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For yet another year, the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation presents its Annual Report into its activities, as always, with the aim of contributing to education, development and training in bioethics. It should be pointed out that the chapter on training represents a new stimulus for the Foundation's work, arising from the corresponding demand of health centres and cultural entities in general. This is worth highlighting because it suggests there are many reasons why the ethical dimension requires an in-depth explanation, given the growing specialisation of knowledge and how each discipline often reduces this into more technical and manageable aspects.

Regarding the Foundation's traditional activities, this year it has also been involved in ethical areas of public health, with a seminar on personal and collective responsibility in health affairs, and the ethics of communication, with a second seminar dedicated to the ethical problems of institutional communication. The now traditional Josep Egozcue Lectures welcomed the philosopher Peter Singer as a guest speaker. He talked about altruism with reference to the subject of extreme poverty and also animal protection. In collaboration with the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the Foundation also sponsored a well-attended conference by Christian Felber on the Economy for the Common Good, designed to share ideas that offer alternatives to the all-conquering capitalism, which has only managed to increase inequalities and hinder the evolution toward a more equitable society. In light of the economic recession and social spending cutbacks, the problem of social justice and equality has also become the priority issue in bioethics.

In the chapter on training and research grants, it is worth underlining the sponsorship of an online course introducing bioethics for clinical practice which received considerable interest. Similarly, the first call for nominations for an Ethics and Science Award aimed at educational institutions received a satisfactory response. The award aims to promote initiatives among educators in order to present the ethical implications of

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scientific and technological development. With this award and some of the courses also aimed at secondary education teachers, the Foundation wishes to have a greater presence in this educational period, so that young people may develop a habit of considering the ethical perspective of knowledge acquisition.

In terms of management, we are pleased to announce the incorporation of Núria Terribas as the Foundation's new director, a celebrated legal expert with a long career in the field of bioethics. Her experience and professional skills are an asset that will no doubt lead to new areas of action and proposals. One of her first achievements was the recent incorporation of the Foundation as a full member of the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics.

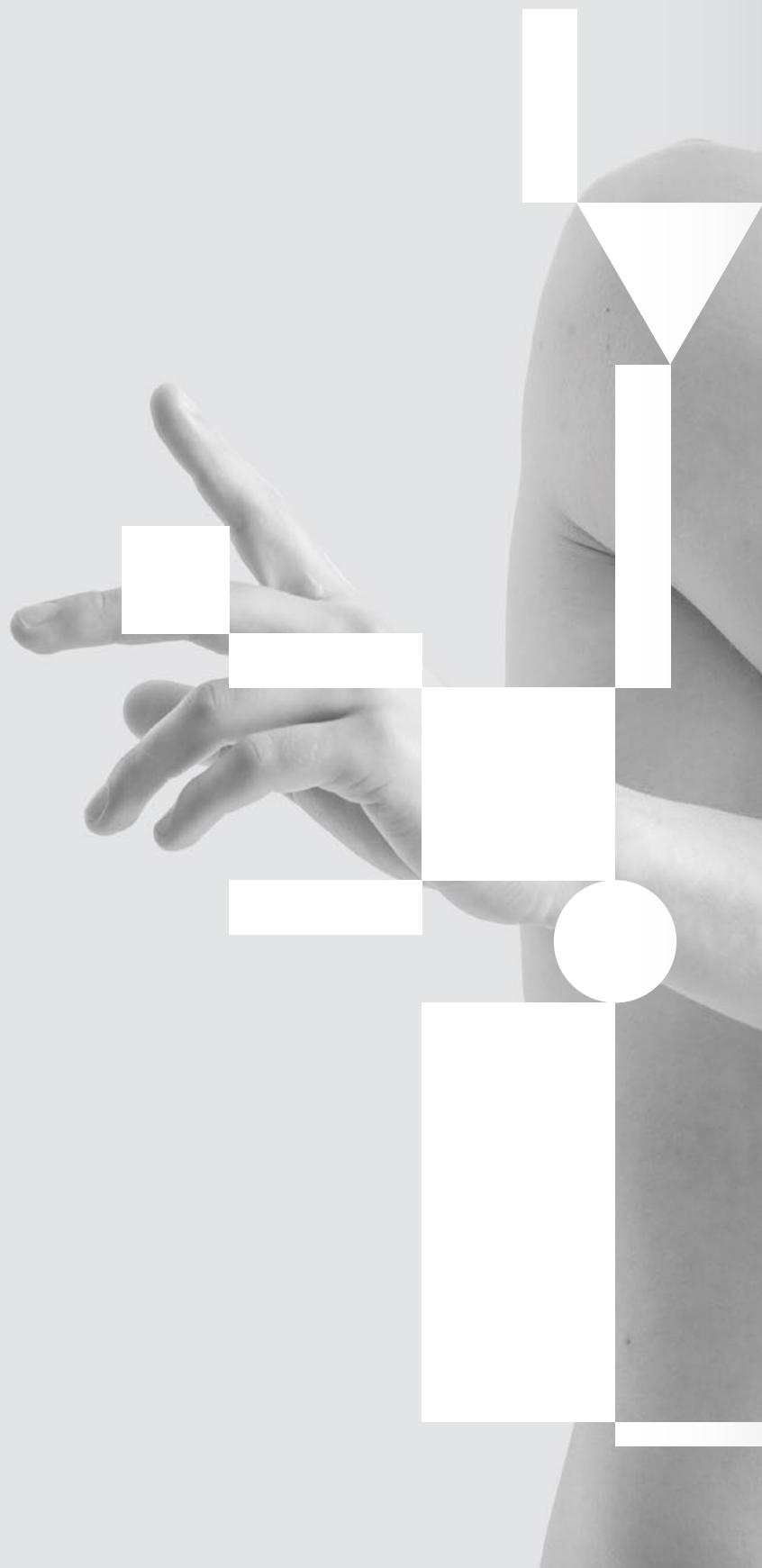
Our website is continually updated so that the information and communication with our followers will always be fluid, interesting and useful. And this is especially true for the publications section, which represents the majority of the Foundation's activities. With the knowledge that the ethical perspective should be an indispensable element of citizen awareness, the Foundation hopes to continue contributing to this matter.

Victòria Camps

President



Victòria Camps, President of the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation



The Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation aims to promote the study and development of Bioethics within the world of human health and life sciences.

Established in 1998 under the auspices of the Grifols group, the Foundation is an independent institution that dedicates resources to the study and development of Bioethics, ethics applied to biomedical activity and to the field of health, with special emphasis on promoting an ethical attitude amongst the organisations, companies and professionals working in the health sector.

The goals of the Foundation are:

- _ To promote research in specific areas of Bioethics by awarding grants and prizes.
- _ To organise lectures and seminars to explore and raise awareness about the core ethical issues which are constantly raised by medical and life sciences.
- _ To produce publications that disseminate the work of the Foundation.
- _ To work with universities and other institutions in developing teaching and research activities in Bioethics.
- _ To be open to any activities that aim to explore the ethics of life.

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ABOUT US

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation is comprised of members recognised for their achievements in different areas of Bioethics research. There are fourteen members from different fields such as Philosophy, Medicine, Research, Teaching and Law, providing a multidisciplinary approach to the activities of the Foundation.

PRESIDENT

Victòria Camps
Professor of Moral Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

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Marc Antoni Broggi
Surgeon and President of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia

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Lecturer at the ESADE Department of Social Sciences

Francesca Puigpelat
Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona



Standing, from left to right: X. Carné, M.A. Broggi, N. Terribas, M. Canivell, R. Dal-Ré, N. Ball, I. Calero. Seated, from left to right: R. Bayés, F. Puigpelat, G. López i Casanovas, V. Camps, M. Busquets, J.M. Lozano.

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Management Board

The Management Board is tasked with implementing the guidelines and projects approved by the Board of Trustees, promoting these initiatives and proposing others which may be of interest to the Foundation. There has been a change in the Senior Management this year; Núria Terribas, a trained lawyer with more than 20 years' experience in the field of Bioethics, has been appointed becoming Executive Director.

