Annual report
2016

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The aim of the Víctor Gríols i Lucas Foundation is to promote the study and development of bioethics in relation to human health and the life sciences.

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Discussion

The Foundation organizes workshops and expert seminars on a range of topics, with the aim of deepening society’s understanding of the ethical issues that underpin the life sciences.
Discussion

*Barcelona Pensa* Festival of Philosophy: Narrative bioethics

The crisis and mental health in children and young people: *cause or effect?* organized in partnership with Probitas Foundation

Do we need to reconsider the concept of death?

With lectures by James Bernat:
- Disorders of consciousness
- Brain Death

The right to know about one’s biological origins organized by Dixit (2nd edition)

Personhood and the locked-in syndrome ICREA Seminar

The philosophical concept of life Seminar Aporia

“Barcelona Pensa” Festival of Philosophy: Narrative bioethics

Seminar Iatrogenesis and defensive medicine organized in partnership with SESPAS

October November December
Discussion day on the crisis and mental health in childhood, organized in partnership with Probitas Foundation.

James Bernat, Professor of Neurology and Medicine at the University of Dartmouth, guest speaker at the 11th Egozcue Lectures.

Juan José Rodríguez Sendín, Andreu Segura and Francesc José Maria at the seminar on iatrogenesis.
Education and Learning

Over recent years, the Foundation has been consolidating its offering in the spheres of education and learning, gradually diversifying the contents of its courses and workshops and reaching out to a wider audience, which includes doctors, other health professionals, and high school teachers and students.

- **January**
  - **20**
  - Course on advance directives document at Hospital Quirón-Dexeus

- **February**
  - **26**
  - Course: Bioethics: a new discipline or applied ethics? in partnership with COMB

- **March**
  - **5**
  - Exporecera. Workshop: "The right to know about one's biological origins"
  - **20**
  - Oncohaematology Training Course for Nursing Care Auxiliaries: Bioethical Considerations at Hospital Clinic

- **April**
  - **15**
  - CEA Mutuam training sessions

- **June**
  - **14**
  - Introduction to basic contents of bioethics in partnership with COMB

- **July**
  - **70**
  - Session on "Ethics and Science" as part of BIYSC, in partnership with Fundació Catalunya–La Pedrera

- **September**
  - **25**
  - Thinking about bioethics: practical application to solution of case studies, Althaia
Gríols Foundation Chair of Bioethics at UVIC-UCC

The Chair of Bioethics, directed by the Foundation at the University of Vic-UCC, is gradually expanding its activities and delivering a wider range of content, with the aim of covering the full scope of the Foundation’s research and educational activities.

“Ethical and legal standards for research in biology and biomedicine”
Proceedings of the Catalan Biology Society, 67

Bigdata and the use of clinical data for research
MINECO research project in partnership with the University of the Basque Country: in progress

Public perception of clinical research in pragmatic studies of comparative effectiveness
Results currently being prepared for publication

Predictive diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease: the legal and ethical framework
Ongoing research project, in partnership with ACE Foundation. (Neuron-eranet)

Training Course: Good Research Practice

Training in the Planning of Advance Decisions
Activity in progress in partnership with Chair of Palliative Care, UVIC-UCC
Inaugural session of BIYSC, with Núria Terribas, Director of the Víctor Gríols i Lucas Foundation.

Miriam Rodríguez, winner of the Foundation prize for best essay on bioethics, presented at Exporecera.

Francisco Montero at the bioethics course, delivered in partnership with COMB.
Awards and Grants

As part of its commitment to promoting the study and awareness of bioethics, in 2016 the Foundation awarded six bioethics grants, three senior high school prizes and three prizes for educational establishments.

11 October

Research Grants: 17th edition

**x6**

- Comparative study of protocols for accessing the interruption of pregnancy in the European Union (ProtoAccess)
  by Rosana Triviño

- Relational approaches: vulnerability and autonomy in bioethics
  by Janet Delgado

- Ethics for robots: Some considerations in the design of social robots for children’s hospitals
  by the team led by Miquel Domènech

Commitment Information Document (CID) in dietary adaptations in dysphagia
by Núria Oriol

Ethics of care applied to the intensive care unit
by Alejandra Fernández

The status of patients’ preferences in the practice of mental health in Catalonia
by the team led by Francisco José Eiroa

Lecture by Marta García:
“Refugees: the situation today – challenges and solutions”

Prize for research by senior high school students: 4th edition

1

“More than human? The ethical debate around neuro-improvement”.
Berta Mateos Vivar
Castelló de Empúries High School

2

“Paul and ‘the Tree of Memories’. Bioethics and death”.
Elena Cortina Sugrañes
Puigcerver School

3

Crawl & Roll
Pere Valles Badia
Vilatzara High School

22 December

Ethics and Science Awards Ceremony

1

Video of presentation of the study

Bioethics in the classroom
Elisa y Luis Villamil High School (Vegadeo), Galileo Galilei High School (Navia) and Marqués de Casariego High School (Tapia de Casariego)

2

Video of presentation of the study

Ethical implications of artificial intelligence
Rosalia de Castro High School, Santiago de Compostela

3

Video of presentation of the study

The earth and humans: hand in hand
Antoni Gaudí Primary School, Sant Boi de Llobregat

Lecture by David Bueno
“Emotions, ethics and the brain: the trio that makes us people”
Winners of senior high school prizes and bioethics grants

Marta García, head of the protection department of UNHCR Spain, delivered the awards lecture

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Awards and Grants

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Elisa y Luis Villamil High School (Vegadeo), Galileo Galilei High School (Navia) and Marqués de Casariego High School (Tapia de Casariego), Ethics and Science

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Rosalía de Castro High School (Santiago de Compostela), Ethics and Science

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Antoni Gaudi Primary School (Sant Boi de Llobregat), Ethics and Science
International

As part of its strategy of raising its profile outside of Spain, the Foundation was involved in three international collaborations in 2016.

