



The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics Concludes Islam and Biomedical Ethics' Seminar In Doha

Doha, Qatar, 4 May 2014 – The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), member of Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, member of Hamad Bin Khalifa University, has concluded a two-day seminar about the future prospects of Islam and Biomedical Ethics.

The event, held in Doha, gave participants the opportunity to discuss and analyse several of CILE's crucial areas of study and research. The center is currently examining key issues related to the subject of biomedical ethics, in order to develop a comprehensive long-term plan.

Dr Mohammed Ghaly, Professor of Islam and Biomedical Ethics at CILE, discussed the importance of drafting and applying a long-term vision for CILE. Since joining CILE in September 2013, he has made it his mission to foster greater understanding of the complex subject matter.

A group of prominent local and international experts took part in the closed seminar, with the aim of helping CILE develop its long-term strategy. In addition to sharing their viewpoints, the scholars also presented papers that addressed two main questions: (1) How to determine and evaluate progress in the field of Islam and biomedical ethics from a research and academic perspective? (2) What are the most important questions and areas that are not addressed in this field and which approaches could be used?

In closing, several ideas and guidelines were put in place for future research and scientific work to be undertaken by CILE, in both the short- and long-term.

The seminar's participants included Aasim Ilyas Padela, Director of the Initiative on Islam and Medicine and Assistant Professor of Medicine, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago; Mohseen Ebrahim, Professor Emeritus, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus, Republic of South Africa; Alireza Bagheri, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics, School of Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, and Member of UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC); Mohammed Amin Usmani, Islamic Fiqh Academy in India; Ebrahim Moosa, Professor of Religion, Duke University, USA; Maria Karen Kristiansen, Associate Professor of Public Health at Qatar University; Mohammed Ali Albar, Medical Research Center, International Medical Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Nidhal Guessoum, Professor of Physics at the American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

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About CILE

The Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE) aims to contribute to reform and renewal of Islamic thought by developing a contemporary vision guided by the fundamental principles of the Holy Qur'an, Sunnah and the higher objectives of Islamic Shariah.

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