

## **“Hans Joachim Schwager Award for Clinical Ethics”**

### **An award for innovative pioneer projects in Clinical Ethics**

#### **Goals and awarding conditions 2018**

##### **Background and Goals**

Clinical Ethics has developed into a very dynamic field. Pioneer work, innovative projects, implementation of clinical ethics support and their evaluation interact and create synergies. At the same time, their start and development is often a response to ethical challenges in patient care, and the implementation of clinical ethics may require stamina and courage from various sides. Difficult political or social circumstances of health care systems may contribute to these challenges.

The ***Hans Joachim Schwager Award*** is dedicated to encourage individuals and groups to engage in clinical ethics and communicate their experiences, achievements and difficulties in clinical ethics to a larger audience. Its major goal is to support practitioners who have successfully implemented ethical consultation in healthcare facilities.

The award carries the name of Professor Schwager who was a pioneer in clinical ethics. He initiated ethics education for staff members and consultation rounds in the early nineties, long time ahead of many other hospitals and institutions in Germany. The cultural and religious diversification of society made it necessary for him to reflect on ethics. He primarily focused on how clinical decisions were made, and enforced the role of the ethicist as one who cares for values and ideas of good life together with common deliberation about it. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the v. Bodelschwingsche Stiftungen Bethel – the sponsor of the Hans Joachim Schwager award.

##### **Forum ICCEC**

Since its origins in 2000 and the onset of conferences in 2003, the International Conference Clinical Ethics and Consultation (ICCEC) has developed into a large community bridging the gap between academia and the practice of patient care. Moreover, the ICCEC forum is inclusive as it integrates interdisciplinary fields, health care professions and also countries from the whole world.

##### **Application and criteria**

Applications are welcome from individuals and groups with documented activities of development and implementation in clinical ethics.

The components of a successful application include the description of documented activities with a focus on its process of implementation.

An application should give an analysis of the challenges or problems encountered in the realization of the clinical ethics project. It should include a description and discussion of strategies used to successfully address these problems, and it should delineate an approach that could be helpful to others in similar situations.

All written communications should be submitted in English language.

## Steps and deadlines

Application: Applicants send a paper of 10 to 20 (maximum) pages via E-Mail to the jury. Prior publication of the project is possible, but not required. Deadline: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## Copyright

Applicants should give permission for publication of the project on the ICCEC website. Publication of a full version in an academic journal will be supported. Prior publication is no obstacle to application.

## Extent of support and rewarding panel

Selection for the Hans Joachim Schwager Award will be made by the Award Committee. During the ICCEC 2018 in Oxford the jury will present the award with the value of 5,000 Euro for the fifth time. The sum can be split to award more than one applicant.

The awardee is invited to present his or her project at the ICCEC where he or she will be honored. The registration fee will be waived by the ICCEC-Organizer and the travel expenses will be supported by the donor, the v. Bodelschwingsche Stiftungen Bethel.

The review of applicants and selection will be made confidentially by the Award Committee. The decisions of the Award Committee are final.

## The Jury

- Prof. Dr. Stella Reiter-Theil, chair / University Hospital Basel, UPK, Switzerland
- Dr. Klaus Kobert, co-chair / Bethel, Bielefeld, Germany
- Prof. George J. Agich, PhD, Austin, Texas, U.S.
- Dipl.-Psych. Margarete Pfäfflin / Bethel, Bielefeld, Germany
- Dr. Bert Molewijk, R.N. / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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