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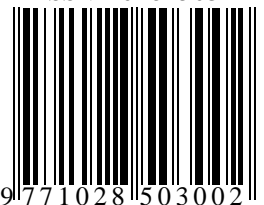
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Official Candidates in the 2007 IAB Board Election

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Nikola Biller-Andorno, MD, PhD, is Full Professor and Director of the Institute of Biomedical Ethics at the University of Zurich, one of Europe's top ranked research universities. Previously she taught at the Charité, Berlin, and worked as ethicist at the World Health Organization, which she continues to advise. Among her current research interests is the status of universal bioethical arguments in a pluralistic global society. Drawing on her background in medicine as well as philosophy and social sciences she aims to combine in her work philosophical rigour with sensitivity to individual, social, and political contexts. She has been instrumental in producing a core curriculum for medical ethics that was adopted by the German Academy of Ethics in Medicine, and is currently engaging in the development of graduate and postgraduate training in biomedical ethics at the University of Zurich. She has edited and written five books and is author of more than 70 papers and book chapters. Nikola has been requested by the German parliament to serve as expert for its commission on ethics and law in medicine, and has been asked to comment on the Swiss draft law on research ethics. She is a board member of the Swiss Society for Biomedical Ethics and deputy editor of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. She has been involved in a number of international collaborative research projects and has served as reviewer for the EU. Nikola has attended IAB conferences from the time she was a medical student and is a longstanding FAB member. A mother of three, she is looking forward to re-intensifying her activities within the International Association of Bioethics. Website: <http://www.ethik.unizh.ch/biomed>



MARIA CASADO

Maria Casado is Professor of Philosophy of Law at the University of Barcelona, and member of the Research Commission of the Faculty of Law. She currently is Director of the Research Centre Bioethics and Law Observatory at The Barcelona Science Park, University of Barcelona. She also is President of the Bioethics and Law Association, UB and member of the Catalan Committee on Bioethics, of the University of Barcelona's Commission on Bioethics, The National Bank of AND in Spain, and of the Nanotechnologies Board Ethics of the European Network and of the Association of Global Bioethics. Coordinator of the Networks: *Xarxa Temàtica de Bioètica i Drets Humans* from the Government of Catalonia and the networks of Teaching in Bioethics from the ALFA project (European Union) and the Spanish International Cooperation Agency. She also is member of the Technical Commission for Research Projects Evaluation of the Ministry of Science and Education and evaluator for the Research Management Agency of the Catalan government, and of the Directorate General XII at the Commission of European Union. In november 2006 she received the Narcis Monturiol Medal by the Government of Catalonia because of his contribution to the scientific progress for her pioneering research in bioethics that, framed in the respect to the human rights recognized internationally and not in bodies of beliefs, starts from pluridisciplinary and secular approaches and is generally accepted in our societies. She has written a large number of articles and contributed to books in her field of expertise. She also has participated in a large number of research projects.



ANGUS DAWSON

Dr. Angus Dawson is based in the Centre for Professional Ethics, Keele University in the UK. His academic background is in philosophy, although he was worked in applied ethics for over ten years. His main research interests are in public health ethics (particularly vaccinations) and the use of

empirical evidence in moral arguments (particularly in relation to problems in gaining informed consent in clinical trials). He has been active in recent IAB Congresses and jointly runs the IAB's Public Health Ethics Network (InterPHEN) with Marcel Verweij. He obtained a grant from the Wellcome Trust to part-fund a one day workshop on the ethics of infectious disease control (held in Beijing, attached to the 8th IAB Congress). He has published numerous papers and book chapters and has recently editing (with Marcel Verweij) a collection of original papers on public health ethics. This volume entitled 'Prevention, Ethics, & Public Health' will be published in early 2007 by Oxford University Press. He is keen to be on the Board to promote the role of the different IAB networks within the larger IAB organisation. More detail can be found at:
www.keele.ac.uk/depts/pk/people/dawson.html

