



Yenepoya University
Centre for Ethics



Draft Annual Report for the Period from May 2016 to April 2017

Introduction:

This centre was established in 2011 for teaching, training, consultancy and research in different aspects of biomedical ethics. The centre offers four unique and innovative academic programmes:

1. Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics & Medical Ethics (PGDBEME)
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics (PGDCE)
3. Value-added course for undergraduate students on Biomedical Ethics & Environmental Ethics.

The Centre has entered into academic, research and training collaboration with six universities in India and abroad:

1. Johannes Gutenberg University (since 2011)
2. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA (since 2012)
3. Universidad Panamericana, Mexicana
4. Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey
5. International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health (IAMEPH), Paris
6. Narayana Dental College and Hospital and Narayana Nursing College, Chinthareddypalem, Nellore

FACULTY DETAILS

Director: Dr. Vina Vaswani MD, M Phil, MA (Bioethics)

a. International Visiting Faculty:

- i. Prof Dr Norbert Paul, Director, Department of History, Philosophy and Ethics in Medicine, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany
- ii. Prof Dr Bert Gordijn, Director, Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland

b. National Visiting:

- i. Dr. Amar Jesani, Founder Trustee, Anusandhan Trust, Mumbai and Founder Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics
- ii. Dr. Anant Bhan, MBBS, MHSc (Bioethics), Independent Research and Ethics Consultant, Pune/Bhopal

c. In-house:

- i. Dr. Uma Kulkarni, DNB (Ophthalmology), PGDBEME, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Yenepoya Medical College & Additional Director, Centre for

Health Professions Education (CHPE)

- ii. Dr. Ravi Vaswani, MD, PGDBEME, PGDHPE, Professor , Department of Internal Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College
- iii. Ms. Sachitha Nandagopal, Tutor

2. ACADEMICS

Post Graduate Diploma in Bioethics and Medical Ethics (PGDBEME-2016)

Batch VI - January to December 2016

Modules 3 & 4 were conducted from 23 to 27 May 2016 (I-SWEAR 2016)

The main focus of the Intensive Summer Workshop on Ethics and Research (I-SWEAR) was to empower participants who are presently engaged in research or are serving on institutional ethics committees or are likely to serve in the coming years – to give them the knowledge and tools to recognize and deal with various ethical issues arising out of research being done on human subjects. The course also trained participants in Good Clinical Practice along the guidelines laid down in the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH-GCP).

This five-day Intensive Summer Workshop on Ethics and Research (I-SWEAR) program was conducted from Monday to Friday (9am to 4.30pm) spread over 20 sessions. Topics covered were relevant to the present day scenario of biomedical research in India, and structured using revised guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research on ethical issues in biomedical research, Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Act (including recent amendments and Supreme Court decisions), ICH-GCP guidelines and other relevant national and international regulations.

Module 5 was conducted on 19th & 20th August 2016

The following were topics taken up with the students: Medical negligence and infamous conduct, Impromptu discussion on research ethics, Duty to care and Nursing ethics, Social responsibility and Health and Palliative Care. Field visits were also organized. Students were taken to palliative care centre and HIV Care and Support Centre. Reviews were done on project progress.

Module 6 was conducted on 21st & 22nd October 2016

The following were topics taken up during this module: Public Health Ethics, Concept of Illness, Palliative Care, Recent advances in Genetics & Reproductive technologies- ethical issues, Communication skills, Stigma & Discrimination. Reviews were done on project progress.

Examinations (PGDBEME Batch-VI):

- i) Exams were conducted for the students on 2nd & 3rd December 2016.
- ii) Out of 21 students enrolled, 17 students appeared for the exams.

iii) The grades of these 17 students are furnished below:

SI No	Name of the Student	Grade
1	Dr. Vinay Kumar V	B+
2	Dr. Smrithi Shetty C	B+
3	Ms. Kanojia Shivani Shivkumar	A
4	Dr. Tapati Bhattacharya	B+
5	Dr. Nisha N Deshpande	B
6	Ms. Divia Paul A	B+
7	Dr. Padmini Thalanjeri	A
8	Dr. Grrishma B	A
9	Dr. Firdous Khan	A
10	Ms. Sachitha Nandagopal	B+
11	Dr. Kuldeep Kaushik	B
12	Dr. Kelvin Peter Pais	B+
13	Dr. Mohammadi Begum	B+
14	Dr. Nimi Mathew	B+
15	Dr. Anand Sekhar	B+
16	Dr. Shahistha Parveen	B+
17	Dr. Rohan Mascarenhas	B

