



Editorial Note



Rapid bio-scientific innovations and breathtaking advances in new, emerging and converging technologies enhance human power to act and unleash immense potential to affect both the present and the future of individuals, the social and the natural world. These developments give rise to pressing challenges of moral and social concern, regarding the genesis, acquisition, dissemination, possession and use of the new biomedical knowledge and technologies. *Review of Bioethics* purports to provide a forum for a comprehensive debate of issues in Bioethics, viewing the latter as a normative investigation of ethical dilemmas and concerns surrounding bio-scientific breakthroughs and the resulting crucial implications for agents, communities, societies and the natural environment. Structural factors and social contexts are also addressed together with an analysis of issues concerning the regulation and control of the new knowledge in biomedicine and biotechnology.

The journal promotes scholarship related, on the one hand, to foundational issues concerning the categorical framework of Bioethics, and, on the other hand, fundamental and emerging critical issues from a wide range of biomedical sciences and technologies, such as genetic engineering, reproductive technologies, transplant research, genomics, and their impact on health, environmental and social policies. It invites interdisciplinary contributions in bioethical inquiry, bridging the gap between the biomedical sciences, philosophy and the social sciences.

Some articles may be invited, but mostly they are selected from manuscripts submitted to us. Our postgraduate students' involvement is actively encouraged. Whether they pursue careers in science-based fields or in the humanities and education, their research, critical engagement and ability to communicate science to the public and to articulate related social concerns, posed at the interface where science confronts ethics, will inspire bioethical debate and help society meet bioethical challenges.

The journal hosts research articles, review articles, short essays, book reviews, and some miscellaneous pieces. All contributions are subject to peer-reviewing. Some refereeing work is conducted by members of the Editorial Board, but external referees are also consulted.

It is a pleasure to thank the editorial, advisory and managing teams, who have offered their ideas, energies, time and able assistance, so as to make this scholarly endeavour possible. Special gratitude is due to our contributing authors for generously offering their talents and to the students of the Joint Postgraduate Programme in Bioethics of the University of Crete, who have put in so many hours to ensure the Journal's success.

We look forward to receiving and presenting to readers innovative and challenging work in bioethics in the coming years.

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