

Minutes of the IFMBE Bioethics Working Group Committee Meeting

1 April 2011

The newly formed IFMBE Bioethics Working Group met for the 1st time on April 1st, 2011, immediately before the start of the 6th International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering in Brooklyn, New York. The meeting was attended by Dr. Subrata Saha, the committee chair, Dr. Herbert Voigt, the committee vice-chair and the IFMBE President, Dr. Ana Lita, Director of Appignani Bioethics Center and a member of the committee, Dr. Pamela Saha of the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center and Dr. Shankar Krishnan, IFMBE Treasurer. The committee was charged and agreed to carry out the following actions during next one year:

- 1) To form a Code of Ethics for Medical and Biological Engineers and circulate it amongst member societies;
- 2) Encourage formation of an Ethics Committee for all national Biomedical Engineering or Bioengineering societies;
- 3) Organize an Ethics session at the next World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering;
- 4) Help to organize Ethics sessions at other national and international Medical and Biological Engineering conferences.

The committee also voted to accept Dr. Daniel Vallero of Duke University as a member of the committee. Dr. Vallero has authored several books including: 1) Environmental Biotechnology: A System Approach and 2) Biomedical Ethics for Engineers, both published by Academic Press.