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The Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) is an international, non-governmental, non-profit organization established jointly by WHO and UNESCO in 1949. In 2009 it is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its creation.

Through its membership, CIOMS is representative of a substantial proportion of the biomedical scientific community. The membership of CIOMS in 2009 includes over 60 international, national and associate member organizations, representing many of the biomedical disciplines, national academies of sciences and medical research councils. The main objectives of CIOMS are:

- To facilitate and promote international activities in the field of biomedical sciences, especially when the participation of several international associations and national institutions is deemed necessary;
- To maintain collaborative relations with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, in particular with WHO and UNESCO;
- To serve the scientific interests of the international biomedical community in general.

To achieve its objectives, CIOMS has initiated and coordinates the following main long-term programmes:

- Bioethics
- Health Policy, Ethics and Human Values - An International Dialogue
- Drug Development and Use
- International Nomenclature of Diseases

BIOETHICS

The remarkable progress of biomedical sciences and biotechnology, and its applications in medical practice, are confronting our societies with new ethical dilemmas, extending from traditional medical ethics to the many emerging areas of bioethics.

The particular contribution of CIOMS in this field has been the issuance of international guidelines for the application of ethical principles in various key areas. Specific reference should be made to the International Ethical

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