Núria Terribas
Executive Director

Maria Ferrer
Project Coordinator

Advisory Council for Education

In 2014 the Foundation has worked on consolidating a new line of work centred on the education sector, with the aim of encouraging consideration, discussion and awareness about current ethical questions within this field. In this way, the entity has promoted different training initiatives directed at groups of professionals as well as students and teachers. In order to achieve this, they have the support of a council of experts that act as an advisory panel for the different projects:

Èlia Farré
Responsible for the Tandem Schools and School Grants projects at the Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation

Salvador Garcia
Managing Director of Ara newspaper

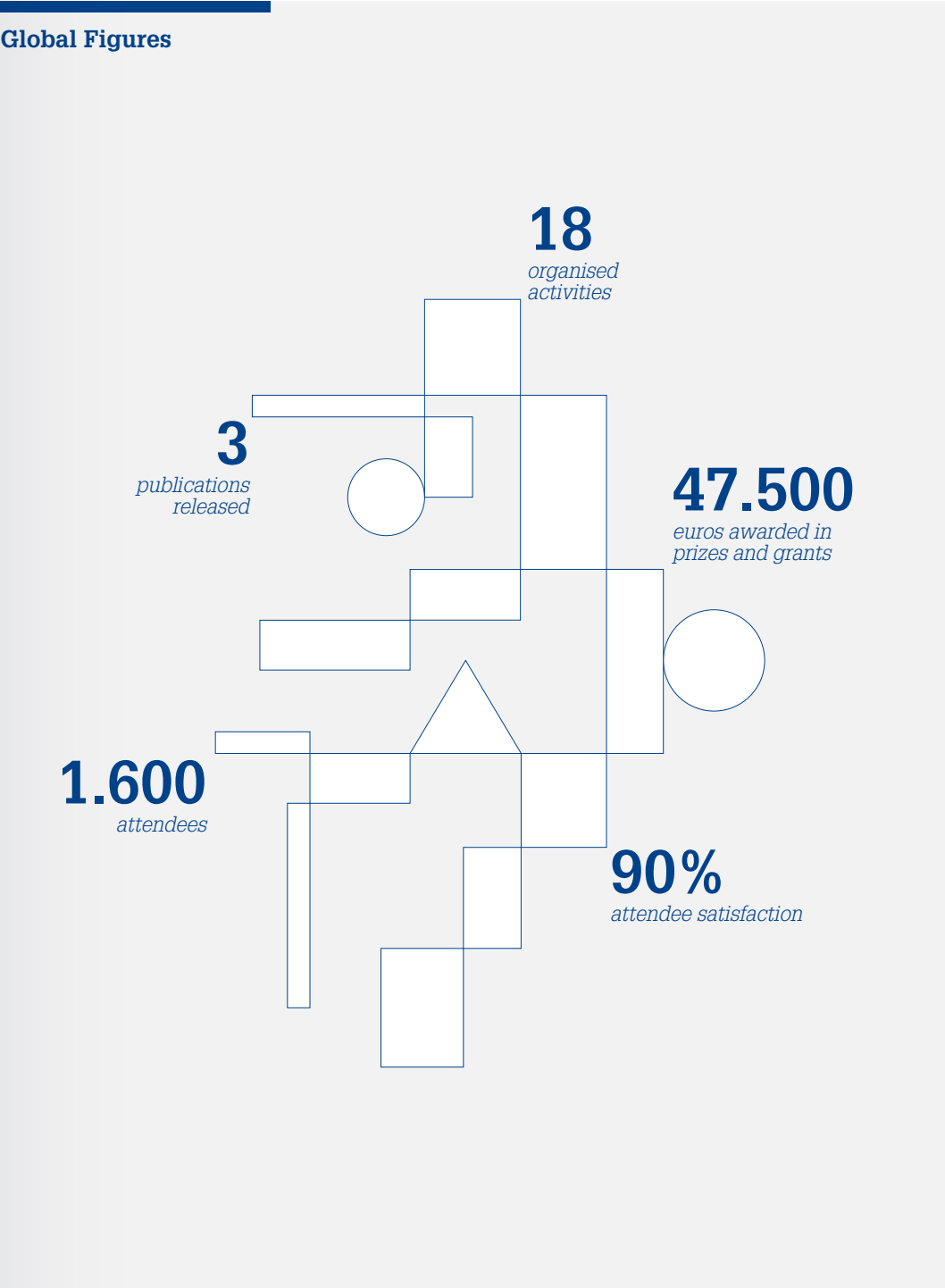
Josep Menéndez
Assistant Director of the Jesuïtes Educació Foundation

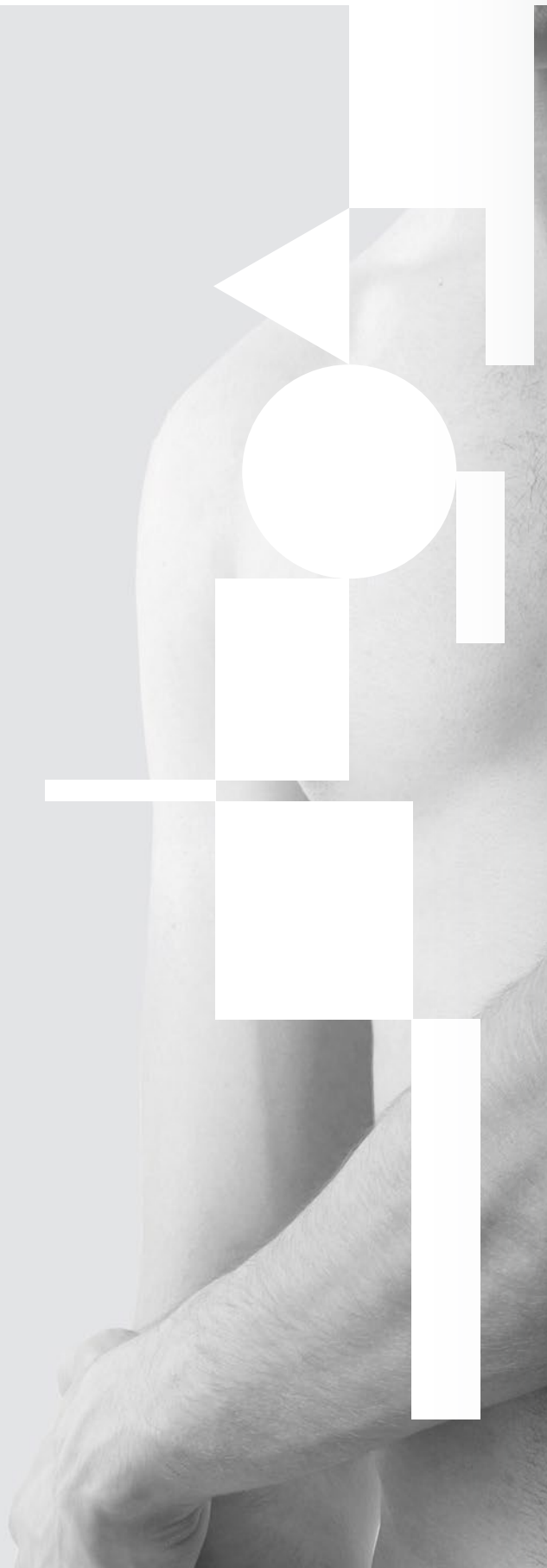
Gregorio Luri
Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Barcelona and Bachelor in Educational Sciences

Ferran Ruiz
President of the Consell Escolar de Catalunya

Eva Salvà
Executive Director of the Agrupació Escolar Catalana (AEC)

Global Figures





The Foundation has organised expert workshops and seminars to address a range of current issues, with the aim of raising awareness of core ethical issues that underpin life sciences.

Institutional communication in the health sector, assisted reproduction techniques, ethics and altruism or the personal and collective responsibility for health are some of the topics that have been central to discussion during 2014.

