FEEDBACK OF 30th WORLD CONGRESS FOR MEDICAL LAW ANTWERP 2026

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REASONS FOR FEEDBACK

- GET ACQUAINTED WITH WORLDWIDE MEDICO-LEGAL ORGANISATIONS LIKE **WORLD ASSOCIATION for MEDICAL LAW**

- 31th CONGRESS WILL BE HELD IN SANDTON JOHANNESBURG 24 – 26 AUGUST 2027

- PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION

- CONSIDER TO BECOME A MEMBER ($150 per year)

30 th CONGRESS OF WAML ANTWERP OVER 3 DAYS

- 450 PARTICIPANTS
- 57 COUNTRIES
- 300 ABSTRACTS RECEIVED
- 220 PRESENTATIONS DELIVERED
- 7 PARALLEL SESSIONS - TOTAL OF 55 SESSIONS
- EACH SESSION UP TO 7 TRACKS
- EACH TRACK 3 TO 5 PRESENTATIONS
- DURATION OF EACH TRACK BETWEEN 1 AND 3 HOURS

30 th CONGRESS OF WAML ANTWERP OVER 3 DAYS

- 15 SPONSORS
- EXHIBITION OF POSTERS
- ONE SESSION OF 14 AND ONE OF 13 POSTERS
- HUMAN RIGHTS - AI - MEDICAL AND LEGAL SUBJECTS
- 126 PAGES BOOK WITH SUMMARIES
- SUMMARY CONSISTS OUT OF: BACKGROUND - RESEARCH QUESTION - METHODOLOGY - RESULTS - CONCLUSION

SUBJECTS OF PRESENTATIONS

- TRANSPLANTATION - MEDICAL LIABILITY - ACCESS TO HEALTH LAW - MINORS - GENETICS - AI AND LIABILITY - CRIMINAL LAW - BEGINNING OF LIFE - END OF LIFE - HEALTHARE GOVERNANCE - MENTAL HEALTH CARE - PATIENT`S RIGHTS - PUBLIC HEALTH - HOSPITAL LIFE - INTER SEX AND GENDER CARE - MEDICAL RESEARCH GOVERNANCE - MEDICAL STANDARDS - FORENSIC AND LEGAL MEDICINE - MEDICAL CONFIDENCIALITY - DATA PROTECTION AND HEALTH GOVERNANCE - MEDICAL DEVICES - DEATH CARE - DISABILITY LAW - ASSISTED DYING - PHARMACEUTICAL LAW - INFORMED CONSENT - COORDINATION BETWEEN CRIMINAL LAW AND DISCIPLINARY LAW - etc etc etc……

INTERESTING SUBJECTS

- DEVELOPMENT CRIMINAL MEDICAL LAW
- HEALTH CARE FRAUD
- RESPONSIBILTY IN AI USE IN THE MEDICAL AND MEDICO - LEGAL FIELD
- PATIENT`s PERSONALITY RIGHTS - INFORMED CONSENT
- STEM CELL DERIVED EMBRYO MODELS - EMBRYO SELECTION WITH AI - LEGAL STATUS OF THE HUMAN EMBRYO

