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Warm greetings!

We are pleased to bring you this fortnightly digest from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* (IJME).

Newsletter Spotlight 1

Call for Nominations for the
FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
FMES-IJME ETHICS AWARDS 2022-23
IN COLLABORATION WITH
BANYAN ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP IN MENTAL HEALTH (BALM)



For Outstanding Contribution to Ethical Practices and
Improving Access to Mental Healthcare for Marginalised
Communities



AWARD CATEGORIES

- Advocates/champions with lived experience of mental health issues
- Youth-based organisation working in mental health spaces.
- Community NGO or Civil society organisation working in mental health spaces

AWARDS CEREMONY

Will be announced later

We welcome self nominations

9th NBC-5th GMHS 2022-23

NOMINATIONS OPEN : DECEMBER 23, 2022
NOMINATION CLOSE: EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

Who can apply?

Any Indian nationals in the awards categories serving marginalised and vulnerable communities and promoting the culture of ethical mental healthcare practice.



Call for Nominations FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23
Nomination form for Category 1, 2, & 3
For queries, please write to us at: fmes.ijmeethicsaward@gmail.com
Twitter handle: @ijmeethicsaward



PLEASE DO HELP US FIND A DESERVING CANDIDATE. IT COULD ALSO BE YOU.

We have received some compelling nominations for the FMES-IJME Ethics Awards 2022-23. Thank you for the interest.

We are **extending the timeline** for receiving applications **until Thursday, April 6, 2023** in the interest of allowing more time for those working in remote areas, in various different geographical locations, engaged with mental health service provision addressing diverse sections of populations, and navigating through odds while responding to the mental healthcare needs.

Please reach out to the Ethics Awards Secretariat (Mobile:7506265856, email: fmes.ijmeethicsaward@gmail.com) for assistance in filling up the [nomination forms](#). The Secretariat has been extending support to applicants to ensure the nomination form doesn't become a barrier to nominate. If you are considering submitting in a language other than English or Hindi, please do reach out to us so that we can facilitate your submission.

Newsletter Spotlight 2

Commemorating World Tuberculosis Day on March 24, 2023

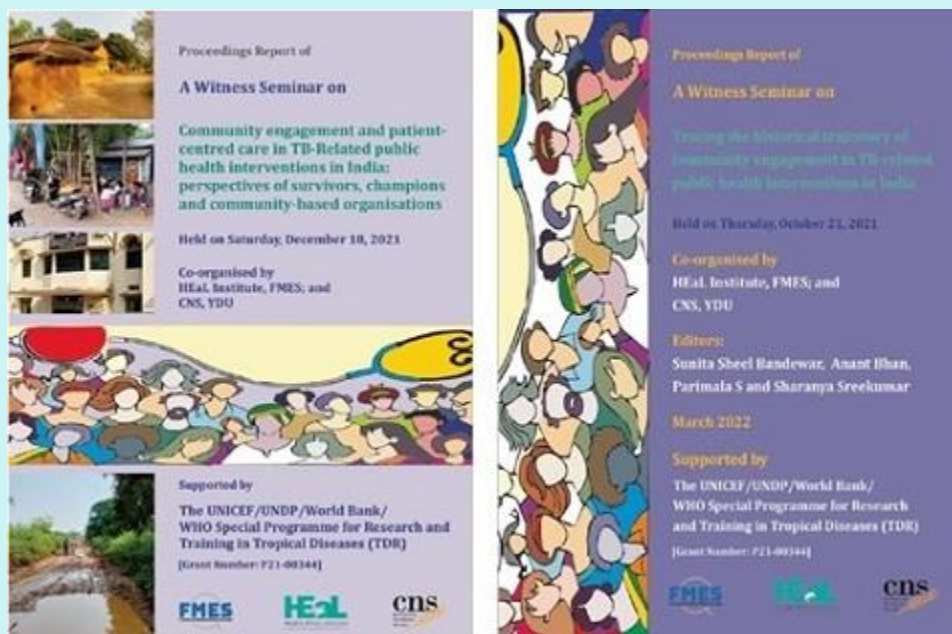
Each year March 24 is commemorated as World TB Day to raise awareness about the health, social, and economic consequences of TB, with efforts to eliminate the disease.

March 24 marks the day in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium (TB bacillus) that causes TB. This discovery opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease.

We present below some reports/articles from FMES-IJME published over the years on TB as a public health concern.

FMES:

[Community Engagement in Implementation research | Eco-researchTM \(Engagement of Communities in research in Tuberculosis and Mental Health\)](#)



IJME:

1. Delaney C, Delaney T. [Public healthcare \(in\)accessibility for TB patients: a slum's-eye view](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2023 Jan 26.

