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News and Notes

International Association of Bioethics formed

More than 300 delegates created the International Association of Bioethics at its inaugural meeting earlier this year. The brain-child of Peter Singer and Helga Kuhse of Monash University, Melbourne, Australia and Dan Wikler of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, USA, the new association brings together members from various academic disciplines from some 34 countries who share an interest in bioethics. The association is committed to free, open and reasoned discussion of bioethical issues and will hold an international conference every two or three years, varying its location. Its next conference is to be in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Three of the first tasks undertaken by the new association were: to adopt a constitution (one of the features of which is a highly elaborate proportional representation system for voting); to establish networks of members interested in specific fields of bioethical inquiry, and to elect a board of directors. The 21-strong board has members from 17 different countries and was elected from a field of over 40

candidates. The members of the board are predominantly philosophers but also include doctors, lawyers, theologians and an historian.

Board members are: Peter Singer, Australia (president); Helga Kuhse, Australia; Segun Gbadegesian, Nigeria; Raanan Gillon, United Kingdom; Ms Kusum, India; Gamal Serour, Egypt (treasurer); Daniel Wikler, USA (vice-president); Alastair Campbell, New Zealand; Bartha Knoppers, Canada; Maurizio Mori, Italy; Ruth Chadwick, United Kingdom (secretary); Hernan Fuenzalida, Chile; Rahito Kimura, Japan; Juan Carlos Tealdi, Argentina (1994 international congress organiser); John Harris, United Kingdom; Bela Blasszauer, Hungary; Ren-Zon Qiu, China; Diego Gracia, Spain; Nalaka Mandis, Sri Lanka; Maurice de Wachter, the Netherlands; Alexander Capron, USA.

Inquiries about the new association, including inquiries about the networks, should be sent to its executive officer, Kay Boyle, Centre for Human Bioethics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia.