



**WMA European Region Meeting on End-of-Life Questions  
Thursday and Friday, 16-17 November 2017  
Aula vecchia del Sinodo, Vatican**

<b>DRAFT PROGRAM – SUBJECT TO CHANGE (as of 27.10.2017) Thursday, 16 November 2017</b>	
<b>8:15</b>	<b>Doors open for registration and admission – please arrive early to pass through security</b>
<b>Chair, morning sessions: Dr Ramin Parsa-Parsi, Head of Dept., German Medical Association (Germany)</b> <b>Chair, morning sessions: Dr Matilde Leonardi, Scientific Director, Coma Research Centre, Istituto Neurologico Carlo Besta, Milan (Italy)</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:45</b>	<b>Welcome</b> WMA: Dr Yoshitake Yokokura, President, World Medical Association ( <i>Japan</i> ) GMA: Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery, President, German Medical Association ( <i>Germany</i> ) Message from Pope Francis delivered by one of his delegates 9:25 – 9:45 PAV: Archbishop Msgr. Vincenzo Paglia, President, Pontifical Academy for Life ( <i>Vatican</i> )
<b>9:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>I. Setting the stage: Three perspectives on end-of-life questions</b> 9:45 – 10:00 Speaker 1: Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery, President, German Medical Association ( <i>Germany</i> ) 10:00 – 10:15 Speaker 2: Dr René Héman, Chairman, Royal Dutch Medical Association ( <i>Netherlands</i> ) 10:15 – 10:30 Speaker 3: Dr Yvonne Gilli, Board Member, Swiss Medical Association ( <i>Switzerland</i> ) 10:30 – 11:00 Immediate questions (to be continued in plenary panel discussion on Friday in session VIII)
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>II. Theological approaches</b> 11:30 – 11:45 Speaker 1: Prof. Marie-Jo Thiel, Director, European Centre for Teaching and Research in Ethics, and Professor of Ethics and Moral Theology, University of Strasbourg ( <i>France</i> ) 11:45 – 12:00 Speaker 2: Dr Riccardo Di Segni, Rabbino Capo, Comunità Ebraica di Roma ( <i>Italy</i> ) 12:00 – 12:15 Speaker 3: Prof. Dr İlhan İlkilic, professor and chair of the Department of History of Medicine and Ethics, Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine ( <i>Turkey</i> ) 12:15 – 12:30 Speaker 4: Dr Daniela Mosoiu, Director for Education and National Development, Hospice “Casa Sperantei” ( <i>Romania</i> ) 12:30 – 13:00 Discussion
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Chair, afternoon sessions: Dr Andrew Dearden, Treasurer, Council Member, British Medical Association (UK)</b> <b>Chair, afternoon sessions: Prof. Dr Carlos Centeno, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Clínica Universidad de Navarra</b>	
<b>14:00 – 14:45</b>	<b>III. Delineating euthanasia and PAS in the systems of Common and Roman Law</b> 14:00 – 14:15 Speaker 1: Prof. John Keown, Professor of Christian Ethics, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University ( <i>US</i> ) 14:15 – 14:30 Speaker 2: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Volker Lipp, Professor of Civil Law, Civil Procedure, Medical Law and Comparative Law, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen; Member of GMA’s Central Ethics Committee ( <i>Germany</i> ) 14:30 – 14:45 Discussion
<b>14:45 – 15:00</b>	<b>IV. Guide on the decision-making process regarding medical treatment in end-of-life situations</b> Speaker 1: Dr Laurence Lwoff, Head of Bioethics Unit, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe ( <i>France</i> )
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>V. Compassionate use and conscientious objection</b> 15:30 – 15:45 Speaker 1: Prof. Dr Leonid Eidelman, President, Israeli Medical Association ( <i>Israel</i> ) 15:45 – 16:00 Speaker 2: Prof. Chris Gastmans, Professor of Medical Ethics, University of Leuven ( <i>Belgium</i> ) 16:00 – 16:15 Speaker 3: Prof. Pablo Requena, MD, STD, Professor of Moral Theology, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Delegate of the Vatican Medical Association to the WMA ( <i>Vatican</i> ) 16:15 – 17:00 Discussion
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Tour of Vatican Museum</b>
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Gala dinner in Vatican Museum</b>



