



**Yenepoya deemed to be University**  
**Centre for Ethics**



**Annual Report for the Period from May 2017 to April 2018**

**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 programs:

1. Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics & Medical Ethics (PGDBEME) (from 2011)
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics (PGDCE) (from 2014)
3. Value-added course for undergraduate students on Biomedical Ethics & Environmental Ethics (from 2015)
4. Master's in Research Ethics (2-year, full-time – funded by the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health under grant no 1R25TW010305 (from 2018)

Centre for Ethics has entered into academic, research and training collaboration with four universities in India and abroad:

1. Johannes Gutenberg University (since 2011)
2. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA (since 2012)
3. International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health (IAMEPH), Paris
4. Narayana Dental College and Hospital and Narayana Nursing College, 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. Ravi Vaswani, MD, PGDBEME, PGDHPE, Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College, Yenepoya deemed to be University.
- ii. Dr. Uma Kulkarni, DNB (Ophthalmology), PGDBEME, Professor Department of Ophthalmology, Yenepoya Medical College, Yenepoya deemed to be University.

## ACADEMICS

### Post Graduate Diploma in Bioethics and Medical Ethics (PGDBEME-2017):

VII edition January to December 2017 completed their course and nine took the exams. The details of their research projects are in Annexure 1.

### Research Projects (PGDBEME Batch-VII - 2017):

No	Name of the student	Title of the Project
1	Dr. Saurabh Kumar	Perception of Medical Undergraduates about Social Responsibility in Health
2	Dr. Madhavi Bharghava	An Objective Assessment of Indian Biomedical Journals for Ethical Publication Process
3	Dr. Smitha D	Ethical Issues encountered by Physiotherapists in the Rehabilitation of Geriatric Patients in Private Practice Settings
4	Dr. Dhanya R S	Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Towards Ethical Concerns in conducting Dental Camps among Dentists in a District in Central Kerala
5	Dr. Neelam Puthran	A Study of Medical Ethics Committees: Transparency in the Public Domain
6	Dr. Roshan Shetty	Knowledge and Attitude towards Plagiarism Among Post Graduate Students at a Teaching Dental Institute in Mangalore
7	Dr. Karthik N	Ethics in Assisted Reproductive Techniques: A Review of Two Countries
8	Dr. Rathy Ravindran (2016 Batch)	Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Research Ethics Among Dental Professionals in Dental Colleges of South Kerala – A Pilot Study
9	Dr. Vasudha Devi (2016 Batch)	Ethical Decision Making: Is there a need for Ethics Consultancy Services in Tertiary Care Hospitals in India?

### Post Graduate Diploma in Bioethics and Medical Ethics (PGDBEME-2018) – Batch VIII:

Fifteen students have enrolled for the PGDBEME-2018 – Batch VIII. As a part of faculty development program, 3 in-house faculties have registered for the PG Diploma in bioethics and medical ethics. Medical back ground: 5, Dental background: 7, Physiotherapy: 2 PhD: 1. Centre for Ethics is Mentoring Narayana Dental College for establishing Centre for Ethics and the EC member Dr. Vandana Raghunath is one of the registered delegates for the course. The background of the students is in Annexure 2.