INEZ DE BEAUFORT

Bioethical issues in novels and films, beauty and health care, public panic and epidemics, are themes that fascinate me as well as more 'traditional' issues in bioethics such as human research, scarcity, the position of children, cloning, the end of life, and personal responsibility for lifestyle. Next to being the mother of three (adolescent) children, I'm a professor of Health Care Ethics at the Erasmus Medical Centre (Rotterdam, the Netherlands) and head of our busy and sparkling department of health care ethics. Our, usually interdisciplinary and international, research projects vary from the ethical issues in relation to obesity, end of life decisions, fiction as tool to teach ethics and genomics, preconception care, to professional autonomy. To involve lay audiences in debates we have written a medical ethical soap series, a thriller and short plays. I'm involved in ethical advising and policymaking both in Europe as in the Netherlands: I'm serving my second term as a member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (the EGE). I have been a rapporteur in the Opinion on Research in developing countries. I'm an honorary member of the Dutch Health Council and a member of the National Commission for Ethics and Human Research. I have been a member for 10 years of the Council for HealthCare advising the Dutch Government on strategic policy issues. The relations between policy, ethics and practice intrigue me. I try to combine philosophical knowledge, imagination, a sense of humour, and a practical attitude in my work. I was present at the founding meeting of the IAB in Amsterdam, as a young ethicist I then counted the votes for the first Board and looked (probably stared) at the people (in real life) whose books I had read. The way the IAB has become an important global organisation is impressive and I would welcome the chance to contribute to such an organisation in the future.



DEBORA DINIZ

Debora Diniz is professor of bioethics at University of Brasilia, Brazil. She is a member of the board of directors of Anis: Institute of Bioethics, Human Rights and Gender, the first NGO on bioethics in Latin America. Her main topics of research are abortion, new reproductive technologies, disability and genetics. In 2004, she directed the documentary "Severina's Story" on abortion in Brazil. The film won 9 international prizes. She has 48 peer review papers, 5 books edited, 3 books and 4 films.

JAMES DWYER

James Dwyer, PhD, is the associate director of education at the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at SUNY Upstate Medical University, in the United States. He directs a required ethics course for medical students and teaches electives courses on ethical issues in global health and public health. His writings focus on issues of global health, justice, and sustainability. He has been an active member of the IAB since 1996.



DAFNA FEINHOLZ

I am a PhD in research psychology, in Mexico City, also a master on bioethics from the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain; I have specialization studies on gender and reproductive health and also did the short course on Bioethics at Kennedy Institute at Georgetown University and the course on Ethical Issues on International Research at Harvard University. Currently I am the executive director of the national commission of bioethics in Mexico (with a broad mandate on clinical, research ethics as well as public health policies); I am the founder and was the chairperson for six years of the Latin American Forum for Ethics Committees for Health Research. I participated as Mexico's representative for UNESCO at the intergovernmental committee that finalize the Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights. I am a member and have been member on international research teams on benefit sharing and ethical national frameworks in diverse countries, both projects funded by the European Commission. I have some publications and have a teaching activity.



EUGENIJUS GEFENAS

In 1983 Eugenijus Gefenas graduated from the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University. He obtained his Ph.D. from the Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law in 1993. At present Dr. Eugenijus Gefenas is an Associate Professor and Director of the Department of Medical History and Ethics at the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University and an Adjunct Professor in the Center for Bioethics and Clinical leadership of the Graduate College of Union University (USA) where he is a co-director of the Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics in Central and Eastern Europe. He is also Chairman of Lithuanian Bioethics Committee. His international activities include the membership of the Council of Europe Bioethics Committee (CDBI), International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) as well as the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care. The areas of his professional interest include such issues as teaching and development of bioethics in the transition society, ethical and philosophical problems of biomedical research, ethical aspects of health care reform and resource allocation as well as other bioethical issues.

SØREN HOLM

I am a medical doctor and philosopher. I am Danish, but I have worked in the United Kingdom for the last 8 years. I am currently directing a bioethics centre at Cardiff University and I also hold a part-time chair in medical ethics at the University of Oslo, Norway. I am a founding member of the IAB and have previously been a member of the board and Treasurer of the IAB. My main interests in bioethics is in the nature of bioethical argument, justice, resource allocation and research ethics.