Research Projects (PGDBEME Batch-VI):

SI No	Name of the student	Title of the Project
1	Dr. Vinay Kumar V	Ethical perspective on procuring and use of cadaver for teaching anatomy: A literature review.
2	Dr. Smrithi Shetty C	Knowledge and attitude concerning homosexuality among medical students and interns in a private medical college in Mangalore : Ethical considerations
3	Kanojia Shivani Shivkumar	A study on the maintenance of confidentiality of HIV positive patients in YMCH with an ethical perspective
4	Tapati Bhattacharjee	A study to assess the knowledge and perception of Staff nurses regarding consenting process in a tertiary care hospital in Pune
5	Nisha Deshpande	A study to assess the opinion of the population residing in Poona city of Maharashtra on "Is it ethical to send the parents to the old age home"?
6	Divia Paul A	Evaluation of the effectiveness in perception and execution of ethical role responsibilities relevant to nursing practice among nursing faculty
7	Dr. Padmini Thalanjeri	Gene Editing: A Medical Perspective
8	Dr. Grrishma B	Emerging ethical dilemmas in the use of computers in decision making in health care

Research Projects - PGDBEME Batch-VI (Cont'd)

9	Dr. Firdous Khan	Attitude towards Euthanasia among students of Arts and Science College in Mangalore
10	Ms. Sachitha Nandagopal	Developing curriculum for Academic program in Medical Humanities
11	Dr. Kuldeep Kaushik	Research on Animal model & current UGC guidelines on animal dissection and experimentation: A critical analysis
12	Dr. Kelvin Peter Pais	Knowledge of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) regulations 2006 by the ethical review board members in Mangalore City
13	Dr. Mohammadi Begum	Ethical issues in the stem cells research – an updated commentary
14	Dr. Anand Sekhar	A qualitative study on – The gap between the perception of Information transfer during the process of Informed consent prior to Dento-alveolar extraction between an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and adult patients
15	Dr. Nimi Susan Mathew	Qualitative study on the hindrances in effective tobacco cessation
16	Dr. Shahistha Parveen	A study of knowledge, attitude and practice on ethical issues in authorship among medical and dental researchers
17	Dr. Rohan Mascarenhas	A study of ethical issues in welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population

Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics (PGDCE-2016):

Eight students enrolled in the 2016 batch.

1	Dr. Vinej Somaraj	Post Graduate Student, Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore	Internal
2	Dr. Manoj Balachandran	Post Graduate, Dept of Forensic Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore	Internal
3	Dr. Shahistha Parveen	Lecturer, Department of Orthodontics, Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore	Internal
4	Dr. Mohammadi Begum	Sr. Lecturer, Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore	Internal
5	Dr. Sheikh Amir	Post Graduate, Dept of Forensic Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore	Internal
6	Dr. Sindhu J	Quality Officer, A. J. Hospital & Research Centre, Mangalore	External

7	Dr. Rohan Mascarenhas	Professor, Department of Orthodontics, Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore	Internal
8	Dr. Kelvin Peter Pais	Sr. Lecturer, Srinivas Institute of Dental Sciences, Surathkal, Mangalore	External

Module 3 for PGDCE was conducted on 19th & 20th August 2016

The following were topics taken up: Medical negligence and infamous conduct, Imprompt discussion on research ethics, Duty to care and Nursing ethics, Social responsibility and Health, Palliative Care. Field visits were also organized. Students were taken to palliative care centres. Reviews were done on project progress, Moral development, ethical theories, ethical principles, Introduction to Medical Anthropology, Introduction to Medical Humanities- class activity, Communication skills, Concept of illness, Medical negligence and infamous conduct, Hospital Ethics committee functioning, Duty to care and Nursing ethics, Review on project progress, Social responsibility and Health. Field visits were also organized. Students were taken to palliative care centre and HIV centre.