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<b>Chair, morning sessions: Dr Heidi Stensmyren, President, Swedish Medical Association (Sweden)</b>	
<b>Chair, morning sessions: Prof. Stefano Semplici, Past Chair, UNESCO International Bioethics Committee</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Welcome and recap of first day</b> Speaker: Dr Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General, World Medical Association
<b>9:15 – 10:15</b>	<b>VI. Is there a right to determine one's own death?</b>
9:15 – 9:30	Speaker 1: Prof. Dr Urban Wiesing, Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Tuebingen ( <i>Germany</i> )
9:30 – 9:45	Speaker 2: Prof. Dr Christiane Druml, Chairperson of the Austrian Bioethics Commission and UNESCO Chair of Bioethics at the Medical University of Vienna ( <i>Austria</i> )
9:45 – 10:00	Speaker 3: Prof. Dr Stephan Sahm, Director Medical Clinic I, Ketteler Hospital, Offenbach, Professor, Institute for History and Ethics in Medicine, Frankfurt University ( <i>Germany</i> )
10:00 – 10:15	Immediate questions (to be continued in plenary panel discussion in the afternoon in session VIII)
<b>10:15 – 11:00</b>	<b>VII. Treatment limitations vs. euthanasia. End stage decisions about medication, feeding and terminal sedation</b>
10:15 – 10:30	Speaker 1: Dr Anne de la Tour, President of the French Society of Palliative Care, Argenteuil ( <i>France</i> )
10:30 – 10:45	Speaker 2: Dr Gunnar Eckerdal, Dept. of Oncology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital ( <i>Sweden</i> )
10:45 – 11:00	Discussion
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>VIII. Dealing with public and published opinions</b>
11:30 – 11:45	Speaker 1: Dr Marco Greco, President, European Patients' Forum ( <i>Belgium</i> )
11:45 – 12:00	Speaker 2: Dr Heikki Pälve, Past CEO, Finnish Medical Association ( <i>Finland</i> )
12:00 – 12:15	Speaker 3: Prof. Ralf J. Jox, Institute for Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine, University of Munich ( <i>Germany</i> ); Geriatric Palliative Care, University Hospital Lausanne ( <i>Switzerland</i> )
12:15 – 12:30	Speaker 4: Baroness Ilora Finlay, Professor of Palliative Medicine, Cardiff University; Crossbench Peer, House of Lords ( <i>UK</i> )
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<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>IX. Is there a need to change policy?</b> <b>Plenary panel discussion</b> Panelist 1: Dr Yvonne Gilli, Board Member, Swiss Medical Association ( <i>Switzerland</i> ) Panelist 2: Dr Matilde Leonardi, Scientific Director, Coma Research Centre, Istituto Neurologico Carlo Best, Milan ( <i>Italy</i> ) Panelist 3: Prof. Dr Urban Wiesing, Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Tuebingen ( <i>Germany</i> ) Panelist 4: Prof. Dr Stephan Sahm, Director Medical Clinic I, Ketteler Hospital, Offenbach, Professor, Institute for History and Ethics in Medicine, Frankfurt University ( <i>Germany</i> ) Panelist 5: Dr René Héman, Chairman, Royal Dutch Medical Association ( <i>Netherlands</i> ) Panelist 6: Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery, President, German Medical Association ( <i>Germany</i> )
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b> Speaker: Archbishop Msgr. Vincenzo Paglia, President, Pontifical Academy for Life ( <i>Vatican</i> )
<b>15:35</b>	<b>Coffee and farewell</b>