YOUNG-MO KOO

Young-Mo Koo, Ph.D., CIP is Professor of Medical Ethics at University of Ulsan College of Medicine in Seoul, Korea. Upon completion of his Ph.D. at University of California, Santa Barbara, USA, he became one of the first philosophers who got a full-time teaching position in Korean medical schools. He is a founding member of the Korean Bioethics Association (KBA) where he's served as an executive officer since 1998. He also has served major government committees on bioethics, including Expert Committee on Bioethics Policy, Korean National Board of Bioethics (2005~). Although his research interests ranges from classical bioethical issues to the new areas of research ethics, he for the last couple of years has been hung up for the ethical issues raised by the Korean embryonic stem cell researchers. Young-Mo is involved in the Institutional Review Board (IRB) activities in Seoul metropolitan area. This led him to the WHO-WIRB



International Fellowship and recognized him as a Certified IRB Professional (CIP) in 2006. He has published many articles and books on a variety of subjects in biomedical ethics, and co-edited (with Song and Macer) *Asian Bioethics in the 21st Century* (2003). He also is an Associate Editor of *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. Young-Mo is an active member of both the IAB and Asian Bioethics Association (ABA) since 1998.

ALEX JOHN LONDON

Alex John London, PhD, is Associate Professor of Philosophy and an executive member of the Center for the Advancement of Applied Ethics and Political Philosophy at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Professor London has authored more than 30 articles and book chapters on a wide range of topics in bioethics, research ethics, and ethical theory. A central focus of his recent research deals with issues of global justice in international medical research and the need to understand the requirement that research be responsive to the health needs of host community members within this context. He has also written extensively on the standard of care, standards for risk assessment in clinical research, and equipoise. In addition, Professor London is co-editor of *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*, one of the most widely used and respected textbooks in bioethics, soon to appear in its 7th edition. In 2005 he was commissioned by the Institute of Medicine, a part of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, to write a paper on the ethics of research involving prisoners and that same year he was awarded a New Directions Fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. He has spoken recently at the Harvard Medical School, the Harvard School of Public Health, the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, Georgetown University, and has lectured on research ethics as part of the Fogarty International Center training program in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

FARHAT MOAZAM

I am a pediatric surgeon by training and have a doctorate from the Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, USA. My PhD dissertation focused on religious and cultural influences in Pakistan on decision making processes among patients, families, and healthcare professionals in live kidney donation. In September 2006, my work was published as a book by Indiana University Press as "Bioethics and Transplantation in a Muslim Society: A Study in Culture, Ethnography, and Religion." I am currently professor and founding chair of the Center of Biomedical Ethics and Culture, SIUT in Karachi, Pakistan.

MARIA DO CÉU PATRÃO NEVES

Maria do Céu Patrão Neves is Professor of Philosophy (Ethics and Philosophical Anthropology) at the University of the Azores (Portugal) and, as a post-doc visiting scholar, developed studies at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics (Washington, U.S.A.). She teaches Bioethics regularly at Schools of Medicine and at the Catholic University (Lisbon and Oporto); integrates the "Editorial Board" of *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* (Nijmegen, Holland), and of *Ethical Perspectives* (Leuven, Belgium), and the "International Reviewers Panel (IRP)" of *Medical Science Monitor*; author of several books and about ninety papers on philosophy and on bioethics. Currently she is: Consultant on Ethics of Life for the President of the Republic of Portugal; Member of the "Board of Directors" of the International Association of Bioethics, and coordinator of the IAB's International Networks; Member of the National Council of Ethics for Life Sciences and member of its coordinating committee; Member of the specialists group of the "Global Ethics Observatory", UNESCO; Coordinator of the "Azores Delegation of the Centre for Bioethics Studies"; Member of the Health Ethics Committee of the Ponta Delgada Hospital; Portuguese Coordinator of the Portuguese-Brazilian relations in Bioethics.