2. Basu S, Sharma N, Mase S, Sachdeva KS. [Ethical issues in expanding latent TB management in high burden countries](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2020 Jan-Mar;V(1):53-56.
3. Chowdhury S, Phutke G, Patil S, Jain Y. [The ethics of compulsory notification of tuberculosis](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2019 Apr-Jun;4(2):120-122.
4. Vaz M, Travasso SM, Vaz M. [Perceptions of stigma among medical and nursing students and tuberculosis and diabetes patients at a teaching hospital in southern India](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2016 Jan-Mar;1(1):8-16.
5. Pardeshi G. [Reciprocal obligations for prevention of occupationally acquired tuberculosis among healthcare workers](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2015 Jul-Sep;12(3):188-9.
6. Mishra G, Ghorpade SV, Mulani J. [XDR-TB: an outcome of programmatic management of TB in India](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2014 Jan-Mar;11(1):47-52.
7. Singh JA, Bhan A, Upshur R. [Diagnosis of drug-resistant TB and provision of second-line TB treatment in India: some ethical considerations](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2013 Apr-Jun;10(2):110-4.
8. Gawde N. [Do we need notification of tuberculosis? A public health perspective](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2013 Jan-Mar;10(1):56-8.
9. Nair SS. [Ethical aspects of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme](#). *Indian J Med Ethics*. 2011 Apr-Jun;8(2):102-6.

Newsletter Spotlight 3

J&J loses anti-TB drug patent extension in India: A huge step in the fight against TB

In India's fight to eliminate TB by 2025, the Indian patent office rejected an application by Johnson & Johnson to extend its monopoly on Bedaquiline in India beyond July 2023. The rejection of the patent gives way to the manufacturing and availability of generic versions of the drug, which are expected to be more affordable.

[How tuberculosis survivors are fighting for cheaper drugs and dignity](#) | Times of India | Shruti Sonal & Sneha Bhura | March 26, 2023

[MSF applauds Indian Patent Office's rejection of J&J's attempt to extend monopoly on lifesaving TB drug](#) | Médecins Sans Frontières | March 23, 2023

[The 1/4/6x24 campaign Ganesh Acharya explains why we need access to shorter, safer TB regimens](#) | Centre for Population Health Initiatives | March 22, 2023

Online First from *IJME*

Gupta, H. (2023). [Solving crimes, balancing rights in police investigation](#). *Indian Journal of*

Medical Ethics, March 25, 2023

Kottai, S. Ramprakash R. (2023). [Evolving jurisprudence on conversion therapy: Reconsidering ethics in mental health systems](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, March 16, 2023

Sinha, N. (2023). [Global Mental Health Movement: Need for a cultural perspective](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, March 18, 2023

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

Hot Topics in Research Ethics

Post Trial Responsibilities and Access to Injectable Cabotegravir for PrEP



Jerome Singh, Ph.D
University of Toronto



Raja Iskandar Shah
Raja Azwa, MB ChB, MRCP
Universiti Malaya

You are invited to join this webinar!
April 10 2023 9:00-10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
April 10 2023 9:00- 10:00 PM (Malaysia)

Advance registration required:
[Click this link to register](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the meeting.

Long-acting injectable cabotegravir (CAB-LA) was recently shown in large clinical trials to be a safe and effective way to prevent HIV. However, it has been difficult or impossible for those at risk to access it in many locations around the world. This session will include a brief review about the use of CAB-LA for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis as well as community concerns and ethical issues raised by the lack of access to it.

This programme is organised by the Master of Health Research Ethics (MOHRE) programme at Universiti Malaya (<http://www.mohre.um.edu.my>). It is supported by the Fogarty International Center of the United States, National Institutes of Health (Grant R25TW010891) in collaboration with the Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University.



[Post Trial Responsibilities and Access to Injectable Cabotegravir for PrEP](#) | Hot Topics in Research Ethics webinar | Universiti Malaya | April 10, 2023 | 9:00-10:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada), 9:00- 10:00 pm (Malaysia)



[The Fifth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health](#) | World Health Organization | April 3-5, 2023



[Towards a FAIRer World Implementing the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science to address global challenges](#) | UNESCO, International Science Council (ISC), Committee on Data (CODATA) and World Data System (WDS) | UNESCO, Paris & Virtual | March 29, 2023 | 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (CEST)

Concluded conferences and webinar

[Launch: Inequality Monitoring in Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health eLearning course](#) | World Health Organization

Publications (academic and popular press) on bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes

Academic and popular press

[Commercial determinants of health](#) | Lancet | March 23, 2023

[My Friend ChatGPT: Fun to Talk With, Not Yet to Be Trusted](#) | Mohammad Hosseini | The Hastings Center | March 21, 2023

[Report from Equity in Open Access workshop 1: the APC debate, reflections and rainbows](#) | Malavika Legge | OASPA

[ChatGPT in the Clinic? Medical AI Needs Ethicists](#) | Emma Bedor Hiland | The Hastings Center

[Is Chinese Bioethics Ready to Move Forward from the CRISPR Baby Scandal?](#) | Joy Y Zhang and Ruipeng Lei | The Hastings Center | March 6, 2023

[Mapping the Moral Terrain of Clinical Deception](#) | Abram Brummett, Erica K Salter | Hastings Center Report | February 24, 2023


Social Audit Resource Hub



The Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research (SAFAR) has developed a Social Audit Resource Hub with contributions from civil society organizations and Social Audit Units. Social Audits that were pioneered by civil society groups in Rajasthan in the 1990s and taken to scale by the government after its institutionalization in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in 2005, are a unique experiment in democratizing governance. They

demonstrate the possibilities of expanding access to rights and strengthening transparency and accountability in public service delivery through peoples' participation and citizen oversight.