No	Name	Designation and Affiliation	
1	Dr. Mudasir Rashid Baba	Associate Professor, Dept of Physiotherapy, YPC, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangaluru	Internal
2	Dr. Ashwini K Shetty	Associate Professor, Dept of Physiology, MVJ Medical College & Research Centre Bengaluru	External
3	Dr. Varalakshmi K L	Associate Professor, Dept of Anatomy, MVJ Medical College & Research Centre Bengaluru	External
4	Dr. Veena Pais	Associate Professor, Dept of Physiotherapy, YPC, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangaluru	Internal
5	Dr. Rashmi K S	Assistant Professor, Dept of Physiology, KMC Mangaluru	External
6	Dr. Pratik Kumar Chatterjee	Associate Professor, Dept of Physiology, KMC Mangaluru	External
7	Dr. Vandana Raghunath	Professor & HOD, Dept of Oral Path & Microbiology, Narayana Dental College & Hospital Nellore	External
8	Dr. Teenu Thomas	MDS Student, Dept of Public Health Dentistry, A.J Institute of Dental Sciences Mangaluru - Karnataka	External
9	Dr. Aparna M	MDS Student, Dept of Public Health Dentistry, A.J Institute of Dental Sciences Mangaluru - Karnataka	External
10	Dr. Indu Nair Thereri	MDS Student, Dept of Public Health Dentistry, A.J Institute of Dental Sciences Mangaluru - Karnataka	External
11	Dr. Sharanya S	MDS Student, Dept of Public Health Dentistry, A.J Institute of Dental Sciences Mangaluru - Karnataka	External
12	Dr. Shivanand S	Reader, Dept of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, JSS Dental college & Hospital Mysore	External
13	Dr. Raghavendra U	Associate Professor, Dept of Biochemistry, YMC, Yenepoya deemed to be University, Deralakatte,	Internal
14	Dr.Sowmya P D	Ophthalmologist, Health & Family Welfare, State Govt Taluk Hospital Bantwal Karnataka	External
15	Dr. Shrestha Shetty	Assistant Professor, Public Health Dentistry, A J Institute of Dental Science, Mangaluru	External

### **First Contact Programs for PGDBEME 2018 was held from 17-20 January 2018.**

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.

### **Internship program in Ethics and Professionalism:**

42 students of **Yenepoya Physiotherapy College, Yenepoya University** attended the Ethics in BPT internship program at the Centre for Ethics. The internship classes were conducted from 19-24 August 2017, 13-19 September 2017, 18-23 November 2017. Certificates of Internship training were awarded to the students at the Centre for Ethics.

### **Ethics Classes for BPT and B.Sc Technology batch (2018)**

**II Year B.P.T Classes:** were conducted for the students of Bachelors in Physiotherapy (B.P.T), the objective of the course are to sensitize students to ethical issues in health care and research. The Faculties trained by the Centre for Ethics hailing from at the Departments of Forensic Medicine, Community Medicine, Physiology conducted classes on Healthcare Ethics, Medical Ethics, Principles, International & National Guidelines, Ethics of End of Life, Pre-natal Sex Determination, Code of Conduct – WPCT, Professionalism, Medical Law, Documentation, Laws affecting physiotherapy. Number of students 60.

**III Year B.Sc Technical Program:** were conducted for the students of B.Sc Technology. The objective of these the course is to sensitize students to ethical issues in health care and research. The classes commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and successfully running with the capacity of 120 students (Both B.P.T & B.Sc Tech). The trained faculties conducted classes on Healthcare Ethics, Medical Ethics, Principles, International & National Guidelines, Health Technology, Ethics of End of Life, Pre-natal Sex Determination, Professionalism, Medical Law, Documentation, , Laws affecting health technology. Number of students 61.



### **Conferences/workshop/ attended:**

- Dr. Vina Vaswani (Director, Centre for Ethics): Participated in 5 national and 3 international conferences/workshops.
- Dr. Uma Kulkarni (Faculty, Centre for Ethics): Participated in 8 national conferences/workshops.
- Dr. Ravi Vaswani (Faculty, Centre for Ethics): Participated in 7 national conferences/workshops.

