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Interview to Prof. Amnon Carmi, Head of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and President of the Conference

1) "Is it true that after Naples Conference Bioethics will have a new life starting right now?" "Yes, it is." “This new life will be against the old one?” "No, because the new era very naturally is based upon the old”.

2) "How is it possible to talk about Bioethics to different words and cultures? Which are the most important difficulties and positive aspects?” “It is very difficult and the only chance to overcome these difficulties is if you have both readiness and ability to overcome it. We do not have to do to general conflicts just look what is happening of your family, happy life of a couple or the risk of divorce. The only chance is if you are ready to offer something in order to get something. and what we are doing in UNESCO Chair in Bioethics is to offer our knowledge and good will in order to achieve the human culture and moral collaboration”.

3) "One of the aim of this Conference was to bring face to face people from different generations and backgrounds, young Bioethics followers and old experts, pure theorists and people that are daily in staff with practical problems: was this aim successfully gained?” “Scientifically it is difficult or impossible to measure but one cannot compare virtual acquaintance with scientifically personal one. We have experienced in this Conference how important it was for young scholars not only to listen to the older ones but also having the opportunity to meet them and talk with them during the intervals of the lunches and the coffee breaks. All the same with regard to the older ones who are not ready sometimes to read papers of the younger colleagues however in this Conference while attending the sessions they had the opportunity to enjoy the imagination of the young generation.”

4) "You have been in countries where a different attention to human rights is: how much could be difficult to underline mostly ethical values in these places?” “Right it is difficult formally it can be done because all countries have agreed the basic ethical principles. It is a fact that the many of the existing principles are formed by the western culture world even though the other cultures and continents have accepted in principle the western approach. It is needed to show understanding and respect to the other cultures and in order to reach the acceptance of ethical principles is a need of the other side consent. Consent requires the existence of the will to consent. We are dealing with a process of human and moral dialogue which requires also lot of patience and the readiness to leave aside matters that are not important in order to agree about the real relevant and critical methods.”

5) “Where would it be placed next UNESCO Chair in Bioethics World Conference?” “I don’t know yet, but I’m sure it will take place somewhere around the world.”

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