Call for Applications



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SARETI Masters Degree MSocSc (Health Research Ethics) Scholarships Call for Applications: 2024

SARETI A Masters Degree in Health Research Ethics primarily for lawyers and social scientists.

The South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI) based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa is an African programme in health research ethics that offers a mix of online and face-to-face modular and applied training as part of a structured *Social Science Masters* specialising in health research ethics. Trainees are capacitated with expertise to ensure that health research in Africa prioritises the welfare of research participants, individuals and communities as its primary focus. A key focus of this training programme is to build research ethics expertise. SARETI has been awarded competitive funding from the Fogarty International Center (FIC) of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), to offer Masters-level training in research ethics, beginning 2024. This two-year programme is aimed at lawyers, social scientists and other professionals in the early stages of their career whose work relates to health-related research and/or research ethics. The programme will offer comprehensive advanced multi-disciplinary Masters-level training in research ethics to a cohort of candidates from across Africa.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SARETI scholarships provide partial or full financial support for Masters degree students in 2024/25. This includes:

- travel
- course fees
- living expenses whilst in South Africa attending on-site modalities
- research expenses

or components thereof in the case of partial scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY

- Ability to undertake travel to South Africa for 6 months of contact study in year 1 (2024) and 1–2 weeks in year 2 (2025)
- Have an eligible prior degree (SAQA NQF Level 8), preferably in law or social science
- Involvement in health research ethics, health-related research or law and/or are willing to volunteer on a Research Ethics Committee in their country of origin
- Resident in Africa

*Applications for self-funded or externally-sponsored candidates are also welcome.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must complete the application form with specified attachments available at sareti.ukzn.ac.za. A competitive selection process will follow to select a cohort of sponsored candidates who will commence their studies in January 2024. Queries and expressions of interest may be directed to: SARETI Programme Coordinator, Ms Mandy Harwood, at harwooda@ukzn.ac.za. The SARETI Masters in Social Science (Health Research Ethics) Programme is made possible through NIH/FIC grant number 5R25TW001599-20 to the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Complete applications must be received by **Monday, 17 April 2023 no later than 08h00 CAT**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

[SARETI Masters \(Health Research Ethics\) programme](#) | Deadline: April 17, 2023

[OASPA Online Conference 2023 – Call for Panel Session Proposals and Program Committee](#) |

OASPA | Deadline: April 12, 2023



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COMMUNITY HEALTH LEARNING PROGRAMME (CHLP)

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Over 500 fellow travelers are on the Health For All journey and continue to do meaningful community health and public health work.

LIMITED SEATS

APPLICATION
DEADLINE :

20th March 2023

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Graduates in Medical and Health Sciences (Allopathy, AYUSH, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy etc).
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- Graduates in any discipline with a demonstrated interest or experience in community health.
- Should be able to dedicate more than 10-12 Hrs/Week.



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- Candidates who hold a PG Diploma certificate in community health (accredited by MLCU) are eligible to apply for lateral entry (2nd year) to the Masters in Public Health with specialization in Community Health (MPH - CH) facilitated by SOCHARA in partnership with MLCU.
- The total tuition fee for the one year course is INR 90,000, and we are offering scholarships for eligible candidates that range from 50% to 80%.

I appreciate the social commitment and the comprehensive approach towards community health by SOCHARA CHLP*
- Rev. Dr. Mathew Abraham, C.Ss.R, MD, Director General, The Catholic Health Association of India (CHLP 2002 - 2003 batch)

"The Programme helped build a deep understanding about 'community' and 'health' in India, and equipped me with the value of health equity"
- Dr. Adithya Pradyumna, Faculty at Azim Premji University (CHLP 2008-2009 batch)

"As a social worker in the health sector, CHLP has been an invaluable learning experience for me. This course helped me to view health not as a disease to be treated, but as a fundamental right that should be holistically addressed"
- Abirami, DoctorNet India (CHLP 2021-22 batch)

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[Community Health Learning Programme \(CHLP\) 2023](#) | SOCHARA | Deadline: March 20, 2023
| Program starts on: May 2, 2023

[eCourse in Maternal, Infant, Young Child and Adolescent Nutrition \(MIYCAN\)](#) | Public Health Foundation of India | Deadline: March 31, 2023

Call for "Expressions of Interest"

[Hosting the 18th World Congress of Bioethics in 2026](#) | The International Association of Bioethics (IAB)

Call for submissions – Abstracts/Papers

[Decolonizing Climate Change and Health Well-Being Research | International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health](#) | Deadline for manuscript submissions: January 31, 2024

[Climate crisis and health](#) | BMJ Global Health | November 5, 2023

[Research Integrity and Research Misconduct](#) | Research Ethics | Deadline: October 31, 2023

[CFP: Feminist Approaches to Moral Responsibility](#) | Feminist Philosophy Quarterly | Deadline: April 30, 2023

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