No	Name of the Conference and title	Place and date
<b>Dr. Vina Vaswani - National Conferences</b>		
1	Attended the Workshop on Learning the science of peer reviewing as a publishing ethics obligation organised by the Forum for Medical Ethics Society and Indian Journal of Medical Ethics at Western Regional Instrumentation Laboratory, University of Mumbai,	Vidyanagari, Kalina, Santa Cruz (E), Mumbai on 3rd and 4 <sup>th</sup> of June 2017
2	Participated as a resource person at I-SWEAR 2017 on 29th May to 1st June 2017 held at Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University. She conducted a session on Voluntary Informed Consent	29 May 2017 – 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 in Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore
3	Invited as a resource person to the 3d meeting, jointly conducted by Translational Health Science & Technology Institute New Delhi, and Indian Council Research at TISS, Mumbai on 7-8 January 2018 on Ethics & Regulations of Controlled Human Infection Model Research studies.	07-08 January 2018 Indian Council Research at TISS, Mumbai
4	Guest lecture on “Ethical Issues on Controlled Human Infection Model (CHIM) studies organized on 04 April 2018 in Lecture hall 4, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore	04 April 2018, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore
5	As a resource person on workshop conducted by the University Department Education for Health Professionals (UDEHP), KAHER, Belagavi Karnataka on 30 April 2018 on topic “Ethical issues in research involving Human subjects”	30 April 2018, KAHER, Belagavi Karnataka
<b>Dr Vina Vaswani – International Conferences</b>		
1	Dr Vina Vaswani attended the Inaugural Meet of the International Association of Medical Ethics & Public Health (IAMEPH), held in Prague on 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017. Dr Vina personally interacted with Prof David Weisstub, University of Montreal, Canada and Prof Christian Herve, Professor Legal Medicine and Biomedical Ethics, Rene Descartes University Paris, France	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 in Prague
2	As an Organizing Secretary in 5th Annual Conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics was hosted by the Centre for Ethics from 15 to 17 November, along with 2 pre-conference events, a student’s workshop and a nursing colloquium on 13 and 14 November 2017, respectively. Presented Oral paper “Does it matter who I am after I die? A case for respect for the dead body” (Abstract ID: PH1303VV).	15 to 17 November, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore
3	Dr Vina Vaswani attended GFBR meeting on Ethics of Alternative clinical trial designs at Bangkok, Thailand 28-29 November 2017	28-29 November 2017, Bangkok Thailand

<b>Dr. Uma Kulkarni</b>		
1	Attended the Workshop on Learning the science of peer reviewing as a publishing ethics obligation organized by the Forum for Medical Ethics Society and Indian Journal of Medical Ethics	Western Regional Instrumentation Laboratory, University of Mumbai on 3rd and 4 <sup>th</sup> of June 2017
2	Participated as a resource person at I-SWEAR 2017 on 29th May to 1st June 2017 held at Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University. She conducted a session on Ethical Principles in Research.	29 May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 in Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore.
3	Dr Uma Kulkarni attended a Short Course On “Challenges to Access to Medicines: Patents, Pricing and Drug Research in India” organised by Sama Resource Group for Women and Health held from 16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2017, at Sanskriti Kendra, New Delhi	16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2017, at Sanskriti Kendra, New Delhi
4	During the Research Methodology Workshop, Dr Uma Kulkarni conducted two sessions on Research Ethics each for post graduate students of Yenepoya Medical College on 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 and Yenepoya Dental College, on 6 & 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017.	26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, 6 & 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore
5	Workshop conducted University Department Education for Health Professionals (UDEHP), KAHER, Belagavi Karnataka on 30 April 2018 on topic “Ethical issues in research involving Human subjects”	30 April 2018, KAHER, Belagavi Karnataka
6	As a Chairperson of printing & souvenir committee in 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics was hosted by the Centre for Ethics from 15 to 17 November, along with 2 pre-conference events, a student’s workshop and a nursing colloquium on 13 and 14 November 2017, respectively. Presented Oral paper “Experiences of trainers in “Research ethics-A narrative” (Abstract ID: EE0423UK) at the 5 <sup>th</sup> IAEE conference held from 15-17 November 2017 at Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya deemed to be University	15 to 17 November, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore
7	As a resource person Yen-Oph 12: on 23 July 2017. Taken session on topic “Informed Consent in Healthcare” in Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore	23 July 2017, Yenepoya deemed to be University
8	As a resource person in Intensive Summer Workshop on Ethics and Research 2017, held on 29 May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 on Topic “Ethical principles & vulnerability” conducted by Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya deemed to be University, Mangalore	29 May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017, Yenepoya deemed to be University, Mangalore

