

Editorial

It is a great honour, but at the same time a great responsibility to become an Editor-in-Chief of a journal with such prospective future and great possibilities as it is a case with *JADR – European Journal of Bioethics*. Wisely subtitled it brought up the essential precursory idea of our task: to become internationally recognisable journal, especially sensitive to the rich European intellectual heritage, a heritage too often completely ignored or simply forgotten in many contemporary bioethical debates. This programmatic task of „Europeisation of Bioethics“ is a kind of guiding thread, and it includes, by implicit imperative of sensibility towards the Other and a long tradition of intellectual self-criticism, the whole array of bioethical problems, issues, methodologies and views. Such openness to the different views and perspectives is seen as a necessary obligation of bioethics if it wants to strive and cherish. This is a logical part and continuance of development of the idea of „Integrative Bioethics“, a truly innovative concept born in Croatian academic community and spread very fast to the whole surrounding area. We hope our Journal can be a place for further development, criticisms and challenging the various (bio)ethical standpoints, views and thesis, with exclusive motivation for enriching the field of Bioethics.

It is a great satisfaction to present the 12th number of our Journal for which we can observe that it is on a right trail by reflecting the ideas mentioned above. In the current issue you can read about the relationship between birth weight and some aspects of sexual behaviour, the interdependence of informed consent and cultural context, the ethical dimensions in aesthetic medicine, an original environmental reading of Karl Marx' works, some specific intricacies concerning the euthanasia debate, and the Japanese perspective on organ transplantation. These topics are brought through one preliminary communication, four review scientific articles and one professional article. The novelty is the implementation of peer-review process on students' contributions motivated by the encouraging the students to write more scientifically on the one side, and by raising the quality of the published material on the other. Several book reviews as well as two scientific meeting reviews are also a part of this issue.

I would like to thank to the members of the Editorial Board, peer-reviewers and all other associates included in the nascence of this issue. I owe special thanks to the previous Editors-in-Chief. They gave me an enormous support in taking this position and continue to provide me with the beneficial and helpful advices. In the hope that I have justified the confidence of the Editorial Board given to me, I am certain that we can together assure a bright future of our Journal and make an important contribution to bioethical enterprise ahead of us.

Sincerely Yours,

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