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SCIENTIFIC REFRESHER WORKSHOPS FOR SECONDARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS

12th February 2014

The Foundation participated in the 13th Scientific refresher workshops for secondary-school teachers organised together with the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and the Education Department of the Catalonia Education Council. This year the workshops, held at the Faculty for Biosciences of the UAB, were dedicated to Bioethics, amongst other selected topics, and included different lectures about ethical issues raised by new scientific advancements in the field of Bioscience:

- “Genomics and Agriculture. Science and Discussion”, conducted by **Pere Puigdomènech**, Molecular Genetics Department. Barcelona Institute of Molecular Biology, CID-CSIC.
- “Nuclear Reprogramming: Ethical and Scientific Aspects”, conducted by **Josep Santaló**, Cellular Biology, Physiology and Immunology Department at the UAB.
- “Bioethics: Present and Future”, conducted by **Àngel Puyol**, Head of the Philosophy Department at the UAB.

SEMINAR: “INSTITUTIONAL COMMUNICATION ETHICS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR”

29th April 2014

This seminar, organised by the Foundation, addressed the role of corporate and institutional communication in the field of health industry and services management, with the aim of encouraging a greater responsibility among all journalism and communication professionals.

Throughout the session, a multi-sectoral working group which included as guest speakers **Marc de Semir**, responsible for corporate communication at the Bertelsmann Foundation, and **Josep Maria Carbonell**, Dean of the Blanquerna Faculty of Communication, examined the ethical considerations related to the information that healthcare institutions transmit across the media, virtual environments and social networks; they also reflected on what



Ricard Meneu was one of the speakers in the seminar on personal and collective factors of health problems.

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contribution each one should make with the aim of empowering the population and allowing them to be informed about health and healthcare issues.

WORKSHOP: “THIRTY YEARS OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTION TECHNIQUES”

6th May 2014

Under the title “Thirty Years of Assisted Reproduction Techniques”, the Foundation organised a discussion workshop at the Espai Francesca Bonnemaison in Barcelona, addressing the medical advances and social changes that assisted reproduction has brought about and, at the same time, discussing those aspects which remain unresolved in this field. Among other distinguished experts in the field, the session was attended by **Anna Veiga**, Scientific Director of the Reproduction Medical Service at the Quirón Dexeus University Hospital, and **Guido Pennings**, Lecturer of Ethics and Bioethics at Ghent University.

Speakers:

Anna Veiga
Scientific Director of the Reproduction Medical Service at the Quirón Dexeus University Hospital

Pere N. Barri
Director of the Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproduction Department at the Quirón Dexeus University Hospital

Guido Pennings
Lecturer of Ethics and Bioethics at Ghent University

Montserrat Boada
Head of the Biology Department of the Reproduction Medical Service at the Quirón Dexeus University Hospital

Verena Stolcke
Emeritus Lecturer of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

Eduard Gratacós
Director of BCNatal, Maternal-Foetal Medicine Centre at the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona - Sant Joan de Déu Hospital



Anna Veiga in the session “Thirty Years of Assisted Reproduction Techniques”.

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Carlos Lema
Lecturer of Legal Philosophy at the Carlos III University

Francesca Puigpelat
Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

Esther Farnós
Lecturer of Civil Law at Pompeu Fabra University

Vicent Borràs
Lecturer of Sociology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and Vice-president of the Gay and Lesbian Family Association (FLG)

Diana Guerra
Psychologist for the Valencian Infertility Institute (IVI) in Barcelona

7TH JOSEP EGOZCUE LECTURES “ETHICS AND ALTRUISM”

25th and 26th June 2014

Peter Singer, Philosopher and Lecturer of Bioethics at Princeton University, was the guest speaker at the 7th Josep Egozcue Lectures, dedicated to ethics and altruism. On June 25th and 26th, Singer gave two lectures at the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCCB) in which he addressed extreme poverty and animal rights. Within this framework, a round table discussion was organised with the participation of:

Albert Sales
Lecturer of Political and Social Sciences at Pompeu Fabra University

Jordi Roglà
Director of Càritas Barcelona

Marga León
Ramón y Cajal Researcher at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Institute of Government and Public Policy

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION “COLLECTIVE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING HEALTH: AN ETHICAL ANALYSIS FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE”

24th September 2014

For the fourth consecutive year, the Foundation participated in the Mahón Public-Health School organising a round table discussion at the Menorca Studies Institute (IME). The event was organised in collaboration with the Spanish Society of Public Health and Sanitary Administration (SESPAS).

Participants:

Begoña Román
Lecturer of Ethics at the University of Barcelona.

Àngel Puyol
Lecturer of Moral and Political Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

Pere Ibern
Researcher for the Health and Economics Research Centre and Lecturer at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Andreu Segura
Public Health Specialist for the Government of Catalonia. Lecturer of Public Health at Pompeu Fabra University. President of the SESPAS Ethics and Public Health Working Group

LECTURE: “PHILOSOPHY, BIOETHICS AND TECHNO-SCIENCE” WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ‘BARCELONA PENSA’ PHILOSOPHY FESTIVAL

20th November 2014

The Foundation participated in the ‘Barcelona Pensa’ Philosophy Festival organising a seminar on “Philosophy, Bioethics and Techno-Science”, presented by **Begoña Román** and **Marcel Cano**, Lecturers of Ethics for the Philosophy Faculty at the University of Barcelona. The lecture, conducted at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Barcelona, considered how Bioethics principles can help direct the use of techno-science to benefit people and to respect the environment and animal welfare.

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CHRISTIAN FELBER LECTURES ON THE ECONOMY FOR THE COMMON GOOD

24th and 25th November 2014

Christian Felber, writer and lecturer at the University of Economics in Vienna, was invited by the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation to present two lectures in Barcelona, dealing with the design of the Economy for the Common Good, a concept which he himself created. The sessions took place on the 24th November at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and on the 25th November at the Círculo de Economía.

Approximately 650 people attended the lectures presented by Christian Felber and organised by the Foundation

The Economy for the Common Good is an alternative economic model both to capitalism and planned economies that rewrites the rules of the current system to resolve the existing contradictory values between the market and society. Unlike the current system, it is not based on financial reward or competence, but on the positive contribution to the common good and cooperation.

SEMINAR: "COLLECTIVE AND PERSONAL CAUSES OF HEALTH PROBLEMS. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?"

4th December 2014

The Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation and the Spanish Society of Public Health and Sanitary Administration (SESPAS) organised the fourth ethics and public health meeting; this year, it addressed the personal and collective causes of health problems. At this seminar, offered to a small group of guest professionals, they reflected on the responsibility that both individuals and society in general have regarding individual health and the health of others.

Coordinators:

Andreu Segura

Doctor of Public Health in the Department of Health for the Government of Catalonia, and Associate Lecturer of Public Health at Pompeu Fabra University



Christian Felber, in his lecture on the Economy for the Common Good at the Círculo de Economía in Barcelona.

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Àngel Puyol
Lecturer of Ethics and Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona
and Head of the Philosophy Department at the same university

Rapporteur:

José Miguel Carrasco
ATLANTES Programme Researcher at the Culture and Society Institute of the
University of Navarra

Speakers:

Victòria Camps
Emeritus Professor of Moral and Political Philosophy at the Autonomous
University of Barcelona and President of the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation

Begoña Román
Lecturer of Ethics in the Philosophy Faculty at the Autonomous University of
Barcelona