Examinations (PGDCE – 2016 (Batch-VI):

1. Exams were conducted for the students in the month of December 2016.
2. Out of eight students enrolled, 7 students appeared for the exams and successfully passed.
3. The grades of these 7 students are furnished below:

SI No	Name	Grade
1	Dr. Manoj Balachandran	B
2	Dr. Shahistha Parveen	A
3	Dr. Mohammadi Begum	B+
4	Dr. Sheikh Amir	B+
5	Dr. Sindhu Prasad	A
6	Dr. Rohan Mascarenhas	B+
7	Dr. Kelvin Peter Pais	B+

Research Projects (PGDCE – 2016 (Batch-VI):

SI No	Name of the student	Title of the Project
1	Dr. Manoj Balachandran	Ethical aspects in providing health for all
2	Dr. Shahistha Parveen	Assessment of knowledge, attitude and practice of ethical principles when prescribing cone beam computed tomography-CBST) scan in Orthodontics.

3	Dr. Mohammadi Begum	The awareness and perception about ethical concerns related to the Biobanks among medical and dental practitioners – a questionnaire based study.
4	Dr. Sheikh Amir	Knowledge, Attitude, Practice about disclosure of Medical errors among residents of a tertiary care hospital, Dakshina Kannada
5	Dr. Sindhu Prasad	Study to assess health seeking behavior among transgender in Mangalore city.
6	Dr. Rohan Mascarenhas	A study of ethical issues in Orthodontics over the last decade 2006 to 2015
7	Dr. Kelvin Peter Pais	Perception and attitude of the ethical rules for dentist on KSDC practice principles in Mangalore City

Post Graduate Diploma in Bioethics and Medical Ethics (PGDBEME-2017) – Batch VII:

Eight students have enrolled for the PGDBEME-2017 – Batch VII. The details of the students are furnished below:

No	Name	Designation and Affiliation	
1	Dr. Sudarshan Pai	Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Father Muller Medical College Hospital, Kankanady, Mangalore	External
2	Dr Madhavi Bhargava	Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College, Deralakatte, Mangalore	Internal
3	Dr Saurabha Kumar	Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Father Muller Medical College Hospital, Kankanady, Mangalore	External
4	Dr Smitha D	Assistant Professor, Department of Physiotherapy, Yenepoya Medical College, Deralakatte, Mangalore	Internal
5	Dr Dhanya R S	Senior Lecturer, Public Health Dentistry, PSM College of Dental Sciences, Thrissur, Kerala	External
6	Dr Neelam Puthran	Retd Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Armed Forces Medical Services, Pune	External
7	Dr Roshan Shetty	Assistant Professor, Department of Community Dentistry, AJ Institute of Dental Sciences, Mangalore	External
8	Karthik M	Intern, Department of Community Dentistry, AJ Institute of Dental Sciences, Mangalore	External

First and second Contact Programs were held from 18-21 January 2017.

The topics taken up were: Introduction to bioethics, Introduction to Yengage, Historical aspects of bioethics, Human dignity, Bodily Integrity, Hermeneutics, Moral reasoning, Kantianism, Medicine and Law, Equality, Equity & Justice, Utilitarianism, Autonomy, Professionalism, Beneficence & Non-maleficence

Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics (PGDCE-2017):

No students enrolled.

Internship program in Ethics and Professionalism:

1. Seventeen students of **Yenepoya Physiotherapy College, Yenepoya University** enrolled for the above internship program at the Centre for Ethics.
2. The internship classes were conducted from 24-27 October & 2-3 November 2016.
3. Certificates of Internship training were awarded to the students at the Centre for Ethics.
4. Details of the students are furnished herebelow:

No	Names of students	Register No
1	Ms. Fathimath Lufeena. P.A.	11P005
2	Mr. K.V. Mohammed Shahabaz	11P011
3	Ms. Naseema	11P016
4	Mr. Sameer P V	11P021
5	Ms. Aleena A.A.	12P002
6	Ms. Asna. M. Ismail	12P003
7	Ms. Chaithra B Shetty	12P004
8	Ms. Hafia Mahmood N P	12P007
9	Mr. Jassim Moidu	12P008
10	Ms. Manjra Saima Ismail Ibrahim	12P011
11	Ms. Mulla Samira Salim	12P013
12	Mr. Shanis. T.S.	12P015
13	Ms. Shihana Farzeen	12P016
14	Mr. Yasir. K	12P019
15	Ms. Hajira M	11P008
16	Mr. Muhammed Jabir C T	11P015
17	Ms. Shifali	11P025