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Irina Pollard, PhD, is Associate Professor in Biology at Macquarie University (Sydney), member of the UNESCO School of Ethics and Chair of the Australian Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. She is passionate about research and teaching and has published over 100 research articles, two student text books and numerous popular articles in the area of global health, stress physiology, reproduction, developmental toxicology, environmental ethics, bioscience ethics and bioethics. Since her major preoccupation has to do with ways that lifestyles and environmental stresses underscore offspring health across generations, she is also proactive in community education. To this end she dynamically participates in congresses and educational networks on a national and international scale. Her work has broad appeal but she is best known for initiating and developing new ways of communicating science described as bioscience ethics. She's eager to be elected in order to increase her engagement with interdisciplinary education suitable for senior high school and university students. More information can be found on her Bioscience-Bioethics education portal at <http://www.bioscience-bioethics.org/>



ARLEEN SALLES

Arleen L. F. Salles, Ph.D. studied philosophy in *Universidad de Buenos Aires* (Argentina) and has a Doctorate and Master degree in Philosophy from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Salles is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at St. John's University. She also regularly teaches courses in bioethics and ethics in Argentina and lectures in various Latin American countries. She is the editor of VIBS Special Series *Philosophy in Latin America* and the former editor of the *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues* (2004-2006). She is a member of the editorial Board of the forthcoming *International Journal on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, and immediate past Advisory Board member of FAB where she served two terms. She has published on emotions in moral reasoning, particularist thinking in bioethics, and cultural differences and rights. She is the co-author, with Florencia Luna, of *Un mundo complejo: nuevas reflexiones sobre temas clasicos de la bioética* (forthcoming). Her current interest is on the intersection of health care, ethics, gender, and ethnicity.



JACKIE LEACH SCULLY

After first training in biochemistry at the University of Oxford, I subsequently took a PhD in cellular pathology at the University of Cambridge, followed by research fellowships in molecular neurobiology at Lausanne and Basel. Developing an interest in regulatory and ethical issues, in 1997 I was able to join the Unit for Ethics in the Biosciences at the University of Basel. I was recently appointed to a senior lectureship at Newcastle University, but retain a strong research collaboration with Basel. I am honorary visiting fellow at the *ecole cantonale d'arts du Valais*, and have been visiting fellow at Macquarie University and the University of Sydney, Australia.

My main research interests cover the bioethics of disability and embodiment; genetics and reproductive medicine; feminist bioethics; empirical approaches to ethics, especially using qualitative methodologies; and psychoanalytic theory.

In past and present research projects I and my colleagues have investigated somatic gene therapy, patients' decision-making in genetic testing, lay and professional evaluations of prenatal sex selection, and donation of embryos to stem cell research. I am currently participating in a number of



international working groups, with members from the United States, Europe, and Australia, concerned with bioethical methodology and theory, and disability. In addition I have a longstanding interest in public education and engagement in bioethical debate, especially the involvement of socially marginalised communities, and have been involved in a number of practical and theoretical initiatives in this area.

Currently I am on the Board of the Swiss Society for Biomedical Ethics, the Advisory Board of the Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Network, the Editorial Board of the new International Journal for Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, the International Advisory Panel of the journal Quaker Studies, am a member of the Disability Research Association, and Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce. Having been a member of the IAB for several years, I am particularly keen to expand its European perspective as well as increase its engagement with interdisciplinary and public educational work.

ANTON VAN NIEKERK

I am Head of the Dept. of Philosophy and Founder and Director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. I am also Head of the Unit for Bioethics, located in the Center. I am a member of the executive of IRENSA (International Research Ethics Network of SA), and a member of the faculty that teaches in the IRENSA Program at UCT. I have also created and still as a program director for an MPhil Program in Applied Ethics (Specialisation Bioethics) at Stellenbosch University since 1996. I have twice been distinguished visiting Professor in Bioethics at East Carolina University in the USA, and will next year be teaching in the Erasmus Mundus Program in Applied Ethics of the Universities of Utrecht, Trondheim and Linköping. I have published very extensively in the field of Bioethics, the most recent being the book "Ethics and AIDS in Africa", co-edited by Loretta Kopelman.

