

11th Annual Bioethics Forum 2019 - “Bioethics and Emerging Technologies in Healthcare”

The 11th Annual Bioethics Forum 2019 of the Bioethics Society of the English-Speaking Caribbean (BSEC) was held in collaboration with the University of the West Indies, at the Cave Hill Campus on Sunday, 27th October 2019. The Forum was organized and chaired by Dr. Kandamaran Krishnamurthy, Head, PICU Consultant, Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), Barbados. The forum focused on the ability to apply ethical principles in clinical practice, apply ethical principles in the conduct of research and to increase the knowledge of developments in Caribbean Bioethics. The topics presented were:

1. Research Integrity: Professor Paul Braunschwelger (University of Miami/Senior adviser CITI programme)
2. Ethical divide in Legal vs Medical response to opioid epidemic: Dr Gretchen Watson (Clinical Psychologist, ROSS University)
3. Case Studies from Hospital Ethics Round in Barbados by Dr. Maisha Emmanuel (UWI, Cave Hill)
4. Ethical Considerations of End-of-Life care: Professor S Hariharan (UWI, St Augustine)
5. Ethical Issues of Artificial Gamete Facilitating Exploitive Surrogacy and Post-mortem Reproduction: Has Advanced Technology Gone Awry?: Dr Derick Aarons (Past President BSEC, Turks and Caicos)
6. Data Security in Health Research by Professor Ian Hambleton (UWI, Cave Hill)
7. Ethical issues in Animal Care and Use for Research by Dr Thea Scantlebury-Manning (UWI, Cave Hill)
8. Achievements in Caribbean Research Ethics by Dr Mike Campbell (UWI, Cave Hill).

The conference ended with a Panel discussion on Ethical Issues in Research with Children moderated by Professor Alok Kumar (UWI, Cave Hill), Dr Michelle Lashley (UWI, Cave Hill), and Dr Liz Rochester (Consultant Psychiatrist, Barbados).

The event was open to the public and a total of 94 people were attended. Healthcare professionals from various specialities and students from The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, American University of Barbados (AUB) and American University of Integrated Sciences (AUIS) attended. During the event, the attendees actively participated by sharing opinions, thoughts, and suggestions.

Event Photos:



