

# PROGRAMME

## ***“Explore the Frontiers of Safeguarding Research Participants with the Application of Research Ethics Principles from the Latest CIOMS Guidelines”***

**Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2024**

**Time: 09:00 - 16:00**

**Venue: Hybrid (Zoom/Protea by Marriott Hotel, Wanderers, Johannesburg)**

Join us for a Public Lecture and engagement with Professor Hans van Delden, who has served as the President of the CIOMS (Council of International Organisations of Medical Sciences) and the Chair of the Workgroup for the 2016 CIOMS Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Offices of Research Integrity, Integrity Officers and Managers, Research Ethics Committee (REC) Professionals, Chairs and Members, including Research Management Professionals, Administrators, Research Compliance Managers and Advisers, Researchers and Research Directors in Southern Africa and beyond are invited to attend.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**



Prof Johannes (Hans) van Delden is full professor of medical ethics at the University Medical Centre of Utrecht University, the Netherlands. He leads the project on patient and public participation for the hospital and for the medical school in the UMC Utrecht. He has worked for many years as a practicing nursing home physician. He has published nearly 350 international and over 125 national articles on the practice and ethics of end-of-life decisions, research ethics, and ethical issues in the care for the elderly. At his department, he has built a research team which has created a strong track record in the ethics of end-of-life decisions, research ethics, and ethics of biomedical innovation. He served as the chair of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO. He has served as the president of the Council of International Organisations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS), and as the chair of the workgroup for the revision of the CIOMS ethical guidelines for biomedical research.

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Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 09:15	Opening and Welcome	Prof Ames Dhai (Wits) and Prof Himla Soodyall (ASSAf)
09:15 – 09:35	CIOMS 2016: Research Ethics Committee Functioning & Research Participant Safeguards	Prof Hans van Delden (CIOMS and Utrecht University)
09:35 – 09:55	Unified Interpretation of POPIA in the Context of Protection of Personal Information: ASSAf Draft Code of Conduct for Research	Prof Michele Ramsay (Wits), Mrs Matty van Niekerk (Wits) and Mrs Susan Veldsman (ASSAf)
09:55 – 10:15	Research Ethics Committee Functioning and Research Participant Safeguards: A Review of the Ethics in Health Research Guidelines (Department of Health 2015)	Prof Shenuka Singh (National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC)
10:15 – 11:00	<b>Roundtable:</b> RECs, Prof van Delden & NHREC & ASSAf Objective: Alignment of Research Ethics Principles between initiatives in terms of CIOMS	Facilitated by: Mrs Susan Veldsman (ASSAf), Mrs Eleni Flack-Davison (Wits), and Mrs Tanya Coetzee (UNISA)
11:00 – 11:15	<b>COMFORT BREAK</b>	
<b>Participants in Health Research – Key Stakeholder Perspectives</b> Facilitated by Ms Caz McNamara (Wits and SARIMA)		
11:15 – 11:25	Harmonising Humanity: The Role of Research Management in Ensuring Participant Safety	Dr Retha Visagie (UNISA and SARIMA)
11:25 – 11:35	SA GCP 2020: SAHPRA Functioning & Research Participant Safeguards	Prof Lesley Burgess (South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) and Stellenbosch University)
11:35 – 11:45	The Element of Trust in Research	Dr Seeiso Koali (South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
11:45 – 11:55	Safeguarding Indigenous Knowledge in Research	Dr Fikile Mnisi (Research Ethics Committee Association of Southern Africa (REASA) / Khaca (Pty) Ltd
11:55 – 12:05	Clinical Trial Participant Consent: Industry Perspective with Focus on Vulnerable Population, Capacity Building and Inclusivity	Ms Sorika van Niekerk (South African Clinical Research Association (SACRA) and Mr Nathaniel Ramuthaga (Roche)
12:05 – 12:15	The Role of Research Integrity in Safeguarding Research Participant (Virtual)	Mr Francis Kombe (African Research Integrity Network (ARIN)
12:15 – 12:25	There's More to Being Ethical than Compliance	Prof Kevin Behrens (Wits Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics)
12:25 – 12:35	Navigating the Technological Frontier in Health Research: Enhancing Engagement and Ensuring Ethics	Dr Diana De Sousa (South African College of Applied Psychology (SACAP)
12:35 – 13:00	Panel Discussion – Wits, ASSAf, NHREC, SARIMA, SAMRC, SAHPRA, SACRA, ARIN, REASA, Wits Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, SACAP	Prof Ames Dhai (Wits) and Prof Paul Ruff (Wits and SAHPRA)
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 14:10	Formal Welcome – University of the Witwatersrand (Virtual)	Prof Lynn Morris (Wits)
14:10 – 14:50	Public Lecture: Research Participant Protections – The Latest CIOMS Guidelines	Prof Hans van Delden (CIOMS and Utrecht University)
14:50 – 15:45	Open Q&A	Facilitated by Prof Himla Soodyall (ASSAf) and Prof Annie Temane (University of Johannesburg (UJ)
15:45 - 16:00	Reflection and Closure	Prof Paul Ruff (Wits and SAHPRA)