MARCEL VERWEIJ

Dr. Marcel Verweij (1963) is currently senior researcher and lecturer at the Ethics Institute (former Centre for Bioethics and Health Law) of Utrecht University, where he co-ordinates an international MA program in Applied Ethics. His research interests concern the relationship between ethical theory and moral practice and, more prominent, ethical issues in public health and preventive medicine. Current topics include infectious diseases control, vaccination programs, influenza pandemic preparedness, newborn screening programs and health promotion. Marcel Verweij fulfils advisory roles for the World Health Organization (Ethical issues in influenza pandemic preparedness, 2006-2007) and the European Centre for Disease Control (ad-hoc committee on influenza and bird flu, 2006). He is member of various committees in the Dutch Health Council (Vaccination; Newborn Screening; Preconception Counseling). Verweij is also co-founder of the Public Health Ethics Network of the International Association for Bioethics.



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Ethics, Philosophy and History of Medicine, Nijmegen, the Netherlands(2007) as a Visiting Scholar. She is Faculty Consultant of International Collaborative Genetics Training Program (Johns Hopkins University and Peking Union Medical College) since 2004. She is Research Professor of Institute of Science, Technology and Society, Tsinghua University and faculty member of academic committee, Center for Bioethics, Huazhong University of Sciences and Technology. She is a member of HUGO Ethics Committee since 2004, Vice President, Asian Bioethics Association from 2002-2006.,member of National Ethics Committee of Ministry of Public Health, member of National Committee on Clinical Application of Organ Transplantation, Ministry of Public Health, member of Director Board, Chinese Society of Medical Ethics, Chinese Medical Association. She is IRB Chair of Centre for AIDS Study of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences since 2005, Vice Chair, IRB of Human Genetic Databases, The Chinese National Human Genome Centre Beijing (CHGB) and IRB Member of Chinese Centre for Disease Control (CCDC). She is member of Editorial Board, British Medical Journal (Chinese Version) since 2003, Journal Medicine and Philosophy since 2002, Journal Chinese Medical Ethics since 2002, Journal of Basic and Clinic Medicine since 2004, Journal of Chinese Medical Biotechnology since 2006. She has published 3 authored and co-edited books on Bioethics and many academic papers in which "Introduction to Bioethics" was selected as '*elaborate works*' by Beijing Municipal committee of higher education. Her current research grants include the Ford Foundation, Sino-Britain program and The State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) program.

ELMA ZOBOLI

Elma Zoboli nurse; Master in Bioethics from University of Chile and Regional Program of Bioethics for Latin America and Caribe (WHO/PAHO); Master in Public Health Sciences from Faculty of Public Health at the University of Sao Paulo; Doctor in Public Health Science from Faculty of Public Health at the University of Sao Paulo; secretary of the Brazilian Society of Bioethics (2001-2004); 2nd vice-president of the Brazilian Society of Bioethics (2004-2007); member of the Brazilian National Commission on Research Ethics (1997-2003). She teaches courses in public health and bioethics at undergraduate and graduate levels at the Nursing School of the University of Sao Paulo. Her publications include Ethics and Healthcare Management (2002); Bioethics and Public Health; Ethics and bioethics: issues for nursing and healthcare (2006) and chapters and articles regarding ethical issues in public health and health promotion, primary care, research ethics, occupational health, and family healthcare. □



Updated Notes on IAB Network

Topical "Networks" have been a central feature of the International Association of Bioethics since its founding, and each is an extension of the IAB in time and space. Indeed, networks make such important contributions to achieving the Association's educational and scientific objectives by expanding bioethical reflection in different parts of the world and by widening the variety of topics developed within the IAB that their existence is specified in our constitution. While the IAB's work is most visible during the biennial World Congresses, the networks provide the roots and branches that grow between the meetings and on which the bright leaves and flowers of the Congress depend.

The history

The history of the IAB Networks unfolded in three phases. The first phase began with the IAB's founding, when the suggestion was immediately made to build "International Networks." Many were created then, covering a wide range of important issues. During this period of "Creation, Enthusiasm, and Expansion," the number of Networks reached 20. Many prospered especially Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Network but over the following decade, not all of the original networks stayed active.

At its meeting during the 7th World Congress of Bioethics, in Sydney, 2004, the IAB Board decided to update Networks list and to determine

why some had become “dormant”: was it that their topic had matured, their original leadership had moved on to other interests, or they had not received adequate support from the Association? Through extensive contacts with the original coordinators and members, as well as with other IAB members who wanted to revive dormant networks or start new ones, much relevant information about why some networks succeeded while the original expectations of others were not fulfilled.

