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9:00 Official Opening

9:15 Session 1 – Public policy-making on bioethical issues in their cultural context
Chairman : Prof. MORISAKI Takayuki, Japanese National Cardiovascular Center, IBC member

Prof. Henri ATLAN, former member, French National Committee of Ethics for Health and Life Sciences (CCNE)
Prof. Nousha GUESSOUS-IDRISSI, Faculty of Medicine, Casablanca University, Morocco / UNESCO IBC member
Prof. OBAYASHI Masayuki, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Japan, “Current Discussion on Biomedical Research in Japan”

10:15 Discussion
10:45 Break

11:00 Session 2 – Comparative approaches to organ transplant
Chairman : Mr Gabriel KELLER, French Ambassador for Bioethics

Dr. Alireza BAGHERI, Kyoto University – “Prospect of Japanese Organ Transplantation Law”
Judge Christian BYK, IALES, France – “The current situation about organ transplant in Europe”
Prof. Michael TAI, Chungshan Medical University, Taiwan, “Comparative approach from other Asiatic countries”

12:00 Discussion
12.30 Lunch

14:00 Session 3 A - Stem cell research : the state of the art
Chairman : Prof. NAKANO Toru, Osaka University

Prof. Jacques HATZFELD, Lab. for Human Stem Cell Research, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
Prof. YAMASHITA Jun, Kyoto University, “Human embryonic stem cell research in Japan”

15:00 Discussion
15:45 Break

16:00 Session 3 B – Stem cell research : socio-cultural, ethical and legal implications
Chairman : Prof. Jacques HATZFELD, CNRS

Prof. Henri ATLAN, EHESS / Paris-VI University, “Stem cell research : from what stage may a cell or cellular artifact be qualified as an embryo?"
Prof. AWAYA Tsuyoshi, Okayama University, “Do human embryonic stem cells have dignity?”

17.00 Discussion

17:30 Georges B. KUTUKDJIAN, former UNESCO director of Bioethics
“The bioethics debate : transdisciplinary requirements in the multicultural context”

18:00 Reception