



# Conflicts of interests in health research

**2-4 September 2009, Santiago, CHILE**

The focus of the Tenth Global Forum on Bioethics in Research (GFBR10) is to:

- provide an inclusive forum for sharing and discussing ethical considerations and experiences related to conflicts of interests in health research, specially in international health research
- explore new ways of interpreting the conflict of interest phenomenon, challenging the accepted taxonomy and the current remedies to deal with conflicts of interests;
- analyze different settings in which conflicts of interests occur, going beyond financial conflicts of interests faced by clinical researchers, tackling conflicts of interests within research ethics committees, scientific journals, and in regard to the social value of health research

**Further Information:** The official language of GFBR10 will be Spanish. There will be simultaneous translation of the plenary sessions into English and break-out sessions in both Spanish and English.

Details on how to apply to attend GFBR10 are available on our website <http://www.globalforum2009.cl> or through the contact details below. The deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

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## Application and selection process

### Who can attend GFBR10?

About 100 invited participants attend the Global Forum on Bioethics in Research each year, with the emphasis on those from developing countries and transitional societies; this number has been chosen to allow maximum participation in discussions. For GFBR10, full funding will be available to sponsor delegates from developing/transitional countries. We aim for wide international representation, due to costs there will be additional places for delegates from Latin American countries. Applicants from developed countries are welcome to apply if they can self-fund attendance. Part-funding may also be available to some delegates. The aim is to have a balance of delegates from all parts of the world, with a majority of sponsored delegates.

### To submit an application to attend

Please complete, by **1<sup>st</sup> April 2009**, the Application Form GFBR10 which is available on the website <http://www.gfbronline.com> providing the following information:

- ◇ a brief statement, explaining why you would like to take part in GFBR10, how you think you would benefit, how you might be able to contribute, and how you think your participation will contribute to deal with conflicts of interests in health research. We would be particularly interested in applicants' involvement with the theme of conflicts of interests in health research (not more than 500 words);
- ◇ a short CV (1 page);
- ◇ a description of your current work (150 words);
- ◇ if relevant, a list of recent publications, especially those relating to the theme of GFBR10.



### **Awards: Decision Making and Eligibility for Funding**

Successful applicants from developing/transitional countries will receive an award to cover: return travel to the meeting (standard airfare and standard ground transportation costs); registration; accommodation (3 or 4 nights maximum including meals), and a copy of the proceedings. Participants will be expected to meet all other costs.

The GFBR10 Steering Committee will decide on successful candidates (both self-funded and those applying for funded places). The decision criteria will include the following factors:

- ◇ **Country of origin.** GFBR10 would like to ensure a representative distribution of delegates from different regions;
- ◇ **Experience of ethics.** GRB10 is focused on people involved or interested in health research ethics; researchers; legislators, and community representative. We would like to ensure the participation of representatives of different disciplines.
- ◇ **Research ethics committee member.** Being a research ethics committee member is not a requirement to participate in the GBR10. However, it will be considered in the selection process.
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Delegates will be informed of the decision of the GFBR10 Steering Committee on May 2009. The Steering Committee decision will be final. Please send your application to the attention of Dr. M. Navarrete, preferably by email to the following address: [globalforum@minsal.gov.cl](mailto:globalforum@minsal.gov.cl) , or by fax at +56 2 5740379.

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## About the Global Forum on Bioethics in Research

### Mission

To promote ethical international health research by bringing together ethicists, researchers, policy makers and interested community representatives from developing and developed countries to discuss emerging ethical, social, legal and public policy issues related to health and biomedical research in international settings.

### Values

The key values of the Global Forum on Bioethics in Research include the promotion of ethically conducted research; respect for the differences between many stakeholders in research - both geographical, cultural, and scientific; the importance of bringing these together for mutual learning; the urgency of capacity building in health research ethics review in many low-income countries and the need for global partnership and capacity building in ethics and ethical review.

### General Objectives

- ◇ To strengthen the protection of human participants in international health research.
- ◇ To provide a forum for developing country perspectives on ethical issues in research.
- ◇ To explore opportunities to enhance capacity for the ethical review of research.
- ◇ To create a context for research involving human participants in which developing and developed country scientists, ethicists, community representatives, policy-makers, and other relevant stakeholders can address ethical issues in ways that encourage expeditious long-term joint management of research protocols.

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