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International Symposium on Bioethics

Online Platform: Zoom

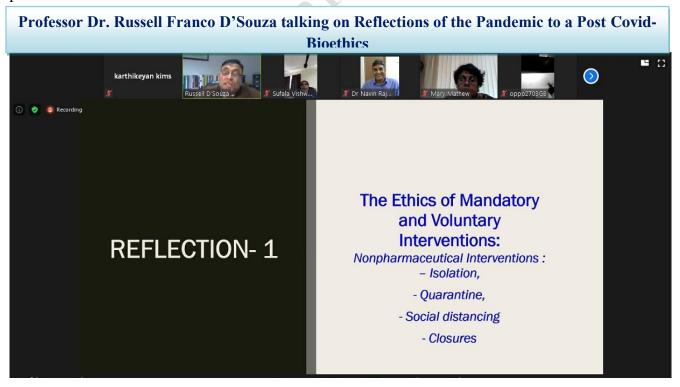
Time: 10 am to 1.30 pm

Date of the event: 16.07.2020
Total number of participants: 177
Organized by: Bioethics Unit

The 'International Bioethics Symposium, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, with well-known international speakers and delegates from various medical Institutions across the country was organized by the Bioethics unit of KIMS & RC on the 16th of July 2020. This programme was conducted to celebrate the first anniversary of establishing the Karpaga Vinayaga Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at KIMS & RC. Dr. Sufala Sunil Vishwasrao, Principal, KIMS & RC and Head of KIMS & RC Bioethics Unit welcomed the gathering and introduced the concept of the webinar.

Managing Director, Dr. Annamalai Regupathy welcomed the speakers and encouraged the Bioethics Unit for conducting such events.

The first speaker was Professor Dr. Russell Franco D'Souza, the Head of the Asia- Pacific division of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa and the Executive Director Global, Dean and Professor of Psychological Medicine at the International Institute of Organizational Psychological Medicine. Professor Dr. Russell D'Souza spoke from Melbourne, Australia on the topic "From Reflections of the Pandemic to a Post COVID Bioethics" and explained how the COVID-19 pandemic would reflect on post-COVID Bioethics.



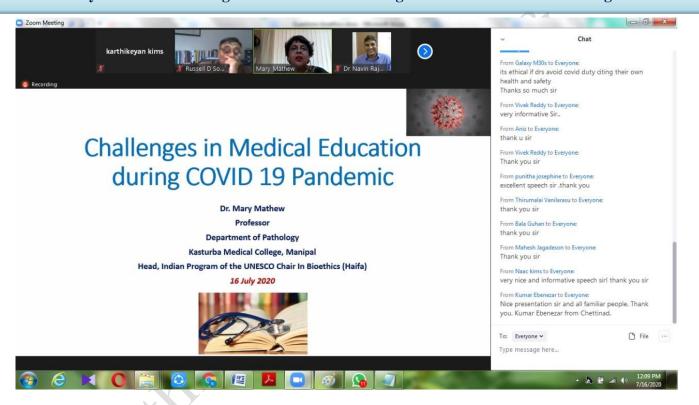
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Professor Mary Mathew, Department of Pathology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Karnataka and Head, Indian Program, International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa); International Council Member, Department of Education, International Network of the UNESCO Chair In Bioethics (Haifa) and the Head of the Manipal Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) enlightened the delegates about the ethical challenges in medical education during COVID-19.

Professor Mary Mathew delivering a talk on ethical challenges in medical education during Covid-19



Dr. Suresh Rao, Consultant Orthopaedic surgeon in West Cumbria (North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust) and Visiting Professor at the University of Cumbria, United Kingdom, spoke on the unexpected positive outcomes of the pandemic in his candid talk.

The Program Coordinator for the International Bioethics Symposium, Dr. Navin Rajaratnam, Professor of Physiology & Secretary of KIMS & RC Bioethics Unit coordinated the entire event and also moderated the Question-and-Answer Session which saw an enthusiastic and active participation by the attendees.

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Dr. Roseline Fatima Williams, Professor & Head, Department Of Community Medicine, KIMS & RC proposed the Vote of Thanks and the webinar ended on a very positive note of achieving the concept of spreading awareness about the importance of Bioethics in the current Scenario.

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