<b>Dr. Ravi Vaswani</b>		
1	Dr Ravi Vaswani was the Indian Lead surveyor for Evaluating Ethical Review Practices at Institutional Review Board, KLE University, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi, conducted by the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian & Western Pacific Region (FERCAP) from 16-18 September 2017	16-18 September 2017, KLE University, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi,
2	Dr. Ravi Vaswani was invited as a resource person & taken the session on “Ethical issues integrating gender in medical issues” held on 28.02.2018 in Directorate of Medical Education and Research Mumbai	28 February 2018 Directorate of Medical Education and Research Mumbai
3	Guest lecture by Dr. Ravi Vaswani on “Healthcare Management – Challenges in 21 century held on 08.03.2018, conducted by Management association & the centre for Management studies and Research in SDM College Mangalore.	08 March 2018, SDM College Mangalore
4	Short talk entitled “Second Opinion: To opinion or Not” during CME programme held at Hotel Goldfinch Mangalore on Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018. Organized by the Association of Physicians in India	16 March 2018, Hotel Goldfinch, Mangalore
5	Workshop conducted University Department Education for Health Professionals (UDEHP), KAHER, Belagavi Karnataka on 30 April 2018 on topic “Ethical issues in research involving Human subjects”	30 April 2018, KAHER, Belagavi Karnataka
6	As a Member Scientific Committee for 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics was hosted by the Centre for Ethics from 15 to 17 November, along with 2 pre-conference events, a students workshop and a nursing colloquium on 13 and 14 November 2017, respectively	15 to 17 November, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore

### **Programs organized:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics (IAEE),  
hosted by the Centre for Ethics (CFE), Yenepoya University, Mangalore, India from  
13 - 15 November 2017**

[www.iaee5.yenepoya.edu.in](http://www.iaee5.yenepoya.edu.in)

The International Association for Education in Ethics ([www.ethicsassociation.org](http://www.ethicsassociation.org)) is a not-for-profit organization, established in 2011, with its Secretariat at the Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics was hosted by the Centre for Ethics from 15 to 17 November, along with 2 pre-conference events, a student’s workshop and a nursing colloquium on 13 and 14 November 2017, respectively.

### 13 November 2017 - Pre-conference event 1: Workshop for International/India Students on Ethics (W.I.S.E):



This one-day workshop was planned, organized and executed by the students of Yenepoya University. Poster competition was organized. Prof Dr Bert Gordijn (Director, Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University, Ireland), Prof Dr. Anne Scott (Vice President for Diversity & Equality, National University of Ireland, Galway), Prof Dr. Rekha PD (Deputy Director, Yenepoya Research Centre) and Fr. Teji (Director, Snehasadan) judged the posters. 25 poster entries were put up. The first poster prize of Rs. 5000/- went to Teenu

Thomas and Dona Elizabeth George of AJ Institute of Dental Sciences, the second prize of Rs. 3000/- to Rashmu P.V. and Malavika Acharya of AJ Institute of Dental Sciences and the third prize of Rs. 2000/- to Tanyem Ur Rahman, Mohammad Ziyad Malar and Faihan K of Yenepoya Medical College.

**The Workshop:** The main workshop began at 10 AM with Prof Dr Bert Gordijn (Director, Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University, Ireland) engaged the undergraduate students with a discussion on UNESCO's Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights (UDBHR). 80 students registered for the workshop.

In the post lunch session the debate competition was conducted. Prof Dr Bert Gordijn, Ms Kavita Bhupta Ghosh, best-selling author and teacher at Delhi Public School, Bengaluru, and Prof Dr Nagesh KR, Forensic Medicine, Fr Muller Medical College & Charitable Hospital judged the debate competition.

The first prize of Rs. 5000/- went to Kashish Singh and Aravind S Nair of KS Hegde Medical Academy, the second prize of Rs. 3000/- went to Nishat Shaik and

Shrika Rai of Yenepoya Medical College and the third prize of Rs. 2000/- went to Megha P and Vaishali VC of Kanachur Institute of Medical Sciences. In addition the best speaker (for) award was won by Aravind S Nair of KS Hegde Medical Academy and the best speaker (against) award was won by Megha P of Kanachur Institute of Medical Sciences. All prize monies were sponsored by Mr. Farhaad Yenepoya. In all, 115 medical, dental and nursing students were exposed to the concept of bioethics in healthcare.