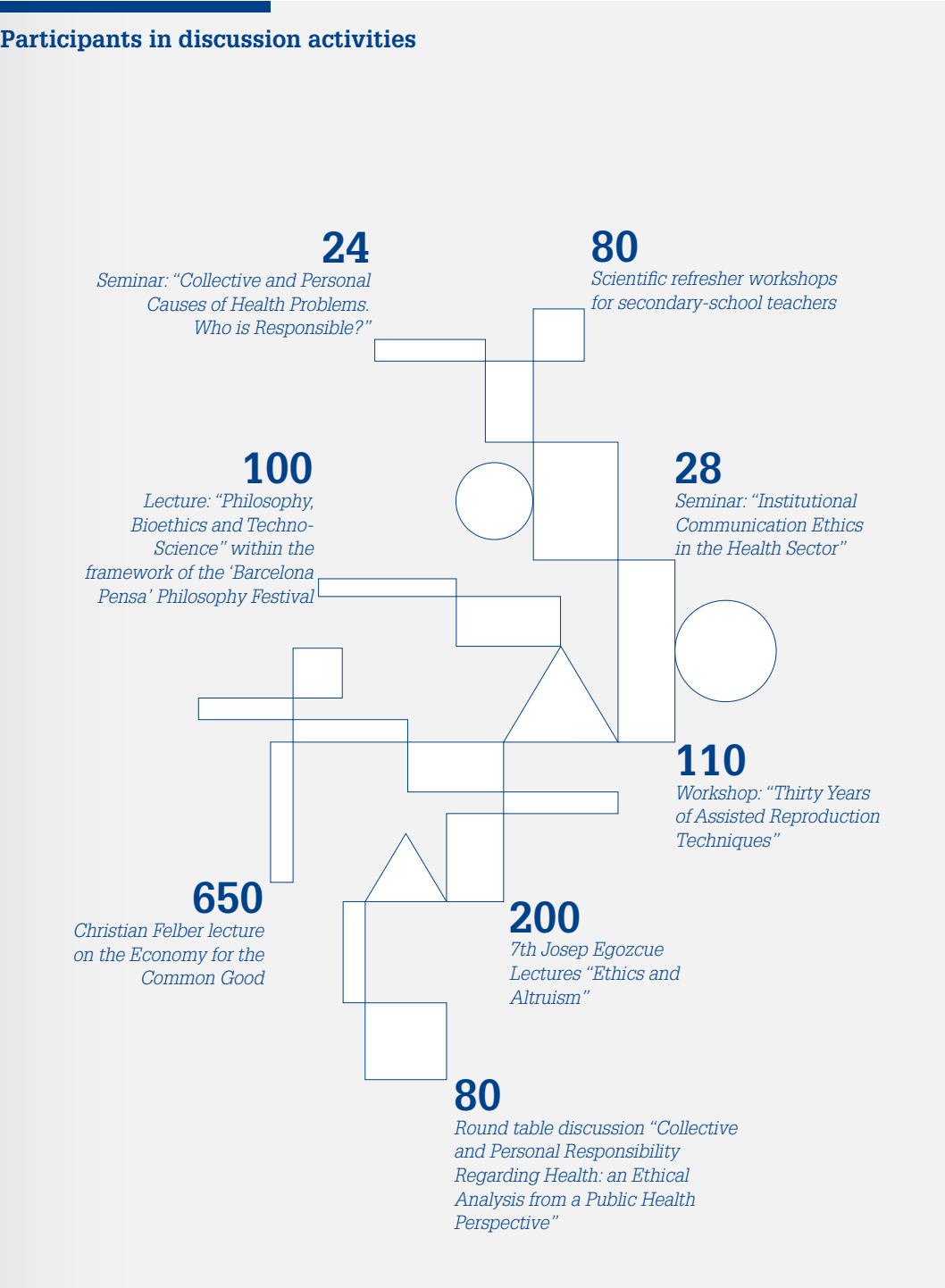
Pere Ibern
Researcher for the Health and Economics Research Centre and Lecturer at the
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Ricard Meneu
Vice-president of the Health Services Research Institute Foundation (IIS) in
Valencia

David Rodríguez-Arias
Researcher at the Institute of Philosophy of the Spanish National Research
Council (CSIC)

David Larios
Attorney for the Social Security Administration and the Council of Communities
of Castilla-La Mancha

Participants in discussion activities





The Foundation has been promoting its training and teaching activities for years, gradually diversifying the content of its courses and workshops, and reaching ever more diverse audiences, including doctors and different professional collectives in the health sector, such as students and secondary education teachers.

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SALÓ DE L'ENSENYAMENT

12th-16th March 2014

The Foundation participated in the Saló de l'Ensenyament in Barcelona to publicise the Prize for research works relating to Bioethics in Senior High Schools, as well as the Ethics and Science Award for education centres. In collaboration with the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRi), the Foundation participated in the EspaiCiència, dedicated to institutions and universities linked to the research.

EXPORECERCA JOVE

10th-12th April 2014

On the 10th, 11th and 12th April the Foundation participated in the 15th edition of Exporecerca Jove, organising the "Challenges of Bioethics" workshop

conducted by Marcel Cano, Lecturer of Ethics in the Philosophy Faculty at the University of Barcelona.

The Foundation also awarded a prize for Bioethics among the projects presented within the framework of this event. On this occasion, the winner was M^a Victòria Conejo, of the Institut Màrius Torres of Lleida, with "Música que els mals espanta"

(Music to Scare Away Illness); her work analyses the current state of music and music therapy in the Catalonia Network of Public Hospitals, describing their experience with concerts in different hospitals in Lleida.

COURSE: "ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN BIOLOGY: SUSTAINABILITY AND BIODIVERSITY", FOR SECONDARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS

21st and 23rd May 2014

The Foundation took part in the 6th Edition of the 'Teachers and Science' Programme at the Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation, organising a course on "Ethical Dilemmas in Biology". The course dealt with, among other aspects, biodiversity, sustainable development and genetic engineering controversies, and was conducted by Jordi Pigem, Science Philosopher and expert in the field of sustainability, and Josep Santaló, Professor of Cellular Biology and



Course "Ethical dilemmas in biology: sustainability and biodiversity" for secondary education teachers.

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President of the Human and Animal Experimentation Ethics Commission at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

“Teachers and Science” is a programme that offers training to science teachers in secondary education in Catalonia. It aims to improve their continued training and specialisation in their respective areas of expertise so that they can apply it in the classroom, encouraging the students’ scientific interests and their ethical awareness.

ONLINE COURSE: “INTRODUCTION TO BIOETHICS IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL PRACTICE”

11th June-11th July 2014

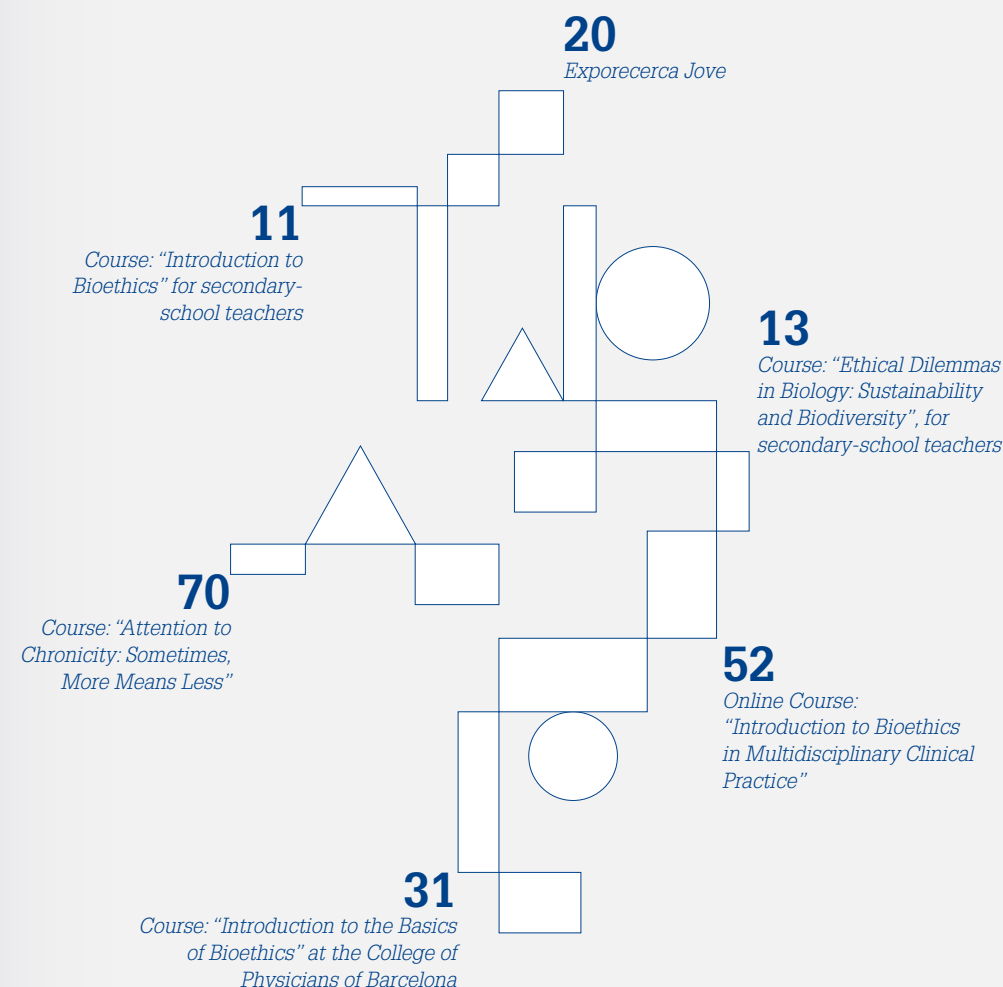
Together with the Catalan Oncology Institute (ICO), the Foundation organised the first edition of the online training course “Introduction to Bioethics in Multidisciplinary Clinical Practice” aimed at healthcare professionals. The course involved 15 hours of tutored training conducted via the virtual platform ‘e-oncología’ and it presented, by proposing different practical case studies, possible situations that may arise within the working environment of healthcare professionals. It tackled, amongst others, issues such as patient rights, clinical relationships, taking decisions or the rational use of resources. The Foundation awarded 50 grants for this online course.

