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## **INTERNATIONAL CASE-LAW IN BIOETHICS: INSIGHT AND FORESIGHT**

5 December 2016

Press room, European Court of Human Rights  
Council of Europe, Allée des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg (France)

High level seminar organised by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)  
under the auspices of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

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**Programme**

9h30

**Opening session**

*Mr Guido Raimondi, President of the European Court of Human Rights*

*Ambassador Theodora Constantinidou, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

*Mr Philippe Boillat, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law*

9h50

**Session 1: Human rights in biomedicine: trends and challenges**

*Chair: Dr Mark Bale, Deputy Director, Science Research & Evidence, Department of Health (United Kingdom), Chair of the DH-BIO*

- a. Cases on human rights and biomedicine brought before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR): Common trends and challenges

The beginning and the end of life in the case-law of the ECtHR

**Prof. Dr Helen Keller, LL.M., Judge of the European Court of Human Rights**

The right for privacy in the case-law of the ECtHR

**Dr Pere Pastor Vilanova, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights**

10h50

**Coffee break**

11h20

**Session 1 (continued): Human rights in biomedicine: trends and challenges**

*Chair: Ms Brigitte Konz, Head Justice of the Peace (Luxembourg), Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights of the Council of Europe (CDDH)*

- b. Impact of the ECtHR judgments at the national level

**Mr Justice Peter Jackson, Judge of the Family Division of the High Court (United Kingdom)**

**Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, member of the Constitutional Council (France), member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe**

12h00

- c. Latest developments in Russian jurisprudence in the field of Human Rights and biomedicine

**Mrs Tatyana Vavilycheva, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation**

12h20

- d. The beginning of life and the prohibition of in vitro fertilization in the case-law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

**Mr Roberto de Figueiredo Caldas, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights**

12h40

Discussion

13h00

**Lunch break**

15h00

### **Session 2: Forward look**

*Chair: Prof. Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)*

- a. Current trends in the development of the case-law at the national level  
**Ms Grainne McMorrough, Senior Counsel (Ireland), substitute member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe**

15h30

- b. Round table: Forward look based on the existing case-law and national experience  
**Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, member of the Constitutional Council (France), member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe**  
**Prof. Dr Aart Hendriks, Leiden Law School (Netherlands)**  
**Mr Justice Peter Jackson, Judge of the Family Division of the High Court (United Kingdom)**

16h30

Discussion

17h00

**Coffee break**

17h30

### **Closing session**

**Prof. Angelika Nußberger, Judge and Section President of the European Court of Human Rights**

**Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Human Rights, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law**