### Community Participation:

In the evening (from 4.30 PM to 6 PM) the students organized an open lecture by Ms Kavita Bhupta Ghosh on “Education in India for the 21st century: The challenge of quality and equity in the way we think about the formative human capital in education”. Ms Ghosh is the best-selling author of a fictional book - “Wanted: Back-bencher, Last-ranker Teacher”. The



parents and teachers of few highschools were invited for the interaction. The open lecture was well attended by teachers and parents of The Yenepoya School, Kanachur School, Prestige International School and Joyland School.

### 14 November 2017 - Pre-conference event 2: International Nursing

#### Colloquium: Patient advocacy - The role of nurse in ensuring ethically sensitive healthcare practice:

The Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University conceived the idea of an international academic activity as a pre-conference event, uniquely dedicated to nurses and nursing care. To this end, the Centre supported the Yenepoya Nursing College in its endeavor to bring to India the first ever international nursing colloquium on patient advocacy and the role of a nurse in ensuring ethically sensitive practice. Prof Dr Philomena Anne Scott, Vice President for Diversity and Equality, National University of Ireland, Galway and Prof Dr Bert Gordijn were the chief resource persons for the colloquium. 39 nurses attended the colloquium.

### 15 to 17 November 2017: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for

#### Education in Ethics:

##### Overview of the conference in numbers:

Resource persons:	8
International:	4
National:	4
Total number of delegates:	87
• International:	22
• National:	65
• CFE Alumni:	37
Total number of keynote addresses:	8
Total number of oral presentations:	68
Total number of poster presentations:	6

**15 November 2017:** Prof Dr Bert Gordijn, President of the IAEE delivered the opening keynote on the UNESCO's Bioethics Core Curriculum, its history, development and advantages of using the Universal Declaration of Bioethics & Human Rights. This was followed by the inaugural program. The Chief Guest, Justice (Retd) Santosh Hegde, the former Lokayukta of the Government of Karnataka spoke on the declining moral values in all walks of life and how it was necessary that such academic events that discussed ethics in medical and other professions were the need of the hour. Dr. M Vijayakumar, Vice Chancellor, Yenepoya University spoke on the role of bioethics in modern healthcare practice with special reference to its role in the care of cancer patients.

A souvenir in CD form containing all the details of the conference was released by the dignitaries on the dais. Yenepoya Abdulla Kunhi, Chancellor, Yenepoya University lauded the efforts of the Centre for Ethics for bringing the IAEE annual conference to the doorstep of India. Prof Dr Sripada G Mehendale, Department of Anesthesiology, KS Hegde Medical Academy was the observer representing the Karnataka Medical Council. Among the delegates Prof Renzo Pegoraro, Chancellor, Pontifical Academy for Life, Vatican City and Prof Dr Berna Arda, founder member, board of directors, IAEE, also found the conference very educative and professionally conducted.



There were five parallel scientific sessions in three different halls. In the post lunch session, Dr. Sunil Pandya, Consultant neurosurgeon at Jaslok Hospital, Mumbai delivered the second keynote address on a historical comparison of medical ethics in India in ancient and modern times. This was followed by the second breakout parallel scientific session. Between 5 and 5.45 PM the delegates interacted with the poster presenters.

**16 November 2017:**

International delegates from nine different countries attended the conference. To commemorate their visit to Yenepoya University, the Centre for Ethics organized planting of saplings by the delegates, as representatives of their countries. The second day began with back-to-back keynote addresses by Prof Dr Anne Scott and Dr Amar Jesani, founder member, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics and Visiting Professor, Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University. The first was on resource allocation and rationing of nursing care, while the second was on using bioethics education to enhance critical thinking among professionals. This was followed by sessions three and four of the parallel scientific presentations, in the three different halls. Keynote address five was in the afternoon from 3.30 - 4.15 PM. Prof Dr Henk ten Have, Director, Centre for Healthcare Ethics, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA spoke via streaming internet on the effect of globalization on



bioethics education across different cultures and settings. From 4.30 to 6.00 PM the delegates were treated to a cultural program where the ethnic and traditional customs, rituals and dances of Tulunadu were depicted. The students of the various constituent colleges of Yenepoya University performed traditional and fusion dances of India.

