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IBEROAMERICAN NETWORK IAB

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Coordinators

- FLACSO
Observatorio de Bioética,
Argentina (Florencia Luna)



- ANIS: Instituto de Bioética,
Direitos Humanos e Gênero,
Brasil (Debora Diniz)



- Observatorio de Bioética y
Derecho - Cátedra UNESCO
de Bioética de la Universitat de
Barcelona (María Casado)



Cátedra UNESCO de Bioética de la Universitat de Barcelona

- Colegio de Bioética, México
(Asunción Álvarez)



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Origin and presentation of the Network

- The Ibero-American Network initiated its activities on an informal basis during the Beijing Congress (Its active organizers were initially Debora Diniz and Florencia Luna. Following the first session we counted with the collaboration of Asunción Alvarez. Maria Casado joined us after being elected to the board.
- This has led to a balanced spread of activities with centers and persons in strategic parts of Ibero-America:
 - Argentina in South America
 - Brazil as the Portuguese language member of the network
 - Mexico being another focus of influence in North and Central America
 - and Spain as the European part of this network.
- The centers and persons involved in its organization enable the network to conduct **key regional activities**.
- Since the Beijing Congress, we have been developing an e-mail list and have organized a **second session in Rijeka Confress, where we formally present this network**.

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WHY IBERO-AMERICA?

- **Huge differences exist between our countries:**
 - **They vary in size and natural resources**
 - Consider the small size of Uruguay and the immensity of Brasil for example
 - **Population**
 - Some of them have a high percentage of indigenous origins and extraordinary and sophisticated cultures (for example, the Aztecs, the Mayans, or the Incas)
 - Other have deep African roots, other strong European migrations after which the indigenous population was nearly eradicated, as well as others located in Europe.
 - **Ethnic languages**
 - a variety of Spanish, Portuguese, and ethnic languages (for example, Guatemala has 22 ethnic groups; Spain has the Catalan and Bask languages, among others)
- **This gives rise to ethnic, cultural, historic and social diversity**

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- **Heterogeneity** is found at the very core of these countries.
- However, they also **share common features** in their “**Latin**” **traditions**, historical connections, and the strong presence of the Roman Catholic religion.
- There are **common ties** that impact on their understanding of bioethical problems.

Aims and objectives

- **To Promote a dialogue and deep understanding of the similarities and differences among these societies.**
- **To Foster research and a critical analysis without a dogmatic or religious view.**
- **To boost new and creative interactions among academics of these different countries.**
- **Innovation and language friendly: to carry out the activities in the main languages of the region (Spanish and Portuguese).**
 - Language has often proved to be an obstacle in much of the region.
 - Even though participants make efforts to understand a lecture, it is far more difficult for them to express themselves accurately in another language.
 - Hence, presenting their own work and discussing it seem to be barriers to many from Ibero-America.
- **We seek to lift this barrier and help those in the region benefit from everything the IAB Congress can offer**

Functioning

- **1 main coordination center:**
- Bioethics Programm of FLACSO (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales)
- **3 strategic research centers and institutions that have already participated in these informal activities, they have been working together throughout these years, ensuring regional diversity and a collaborative spirit:**
 - ANIS
 - Bioethics and Law Observatory, Barcelona Science Park and The Bioethics UNESCO Chair at the University of Barcelona
 - Colegio de Bioética, AC, México

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- FLACSO/ Observatorio de Bioética Argentino
 - www.flacso.org.ar
- ANIS
 - www.anis.org.br
- Observatorio de Bioética y Derecho
 - www.bioeticayderecho.ub.es
- Cátedra UNESCO de Bioética de la Universitat de Barcelona
 - www.bioeticayderecho.ub.es/unesco
- Colegio de Bioética, A.C.
 - www.colbio.org.mx

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