Conferences attended:

No	Name of the Conference and title	Place and date
Dr. Vina Vaswani - National Conferences		
1	Dr. Vina Vaswani delivered a talk on “Facts of life – Sex education and awareness” at St. Mary’s High School, Mangalore	23 rd of June 2016 Mangalore, Karnataka
2	Dr. Vina Vaswani delivered a lecture on “Thriving in a demand world: Ethical Issues in Research & Practice” at the National Conference on Health Care Innovations through advanced Nursing Research and Practice organized by Laxmi Memorial College of Nursing, Mangalore.	29 th June 2016 Mangalore, Karnataka
3	Dr. Vina Vaswani delivered a lecture on “Ethical and Legal issues in Geriatric Palliative care and End of Life Care” organised by Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore at KMC Hospital, Attavar.	10 th July 2016 Mangalore
4	Dr. Vina Vaswani was a surveyor trainee in the International Course on Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices at Tata Memorial Centre-Institutional Ethics Committee, Mumbai conducted by the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian & Western Pacific Region from	22 to 24 August 2016 Mumbai, Maharashtra
5	Dr. Vina Vaswani delivered a guest lecture on “Ethical questions, Euthanasia, assisted suicide, advanced will, ending of futile therapy” on to the students of Palliative Course, organised by the Department of Internal Medicine, Yenepoya University.	17 th December 2016 Yenepoya University Mangalore
6	Dr Vina Vaswani attended the Sixth National Bioethics conference (NBC) titled “Healing and Dying with Dignity: Ethical issues in Palliative care, End-of-life care and Euthanasia” and chaired a session on “Assisted Reproduction and Surrogacy”.	13 th to 15 th January 2017 Yashada, Pune
Dr Vina Vaswani – International Conferences		
1	Dr. Vina Vaswani attended the Fourth International Conference on Ethics Education (4IAEE) Building Bridges & Bridging gaps.	25 th to 27 th May, 2016 Logorio, Spain
2	Dr Vina Vaswani attended Alumni Conference of Erasmus Mundus and Master Bioethics at Maria Theresia College,. She gave a welcome talk Welcome talk - "Sapthapadi (Seven Steps) - Breaking the glass ceiling - Introducing Academic Bioethics in India".	7 th September 2016 Leuven, Belgium

3	Dr. Vina Vaswani attended the 12 th Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science (APMLA) and conducted a workshop on “Curriculum building for Bioethics Education in Forensic Medicine and responsible conduct in Research”.	17 th to 23 rd September 2016 Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia
4	Dr. Vina Vaswani was a resource person at the 12 th Annual Conference of the INPALMS. In the pre conference workshop the Centre for Ethics conducted a one day workshop on curriculum development for Bioethics for Forensic Medicine. She delivered a plenary lecture on “Ethics of Forensic Medicine in disasters”.	19 th to 23 rd September 2016 Bali, Indonesia
5	Dr. Vina Vaswani attended the Bioethics Training program network meeting at Washington organized by National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA in relation to the educational grant awarded to Yenepoya University-Fogarty International Center, Research Ethics Master’s program for India.	29 th & 30 th September 2016 Washington, USA
6	Dr Vina Vaswani attended the COST conference on Disaster Ethics entitled “Ethics of visual identification of the dead in disasters”. She was a funded invitee.	3 rd & 4 th October 2016 Dublin, Ireland
7	Dr Vina Vaswani attended the 16th FERCAP International Conference “Towards Harmonization of Research Ethics in Asia and the Western Pacific Singapore	20 th to 23 rd November 2016 Singapore
Dr. Uma Kulkarni		
1	Dr. Uma Kulkarni attended the Sixth National Bioethics conference (NBC) titled “Healing and Dying with Dignity: Ethical issues in Palliative care, End-of-life care and Euthanasia” and presented a poster on “Instilling empathy for the blind: Walk through the dark to understand the one who lives in the dark” and “Dignity in darkness: the gender gripes!”	13 th to 15 th January, 2017 Yashada, Pune
Dr Ravi Vaswani		
1	Dr. Ravi Vaswani attended the Fourth International Conference on Ethics Education (4IAEE) Building bridges & bridging gaps.	25 th to 27 th May, 2016 Logrono, Spain
Ms Sachita Nandgopal		
1	Ms. Sachitha Nandagopal handled a session on “Skills of Public Speaking” for high school students - St Aloysius Higher Primary School, Urva, Mangalore	13-15 June 2016 Mangalore
2	Ms. Sachitha Nandagopal conducted six sessions for Undergraduate students on “Family Values and Youth” at St. Aloysius Degree College.	28 and 29 June 2016 Mangalore

