

International Ethics Conference

Retrieving the Human Face of Science: Understanding Ethics and Integrity in Healthcare, Medicine and Research

University of Botswana

6-10 December 2009

About The Conference

Science is a very important aspect of human life as it has led to advancements in knowledge and improvements in health and human life. Yet each day, practitioners in the areas of healthcare, medicine and research confront difficult questions that need responses as they seek to conduct themselves in ways that are expected by society. If Science is to serve mankind well, it needs to have a human face. The University of Botswana in partnership with the US Navy Medicine and the Uniformed Services University (USA) have organized an educational conference to be held at the University of Botswana from 6-10 December 2009. The theme of the conference is “**Retrieving the Human face of Science: Understanding Ethics and Integrity in Healthcare, Medicine and Research**”.

The Conference seeks to bring together practitioners in the area of health care, medicine and research to discuss Ethical issues and Integrity in Healthcare, Medicine and Research. Through keynote addresses, presentations and panel discussions, the conference will explore ways of bringing out the human face of science locally, nationally and globally. This conference will address the best evidence and action on the role of science diplomacy and the evidence and opportunities for action as we seek to integrate ethics and integrity into our institutional and national policies and programs.

Conference venue:

All conference events, including meals will be held at the University of Botswana Auditorium on the main campus.

Conference Highlights

We note with celebration that the first keynote will be given by His Grace, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee in South Africa on “Human Illness and the Experience of Vulnerability”. This will be followed by a second keynote by the US Navy Surgeon General, VADM Adam Robinson, MC, USN on “Hearing the Cries of the Poor: Healthcare as Human Response”. Conference evening events for networking and socializing will include a Bush Braai at the Mokolodi Nature Reserve (additional charge), as well as receptions hosted by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Botswana and the US Ambassador to Botswana.

Major Presentations

The major presentations will include the following:

- Character, Leadership and the Healthcare Professions : Elizabeth Holmes, PhD, Center for Ethical Leadership, US Naval Academy
- The Tradition of Mentoring Speaker: Edward Gabriele, DMIn, US Navy Medicine and Wayman Cheatham, MD, US Navy Medicine
- The Integrity of Research :Adasue Hinshaw, PhD, Dean, Graduate School of Nursing, Uniformed Services University and Linnea Axman, DrPH, Navy Medicine
- Globalization and the Diplomacy of Science: Anthony Rock, VP, Arizona State University

Each major presentation will be complemented by brief comments from renowned experts.

Panel discussions and Respondents

Several prominent experts from various countries have agreed to serve as either panelists or respondents. They include:

- Kevin Fitzgerald, SJ, PhD, PhD, Georgetown University Medical Center
- Ames Dhai, PhD Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, WITS University
- Kevin Fitzgerald, SJ, PhD, PhD, Georgetown University Medical Center
- Gabriel Anabwani, MD BBCCOE, Botswana
- Wayman Cheatham, MD, US Navy Medicine
- Paul Ndebele, MS Asst Director, Ethics UB
- Richard Salem, JD, Salem Law Group
- Shenaaz El-Halabi, MS, Public Health, Botswana
- Jason Robert, PhD, Arizona State University,
- Exnevia Gomo, PhD, University of Malawi
- Thabo Fako, PhD, CCE / Sociology, UB
- Jon Merz, PhD, University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics
- Linnea Axman, DrPH, Navy Medicine
- Kevin Russell, MD, MPH, Director, Department of Defense Global Emerging Infections Systems Response
- A.M. Jeffery, PhD, Bio-Engineering, UB
- Aggrey Ambali, NEPAD S&T
- Berhanu Abegaz, PhD, Department of Chemistry, UB
- Eric Elster, MD, US Navy Medicine

Educational Technology Exposition

Michael Whitecar, The President of The Chief Information Group, Inc will hold an Educational Technology Exposition from 6-10 December 2009 in the UB Library. He will be demonstrating the usage of various technologies for use in learning and research.

Poster Session

A poster session related to the theme of the conference is also included and abstracts will be accepted until September 15th 2009. Space will be allocated for these posters in the conference venue for the duration of the Conference. Presenters will be expected to be at their posters during the conference breaks to answer questions and interact with

conference participants. Individuals interested in displaying a poster can contact ubethicsconference@mopipi.ub.bw for further information.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Two concurrent pre-conference workshops will be held in the morning and afternoon on Sunday 6th December 2009 in Block 243 CCE Building, UB Campus. Each workshop will cater for a maximum of 30 participants. The workshops topics include:

- Ethics, Law and Regulatory Affairs: The International Perspective. - J. Michael Slocum, JD and Associates (Slocum and Boddie, PC); Jason Robert, PhD; Rekhar Kumar, PhD.
- International Research Proposal Strategies: Wayman Cheatham, MD; Eric Elster, MD.
- International Collaborations: A Practicum: J. Michael Slocum, JD and Associates; Jason Robert, PhD; Leps Maletse, PhD.
- Clinical Trials: An Introduction to International Requirements: Wayman Cheatham, MD; Eric Elster, MD; Exnevia Gomo, PhD.

Post Conference events

After the Conference closing event, participants will visit various health care facilities in Gaborone Botswana. In addition, participants are encouraged to include a visit to the magnificent Chobe Game Reserve or the Okavango Delta while in Botswana. Visit the Botswana Tourism Board at <http://www.botswanaturism.co.bw> for further details.

Conference registration

Save on conference fees by registering early!

Online registration for the conference is available at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=DtFrOIsV5Q_2fNxrjU7YnHXQ_3d_3d

All conference fees are required in advance by cheque or bank draft payable to the University of Botswana.

	Early Registration	Late Registration
Delegates from outside Africa	USD 100	USD 200
Delegates from African Countries	USD 50	USD 75
Delegates from Botswana	BWP 200	BWP 300
Students from Botswana	BWP 50	BWP 75
Mokolodi Bush Braai (Dec 6 th 2009)	BWP 200	BWP 200

All participants are requested to arrive at the Conference Venue at 7:30 – 8:00 am on 7th December 2009 for registration. Tea/coffee breaks and lunches will be included in the registration fee and will be provided to all delegates during the Conference.

For the Pre-conference workshops, there is no registration fee and participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Individuals intending to attend the Pre-conference workshops should register in advance online at the website below as seating capacity will be limited. For information about the poster session, contact: ubethicsconference@mopipi.ub.bw or +267 355 4145.

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Conference bags

The package for each registered participant will include:

- a) Copies of presentations and other reading materials
- b) Lunch and evening social activities tickets

Important Dates

Tues 15 th September 2009	Deadline for poster abstracts to be submitted
Wed 30 th September 2009	End of Pre Conference Registration
Thu 1 st October 2009	End of Early Conference Registration
Thu 15 th October 2009	Acceptance of poster presenters
Fri 30 th October 2009	End of Late Conference Registration

Conference Directors:

Prof. Isaac Mazonde, Dr. Jose Jackson-Malete, Dr. Edward Gabriele, Mr. Paul Ndebele
Assisted by: CAPT Patricia Kelley, CAPT Linnea Axman, Dr. Edward Antosek, Ms. Kelli Blaize

Contact the Conference Secretariat:

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