### **17 November 2017:**

The third and last day of the conference began with keynote addresses by Swami

Dayapurnanda on “Living at the edge: Reflections on death in ethics education”; Ms Deepa

Venkatachalam, SAMA Resource Group for Women & Health on “The surrogacy chapter: A bookmark for gender, ethics education” and Dr Uwom Eze, Regional Coordinator for International Committee for the Red Cross, on “Humanitarian Forensics & the Forensic Medicine curriculum”. This was followed by the last breakout session on scientific presentations. The conference drew to a close with a valedictory function. The President of the International Association for Education in Ethics and all the keynote resource persons and all the delegates expressed satisfaction and happiness at the way the conference was organized. Prof Dr Sripada Mehendale, KMC observer expressed satisfaction on the conduct of the conference.



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

**Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

For the sixth year running the Centre for Ethics at Yenepoya University, successfully completed the four days Intensive Short Training Course in Ethical Issues on Biomedical Research. 16 participants from within the University and 13 from outside institutions from varied disciplines such as Dental, Medical, Physiotherapy and Nursing took active part in the workshop. Nine MHA students from our Yenepoya Hospital were deputed for certain sessions.

The sessions that were extensively covered were Informed consent, Privacy and Confidentiality in Clinical Research, Roles and Responsibilities of ICE, Scientific misconduct, Standards of Care and post- trial benefits and Animal ethics.

The brief inaugural programme was conducted on 29th of May 2017 at 10.30a.m. Dr. Sripathi Rao, Principal YDC attended the inaugural program. Dr. Vasudha Devi, Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacology, Melaka Manipal University were appointed as Observer for the workshop.

**Delegates & Resource persons – ISWEAR 2017**

The Centre for Ethics thanks the ICMR for the partial funding of Rs.50,000/- and Karnataka Medical Council, Bangalore for awarding 6 credits and the Karnataka State Dental Council for awarding 18 credit points for the workshop. 29 participants were trained to be the Ethics Committee members and ethical researchers.

**One-day workshop at KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research (KAHER)'s University Department of Education for Health Professionals (UDEHP) on April 30, 2018 conducted by Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya deemed to be University, Mangalore**

Dr. Vina Vaswani, Dr. Uma Kulkarni and Dr. Ravi Vaswani were invited to conduct a one-day primer workshop at KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research (KAHER, Belagavi, Karnataka) on 30 April 2018 titled "Ethical Issues in Research Involving Human Subjects". 35 healthcare professionals from various backgrounds (medical, dental, nursing, Ayurveda, homeopathy and hospital administration) from various institutions in and around Belagavi participated.

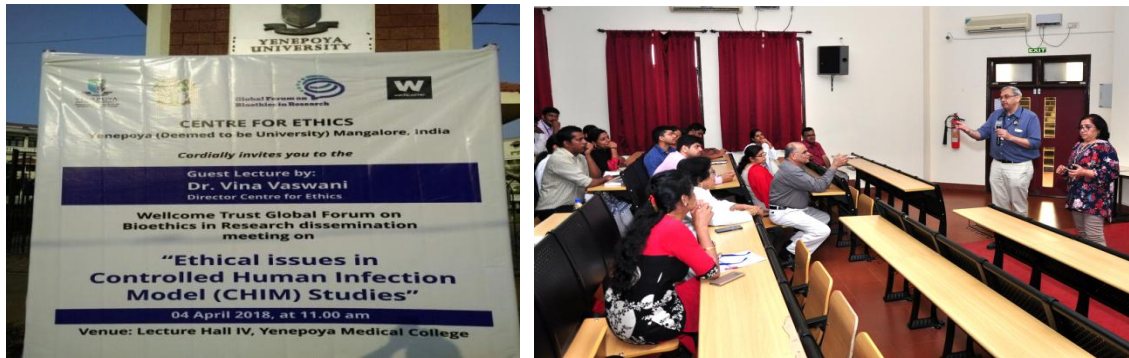
After a brief introduction and pre-test, Dr. Vina introduced the participants to the concept of bioethics, and its location in modern healthcare and research, using historical events to plot the progress of bioethics in the field of human subject research. Dr. Uma Kulkarni carried on with priming the participants about the basic ethical tools that ethics committees use to assess research protocols. In the post-lunch session, Dr. Ravi Vaswani familiarized the participants with the regulations and guidelines governing ethics in research and also details on the composition, scope and functioning of ethics committees. The last session (jointly conducted) was on Responsible Conduct of Research which covered researcher responsibilities, scientific misconduct, authorship issues, conflict of interest, copyright issues and privacy/confidentiality.

