climate change
- Research ethics
- Education on bioethics



Commission's Headquarters

The venue inaugurated in 2012, allows the proper development of the Commission's goals



Deliberation & Advisory Role

The Commission issues pronouncements and assessments regarding dilemmas and public policies

- ARTs and Surrogate Motherhood
- End of Life Dilemmas and Palliative Care
- Biomedicine and human rights
- Research Ethics and scientific integrity
- Education & research in bioethics
- Bioethics and marijuana
- Mental health
- Emerging medical technologies
- Management databases (big data)
- Resource allocation
- Bioethics and Justice/Legal issues
- Migration
- Climate change and public health

Strategic National Links

- Supreme Court of Justice
- Congress of the Union Health Commissions
- National Commission of Superior Courts of Justice of the United Mexican States CONATRIB*
- National Council for Science and Technology
- National Autonomous University
- National Association of Universities and Higher Education Institutions
- Academies and associations on science, medicine and bioethics



**Agreement with the National Commission of Superior Courts of Justice of Mexico*

Providing judges updating on informed consent, death with dignity, ARTs, vulnerability, children and women rights, data protection

Accession of Mexico to the Oviedo Convention

Permanent Observer State to the Committee
on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Council of Europe

Fostering the accession of Mexico to the
Convention on Biomedicine and Human
Rights to strengthen the legal framework



Joint efforts with **DH-BIO** Laurence Lwoff
and Javier Arias to raise awareness on
the significance of the Convention, at the
global and regional level

Capacity Building for Health Professionals

Network on Bioethics

- Training sessions for Committee Members, supported by the National Council for Science and Technology
- Free educational materials
- 1293 trained members



Course/Workshop on palliative care

- For medical residents, available on-site and online
- Space to tackle dilemmas in daily practice
- 20 residents and 9 hospitals, including participation from Nicaragua

CONBIOETICA *Official Channels*



CONBIOETICA Videoconferences
2012-2016

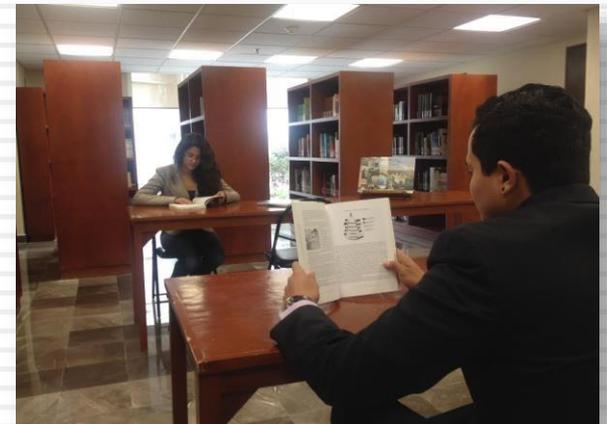
12WCB & 10GSNEC, 2014
Mexico City

You Tube



CONBIOÉTICA *Library*

- Hard copies and virtual information on bioethics by a network of libraries
- Over 6,500 classic and current works
- First Congress of Libraries and editors exhibition books on Bioethics 2012
- Free services for national and international users
- Worldwide databases: **EBSCOHost**, **MEDLINE** Complete, MedicLatina, **Nature** & BioOne



CONBIOETICA *Gazette*

Quarterly publication for outreach on bioethical issues

Topics addressed

- Social determinants of health
- Research with animals
- Palliative care
- Capacity building
- Emerging technologies
- Culture and bioethics
- Public policies in health
- Migration
- Addiction and bioethics



Relevant Publishings

Outreach in Bioethics



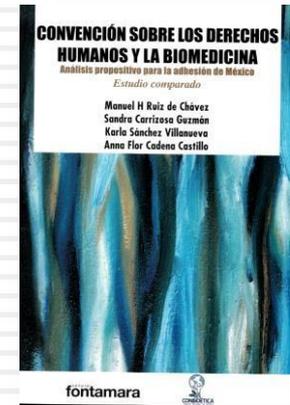
Bioethics, Migration & Health



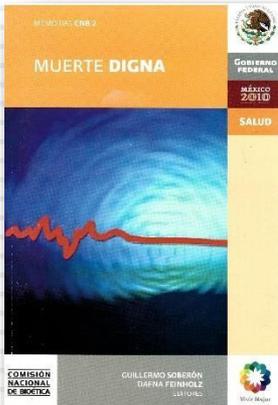
Research Ethics, Scientific Integrity



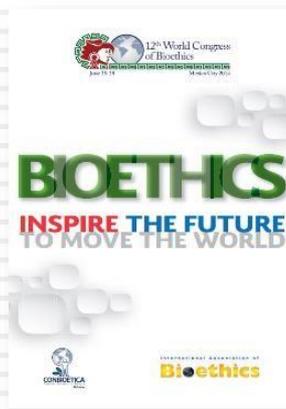
Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine



