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**6<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
ETHICS EDUCATION  
SOUTH AFRICA, 3-5 OCTOBER, 2018**

**CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

[www.iaee6.com](http://www.iaee6.com)



International Association for  
Education in Ethics

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethics Education is organized under the auspices of the *International Association for Education in Ethics* (<https://www.ethicsassociation.org/>). The main goals of the Association are the following: 1) to exchange knowledge and expertise regarding the teaching of ethics in various educational settings; 2) to promote the development of methods and best practices in ethics education; 3) to promote collaboration and contact between educators from countries around the world; and 4) to facilitate and enhance the teaching of ethics at national, regional and international levels (Ten Have, 2016:6)<sup>1</sup>.

Since 2012, the International Conference on Ethics Education has been hosted in North America (USA, 2013), Middle East (Turkey, 2014), South America (Brazil, 2015), Europe (Spain, 2016) and Asia (India, 2017); the next significant region being Africa. In the last 10 to 15 years, South Africa has been very actively involved in offering a wide array of *medical ethics* and *research ethics* training courses on tertiary level, as well as various continuous professional development programmes for health professionals. In addition, there is a growing number of community leaders, politicians, Constitutional Court judges and academics from a wide variety of disciplines that recognise the importance of fostering *ethics education skills* amongst school teachers and university lecturers in order to facilitate ethics awareness and ethics reasoning at all educational levels. **As such, South Africa is proud to host the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethics Education at Spier Conference Centre in Stellenbosch (South Africa) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.**

The Organizing Committee has made a firm commitment to implement the principle of *community development and sustainability*, inclusive of protection of the environment and socio-economic development in all aspects of the conference arrangements. This commitment is in line with the 2013 “*Future Vision of UNESCO’s Bioethics Programme*”<sup>2</sup> which indicates that “... *sustainable development of a country needs to be accompanied by the establishment of a functional bioethics infrastructure that **promotes education**, provides guidance, and fosters public awareness of and engagement in various ethical issues confronting society ... Bioethics is a critical component that ensures sustainable development through maximizing the benefits of scientific and technological innovation and laying the ethical foundation for creation of knowledge-based economies and societies ...*” (emphasis in bold added). The principles of *community development and sustainability* inter alia guided the decision of the conference venue. The **Spier Conference Centre** is located close to Stellenbosch in the Western Cape Winelands, and well known for their labour-sensitive practices, walking tours, organic waste recycling and environmental-friendly wastewater plant. In terms of conscious conferencing,

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<sup>1</sup> TEN HAVE, H. 2016. Ethics education: Global, inspiring and challenging. *International Journal of Ethics Education*, 1:1-6.

<sup>2</sup> UNESCO. 2013. “*Future Vision of UNESCO’s Bioethics Programme*”. <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002211/221197E.pdf>

Spier provides the following: mineral water in recyclable bottles; stationery baskets for delegates to donate their Spier conference pens and notepads (after the conference) to be distributed to local schools and communities; etc. In addition, the conference bags and lanyards will be exclusively produced by community-based craft producers, while local musicians/artists from the Winelands Region will provide soulful African entertainment during the two social functions (i.e. Cocktail function and Conference dinner).

## 2. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

NAME	INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION
Prof Braam Hoffmann (Co-Chairperson)	Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Pretoria, South Africa
Dr Retha Visagie (Co-Chairperson)	University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa
Ms Tanya Coetzee	Research Ethics Association of South Africa (REASA); Independent Bioethicist, Pretoria, South Africa
Prof Nico Nortjé	University of Texas, Houston, United States of America
Ms Fikile Mnisi	Next Biologics (Pty)Ltd, Johannesburg, South Africa
Mr Mario Smit	Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Pretoria, South Africa
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Dr Thelma Louw	University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa

## 3. VENUE

### SPIER CONFERENCE CENTRE, STELLENBOSCH

<http://www.spier.co.za/>

- **Location:** In the Cape Winelands, approximately 50 km from Cape Town
- **Accommodation:** 155 room hotel at the conference venue; several guesthouses on neighbouring farms (within a 5-10 km radius); hotels in Stellenbosch (17 km)
- **Conference Facilities:** Conference rooms are adjacent to the Eerste River and have views of the Helderberg Mountains.

