

PHEN Communiqué: December 2008

Dear PHEN Member,

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PHEN Resources and Events

2009 & 2010 PHEN Memberships

PHEN members are invited to renew their memberships for 2009 & 2010. Please be reminded that there is no longer a fee for PHEN membership. For more info on the benefits of being a PHEN member and to renew your membership, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/membership/> or contact PHEN.

Health Ethics Week 2009

Publicity materials are being distributed for this year's Alberta Health Ethics Week, taking place March 2- 8, 2009. This province-wide initiative is a time set aside for community organizations, health institutions and individuals to host events that explore ethics issues related to health and well-being. For more info about the Week and this year's theme, *Nurturing Respect and Caring in Times of Transition*, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/ethicsweek/>.

New Library Book Review

PHEN recently posted a review of the book *Neuroethics: Challenges for the 21st Century* by Neil Levy, available in the PHEN lending library. To view this and other book reviews written by PHEN members, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/bookreview.asp>. Info about the PHEN Book Review Club is posted here as well.

Other Resources and Events

Ethics Matter: Creating an Ethical Culture in Health Care

Vancouver, BC: April 24- 26, 2009

The Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) is welcoming registration for its 2009 annual convention, *Ethics Matter: Creating an Ethical Culture in Health Care*. For more info, and to view the preliminary program and registration form, please visit http://www.chac.ca/convention/vancouver_09/vancouver_09_e.php

Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference: Just Evidence?

Hamilton, ON: June 11- 14, 2009

The Canadian Bioethics Society Conference Abstract Committee invites proposals for papers, workshops or posters that raise ethical issues around evidence-based knowledge, clinical care, health law, health policy and health related research. Discussions of justice in relation to global, local or clinical health contexts is particularly encouraged. The submission deadline is January 16, 2009. For more info, please visit <http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/bioethicsconference/>

Bioethics Briefing Book Available Free Online

From Birth to Death and Bench to Clinic: The Hastings Center Bioethics Briefing Book is available free on The Hastings Center's Web site

at <http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Publications/BriefingBook/Default.aspx>. This online edition is searchable and features printable documents organized by topic. Each entry begins by framing the issue and strives to present the full range of perspectives on the issue. Phone numbers and email addresses are included for contacting the experts, as well as related news stories, current legislation, and links to additional reading.

Draft 2nd Edition of the Tri-Council Policy Statement Launched for Public Consultation

The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE) has released the draft 2nd edition of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS). PRE has planned the TCPS Regional Consultation Tour 2009, scheduled to cross Canada from January through March 2009, inviting feedback from researchers, research ethics boards and administrators, research participants and the Canadian public. For a review copy of the draft 2nd edition of the TCPS or to register for the Consultation Tour please visit <http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca> or contact Heather Dana Munroe at hdm@pre.ethics.gc.ca or 613.996.2569.

Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Applied Ethics

This one-year Master of Arts in Applied Ethics is a joint-venture of the Universities of Linköping (Sweden), Utrecht (Netherlands), and Trondheim (Norway). Although the programme addresses applied ethics in general, it offers excellent possibilities for a specialisation in public health ethics. Scholarships are available for non-European students. For more info about the programme, please visit <http://www.maeappliedethics.eu/?l=en>

Health Ethics in the News

PHEN posts links to current news articles related to health ethics at <http://www.phen.ab.ca> - a few of the most recent articles are outlined below. Some of these sites require registration with the external website, but registration is free and only needs to be completed once.

Canadian Assisted-Suicide Documentary Ignites Debate

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20081210/Sky_TV_081210/20081210?hub=TopStories

Vatican Issues Instruction on Bioethics

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/13/world/europe/13vatican.html?_r=1&ref=world

Experts Back Brain Boosters For All

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20081212.wldrugs12/BNSStory/specialScienceandHealth/home>

A City Looks To Its Moral Compass in Lean Times

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/12/13/AR2008121301952.html>

For the First Time in U.S., Extensive Face Transplant is Performed

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/12/16/AR2008121600838.html?hpid=topnews>

Transplanting a Face: The Ethical Issues

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/health/18ethics.html?_r=1

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