COURSE: “INTRODUCTION TO THE BASICS OF BIOETHICS” AT THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF BARCELONA

8th and 15th July 2014

The course was jointly organised by the Foundation and the College of Physicians of Barcelona (COMB) and was specifically aimed at medical professionals, addressing basic Bioethics concepts and subjects such as the principles of universal ethics, doctor-patient relationships, genetics, reproduction or life end. The training was conducted on the 8th and 15th July at the College

Participants in training and teaching activities





The course, "Attention to Chronicity: Sometimes, More Means Less", tackled problems arising from chronicity.



Training for secondary education teachers: an introduction to bioethics.

Study Centre by Begoña Román, Lecturer of Ethics at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, and Josep Lloret, Paediatric Surgeon.

COURSE: "ATTENTION TO CHRONICITY: SOMETIMES, MORE MEANS LESS"

14th and 15th October 2014

The Foundation co-organised with the Menéndez Pelayo International University Consortium (CUIIMPB) the course "Attention to Chronicity: Sometimes, More Means Less", working on the problems caused by chronicity that occur when prolonging life becomes the objective of the treatment, without considering the quality of life.

The main topics of the course were related to the risk of futility when assisting people suffering from chronic illness as well as the importance of the patient's perspective. The training was conducted by Ramón Bayés, Professor of Basic Psychology and Emeritus Lecturer at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Marc Antoni Broggi, Doctor and President of the Catalan Bioethics Committee and Joan Escarrabill, Director of the Attention to Chronicity Programme at the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona.

COURSE: "INTRODUCTION TO BIOETHICS" FOR SECONDARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS

5th and 7th November 2014

The Foundation participated in the 7th edition of the training program for secondary-school teachers 'Teachers and Science' at the Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation with an "Introduction to Bioethics" course. This training course aimed to provide general knowledge in this area, with particular emphasis on the implications in the medical and treatment field; the topics covered were, amongst others, doctor-patient relationships, Bioethics at the end of life, participation in clinical trials and the use of medical resources.



With the aim of driving the study and promotion of Bioethics, the Foundation awarded, in 2014, a Journalism Prize, six Grants for Research Projects in Bioethics and three Senior High School Prizes.

Although the research prize was withdrawn in this edition, the number of grants awarded has been increased from 4 to 6.

Moreover, the foundation organised the first Ethics and Science Award, with three prizes given to projects that promote ethical reflection and sensitivity in educational centres.

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BIOETHICS AWARD CEREMONY

9th October 2014

The Bioethics Award Ceremony was held in the modernist building of Sant Pau Hospital (Barcelona), with guest speaker Francisco J. Ayala, Biologist and Lecturer at the University of California, Irvine. Ayala specialises in Evolutionary Biology and is one of the most internationally respected scientist. In his lecture, “Roots of Morality: Evolution, Culture, Religion?” he discussed, among other issues, whether ethics is determined by human biological nature and what influence cultural evolution has on moral standards. The lecture had a good public attendance, gathering around 200 people.

In this edition of the event 19 works were presented for the Journalism Prize, 51 for the Research Grants and 12 for the Senior High School Prizes.

The awards were evaluated by a jury composed of:

Salvador Alsius

Lecturer of Journalism at Pompeu Fabra University

Àngel Puyol

Head of the Philosophy Department at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

Jordi Caïs

Lecturer of Sociology and Organisations Analysis at the University of Barcelona

Màrius Morlans

Member of the Healthcare Ethics Committee at the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital

Francesca Puigpelat

Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

16TH RESEARCH GRANTS

The Grants for Research Projects in Bioethics, worth 5,000 Euros each, were awarded to:

Sergio Ramos of the University of Barcelona, for his work: “El documento de voluntades anticipadas en salud mental” (Advance Care Directives in Mental Health).

Jordi Cabòs of the University of Barcelona, for his work: “Epidemiologia de la resiliència” (Epidemiology of Resilience).



The Bioethics Award Ceremony 2013-2014 was held at the modernist building of Sant Pau Hospital in Barcelona.

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The team lead by Priscila Giraldo of the Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (IMIM) for their work: “Comunicación y disculpa después de un error médico” (Communication and Apology after a Medical Error).

Oriol Yuguero of the University of Barcelona, for his work: “Estudio de la empatía de los médicos y enfermeras de Atención Primaria de la Región Sanitaria de Lleida y su relación con las variables clínicas” (Study of the Empathy of Primary Healthcare Doctors and Nurses in the Lleida Health Region, and its Relation to Clinical Variables).

Omar García of the University of the Basque Country, for his work: “El concepto de autonomía del DSM 5: rasgos y posibles implicaciones de su modificación” (The DSM-5 Autonomy Concept: Characteristics and Possible Implications of its Modification).

Míriam de la Flor of the Joan XXIII University Hospital, for her work: “Programa de toma de decisiones compartida en el cáncer de mama con mastectomía. El derecho de la mujer a decidir” (Shared Decision Making Programme in Breast Cancer with Mastectomy. The Right of the Woman to Decide).

COMPLETED RESEARCH GRANTS

The briefs and conclusions for three winning projects from the previous edition and a project that had been submitted earlier but was extended, have been submitted. The works presented can be accessed through the Foundation network.

“Descripción de las prácticas de limitación de la terapia de soporte vital en una UCI e impacto en la potencialidad de donación tras asistolia controlada” (Description of the Limitation Practices of Vital Support Therapy in the ICU and its Impact on the Donation Potential After Controlled Asystole) by María

Amparo Bodi of the Pere Virgili Health Research Institute (IISPV).

“El derecho a conocer los orígenes biológicos versus el anonimato en la donación de gametos” (The Right to Know the Biological Origins versus Anonymity of Gamete Donation), by Noelia Igareda of the Law Faculty at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

“Manejo actual en España de los desfibriladores implantables en enfermos terminales y en el cuidado al final de la vida. ¿Se plantea la posibilidad de desactivación?” (Use of Implanted

*The long history of
awarding grants
has yielded a
significant volume
of research
projects into
bioethics*

Defibrillators in Terminal Patients in Spain and End-of-Life Care. Is the Possibility of Deactivation Being Considered?), by Silvia Del Castillo of the Fuenlabrada University Hospital.

“Implementación de la planificación anticipada de decisiones en el Centre Sociosanitari Albada: estudio cualitativo” (Implementation of Advance Decision Planning at the Albada Social Healthcare Centre: a Qualitative Study), by German Diestre of the Albada Social Healthcare Centre.

14TH JOURNALISM PRIZE

The article “¿Qué hay en mi historia clínica?” (What is there in my Clinical History?), written by the *La Vanguardia* journalist Ana Macpherson and published on the 9th December 2013, received the 14th Journalism Prize about Bioethics and was awarded 3,000 Euros.

2ND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCH PRIZES

The Prizes for Senior High School Research on Bioethics were awarded to:

First Prize, Beatriz de Peray of the Escola Pia Balmes, for her work: “Les implicacions ètiques en el diagnòstic genètic preimplantacional” (Ethical Implications in Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis).

Second Prize, Noemí Aranda of the Institut Baix Penedès for her work: “Un giro de 180 grados” (A 180-degree Turn).