**LEUVEN, BÉLGICA**
Attendance at EACME annual conference, “30 years of European bioethics”

**TOLUCA, MÉXICO**
9th International Bioethics Congress: “Bioethics and humanism in the context of the 60th anniversary of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico”

Keynote lecture: “The right to know about one’s biological origins” by Núria Terribas

**ANDORRA LA VELLA, ANDORRA**
Participation of Núria Terribas, in the National Bioethics Committee of Andorra, as expert in bio-law and secretary of the committee. This body, created in 2014, advises the Government of Andorra, which is currently establishing an ethical-legal framework in biomedical issues and the rights of citizens in the health context.
Institutional Partnerships

Advisory roles on Clinical Ethics Committees

Núria Terribas, director of the Foundation, participates as an active member and expert in bioethics on the clinical ethics committees of a number of health institutions in Catalonia: Althaia Xarxa Assistencial de Manresa, Hospital del Esperit Sant, Grup Mutuam.

Committee to develop a Code of Ethics for the Public Health Service of Catalonia

Núria Terribas is a member of this ad hoc committee, established in 2016, which is engaged in the ongoing task of developing the code, at the request of the Government of Catalonia.

Council of Foundations for Science

The Foundation is a member of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) which brings together foundations in Spain that are dedicated to science and science-related issues. There are plans to establish a working group on Ethics and Science.

Bioinformatics Association, Barcelona

During 2016, the Board of the Foundation decided to affiliate to this body, joining its working group on Ethics, Safety and Regulation.

Partnership institutions in 2016:

Althaia, Col·legi Oficial de Metges de Barcelona, Centre Cívic Urgell, Centre de Cultura Contemporànea de Barcelona, Cercle d’Economia, Col·legi Oficial de Doctors i Llicenciats en Filosofia i Lletres i en Ciències de Catalunya, Col·legi Oficial d’Infermeres i Infermera de Barcelona, Consorci Universitat Internacional Menéndez y Pelayo Barcelona (CUIMPB), DIXIT, Fundació Catalana para la Investigació y la Recerca, Fundación Catalunya-La Pedrera, Hospital Clinic de Barcelona, Fundació Probitas, ICREA, Institut Català d’Oncologia (ICO), Magma, Quirón Dexeus, Sociedad Española de Salud Pública y Administración Sanitaria (SESPAS), Universitat de Barcelona and Universitat de Vic.
Publications

**Ethical aspects of research with children**

The Foundation organized a seminar with the Nuffield Council on Bioethics to present its report “Children and clinical research: ethical issues.” This monograph includes the papers presented at the seminar.

**La incapacitación, reflexiones sobre la posición de Naciones Unidas**

On 13 December 2006, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The monograph includes contributions from professionals and from those affected by the practical implications of this document.

**Ética, salud y dispendio del conocimiento**

Health research generates vast amounts of knowledge that, despite its usefulness, often is not transferred to society, clinical practice or health management. In this publication, a number of experts consider the ethical aspects of this issue and the factors that affect knowledge transfer.

**Eutanasia y suicidio asistido**

Authors from a number of countries explain the experience of states where euthanasia is permitted, and experts from different fields contribute to the debate and clarify conceptual misunderstandings.
The Foundation continued to emphasize the importance of communication activities to disseminate and raise awareness of its initiatives in bioethics.

**Press**
- Press releases: 18
- Online media impact: 118
- Print media impact: Total financial value 211,034€
- Radio impact: 36
- TV impact: 3

**Website**
- Monthly web users: 1600
- Most visited pages: publications, activities, collections, awards & grants.
- Newsletter subscribers: 5300
- Newsletters published: 21

**Social networks**
- 1500 followers (+50% compared to 2015)
- 537 followers (+60% compared to 2015)
- 106 followers (joined April 2016)

**Videos uploaded in 2016:**
- James L. Bernat “Brain Death: Consensus and Controversies”
- James L. Bernat: “Disorders of Consciousness”
- Ethics and Science Award
- The crisis and mental health in children and young people: cause or effect?
Press File

Diari ARA
13-3-16

La Vanguardia
4-07-16

Diari ARA
16-07-16
Financial Information

The financial figures for 2016 can be consulted in the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.

### Balance sheet
December 31st 2016 and 2015
(In euros)

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<td>Banks and credits institutions, current accounts and sight deposits</td>
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The attached report constitutes an integral part of the Annual Accounts.
Financial Information

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Profit and loss account
December 31th 2016 and 2015

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<td>Income from promotions, sponsors and joint projects</td>
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<td>Provision of Services</td>
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<td>Total operating income</td>
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<td>Losses from ordinary activities</td>
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<td>Negative surplus for period (loss)</td>
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<td>Taxes</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
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