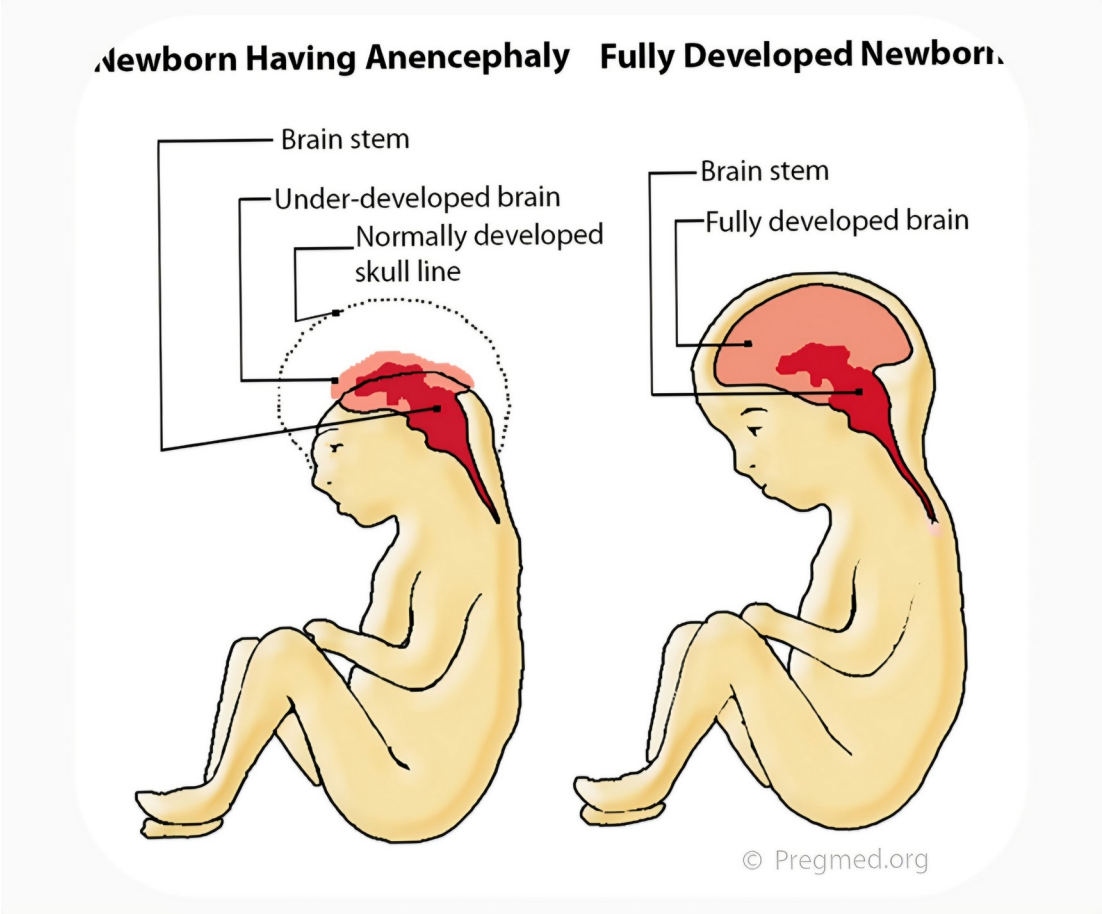
PRESENTATIONS ATTENDED

- TRANSPLANTATION
- END OF LIFE
- MEDICAL LIABILITY
- MEDICAL ERRORS AND LIABILITY
- AI IN HEALTHCARE
- RESPONSIBLE AI USE
- CRIMINAL LAW

END OF LIFE

- WHERE LIFE AND DEATH MEET - ENSURING DIGNITY AND RESPECT IN PALLIATIVE CARE FOR VULNERABLE PATIENTS - **LATVIA**
- PASSIVE EUTHANASIA FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS - **INDONESIA**
- EUTHANASIA RELATED CHALLENGES IN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION - **AZERBAIJAN**
- REGULATIONS MEDICAL CARE AND CARE FINAL STAGES OF LIFE - **JAPAN**

TRANSPLANTATION ANENCEPHALY



TRANSPLANTATION

- PRESENTED BY MEDICAL ACADEMICS FROM **ANKARA** (**TURKEY**)
- ANENCEPHALIC NEW BORNS AND ORGAN DONATION
- LIFESPAN HAS EXTENDED WITH MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS
- DEVELOP POLICY FRAMEWORK GOVERNANCE OF ORGAN DONATIONS
- ETHICAL DILEMMAS
- LIFESPAN HAS EXTENDED
- BRAIN DEATH CANNOT EASILY BE ESTABLISHED

TRANSPLANTATION

- BRIDGING THE ORGAN DEFICIT IN **GHANA**
- ORGAN TRANSPLANT AND DONATION **AZERBAIJAN**
- HETEROLOGIC HAIR TRANSPLANTATION - ETHICAL BOUNDERIES AND REGULATORY GAPS - **BRAZIL**
- ORGAN DONATION FOLLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING - ETHICAL IMPLEMENTATION - **BELGIUM**

