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Dear Itziar De Lecuona Ramírez,

The Scientific Committee has reviewed all the abstracts (603) for the IAB conference to be held in Mexico City, 25-28 June, 2014. We are delighted to inform you that the abstract **How to promote integrity in research through bioethics committees at university level** <u>ID 205</u> has been accepted for an oral presentation.

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The European Union is now focused on how to promote integrity in research. As a part of the European League of Research Universities special group on how to promote integrity in research, I will explore the contributions of bioethics committees at university level to promote integrity in research, prevent misconduct practices and capacity building for researchers in ethics, bioethics and scientific conduct.

In this context some initiatives will be presented for networking and generating good practices in research, based on sharing knowledge on a virtual platform and ways of debating case analysis. An international trend of doing bioethics backed up by organizations with a leading role in bioethics such as UNESCO or the COUNCIL of EUROPE.

It is time to apply the theoretical framework developed since the so called beginning of bioethics in the aftermath of the Second World War, to move to a more practical approach based on procedures on how to do what principles and human rights establishes in international declarations, ethical codes, etc. In this sense the presentation will focus on protocols and statements that bioethics commissions at university level have developed to deal with problems of authorship, thesis dissertations and publishing results of research, information and informed consent templates and uses of human biological samples in research and its results, data protection and data sharing, conflicts of interests, participation of students in research- including ways of coercion and undue influence-, and some initiatives to establish a common ethical and legal framework on research in social sciences.

Moreover, initiatives such as MOOCs or capacity building and specific training in research will be explored. The intention is to show through the work of a special group of the LERU ways of promoting integrity in research taking advantage of the already bioethics infrastructure created at university level.