Death with Dignity



12TH WCB



10th GSNEC



Distributive Justice and Health



Selected themes



Global Scope

- Strategic partnerships with NECs
- Associations and Organizations
- International collaboration on global concerns
- Higher Education Institutions
- University of Miami-WHO collaborative center, 2010



Permanent Observer State to the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Council of Europe

UNESCO Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee

11th Global Summit of National Ethics/Bioethics Committees, Berlin 2016

UNESCO Second Regional Seminar of NECs in Latin America and the Caribbean, El Salvador 2015

Commitment to promote the establishment of Latin America and the Caribbean NECs



International Support

Bioética en la Región de las Américas:
experiencias y perspectivas actuales



Argentina
Brasil
Canadá
Colombia
El Salvador
Estados Unidos de América
Jamaica
Panamá
Perú
México

- 2011 in Mexico City: the Americas gathered to foster dialogue, cooperation and exchange experiences on bioethics
- **Mexico-Declaration** on Regional Bioethics Collaboration, and the **Proposal** to host the 10th Global Summit



*Stephen L. Hauser, Presidential Commission
for the Study of Bioethical Issues*

Mexico 2014, Bioethics World Host

Finding Paths Through the World

Inspire the Future to move the World



10th Global Summit of National
Ethics/Bioethics Committees
June 22-24 Mexico City 2014



12th World Congress
of Bioethics
June 25-28 Mexico City 2014

Bioethics in a Globalized World: Science, Society and Individual

Mexico 2014, Bioethics World Host

Participation of the US Presidential Commission

**10th Global Summit of National
Bioethics Committees**

Finding Paths Through the World



Christine Grady
Research Ethics on Pediatrics

More than 100 representatives from
57 countries

12th World Congress of Bioethics

Inspire the Future to move the World



Christine Grady's Keynote Speech

1,200 attendees from 5 continents
30 keynote speakers

NEC's Activities on migration



- 2013 Seminary and book *Bioethics, migration and health analysis and implications of human rights*: Xochitl Castañeda, Health Initiative of the Americas UC, and James Dwyer, State University NY.
- 2014 Special issue of the Gazette *Bioethics migration and health*.
- 2015 X Regional Meeting of State Bioethics Commissions with the topic *Health for migrant populations*
- 2016 11th Global Summit NECs Berlin Marketplace session on Migration

Xochitl Castañeda
University of California
Berkeley



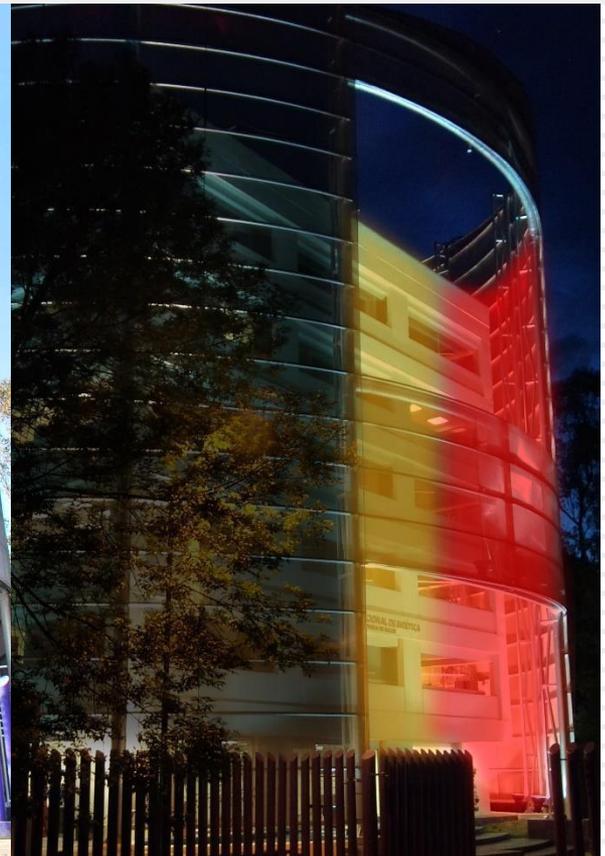
Prospective Goals of the Commission

- Updating of the legal and operational framework as a permanent process
- Strengthening the institutional infrastructure for bioethics
- Establishing of an oversight body for Hospital Bioethics and Research Ethics Committees
- Broadening the Commission's field of operation as the links with the National and Local Courts of Justice
- Forums with experts and the general public to address pressing social and bioethical concerns
- Ensuring basic bioethics training and certification for committee members
- Raising awareness among the general public
- Addressing conflicts of interest on private Research Ethics Committees

NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMISSION OF MEXICO



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Belgium