



NEWSLETTER *** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ***

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are very excited to announce that our new endeavor, the Global Bioethics Initiative, or GBI, is now an independent not-for-profit organization, incorporated in the State of New York.

As founding Director of the former Appignani Bioethics Center and current Executive Director of GBI, together with our new GBI President, Dr. Charles Debrovner, M.D., we would like to offer special thanks to those colleagues and friends who have worked to help us fulfill our mission so far, and to cordially invite you to visit our updated website:

www.humanistbioethics.org.

Over the last six years, the Appignani Bioethics Center provided a successful forum for informed debates across a broad range of issues, including stem cell research, sex and organ trafficking and transplantation, human egg marketing, genetic engineering, reproductive and sexual rights, HIV/AIDS, and female genital mutilation. Given this record of success, the leadership and members of the Advisory Board decided to replace the Appignani Bioethics Center with a new international not-for-profit organization, the Global Bioethics Initiative—with a broader mission.

The mission of the Global Bioethics Initiative is to establish and promote reflection and action on policy debates in medical and biotechnological sciences, as well as to foster understanding of the social, cultural, political and legal contexts in which pressing global issues are addressed. We serve as a resource to all, regardless of beliefs.

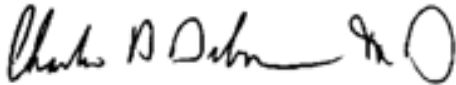
The Global Bioethics Initiative is located adjacent to the United Nations in New York. GBI will focus primarily on issues of concern to the national

and international community, the UN, WHO, UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

Biographical sketches of current board members are on our website. GBI is responsive to your recommendations, insights, comments, ideas and data from your own country about the latest developments in the field of health, bioethics and biotechnology. These insights would make an invaluable contribution to our new organization.

Please join us in our efforts to fulfill our worthy long term objectives!

With many thanks and best wishes,



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