- See the following YouTube video for a quick overview of the conference centre context: <https://youtu.be/F33zAaTuESU>

## 4. PROGRAMME & CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

**Conference theme:** *“A long walk to ethics education”*. The conference theme links with the title of Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela’s autobiography *“A long walk to freedom”*; it suggests that ethics education is a complex and dynamic process characterised by life-long perseverance, courage and integrity.

The **conference programme** will consist of the following elements:

- Two **key note addresses** (40-60 minutes) at the start of each of the three conference days.
- Four parallel sessions per day for **oral presentations** (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes questions). The main themes of the parallel session will include the following areas:
  - A. Ethics Education in Medical / Health Sciences
  - B. Ethics Education in Research
  - C. Ethics Education in Law
  - D. Ethics Education in Art, Photography and Drama
  - E. Ethics Education in Environmental, Agriculture & Animal / Wildlife Sciences
  - F. Ethics Education in Journalism, Humanities and Religion
  - G. Ethics Education in Sport, Psychology and Educational Insight
  - H. Ethics Education in Social Sciences
  - I. Ethics Education in Business and Management
  - J. Ethics Education in Engineering, Architecture, ICT and Technology
  - K. Ethics Education in Natural Sciences and Nanotechnology
- Two to four dedicated **symposiums / workshops / master classes / dialogue sessions**:
  - Time allocation: One full session (1-2 hours)
  - Format: A symposium / workshop / master class / dialogue session focuses on a specific theoretical or practical theme; it will be facilitated by the person who proposed / submitted the theme during the “Call for Abstracts”. These sessions will be open to all delegates without any additional costs.
- An **art exhibition** on Day 1 and 2.

A **Scientific Committee** consisting of international experts in the field of ethics education will review all abstracts for oral presentations, poster presentations and symposiums / workshops /

round-tables. The Call for Abstracts is open; closing date for abstract submissions is 16 March 2018 (see Conference website for more information: [www.iaee6.com](http://www.iaee6.com)).

## 5. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The social functions (costs included in the conference registration fee) will be held at the conference venue on the Spier Wine Estate. It includes the following:

- **Cocktail Reception** (late afternoon and early evening, Day 1). The focus will be on social interaction and networking between delegates. Local musicians from the Winelands Region will provide soulful African instrumental music during this function.
- **Conference Dinner** (evening, Day 2). The focus will be for delegates to experience the unique cuisine of the Western Cape. Local artists from the Winelands Region will provide soulful African entertainment during this function.

A **conference tour** (afternoon, Day 3) will be offered at additional costs for interested delegates. The tour reservations can be done prior to the conference, as well as at the conference registration desk during the conference:

- Visit to **Robben Island** where Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was incarcerated for most of his 27 years in prison; it includes a boat ride to the island and a guided tour.
- Visit to **Cape Point** and the **Table Mountain** Cable Car for magnificent ocean, coastal and city panoramic views around the Cape Peninsula.

A number of **1-day post-conference tour options** for Saturday, 6 Oct 2018, at additional costs for interested delegates will be offered by the dedicated conference tour agency:

- Visit to **West Coast National Park** and Darling (approximately 130 km north of Cape Town);
- Visit to **Hermanus** for an inshore whale watching experience (approximately 120 km east of Cape Town); or
- Visit to Stellenbosch / Paarl / Franschhoek **Wine Routes** (approximately 50 km north-west of Cape Town).

## 6. CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

A shuttle service is available between the Cape Town International Airport and Stellenbosch. Transport costs will be additional to the conference fees. Accommodation will be available at a 4-star hotel located on the conference venue, Spier Wine Estate. Also, several guesthouses on

neighbouring farms (within a 5-10 km radius) and hotels in Stellenbosch (17 km) can be utilized to accommodate delegates. Hotel accommodation booking options are provided on the conference website. A conference administration office will be available to co-ordinate all conference-related administration activities, conference registration, conference venue arrangements, oral presenter support, and conference information services.

## 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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