

## **IFMBE Ethics Committee Report**

The Ethics Committee co-sponsored the **6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering** that was held in Brooklyn, New York in April 2011, organized by Dr. Subrata Saha Chair of the Ethics Committee of IFMBE. The IFMBE President, Prof. Herbert Voigt presented a paper and chaired a session. Prof. S.M. Krishnan, the IFMBE treasurer, also participated and chaired a session. Other Ethics Committee members (e.g., Prof. Subrata, Saha and Dr. Ana Lita) also presented papers. This conference was co-sponsored by the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE); Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society and endorsed by IFMBE.

Traveling from states all across the US and from several countries around the world, this conference was attended by about 150 biomedical engineers, clinicians, research scientists, philosophers, lawyers, students and representatives from industry. They discussed essential ethical issues presented within the biomedical engineering field (Figs. 1-6).

The technical sessions were on: 1) Advances in Biomedical Technology: Ethical Concerns I; 2) Medical Practice and Ethics; 3) Regenerative Medicine, Nanotechnology and Ethics; 4) Symposium: Ethical Issues in Dentistry; 4) Advances in Biomedical Technology and Ethical Concerns; 5) Ethical Issues in Biomedical Research and 6) Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering.

On behalf of the Ethics Committee of IFMBE, Dr. Subrata Saha also organized a Mini-Symposium on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics that will be held as a part of the World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering at Beijing, China on March 31, 2012. Several members of the Ethics Committee (e.g., Prof. Herbert Voigt, DR. William Hendee, Dr. Subrata Saha, Dr. Monique Frize, and Dr. Mircea Leabu) will present papers at this Mini-Symposium. The session will also include a Panel Discussion. The Ethics Committee will also co-sponsor the **7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering** that will be held in Brooklyn, New York on April 20-21, 2013. Dr. Subrata Saha is the Conference Chair. This conference has been endorsed by IFMBE and will be co-sponsored by AIMBE, Sigma Xi and many other scientific societies.



Fig. 1 - Attendees at the 6th international Conference on Ethics Issues in Biomedical Engineering.



Fig. 2 – Dr. Subrata Saha, PhD, the conference chair, Welcoming the audience and stressed the significance of such a meeting.



Fig. 3 - The participants were also greeted by Dr. John C. LaRosa, President of SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.



Fig. 4 - Participants discussing during the break.



Fig. 5 - During these times they also had discussions with the speaker and between themselves.



Fig. 6 – Attendees at the 6th international Conference on Ethics Issues in Biomedical Engineering (United States Military Academy Cadets from West Point).