During this second phase of “Updating and Rethinking,” the Network list was updated. Six of the original groups classified as “active” were asked to state their membership situation, goals, and projects, to be published in the IAB's Newsletter, as a way of reaching all the IAB members. In addition to this information about the specific networks, Prof. Maria Patrão Neves, who had been appointed by the IAB Board as the new Network Coordinator, also provided information about “How to organize a Network” and “How to reactivate a Network.” The Board also elaborated a frame of “Benefits and Obligations” which was proposed to all the Networks as a first step to regularize their place within the IAB.

The 8th World Congress of Bioethics in Beijing last year marked the beginning of the third phase, that of “Enhancing and Strengthening” the International Networks within the IAB. A special plenary session was held during the Congress for all the past, present and future Networks; the two earlier phases were reviewed as a basis for seeking everyone's collaboration and support for the third phase. Based on feedback from this Network session, the list of “Benefits and Obligations” was revised, in order to ensure close and fruitful relations between the Association and the Networks, and was then approved by the Board. The statement now reads as follows.

A Network benefits from:

- space (even a regular column, when appropriate) in the *IAB Newsletter* to announce its activities and pose bioethics issues of possible interest to the general IAB membership;

- the possibility of presenting a special session or other event during a World Congress of Bioethics (subject to acceptance by the Congress' scientific committee);
- advice and assistance from the Board on the organization of Network events;
- assistance from the IAB Secretariat in developing a “listserv” for the Network;
- access to IAB membership for publicizing Network events;
- the international connections and prominence that attach to the IAB;
- support through a “Network Coordinators Session” during IAB meetings;
- input to the “Network” item on the IAB Board of Directors agenda;
- links from the IAB website to the Network's websites.

A Network is obliged to:

- take steps to promote communication among Network members, such as creating a web page;
- in each formal activity, mention the Network's affiliation with the IAB;
- propose a thematic session, at least once every four years, to the organizers of the upcoming World Congress of Bioethics;
- report once a year on the Network's activities to the IAB's Board's Coordinator of Networks;
- promote membership in the Network and the IAB.

In Beijing, some new Networks were organized and latter approved by the Board:

- “Arts and Bioethics Network”
- “International Network for Ethical Issues in Medical Resource Allocation (INERA)”
- “Philosophy and Bioethics Network”

In addition, one of the dormant Networks “awoke,” so there are now ten active International Networks, all are committed to this framework of “Benefits and Obligations” and each intends to offer IAB members an opportunity to broaden their international connections and understanding of important bioethics issues.

The challenges

The two next years, through the 9th World Congress of Bioethics (2008), will be very challenging if we are to succeed in consolidating the latest achievements and fulfilling the new expectations that have been raised. Our goal is the development of all the 10 active International Networks. In order to achieve this goal, we propose two different challenges to the Networks:

1. We suggest that each Network organize an event within its specific field during the year of 2007 (between World Congresses).
2. We invite all the Networks to participate in a collective publication that presents the "state of the art" highlighting the major trends in their different domains of bioethics.

The IAB Board also welcomes the formation of new Networks and the revival of those that have become dormant despite the continued relevance of their topical field. Persons interested in starting or reviving a Network are encouraged to so:

How to organize a Network

The organizers should prepare a written proposal, stating the aims and objectives of the network (which must be consistent with the IAB's interest in promoting open dialogue on matters relating to bioethics), and a short description of how the Network is expected to function. The proposal must be signed by two IAB members, who will serve as "coordinators," from different countries; it should be sent to the Board of Directors, through the IAB President and/or the IAB's Network Coordinator. The Board will discuss and respond to the proposal as soon as possible (at its next meeting or by email discussion if possible) and will convey any suggestions to the proposers.

How to reactivate a dormant Network

All the Inactive Networks can be revitalized by any two IAB members from different countries who agree to take on the responsibilities of "coordinators." The procedure is the same as for

a new Network, except the first step would usually be to contact the previous coordinators and seek their help (with lists of prior members; statements of purposes, etc.).

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