

**i) New publishing schedule**

The Editorial Committee recently adopted a different publishing schedule. Rather than two issues per year, we are going to publish accepted submissions immediately following successful completion of the review process. At the end of a calendar year all materials published during that year will constitute one annual volume. This will mean that articles accepted in April, for example, will not have to wait 6 months to reach our worldwide audience.

**ii) New JEMH section: Hindsight**

This new section of the journal aims to provide context for, and analysis of:

- key leaders in the history of mental health care and their thought and activity;
- key historical leaders in ethics and the impact of their work on mental health ethics;
- key advocates and persons living with mental illness who have been leaders in
- mental health system and social reform and the ethical impact of their work;
- significant mental health care treatment trends and devolution;
- landmark social, system, and moral reforms;
- and paradigmatic conceptual shifts that have occurred through the history of mental health care.

By understanding our history we better understand the fluid ethical milieu that emerges in the wake of exceptional or distinctive transition points.

**iii) Disclosure Form**

The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) journals introduced a disclosure form (Nov. 5, 2009 NEJM) that has been adopted by all journals that are members of the ICMJE. The JEMH supports the use of this disclosure form and encourages authors making submissions to the JEMH to complete it. The form is not mandatory and is unnecessary if an author claims to have absolutely nothing to disclose. The form, posted on the ICMJE Web site ([www.icmje.org/coi\\_disclosure.pdf](http://www.icmje.org/coi_disclosure.pdf)) includes instructions to help authors provide the information, and a sample completed form is also available ([www.icmje.org/sample\\_disclosure.pdf](http://www.icmje.org/sample_disclosure.pdf)). Authors can download the form from the Internet, add the requested information, and save the completed form on their computer. The completed form can then be e-mailed along with your JEMH submission.

**iv) Winner of the Bernard Dickens Student Award**

The Editorial Committee is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2011 Bernard Dickens Student Award is Jeff Kelland for his excellent paper entitled, "Research Funding Levels: A Fundamental Ethics in Mental Health Issue". He receives an honorarium of \$500 (Canadian) in recognition of his accomplishment.

**v) Announcement: Bioethics Beyond Borders**

Bioethics Beyond Borders is a new non-profit organization, based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (USA) comprised of an international team of bioethicists that have come together to address bioethics issues throughout the world. Standards of bioethics have been formulated by international organizations such as UNESCO and WHO, but there is not a mechanism to ensure that such standards are used and implemented in the creation of health care and hospital policies, research methods, and in the distribution and application of health care to individuals and populations. Practices considered common or even guaranteed by law in affluent countries are not always applied in poor and low income countries throughout the world. Sometimes different standards of care are used in different countries and regions, and many individuals receive less than adequate care or no health care at all. As a Non-Governmental Organization, Bioethics Beyond Borders will work to ensure that the same ethical guidelines and standards are followed everywhere, and that a human rights based approach is applied at an international level. Bioethics has emerged as a global area of research, teaching, public debate and policymaking, and the field needs to expand to include advocacy to make a difference on an international level. There is an immense need for both advocacy and action in order to ensure that all individuals receive fair health care and are treated in just and ethical ways. Bioethics Beyond Borders has been created to do just that. For more information, to become a sponsor, or to learn about how to become a BBB expert, go to: <http://www.bioethicsbeyondborders.com>.

**vi) Announcement: International Association for Education in Ethics**

We are excited to announce the establishment of the International Association for Education in Ethics (IAEE). The IAEE will function to enhance exchanges of experiences from experts in the field of ethics from different parts of the world. The IAEE will hold international conferences, exchange and analyze experiences with the teaching of ethics in various educational settings, promote the development of knowledge and methods of ethics education and function as a global centre of contact for experts in this field. Those interested in membership should visit the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University at [www.duq.edu/chce](http://www.duq.edu/chce).

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IAEE Inaugural International Conference on Education in Ethics  
"ETHICS EDUCATION IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE"  
1-3 May, 2012, Pittsburgh, USA

This conference is organized by the International Association for Education in Ethics (IAEE) and the Center for Healthcare Ethics,



Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA. The aims of IAEE are (a) to enhance and expand the teaching of ethics at national, regional and international levels, (b) to exchange and analyze experiences with the teaching of ethics in various educational settings, (c) to promote the development of knowledge and methods of ethics education, and (d) to function as a global centre of contact for experts in this field, and to promote contacts between members from countries around the world.

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