



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DISORDERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Cienfuegos, Cuba, March 16-18, 2010

Organized by the IAB Network for the Definition of Death

Dear colleagues,

Since its foundation in 1996, the Definition of Death Network from the International Association of Bioethics (IAB), has maintained a fruitful discussion about all medical and ethical issues related to human death, end-of-life dilemmas, and disorders of consciousness.

We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the International Symposium on Disorders of Consciousness, organized by the International Association of Bioethics, to be held in Cienfuegos, Cuba, on March 16-18, 2010.

The Terry Schiavo, and other famous cases, have raised new controversies about the diagnosis and management of the persistent vegetative, the minimally conscious state, etc. Hence, the disorders of consciousness are actual and permanent subjects for debate in the media and scientific discussion in any forum. Hence, our main goal is to provide a suitable scientific platform to discuss all topics disorders of consciousness.

The city of Cienfuegos, also known as the Pearl of the South, with its beautiful harbor and an incredible blue sea, will provide the most proper venue to discuss any issue related to human consciousness.

Sincerely,



Dr. Calixto Machado, MD, PhD
President of the Symposium

MAIN TOPICS

- Pathophysiology of consciousness generation
- Theories about consciousness in human beings
- Coma, persistent vegetative state (PVS), minimally conscious state (MCS), and coma.
- Clinical diagnosis of coma, PVS and MCS.
- Neuroimaging techniques for assessing coma, PVS and MCS.
(MRI, fMRI, MRS, PET, SPECT, QEEG, MEG, etc.)
- Neurophysiologic tests for assessing coma, PVS and MCS.
- Neurorehabilitation of PVS and MCS..
- Neuroprotection.
- Neurocritical care and Neuromonitoring
- New trends in cerebral cardio-pulmonar-cerebral resuscitation.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

You can participate in our Symposium as a delegate, although we encourage you to submit an abstract. Please, carefully read the following instructions before submitting your abstract. Only abstracts submitted in English will be accepted, in order to be published. Abstracts sent in Spanish will not be considered. Submit your abstract in Microsoft Word (2003 or 2007).

- Authors' names should be provided in the format "R.S. Alvarez, J.M. Manero". You should write your first names initials, and your second name. Do not add Dr, Prof, Mr, Mrs, etc. The first name will correspond with the Presenting author.
- The title should have a maximum of 150 characters, typed in capitals.
- Affiliation should be included in line a. If authors' affiliations are different, you should indicate them filling b, c, and d lines. The presenting author's email address should be included.
- The abstract should have a maximum of 250 words. Any longer and the abstracts will be truncated or not accepted.
- Indicate whether the abstract is intended for oral or poster presentation or either.
- The abstract should be structured using the following headings: Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and Keywords (no less than 4 keywords).
- The abstract should be as informative as possible, including statistical evaluation.
- Statements such as "results will be discussed" or "data will be presented" are not acceptable.
- Standard abbreviations such as: PVS, MCS, EEG, MEEG, MRI, etc., may be used. Others should be described in full when first mentioned followed by the abbreviation in parenthesis.
- Tables may be included, but not photographs, figures or references.

Confirmation of Receipt of Abstracts

- You will be sent a notice, via e-mail to confirm that your abstract has been received.
- If you do not receive a confirmation within two week please contact the Symposium Secretariat.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Some very high quality abstracts offered for oral presentation might be included in symposia or courses.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: February 15, 2010

Notification of Accepted Abstracts: February 20, 2010

REGISTRATION FEE:

Delegates: **200 Euros**

Includes:

- Badge
- Symposium documentation
- Access to the Symposium sessions
- Certificate of presentation and/or attendance
- Welcome cocktail and Farewell party
- Access to the Congress of Neurology sessions

Accompanying persons: **100 Euros**

Includes:

- Badge
- Access to the program for accompanying persons
- Opening and closing ceremonies
- Access to the social and cultural activities

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AMERICAN CITIZENS CAN LEGALLY ATTEND THIS SYMPOSIUM

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Under the U.S. restrictions, full-time professionals may attend professional meetings or conferences in Cuba organized by an international organization that regularly sponsors meetings or conferences in other countries. This authorization is provided by a **general license** in the regulations; the professional need **not** make application to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC – the office within the U.S. Treasury Department which oversees the regulations). Full time professionals may attend international conferences or meetings which meet its criteria without obtaining any documentation from the U.S. government. *The International Association of Bioethics (IAB) is an international professional organization based in Queson City in the Philippines, and has organized many international conferences in other countries over the years- see <http://www.bioethics-international.org/iab-2.0/index.php?show=networks>*

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Upon receipt of your Application/Reservation/Travel Affidavit/Visa form and your signed Travel Affidavit, we will immediately acknowledge receipt of your deposit. We will send your invoice as soon as we can confirm your air arrangements as well as your hotel. All payments will be due via certified check or money order to **WILSON INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**, or you can pay via the attached Credit Card Authorization Form. After receipt of your full payment, we will send your air tickets, land voucher, and Cuban visa.

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AIRFARE, BOOKING AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Symposium is taking place in Cienfuegos located about three hours from Havana. Depending on flight schedules arriving in Havana and departing from Havana, it is usually necessary to stay overnight on arrival in Havana and on the night before departure from Havana. Hence, we are proposing you full tourist packages.

Prices **refer to the whole package**, not per day, and not including transfer Havana-Cienfuegos-Havana.

Note: Prices are in US Dollars

PACKAGE 1: Single room: \$ 395.00 Double room: \$ 322.00

- Transfer from the Airport to the Hotel in Havana
- Occidental Miramar Hotel, Havana.....1 night
- Breakfast at the Occidental Miramar Hotel
- Union Hotel, Cienfuegos 3 nights
- Breakfast at the Union Hotel, Cienfuegos
- Transfer from the Union Hotel to the Symposium Venue

PACKAGE 2: Single room: \$ 335.00 Double room: \$ 241.00

- Transfer from the Airport to the Hotel in Havana
- Occidental Miramar Hotel, Havana.....1 night
- Breakfast at the Occidental Miramar Hotel
- Jagua Hotel, Cienfuegos 3 nights
- Breakfast at the Jagua Hotel, Cienfuegos
- Transfer from Jagua Hotel to the Symposium Venue

Transfers Havana-Cienfuegos, and Cienfuegos-Havana (Per Person)

- 1 Person \$ 414.00 (Exclusive)
- 2 to 4 persons \$ 207.00
- 5 to 9 persons \$ 95.00
- 10 a 16 persons \$ 65.00
- 17 a 24 persons \$ 50.00

There is no refund or partial refund for unused services.

Additional Costs

Cuban Visa Fee per person should be prepaid to **WILSON INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**

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Payments made in Cuba (payments which are not prepaid before your trip) must be paid in Convertible Cuban Pesos (CUC). This currency – CUC – can be acquired in Cuba upon arrival at the airport, in hotels, banks or exchange offices (CADECAS). At present, the approximate rate of exchange is 1 CUC = \$1.08 USD. In addition, Cuba charges a 10% exchange fee when converting USD to CUC. This exchange fee is not made when changing other currencies. Exchangeable currencies are US Dollars, Euros, Canadian Dollars, Pound Sterling, Mexican Pesos, Swiss Francs, etc., according to the daily exchange rates.