Third Prize, Eloi Güell of the Institut Castelló d’Empúries for his work: “El futur de la naturalesa humana” (The Future of Human Nature).

1ST ETHICS AND SCIENCE AWARD

The Foundation in 2014 called for entries for its first Ethics and Science Award for Education Centres. The aim of these new awards is to recognise and support projects that stimulate student awareness and consideration regarding the ethical implications of science, scientific research and the application of technology whilst, at the same time, promote initiatives directed towards study and discussion of these issues. Given the novelty of the initiative, the prize was awarded at the end of May during a ceremony at the Education Department



Two students from Garbí Pere Vergés school in Esplugues de Llobregat received the first prize at the ceremony for the Ethics and Science Award.

building of the Government of Catalonia. It included the lecture “¿Qué valores tenemos que potenciar en la educación?” (Which Values Should we Encourage in Education?), conducted by **Francesc Torralba**, Director of the University Ramon Llull’s Ethos Chair in Applied Ethics.

The awards were given on the 16th December at the Palau Macaya in Barcelona during a ceremony attended by the Psychologist, Educator and Journalist Jaume Funes. In his lecture “Learning to Investigate and Think Together”, Funes discussed, amongst other issues, how important is to instil, in an educative environment, ethical values to young people across different disciplines of knowledge. The lecture was attended by around 160 people.

At this Ethics and Science Award event, a total of 10 projects from different Primary Education, Secondary Education, Senior High School and Professional Training centres within Catalonia were presented.

The projects were evaluated by a jury composed of:

Ester Busquets
Lecturer of Bioethics at the University of Vic-Central Catalonia University, and regular contributor for the Borja Institute of Bioethics

Eva Calvés
Responsible for the ‘Young People and Science’ Programme at the Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation

Jaume Funes
Psychologist, Educator and Journalist

Rosina Malagrida
Head of the unit for public participation in biomedical research at the IrsiCaixa Aids Research Institute and coordinator of Xplore Health

Ferran Ruiz
President of the Catalan School Council

The prizes awarded in this first edition were:

First Prize, Escola Garbí Pere Vergés of Esplugues de Llobregat for the project “Biotechnology and Society”.

Second Prize, Escola Solc Nou of Barcelona for the project “Health Humanisation Project: Caring for our Elderly”.

Third Prize, Institut El Cairat of Esparreguera for the project “Motivation and Passion for Research”.



As part of its strategy to raise its profile outside Spain, during 2014 the Foundation has set in motion a number of different projects.

06 INTERNATIONAL

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CENTRES OF MEDICAL ETHICS (EACME)

During 2014, the Foundation has been accepted as a full member of the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME), a leading European association, founded in 1986, that brings together more than 70 Ethics and Bioethics Centres across Europe. This institution intends to become a communication network amongst centres dedicated to Bioethics research,

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teaching, and dissemination located in different countries and amongst scientific and academic communities. The association holds an annual meeting of all its centres which is also open to all professionals interested in Bioethics, and it continues to nurture, throughout the year, the interaction and academic collaboration amongst institutions.

INTEL INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

The Foundation took part in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), currently considered the largest pre-university science event in the world. The 2014 edition saw 1,700 students from around 70 countries present their research works. Within the framework of this event, held between the 12th and the 17th May in Los Angeles, the Foundation awarded new Senior High School prizes specifically for North America students.

The following students received the first, second and third prizes from the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation:

First Prize

Nicole Sabina Ticea from York House School (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) for her project “Isothermal Nucleic Acid Amplification System for Point-of-Care HIV Diagnosis”.

Second Prize

Eric S. Chen from Canyon Crest Academy (San Diego, California) for his project “Towards a Combination Antiviral Therapy for Flu: An Interdisciplinary Drug Discovery Effort”.

Third Prize

Miguel Geraldo Rodríguez from the Specialized School in Science and Mathematics Genaro Cautino Vazquez (Guayama, Puerto Rico) for his project “Dengue or Leptospirosis?”.



The Foundation produces three collections of publications, Monographs, Reports and Ethical Questions, where it publishes documents and papers related to their activities. All the publications are offered free of charge to users, with the aim of helping disseminate an understanding of Bioethics. These can be downloaded as PDF files via the website, or ordered in printed form.

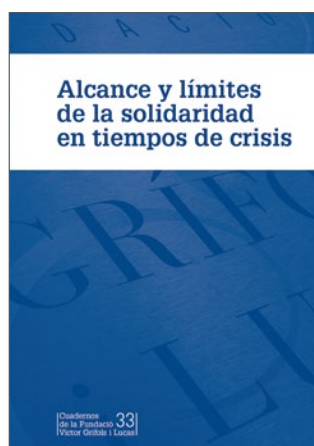
07_PUBLICATIONS

During 2014 the following monographs were published:



Ethics and Public Health in Times of Crisis

The consequences the crisis has on health depend, to a greater extent, on the policies implemented, which must take into account not only the healthcare sector but also all those other sectors whose influence conditions and determines the health of people. This monograph analyses the effects of the crisis on vulnerable populations and on the state of mental health, as well as what role users and professionals must play in order to use healthcare services correctly.



Alcance y límites de la solidaridad en tiempos de crisis

(The Scope and Limits of Solidarity in Times of Crisis)

This publication analyses the difficulty in maintaining the value of solidarity in the current context of economic and financial crisis. The document contains an article by Thomas Pogge, Professor of Philosophy and International Relations at Yale University, that demonstrates the frivolousness with which the richest countries wish justify abandoning cooperation. The monograph also includes input from different third-sector associations.



Ética de la comunicación corporativa e institucional en el sector de la salud

(Ethics of Corporate and Institutional Communication in the Health Sector)

This publication addresses ethical considerations related to the healthcare information that institutions and corporations convey, across the media, virtual environments and social networks and highlights the fact that sometimes, with the complexity and intensity of day-to-day life, these considerations take second place or are completely forgotten. The monograph also stimulates consideration about what contribution each one should make with the aim of empowering the population and allowing them to be informed about health and healthcare issues.



In 2014 the Foundation has consolidated its communication practices with the aim of increasing the dissemination and awareness of the different training activities and discussions promoted by institutions in the field of Bioethics and, at the same time, improving the interaction and dialogue with journalists, healthcare professionals, academics, researchers, educators, students and the general public interested in this discipline, each time reaching a wider audience.

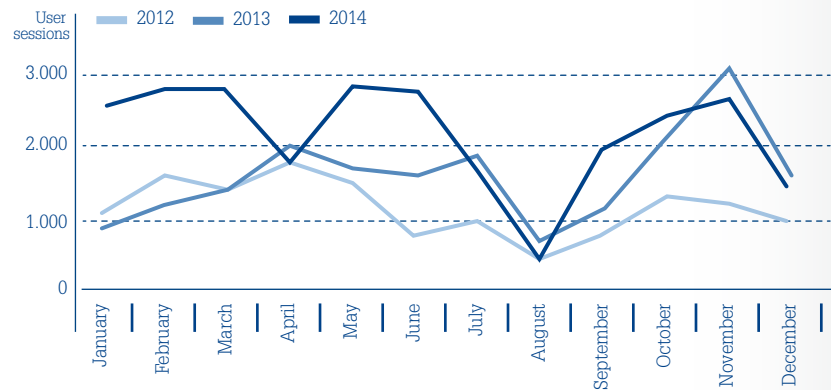
WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTERS

During 2014 the Foundation has completely updated its website to portray a more modern and dynamic image. The results of this undertaking will come to fruition during the first half of 2015, with the launch of the new corporate page. This year, the Foundation website has had an average of 2,200 visits per month, an increase of 19% on the previous year.

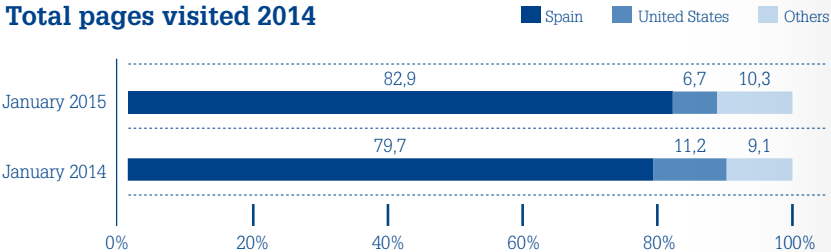
The newsletters currently reach a total of 3,600 users, approximately 200 more than last year

Related to this corporate page image change, the Foundation newsletters, which currently have 3,600 users (200 more than last year), have also been redesigned.

