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UM Collaborating Center Assists WHO Guidelines Group


Sergio G. Litewka, M.D., M.P.H., director of international projects for the Bioethics Program and the CITI Program, addressed "Mandatory reporting and surveillance in clinical practice." Kenneth W. Goodman, Ph.D., director of the Bioethics Program, gave talks on "Trusted Governance Systems" (based on UM's CTSI grant) and "Public Health Informatics and eMR" or electronic medical records. Faculty from other collaborating centers, various international ethics organizations, government units and nongovernmental organizations covered other topics related to public health surveillance and ethics. The workshop was held at the Brocher Foundation conference center and sponsored in part by the foundation.

UM's Bioethics Program is home to one of six WHO Collaborating Centers in Ethics and Global Health Policy. The network of collaborating centers had its annual meeting after the surveillance workshop. Goodman is outgoing chair of the network of ethics collaborating centers.

Learn more.

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UM Represented at Brazilian Meeting on Research Integrity

UM Bioethics Program faculty member Sergio G. Litewka, M.D., M.P.H., gave the opening lecture at a daylong workshop on research integrity at Brazil's Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS). The May 12, 2014, program - the PUCRS Bioethics Institute's "Third International Meeting: Integrity in Research" - coincided with discussions to broaden collaborations between the institutions' bioethics units.

Dr. Litewka's lecture addressed international perspectives on research integrity. The conference, at PUCRS' Porto Alegre, Brazil, campus, was attended by faculty and students from across the university.

The program's other key lecturer was Sonia Vasconcelos, Ph.D., of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Vasconcelos is a well published scholar on topics related to the responsible conduct of research in Brazil, and she is the head of the local committee that is organizing the World Research Integrity Conference that will take place in Rio de Janeiro in May 2015. She also collaborated with UM on its Fogarty-funded Pan American Bioethics Initiative.

Dr. Litewka, a surgeon by training, directs international operations for UM's Bioethics Program and CITI Program.

Learn more.

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Publications and Authors

International Research Ethics

Drs. Sergio Litewka and Kenneth W. Goodman are co-authors on an article on ethics training in Latin America. The article describes several NIH/Fogarty-funded projects, including UM's Pan American Bioethics Initiative.

Citation:

Big Data

Goodman has written a reply to "Health analytics and big data," an article by Dr. Martin S. Kohn, Chief Medical Scientist for IBM's Care Delivery Systems - the unit that is developing the computer "Watson" for medical decision support.

The exchange appears in the Lahey Health Journal of Medical Ethics. To view Kohn's article, click here. To view Goodman's reply, click here. Goodman's article also cites the University of Miami's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) grant.

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