The program ended with a post-test, feedback and valedictory. All the participants appreciated the program and felt enriched.



### Guest lecture by Dr. Vina Vaswani:

A meeting on “Ethical Issues on Controlled Human Infection Model (CHIM) studies organized on 04 April 2018 in Lecture hall 4, YMC, Yenepoya deemed to be University Mangalore. This meeting was a preliminary to understand the awareness of researchers to CHIM studies and formed a part of “Wellcome Trust Global Forum on Bioethics in Research” travel fellowship granted to Dr Vina Vaswani. Around 30 participants within the campus attended the lecture. The lecture followed by active interaction.



### Accolades:

**Dr. Vina Vaswani:** As a resource person to the 3d meeting, jointly conducted by Translational Health Science & Technology Institute New Delhi, and Indian Council Research at TISS, Mumbai on 7-8 January 2018 on Ethics & Regulations of Controlled Human Infection Model Research studies

### Alumni Day Celebration

The Centre for Ethics celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> CFE Alumni Day 2018 on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The Inauguration of the program was by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. M Vijayakumar and Prof.Dr. Norbert Paul (Visiting Faculty, Centre for Ethics) delivered the guest lecture on “Making a Difference: Biomedical Ethics, Dignity and Human Rights. About 32 alumni & ethics students attended the lecture. The lecture was followed by active interaction with the alumni.



## Alumni Activities

**Dr. Neelam Puthran:** (2016 PGDBEME batch student) appointed as Ethics cell member in the Poona Ophthalmologists Society for the year 2018-2019

**Dr. Nagesh KR:** (2011 PGDBEME batch student) was the Secretary of Bioethics Unit since 2012 and has been appointed as Head of Bioethics Unit, FMCI and UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) since January 2018.

**Dr. Qudusia Sultana:** (2013 PGDCE batch student) Attended as delegate in 5th Annual Conference of the International Association for Education in Ethics From 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, hosted by centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University Mangaluru, Karnataka, India. Poster Presentation on “ Knowledge, attitude and perception about ethical Surrogacy among Urban working women” in 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Of the International Association for Education in Ethics From 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, hosted by centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University Mangaluru, Karnataka, India.

**Dr. Pooja Shetty:**(2015 PGDBEME batch student) Taken a session on the Informed Consent process for the post graduate students of A.J. Institute of Dental Sciences as a part of their Research Methodology workshop before they could commence with the drafting of their Research Protocol in the year 2017, Attended and Presented a poster at the 5th Annual Conference of the International Association on Education in Ethics, Yenepoya University, Mangalore from Nov 15-17, 2017

## Inaugural launch of Master's program



Dr. M. Vijayakumar, Vice Chancellor, Yenepoya deemed to be University launched the Yenepoya University-Fogarty International Centre Research Ethics Master's program for India supported by National Institutes of Health (Grant No 1R24TW010305-01) Dr. Ghulam Jeelani Qadiri, Dr. Amar Jesani, Dr. Shreekumar Menon 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 sixth year running, 4 students from Johannes Guttenberg University, Germany came down to Yenepoya University on 23 February 2018 in 1 batches as Clinical observers in the departments of General Surgery, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, General Medicine, Orthopedics, Anesthesia, Nephrology.



### **Future Events of Centre for Ethics:**

- Ethics Day celebration on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Dissemination meeting on CHIM study white paper on 08 December 2018.
- Scheduled GFBR meeting on 13-14 November 2018 in Cape Town, South Africa on data sharing and research on stored samples.
- Starting new batch course of M.Sc research Ethics 2019
- Starting 9<sup>th</sup> batch of PGDBEME
- Starting 5<sup>th</sup> batch of PGDCE
- Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of Biomedical & Environmental Ethics