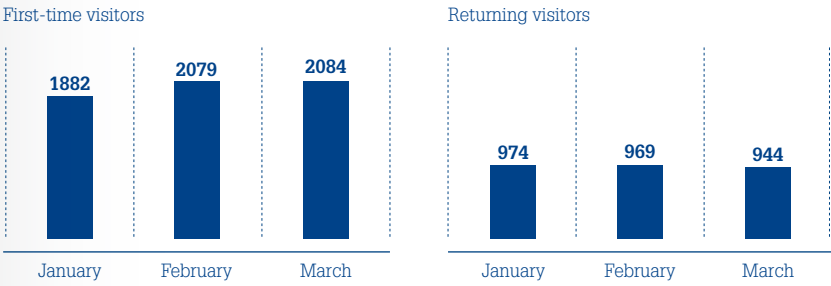
Total sessions / monthly visits



Total pages visited 2014



First-time visitors vs returning visitors 2014



VIDEOS

This year, the Foundation uploaded a number of videos to YouTube from the Assisted Reproduction Techniques Workshop, the Josep Egozcue Lectures on Ethics and Altruism with Peter Singer, the J. Ayala discussion about Morals and Evolution at the Bioethics Award Ceremony, as well as Christian Felber's session about the Economy for the Common Good. Additionally, during 2014, the Foundation started "Perspectives", a round of talks on ethics that started out as a dialogue about poverty between Victòria Camps, President of the Foundation, and Thomas Pogge, Lecturer of Philosophy at Yale University.

In total there were 9 videos that have been viewed 3,888 times.

SOCIAL NETWORKS

The Facebook and Twitter profiles of the Foundation have been consolidated during 2014 to act as news platforms for disseminating the activities of the institution and generating discussion about the different aspects of Bioethics, as well as serving as a direct dialogue tool with users and a method of efficiently responding to their questions and suggestions. During the year, the Foundation has increased its number of followers on both platforms by a total of 700 for both social networks.

La transparencia en salud es una exigencia bioética

Expertos reunidos por la Fundación Víctor Grífols i Lucas reflexionan sobre el reto que tiene la Administración sanitaria de mejorar la información que ofrece

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"Así como la información y la transparencia en la relación con los pacientes es una práctica ya arraigada, no ocurre lo mismo con la información sobre la Administración de los servicios sanitarios". Este es el reto que apunta Victoria Camps, catedrática emérita de Filosofía Moral y Política de la Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB), en la presentación del último cuaderno de bioética de la Fundación Víctor Grífols i Lucas, de la que es presidenta.

Transparencia en el sistema sanitario público es el título del documento, que recoge las ponencias de varios expertos relacionados con la sanidad y con la ética, que se reunieron cuando se estaba tramitando la Ley de Transparencia, Acceso a la Información Pública y Buen Gobierno, aprobada el pasado 28 de noviembre. El debate y las ponencias salen ahora publicadas.

Camps muestra su convencimiento de que "si ha sido posible alcanzar un nivel de comunicación entre el profesional sanitario y el paciente satisfactorio para ambos, también tiene que serlo conseguir una mayor transparencia en la gestión", admitiendo que "tenemos (como país) un déficit en la rendición de cuentas".

La experta en bioética, llamada así en la portada del libro, llama a las administraciones, en particular a la sanidad, a ser más transparentes.



Joan Subirats.

"Si queremos afinar en cómo enfocar cambios imprescindibles en las políticas de salud, deberemos, ante todo, ser capaces de saber qué sucede en el sistema".

Las organizaciones públicas deberían apostar definitivamente por incorporar como uno de sus objetivos estratégicos la ética y la transparencia en sus actuaciones.

Reconoce la necesidad de las auditorías "de control posterior de las actuaciones", y que, en caso de informes negativos, se deriven consecuencias inmediatas de corrección o exigencias de responsabilidades, o las dos cosas. Los sistemas informáticos de control de las actuaciones permitirían, por ejemplo, conocer la evolución de las listas de espera y en qué medida se está cumpliendo "con los criterios establecidos por la Administración", cuestión que



Joan Turri.

"Si he alcanzado como sanitario, tiene que haber una mayor transparencia en la gestión".



Victoria Camps.

lado rest de obtener otro aspecto de salud que hace que el sistema sanitario sea más transparente y eficiente.

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LA VANGUARDIA

LA CONTRA

Guido Pennings, experto en bioética, doctor en Ciencias Morales

Tengo 55 años. Soy belga. Vivo en Lovaina, la ciudad universitaria de Flandes por excelencia. Casado y sin hijos por elección. Gastamos demasiados recursos, debemos ralentizar la economía, abandonar la idea errónea de que mantenerse estable es ir hacia atrás. Soy ateo

“Toda Europa viene a España a buscar óvulos”

Si no hijos por decisión. Estudié en la Universidad Libre de Bruselas, famosa clínica de reproducción asistida. Es profesor de Ética y Bioética y director del Instituto de Bioética de la Universidad de Gante. Desde los 17 años está inmerso en este tema, ha decidido no tener hijos y no deja de preguntarse por qué como sociedad lo vertimos tanto en ayudar a las personas con problemas reproductivos y si realmente es una elección libre: "Creemos que todos deberíamos tener hijos, y así se lo transmitimos a los jóvenes. A mí me cuesta entenderlo y me pregunto si es una elección libre". Ha participado en la jornada 30 años de técnicas de reproducción asistida de la Fundación Víctor Grífols i Lucas.

La comercialización de óvulos se ha convertido en un negocio de grandes beneficios. Y proliferan las madres de alquiler. El mundo entero se está poniendo a la altura y pagando una cincuenta parte de lo que se paga en EE.UU. donde, a diferencia de Europa, es legal comprar material corporal. ¿Qué tarifa maneja? Alrededor de 150.000 dólares por una madre de alquiler: los óvulos están en función de la calidad de la donante: si es joven, guapa y universitaria, puede costar hasta 50.000 dólares. Un gran mercado con sus brokers. En casi todos los países el límite de edad para los tratamientos de fertilidad está en los 47 años. En EE.UU. se trata a mujeres de hasta 60 años. ¿Qué edad está en el límite de ética de varios clínicos, cuántos años más? Hay una petición de los pacientes de la infertilidad: límite a los infértiles que quieren tener hijos. ¿Qué van a hacer? No lo sé, qué van a hacer? Si el niño es normal, muy pronto será más competente que sus padres y tendrá que asumir un papel parental. Si no lo es, hasta que punto podrán cuidarlo? ¿Y qué hacen con personas con sida o con una enfermedad congénita? ... Son casos reales. ¿Cuál es el caso más difícil en el que ha participado? El de Diane Blood, que pidió ser inseminada con óvulos de su marido muerto. El tribunal británico decidió que no, pero permitió que se tratara en Bélgica. Fue el primer caso transfronterizo de inseminación post mortem. También he visto casos de elección. ¿Por qué decidieron que sí? Muchos niños han nacido después de que su padre muriera en la guerra. Hoy es posible en muchos países y se reconoce al padre, lo que es importante en temas de herencia. Empieza a entender la complejidad del tema. Son problemas tan complejos que necesitan una pluma para explicar qué está relacionado con qué y cómo. Yo siempre digo a mis alumnos que no hay ningún fillete que tenga tanta fuerza como tienen los pacientes. No me he aburrido nunca en estos 30 años.

Diario Médico
24th February 2014

La reproducción asistida no logra bajar la tasa de gemelos en España

Estos embarazos están considerados un factor de riesgo por los expertos

DE BARCELONA

Cuando se cumplen 30 años del primer embarazo conseguido mediante fecundación in vitro (FIV) en España y pese a que la técnica ha avanzado mucho, la ciencia no ha conseguido aún reducir la tasa de gemelos, considerado un factor de riesgo por los expertos.

