

Bioethics Planning Meeting 14 September 2007

List of Participants

- 1. Professor Aasim Ahmad:** Chairperson Bioethics Group, Hon. Senior Lecturer at Aga Khan University & Professor & Chief Nephrologist , The Kidney Centre.
In 2003, Professor Ahmad obtained a Masters in Bioethics from University of Toronto. His main areas of interest are bioethics capacity building, research ethics and bioethics education. Professor Ahmad serves on a number of bioethical committees and organizations; including as Chairperson of the Bioethics Group at the Aga Khan University and as member of the National Bioethics Committee.
- 1. Professor Abdallah Daar:** Professor of Public Health Sciences and Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto; Senior Scientist and Co-director, Program on Life Sciences, Ethics and Policy, McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health, University Health Network. Professor Daar is also the Director of Ethics and Policy, McLaughlin Centre for Molecular Medicine and a Senior Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto. Professor Daar serves on the Ethics Committee of the (International) Transplantation Society and of the Human Genome Organization and also a member of the Institute Advisory Board, Institute of Infection and Immunity of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
- 2. Dr. Thomas Eich:** Faculty at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Dr. Eich is trained as a social historian of the nineteenth century Middle East and has maintained a longstanding interest in bioethics. He studied Islamic Studies, Medieval European History and Iranian Studies at the Universities of Bamberg and Freiburg. He received his PhD from Ruhr University Bochum in 2002, where he is conducting a research project "Islamic Bioethics" since 2003.
- 3. Dr. Aziz Esmail:** Former Dean of The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London and, since 1998, has served as one of its Governors. Originally trained in philosophy, literature and religion, Dr Esmail has held lecturing and research positions at various American universities as well as the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He has been associated with The Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago as well as Harvard University's Center for the Study of World Religions and Graduate School of Education.
- 4. Dr. Sherine Hamdi:** Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the Cogut Center for the Humanities (2006-2008), Brown University. Prof. Hamdy focuses on the anthropology of medicine, health, science, and technology, and the production of knowledge. Her field experience has

been primarily in Egypt, where she has pursued Muslim ethical responses to biotechnological dilemmas.

5. **Professor Nouzha Guessous Idrissi:** Professor of biology and a specialist in parasitology and the President of UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee. Professor Idrissi is also a member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the World Health Organization. Her main fields of research include human rights and bioethics. She is on several research ethics committees and is a founding member of the Moroccan Organization of Human Rights and of the Moroccan Association of Bioethics.

6. **Dr. Farhat Moazam:** Founding Chairperson and professor at the Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture, SIUT. In addition to having a doctorate in bioethics, she is a pediatric surgeon trained in the United States and Pakistan. Dr. Moazam was founding chair and professor of the Department of Surgery and Associate Dean of Postgraduate Education at the Aga Khan University Medical College in Karachi. She is also a fellow with the Institute of Practical Ethics and a visiting professor at the Centre for Humanism in Medicine at University of Virginia, USA. Dr. Moazam works with the World Health Organization.

7. **Professor Azim Nanj:** Director of the Institute of Ismaili Studies since 1998. Professor Nanji has served as Co-Chair of the Islamic section at the American Academy of Religion and on the Editorial Board of the Academy's Journal. He has also been a member of the Philanthropy Committee of the Council on Foundations and has been the recipient of awards from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Canada Council, and the National Endowment for Humanities.

8. **Mr. Harald Schmidt:** Assistant Director, Nuffield Council on Bioethics. Mr. Schmidt organises and runs working parties and other activities and contributes to representing the Council to the public and professional bodies. His background is in philosophy and he previously worked at the Research Centre for Bioethics, University of Muenster, Germany; the European Parliament; and the German Ministry of Health.

From Aga Khan University

1. **Dr. David Taylor:** Acting- Provost AKU Karachi, Dr Taylor works with other senior colleagues in the expansion of the University and the development of its academic programmes. Before joining AKU he had for 32 years been on the faculty of the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), where he had most recently held the position of Pro-Director for Taught Courses. He had previously also been Head of the Department of Political Studies and Chair of the Centre for South Asian Studies. Dr Taylor's disciplinary background is in history and political science; he completed his undergraduate study at the University of Cambridge and his Masters and PhD degrees are from the University of London. His main areas of research have been the twentieth-century history of India and Pakistan.

- 2. Dr. Abdou Filali-Ansary:** Director, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations. Dr Filali-Ansary previously served as founding director of the King Abdul Aziz Foundation for Islamic Studies and Human Sciences in Casablanca, Morocco and as secretary-general of the Mohammed V University in Rabat, having also taught modern philosophy there. He has contributed to the academic discourse on Islam and modernity and on democratisation and civil society in the Middle East. In 1993 he co-founded the bilingual Arabic-French journal *Prologues: revue maghrébine du livre* and served as its editor until 2005.
- 3. Professor Moncef Ben Abdeljelil:** Lead member of the faculty team developing educational programmes at AKU-ISMC. He was previously Professor of Islamic Thought and Arabic Civilisations at the University of Tunis. Professor Abdeljelil has a range of teaching and work experience and has made significant contributions to the reform of the education system in Tunis. He also spent several years with the Ministry working to reform the Religious and Islamic Studies programme at Zaytuna University.
- 4. Mr. Farid Panjwani:** Senior Instructor at AKU-ISMC. Mr. Panjwani has studied Islamic Studies, Education and International Development. In 1994 he joined the Institute of Ismaili Studies' (IIS) graduate programme in Islamic Studies and Humanities, which he completed by reading for an MA degree at the Institute of Education, University of London. His research interests include teaching of religion and ethics in multi-cultural societies and is currently undertaking a doctorate in the philosophy of education at Oxford University.
- 5. Mr. Arif Jamal:** Part time Senior Instructor, obtained his BA from McGill University before completing his LLB at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. In 1994 he joined the Institute of Ismaili Studies' (IIS) graduate programme in Islamic Studies and Humanities, which he completed by reading for an LLM degree, with a focus on Islamic law, at the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS). From 2003 to 2004 he was a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School. He has also been a tutor in law at University College London (UCL) and the School of Law at SOAS.