3	Ms. Sachitha Nandagopal attended the Sixth National Bioethics conference (NBC) titled “Healing and Dying with Dignity: Ethical issues in Palliative care, End-of-life care and Euthanasia” at Yashada, Pune and presented a poster on “Role of dance as a treatment modality in health care”	13 th to 15 th January, 2017 Pune
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Programs organized:

Intensive Summer Workshop in Ethics and Research (I-SWEAR)

Dates: 23 to 27 May 2016

The main focus of the Intensive Summer Workshop on Ethics and Research (I-SWEAR) was to empower participants who are presently engaged in research or are serving on institutional ethics committees or are likely to serve in the coming years – to give them the knowledge and tools to recognize and deal with various ethical issues arising out of research being done on human subjects. The course also trained participants in Good Clinical Practice along the guidelines laid down in the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH-GCP). Six CME credits were accorded to this workshop by Karnataka Medical Council and 18 credit points by Karnataka State Dental Council.

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Delegates and Resource Persons

Dr. Amar Jesani: Dr. Jesani an Honorary Trustee of Anusandhan Trust based in Mumbai. He is a visiting Professor to the Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University since 2012, and one of the founders of the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.

Dr. Roli Mathur: Scientist E, Division of Basic Medical Sciences, Indian Council for Medical Research, New Delhi.

Dr. Arun Bhatt MD (Med), FICA (Ind) FICR (UK): Dr. Arun Bhatt, Consultant and is joint editor-in-chief of Perspectives in Clinical Research - the journal of ISCR.

Dr. Anant Bhan MA (Bioethics): An independent researcher and Consultant in the fields of Bioethics and Public Health. He is a visiting professor to the Centre for Ethics from 2014.

Dr. Mala Ramanathan: Additional Professor, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies and Member, Institutional Ethics Committee, Shri Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum.

Dr. Vina Vaswani MD, M Phil, MA (Bioethics): Professor and Head, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology and Director, Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University, Mangalore. She is currently the secretary of Yenepoya University Ethics Committee.

Dr. Abhay Nirgude: Currently working as Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College, Yenepoya University, Mangalore.

Dr. Uma Kulkarni: Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore with additional qualification of Post Graduate Diploma in Bioethics and Medical Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics. She is a faculty in Centre for Ethics.

Twenty-Two participants were trained to be the Ethics Committee members and ethical researchers. The Centre for Ethics is grateful to the ICMR for the partial financial assistance and Karnataka Medical Council for awarding 6 credits and Karnataka State Dental Council, Bangalore, for awarding 18 points for the workshop.

Workshop in Biomedical Ethics in Research at Narayana Dental College and Narayana Nursing College, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh:

The Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University, as a part of an MoU signed with Narayana Dental College, Nellore, conducted its first Workshop titled Bioethics in Healthcare and Research at Narayana Dental College, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh on 12 and 13 April, 2017. The workshop was attended by about 60 faculty members of the two institutions including the Deans of the two institutions and four ethics committee members

The faculty members who went to Nellore as resource persons were Dr. Vina Vaswani, Director, Centre for Ethics, Dr. Uma Kulkarni, Professor, Ophthalmology, and Dr. Ravi

Vaswani, Professor, Internal Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College, Yenepoya University.

