



**14th World Congress of Bioethics of International Association of Bioethics &
7th National Bioethics Conference of *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics***

CONGRESS THEME

Health for All in an Unequal World: Obligations of Global Bioethics

**Call for Pre-Congress Satellite meetings/
Workshop/ Seminars/ Symposia/ Trainings**

Pre-congress satellite meetings/ workshops/ symposia/ trainings

Pre- and post-congress engagement in the form of workshops, symposia, trainings, satellite meetings complement the scientific programme of the main Congress. Focus on applied knowledge and skills, exploring issues in depth in areas, such as, clinical practice, ethics education and capacity building, research or policy, public health challenges, publication ethics, ethics review systems, emerging bioethics issues, interdisciplinary and critical approaches to bioethics issues; and actively engage participants via any of a range of learning formats.

Pre-congress engagements offer delegates opportunities to gain in-depth understanding of issue at hand; practical experience, listen to the latest research and practice advances, learn directly from experts and meet with others in their field of interest.

Pre-congress engagements require delegates to separately register for specific ones. There are no separate registration fees for pre-congress events. [[Congress registration](#)]. Attendance numbers are restricted and managed through the registration process. There are a limited number of openings available for these sessions which typically vary between 40 and 100 participants depending on the nature and format of the workshop.

Pre-congress dates (one or two days): December 3-4, 2018 preceding the main Congress scheduled for December 5-7, 2018.

Pre-congress venues: Pre-congress satellite programs will be located in the same premises of St John's National Academy of Medical Sciences where the main Congress will be held. Class rooms, board rooms, small auditoria with appropriate seating capacity will be made available

Format: Courses, workshops, seminars, lectures, techniques/skills demonstrations, case study discussions, hands-on experience and/or discussion groups.

Fees to the organisers of pre-congress satellite meetings/ workshops/ symposia/ trainings

Fee [#] charged for	Duration of proposed pre-congress satellite meetings /workshops /symposia /trainings		
	One full day (7-8 hours between 9 am and 6 pm)	Two full days (7-8 hours between 9 am and 6 pm)	Half day (3-4 hours; between 9 am and 1 pm; or 2 pm and 6 pm)
Venue*	INR 3,75,000/-	INR 6,00,000/-	INR 1,75,000/-
<p>* This covers only the cost for the venue, audio-video, support for registration and volunteers for the pre-congress. Congress organisers will arrange for lunch and teas based on the workshop requirements and in consultation with the workshop organizers. This does not cover stay, travel of presenters/pre-organizers or of participants of pre-congress events. #Pre-congress organizers will interact with Drs Mario Vaz and Sunita Sheel for further details once pre-congress proposals are accepted by the Congress Organizing Committee. WCB Congress secretariat will provide support on pre-congress day, and it will also promote all the accepted pre-congress events.</p>			

Submission process:

Please submit proposals to 14thwcb.precong@gmail.com

Important dates:

Submission opens: March 5, 2018

Submission of pre-congress proposal by April 30, 2018

Notification of outcome to pre-congress organizer point person: May 20, 2018

Submission of proposals

The pre-congress organizer (principle author) may submit proposal on behalf of all presenters, whose agreement to participate must have been obtained prior to submission. Desirable number of presenters for one day pre-congress could be upto five, although this could be flexible depending upon the format of the pre-congress.

Submissions guidelines

Submissions should include the following:

- a. Title of proposed pre-congress satellite meeting /workshop /symposia /trainings
- b. Names of the pre-congress organiser and all presenters
- c. Contact details of all presenters to include:
 - i. full name, organisation/institution, city and country as you would wish it to appear in the completed programme
 - ii. e-mail, work telephone, mailing address
 - iii. a short biography. This should outline academic qualifications, positions/appointments, most recent publication and presentation track record (last five years), research information (interests, grants), professional practice background. [about 200 words]

- d. Target audience [about 25 words]
- e. Summary of the session format that will be followed [about 100 words]
- f. Overview of the pre-congress content. This will be used in promotional materials and should include:
 - i. title
 - ii. presenters (organiser first, followed by up to 4 presenters)
 - iii. learning objectives (up to 3)
 - iv. level of learning
 - v. description (supported by up to 10 current references)
 - vi. implications/conclusions
 - vii. key words (up to 3)
 - viii. funding acknowledgements [30 words]

Total [750 words covering items iii-vi]

- g. Logistical requirements:
 - i. audience size
 - ii. room set up [For example, classroom, group tables, round seating]
 - iii. any specific equipment requirements other than audio-visual equipment for presentations
 - iv. preferred date pre-congress; preferences will be noted and where possible accommodated
 - v. Duration [half (3-4 hours contact); full day (7-8 hours contact); two full days]

Selection criteria

Pre-congress proposals must comply with the aforementioned submission guidelines. Some of the key criteria for selection of the proposals would be that pre-congress proposals:

Explore the contemporary issues in bioethics, most recent ideas, evidence, methods and areas of controversy in the literature related to outcomes for people and populations and to moving the profession forward;

Inspire with a clear purpose and defined outcomes for delegates

Connect internationally delegates with diverse interest and background through active engagement

Include speakers with diverse experience and standing in the topic area

Include patient/client perspectives and perspectives of low income countries

General information

1. The Pre-Congress language is English and all proposals and presentations must be made in English.
2. Payments as outlined above in the section on Fees charged to pre-congress organisers needs to be paid within two weeks from the date of notification of decision of acceptance of the proposal from the Congress Organising Committee to the pre-congress organisers.
3. All research and studies that involve human participants and animal subjects reported in submitted proposals must comply with general ethical principles.

4. Any source of funding or support for the work being presented should be acknowledged.
5. Presenters are requested to disclose potential conflicts of interest regarding their presentation in the first slide. This will allow the audience to take potential conflicts of interest into account when assessing the objectivity of the presentation.
6. Some sessions may be audio-recorded and will be made available on the Congress website. PowerPoint presentations in PDF format will also be made available on the Congress website.
7. Pre-congress organisers and presenters are encouraged to use their social media channels to promote their involvement in the Congress. The Congress Secretariat will also help disseminating information related to successful pre-congress programs.
8. Descriptions and objectives for each pre-congress will be published in the preliminary and final programmes, on the Congress website and in other promotional material.
9. Congress programme placement will be determined by the Congress Organizing Committee to ensure best fit with the overall congress programme. Any requests for specific dates and times cannot be guaranteed, but will be considered if requested at the time of proposal submission.