MEDICAL LIABILITY
MEDICAL ERRORS AND LIABILITY

- WHEN DO MEDICAL ERRORS BECOME A CRIME **- ROMANIA**
- CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP MODEL OF NEGLIGENCE LIABILTY IN MEDICAL CRIMINAL LAW - **INDONESIA**
- REGULATION AND CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN HEALTHCARE **- NETHERLANDS**
- PANEL DISCUSSION - **CHINA** - **AUSTRALIA** - **INDONESIA** - **SINGAPORE** - **PERU** - **PORTUGAL** - **UK**
- HOW WOULD MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE BE CLASSIFIED AS CIVIL - CRIMINAL - DISCIPLINARY MATTER

AI IN HEALTHCARE

- NAVIGATING THE BONUS MEDICUS DIGITALIS - LEGAL DUTY - LITERACY - AUTONOMY - TRANSPARENCY - IN AI-INTEGRATED PRACTICE - **BELGIUM**
- RETHINKING LIABILITY IN AI-POWERED HEALTHCARE - HUMAN OVERSIGHT AND RISK ALLOCATION - **ITALIA**
- LEGAL REGULATION OF AI IN HEALTHCARE - CHALLENGES - OPPORTUNITIES - INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH - **UK** - **AZERBAIJAN**
- AI AND CLINICAL PRACTICE IN **CHINA**
- IMPLEMENTING AI IN MEDICAL GUIDELINES - WHAT CHALLENGES DO DOCTORS AND LAWYERS FACE - **NETHERLANDS**

RESPONSIBLE AI USE

- PANEL DISCUSSION - **NETHERLANDS**
- LEGAL FRAME WORK GOVERNING RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI - NOT FULLY DEFINED
- IN EUROPE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION AND MEDICAL DEVICES REGULATION INFLUENCED THE AI DEVELOPEMENT
- AI ACT - ROOM FOR INTERPRETATION
- EUROPEAN COMMISSION REQUESTED DEVELOPMENT HARMONISED STANDARDS TRANSLATING LEGAL REQUIREMENTS INTO COMMON TECHNICAL LANGUAGE

CRIMINAL LAW

- COMMISSION BY OMISSION IN HEALTH CRIMINAL LAW - **TURKEY**
- DECRIMINALISATION OF THE LIGHT UNINTENTIONAL MEDICAL ERROR IN **BELGIUM** CRIMINAL LAW
- CRIMINAL LAW PERSPECTIVE ON HEALTHCARE FRAUD - **GEORGIA**
- ALIGNMENT BETWEEN CRIMINAL LAW AND DISCIPLINARY LAW IN **DUTCH** HEALTHCARE - COMMUNICATION OF FACTS
- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CAN FACE BOTH DISCIPLINARY AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FOR THE EXACT UNDERLYING INCIDENT
- DISCIPLINARY LAW : PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
- CRIMINAL LAW : CRIMINAL CULPABILITY
- **NE BIS IN IDEM** DOES NOT BLOCK PARALLEL PROCEEDINGS

GLOBAL APPROACH MEDICAL LIABILTY

- **CIVIL** TORT SYSTEMS - USA - EUROPEAN NATIONS - FINANCIAL COMPENSATION
- **NO-FAULT** SYSTEM - SWEDEN - FINLAND - NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIA - COMPENSATING INJURED PATIENTS WITHOUT PROOF NEGLIGENCE
- **CRIMINAL** PROSECUTION - SA - UK - INDIA - CRIMINAL CHARGES GROSS NEGLIGENCE - TAIWAN e a - STRICT MANDATES OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES
- **WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** - CAUTION AGAINST OVERCRIMINALISATION

CONCLUSION

- WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL LAW – WORLD VIEW
- EXTENDS OUR HORIZONS
- MEANINGFULL INTERACTION
- RESEARCH POSSIBILITIES
- PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING CONGRESS
- DO NOT NEED TO INVENT THE MEDICO-LEGAL WHEEL AGAIN
- OUR CONSTITUTION:
- A 39(1) (b): **must consider international law**
- A39 (1)(c): **may consider foreign law**

THANK YOU




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31st World Congress on Medical Law
World Association for Medical Law
August 24 – 26, 2027
Sandton, South Africa
The Capital on the Park
South African Association for Bioethics & Health Law