Eight sessions were conducted over two full days. Each session had a spectrum of examples of ethical issues pertinent to the topics covered. The sessions were interspersed with interactions with the participants and ended with questions and discussions. The sessions conducted by the three resource persons included an overview of moral reasoning, ethical principles and theories, ethics of research, vulnerability, guidelines and ethics committee functioning. Each session had a power-point presentation, relevant videos and discussions.



ENCIRCLE - Ethics Club of Yenepoya University - Eighth Meeting:

The 8th meeting of ENCIRCLE was held on 17th April 2017 at Forensic Medicine Demo Room 2. After a brief prayer and a report on the activities of the club so far, the meeting began. The topic for the day was Animal Ethics presented by Ms. Arya, 3rd year MBBS student from Yenepoya Medical College.



Ms. Arya in her presentation stressed on the equal consideration and respect to be given to any animals. She emphasised on the role of Animal Ethics Committee which should issue certain code lines for the researchers. The guidelines should be followed before doing any trial on animals. She questioned whether it is ethical to keep pets and the members discussed and deliberated on freedom of pets and the ethical issues thereof. She opined that animals too have an emotional value and suggested all to be humane and ethical towards animals. She also added that loving animals means not just pets but love should be extended to all kind of animals.

Accolades:

Dr. Vina Vaswani:

- Resource Person at the 12th Annual Conference of the INPALMS from 19th to 23rd September 2016 Bali, Indonesia
- surveyor trainee in the International Course on “Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices” at Tata Memorial Centre-Institutional Ethics Committee, Mumbai conducted by the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian & Western Pacific Region from 22 to 24 August 2016.

Dr Ravi Vaswani:

- Resource Person at the 12th Annual Conference of the INPALMS from 19th to 23rd September 2016 Bali, Indonesia
- Attended the 20th B.Sc Nursing and 21st General Nursing Oath taking ceremony at the Alva's College of Nursing, Moodbidri.
- Trainee in the International Course on Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices at Seth G S Medical College and KEM Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, to survey the Tata Memorial Institutional Ethics Committee, Mumbai conducted by the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asian & Western Pacific Region from 25 - 27 Aug 2016.

Dr. Uma Kulkarni:

- Surveyor trainee in the International Course on “Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices” at Tata Memorial Centre-Institutional Ethics Committee, Mumbai

conducted by the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian & Western Pacific Region from 22 to 24 August 2016.

- Guest Speaker at National Social Science Congress on Health related quality of Life and delivered a session on "Euthanasia –Ethical issues" organised by Mysore University 20th December 2016

Ms. Sachita Nandagopal

- Resource Person at Raaga Tharanga Summer Camp held on 21st April 2017 at Government Higher Primary School, Managudda, Mangalore. She handled session on Effective Public Speaking
- Resource person at St. Aloysius Degree College, addressed the undergraduate students on "Value Clarifications" on 17th July 2016 at Mangalore.
- Chief Guest at "Sona Sambhrama", cultural festival organized by women's wing of Yuva Vahini, Mangalore at Karavali Sabha Bhavan, Mangalore on 21 August, 2016
- Chief guest at Luke Maxmillion Basketball Championship Tournament organized by St. Aloysius Institute of Management and IT (AIMIT), Beeri, Mangalore on 11th Feb 2017
- Judge for intercollegiate classical dance competition organized by Fr. Mullers' Medical College, Mangalore on 24th February, 2017
- External examiner for School of Communication, Manipal University on 20th to 22nd April, 2017

Mentoring:

30th June & 1st July 2016

ICH-GCP Guidelines Training Program for EC registration

SS Institute of Medical Sciences, Davangere invited YUEC to conduct a two-day workshop on International Council for Harmonization - Good Clinical Practice (ICH-GCP) on 30 June and 1 July 2016, so as to train the ethics committee members of SSIMS. The ICH-GCP is the global standard for quality in biomedical research.

The YUEC team that conducted this workshop consisted of Drs. Vina Vaswani, Uma Kulkarni and Ravi Vaswani.