Según reveló ayer en Barcelona uno de los responsables de reproducción del Hospital Universitario Quirón Dones, Pere Barri, "si bien el número de embarazos múltiples de más de dos cigotas, como trillizos o cuatrillizos, se ha reducido sensiblemente, sigue existiendo un mayor porcentaje de éxito (49%), seguida de la inseminación artificial (20 %) y la inducción de la ovulación (15 %).

Otros aspectos como el aumento del número de divorcios, que "favorece la reconstrucción de nuevas unidades familiares a lo largo de los años", y el reconocimiento de los derechos en términos de maternidad, filiación y adopción de las personas homosexuales han sido cambios sociales destacados constatados por los expertos.

Entre las diferentes técnicas de reproducción asistida, el doctor Barri aseguró que "no se tiene que banalizar ni sacralizar" la manipulación de embriones y de células madre.



reproducción asistida. (F. Alvarado/Imágenes/Action)

La fundación ha constatado que la paternidad en edades avanzadas puede causar enfermedades como el autismo en el bebé. La reproducción asistida, que no conlleva para la mujer más posibilidades de contraer cáncer, según el doctor Barri, no ha conseguido disminuir el porcentaje de malformaciones en los bebés, ya que presenta unos datos "similares" a la reproducción natural (2,2 %).

En cuanto al debate ético que genera el uso de las técnicas de reproducción asistida, el doctor Barri aseguró que "no se tiene que banalizar ni sacralizar" la manipulación de embriones y de células madre.

La Vanguardia
20th May 2014



**The financial information for the year 2014
can be consulted in the balance sheet and
the profit and loss account.**

10_FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BALANCE SHEET

December 31th 2014 and 2013

(In euros)

Assets	2014	2013
Non-current assets		
<i>Tangible assets</i>	925	0
Working Capital		
<i>Other Debtors</i>	5.309	1.504
Treasury		
<i>Cash</i>	311	471
<i>Banks and credits institutions, current accounts and sight deposits</i>	136.724	113.803
Total working capital	142.344	114.274
Total assets	143.269	115.778
Liabilities	2014	2013
Equity		
<i>Endowment fund</i>	12.020	12.020
<i>Surplus from previous periods</i>	33.026	18.019
<i>Surplus for the period</i>	888	15.006
Total Equity	45.934	45.045
Short-term Creditors		
<i>Short-term Creditors</i>	0	25.912
Total Short-term Creditors	0	25.912
Suppliers and Other Creditors		
<i>Debts for the purchase or provision of services</i>	70.294	16.665
<i>Public bodies</i>	17.203	14.877
Total Suppliers and Other Creditors	87.497	31.542
Others Liabilities Personal Current	9.839	13.279
Total short-term Creditors	97.366	70.733
Total Liabilities	143.269	115.778

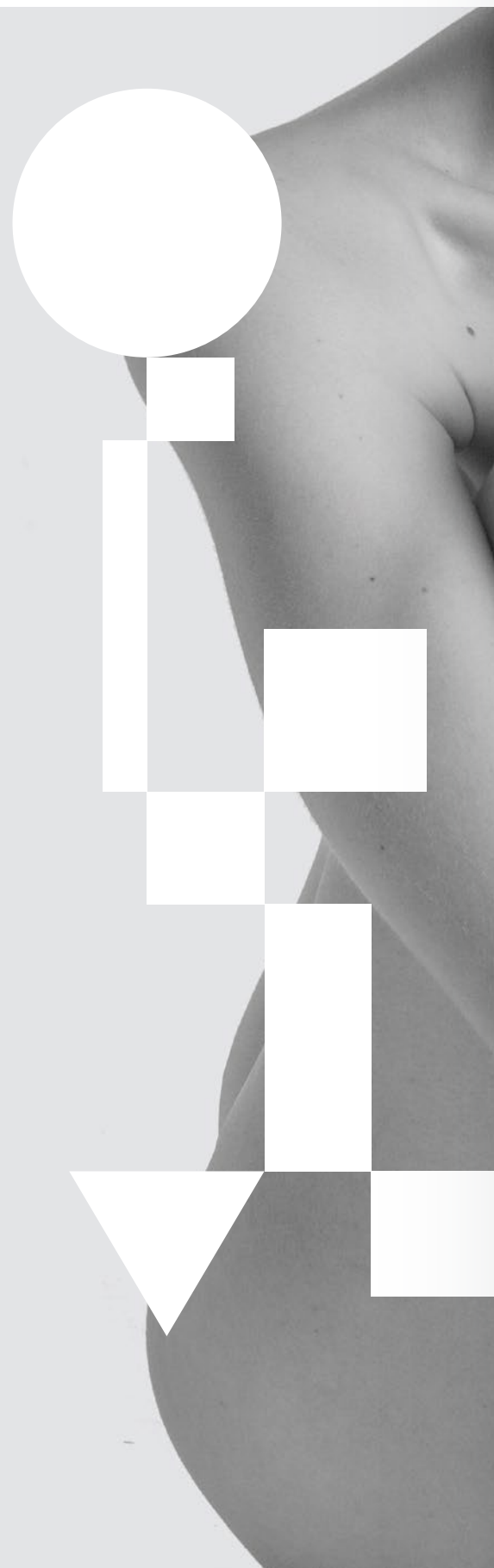
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

December 31th 2014 and 2013

(In euros)

Expenses	2014	2013
Staff Expenses	137.448	106.226
Cash grants and other expenses	69.720	39.214
Other expenses		
<i>External services</i>	251.059	189.146
<i>Taxes</i>	282	408
Total expenses	458.509	156.422
Operating profit	1.491	15.006
Profit from ordinary activities	1.491	15.006
Positive surplus for period (profit)	1.491	15.006
Income	2014	2013
Foundation's income from activities		
<i>Income from promotions, sponsors and joint projects</i>	460.000	350.000
Total operating income	460.000	350.000
Operating losses	-	-
Losses from ordinary activities	-	-
Negative surplus for period (loss)	-	-

Programme of events 2015



The agenda includes activities scheduled for 2015. It is a provisional agenda, with some activities and dates pending confirmation.

11_PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2015

January

26th and 28th January

Course: “Introduction to Bioethics” for secondary-school teachers of the Agrupació Escolar Catalana (AEC).

February

4th, 11th, 18th and 25th February

Course: “Bioethics for Healthcare Professionals” for the Clinical Ethics Committee of the Quirón Dexeus University Hospital.

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February

Course: “Bioethics: a New Discipline or Applied Ethics?” for doctors, organised together with the College of Physicians of Barcelona (COMB).

16th February

Online course: “Introduction to Bioethics in Multidisciplinary Clinical Practice”, organised together with the Catalan Oncology Institute (ICO).

March

5th March

Course: “Bioethics: a New Discipline or Applied Ethics?” for doctors, organised together with the College of Physicians of Barcelona (COMB).

18th-22nd March

Participation in the Saló de l’Ensenyament.

18th, 19th, 25th and 26th March

Course: “Bioethics in Healthcare Practice”, for professionals of the Anoia Healthcare Consortium.

26th-28th March

Participation in the 16th Exporecerca Jove with the workshop “Is it Ethical to Design People to Order?”.

April

22nd and 29th April

Course: “Bioethics for Healthcare Professionals”, for the Children Hospital Foundation of Barcelona.

May

6th and 13th May

Course: “Bioethics for Healthcare Professionals”, for the Children Hospital Foundation of Barcelona.

June

12th June

Seminar about paediatric clinical research organised together with the Nuffield Council on Bioethics.

July

1st and 8th July

Course carried out within the framework of the Summer School of the College of Physicians of Barcelona (COMB).

6th-10th July

Course within the Summer School of the Association of Teachers and Culture Professionals of Catalonia.

Seminar on disability.

September

Seminar organised with the Spanish Public Health Society (SESPAS) and the European Public Health Society.

Participation in the Annual Congress of the European Association of Medical Ethics Centres.

October

8th Josep Egozcue Lectures.

Bioethics Award Ceremony.

November

Course organised with the Menéndez Pelayo International University Consortium of Barcelona (CUIMPB) entitled “The Right to Know your Biological Origins”.

Seminar on Hepatitis C.

December

Ethics and Science Award Ceremony.



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