Collaborations:

Narayana Dental College and Hospital and Narayana Nursing College, Chinthareddypalem, Nellore:

Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 16th June, 2016 between Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University and Narayana Dental College and Hospital and Narayana Nursing College, Chinthareddypalem, Nellore, with the following objectives:

- a) Yenepoya University providing guidance & support for the development of Bioethics Centre with capacity building;
- b) Training their staff in broader areas of bioethics including research and publications; and
- c) Starting academic courses in Narayana Dental & Nursing Institutions.

The MoU was signed by Dr. N. Kannan, Professor & Head, Department of Oral Medicine & Maxillofacial Imageology, Narayana Dental College, and Institutional Co-ordinator, Centre for Bioethics, Nellore, Dr. C.V Raghuvver, Registrar, Dr. Vina Vaswani, Director, Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University.

International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health (IAMEPH), Paris:

Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University and the International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health (IAMEPH) have signed a Network Affiliate Agreement on 25th October 2016. The International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health (**IAMEPH**), with its headquarters located at the Université René Descartes Paris, was founded in September 2016 based on a commitment to an international multidisciplinary reflection in bioethics. It was formally launched on 9th July 2017 in Prague. The agreement was signed by Prof. Dr. Vina Vaswani, Director, Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University, India in the presence of co-presidents; Prof. Christian Hervé, Professor of Legal Medicine and Biomedical Ethics, Paris and Prof. David Weisstub, Professor of Legal Psychiatry and Biomedical Ethics.

Alumni Activities:

Prof. Bert Gordijn, Visiting faculty for Centre for Ethics, delivered Alumni lectures on introduction to Global Bioethics and Universal Declaration-Hierarchy and Ethical case deliberation on 1 and 2 June 2016 at the Centre for Ethics.

Alumni lecture on “Mercy killing and palliative care an Indo German perspective on legal and practical issues” on 18th October 2016

The Centre for Ethics celebrated its 4th alumni day on 18th October 2016. The World celebrated the Bioethics day on 19th October 2016, that year. The honour to address the alumni was given to internationally renowned figure – Prof Dr Jochen Becker Ebel, CEO, MediAcion, Hamburg, Germany. He addressed the alumni on “Mercy killing and palliative care an Indo German perspective on legal and practical issues”. About 30

alumni and ethics students attended the lecture. The lecture was followed by active interaction with the alumni.

Launching ceremony of the website of the 5th Annual Conference of International Association for Education (IAEE-5):



The website of the IAEE-5 Conference was launched on 9th March 2017.

Dr. M. Vijayakumar, Vice Chancellor, Yenepoya University e-launched the website: www.iaee5.yenepoya.edu.com.

Dr. Abdul Rahiman, Dr. Shreekumar Menon, Registrar, YU, Dr. Sripathi Rao, Principal, Yenepoya Dental College, Dr. Ravi Vaswani, Dr. Akthar Hussain, Secretary, Islamic Academy of Education were present on the occasion.

International Student Exchange

As a part of the student exchange program and the MOU signed by the two Universities i.e Yenepoya University and Johannes Guttenberg University Germany, in the fifth year running, sixteen students from Johannes Guttenberg University, Germany came down to Yenepoya University from 9th March to April 2016 in two batches as Clinical observers in the departments of General Surgery, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, General Medicine, Orthopedics, Anesthesia, Nephrology.



Dr. Madeleine Mai, Research Assistant from Johannes Guttenberg University, Germany, visited Yenepoya University from 16th to 23rd March 2016.



Future projects of Centre for Ethics:

NIH Project details:

Based on the path breaking work done by the Centre for Ethics in the field of Bioethics education in India, **The National Institute of Health (NIH), Bethesda, United States of America** has awarded the Centre for Ethics at Yenepoya University an educational research grant of approximately US\$ 2,85,000/- (US Dollars Two Lakhs Eight Five Thousand Only) per year for a period of 5 years from 2017 to 2021 to run a fulltime masters' in Research Ethics.

This has been approved by the Health Ministry Screening of the Government of India and the UGC has been informed of this. This full-time Master's (M. Sc Research Ethics) will start the first batch from May 2018.

Name of the Project: Yenepoya University Fogarty International Center Research Ethics Master's Program for India

Grant No: 1 R25-TW010305-01

Year: 2018-2022