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## "THE PATIENT-IMMIGRANT, SOCIAL-ANTROPOLOGICAL FEATURES AND HEALTHCARE PECULIARITIES"

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In the Italian current social context, immigration from the developing countries and from countries afflicted by armed conflicts, from nearly three decades now, represents a social and demographic growing phenomenon. The foreign citizens residing in the Veneto region, as well as in the rest of Italy, has constantly grown and the demographic composition of this social group is constantly changing.

The integration remains a key-concept for an effective implementation of most of the social and demographic policies. It remains a cornerstone also concerning the healthcare policy. In this context, the integration faces a potentially double-dimension fragility of the Person-Patient-Immigrant: the first one is related to the disease and the second one could be potentially based upon an incomplete interpretation of the natural anthropo-cultural gap between the patient-immigrant and the caregiver/hosting healthcare system.

It is a fact that many behaviors, attitudes or social expressions of the immigrants in a healthcare context maintain a strong connection with the original cultural anthropology, e.g.: expressions of physical pain, mental suffering and end of life, concepts such as illness, physical disability and death, organ donation and organ transplant approach, transfusion, acute care, long term care etc.

The encounter of the Italian caregiver/healthcare system with the patient-immigrant gives birth to a new habitat for the old and new ethical dilemmas currently faced by the so-called "western medicine" and in such a new social habitat these ethical dilemmas could become more challenging.

Therefore, the increasing of the awareness level of all the stakeholders of the healthcare service could be a key element, useful to generate new solutions and new approaches to some of the current problems. So, this Conference wants to become a place to meet and share points of view and perspectives that could further enrich the vision and the mission of a high level healthcare system operating in a constantly evolving and challenging social context.

#### Illustrative demographics:

According to ISTAT - Italian National Institute of Statistics (data processed by www.tuttitalia.it), on January 1st 2015 the immigrant population residing in Italy has been 5,014,000, i.e. 8.2% of the population.

In the Veneto Region, according to the same source, the immigrants population has been about 512,000 people, i.e. 10.4% of the Region's population

The Albanian-speaking immigrant citizens (coming from Albania, Kosova and partly from Macedonia) residing in Italy has been about 562,000, i.e. 11.2% of immigrant population of the Region. As such, this demographic group represents currently the largest linguistic group of non-EU origin immigrants residing in Italy.

In the Veneto region, the Albanian-speaking immigrants has been about 57,700 citizens, preserving the primacy of the largest linguistic non-EU group residing in the Region (i.e. 11.3% of the foreign citizens).

In Treviso, this community counts about 17,800 residents, once more the largest linguistic group among the non-EU immigrants, which represents 18% of the foreign residents.

For how much concerns only citizens coming from Kosova, the Veneto Region is currently the first one in Italy with about 12,700 residents, while the Treviso is the Italian province with the largest number of residents from Kosova (about 6,100 people).

These data do not take into account those people who over the years have obtained the Italian citizenship (e.g. those born in Italy who have come of age, or those naturalized after 10 years of continuous residence, etc.).

## Program I

08.30 Registration of the participants

### Chair: Giovanni Manildo Francesco Benazzi, Luigi Guarini Amnon Carmi. Altin Stafa

09.00 Welcome speech of the organizers:

Dr. Altin Stafa – Head of the Albania Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

Prof. Amnon Carmi – Head of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa). Israel

09.20 Greetings of the local Authorities:

Avv. Giovanni Manildo – Major of Treviso

Dr. Francesco Benazzi – General Director of Local
Healthcare Authority (ULSS9 Treviso)

Dr. Luigi Guarini – President of the Treviso Medical
Association

- 09.35 Greetings of the Minister of Health of Albania *Ilir Begja*
- 09.45 Greetings of the Minister of Health of Kosovo
- 09.55 Greetings of the deputy Director of the Emigration Agency, Government of the Republic of Macedonia Osman Shukriu

#### **I SESSION**

#### Chair: Pietro Faronato, Luigi Guarini Francesco Di Paola

10.10 Immigration, a bioethical challenge Prof. Antonio Da Re – Member of the Italian National Bioethics Committee, Rome; Chair of Moral Philosophy, University of Padua

10.30 The social space of integration, a keystone of the well-being of the person and community Prof. Anna Caterina Cabino – Head of the Education and migration immigration policy Dpt, Treviso Municipality

10.50 Reflections on bioethical dilemmas of a multicultural health platform
 Dr. Camillo Barbisan – Head of the Bioethics Dpt. Healthcare Authority of Padua, Italy

#### 11.10 Coffee break

#### **II SESSION**

### Chair: Domenico Scibetta Antonio Da Re, Camillo Barbisan

11.30 The impact of Sociology of Health and Illness on the physician-patient relationship in the UK **Prof. Gëzim Alpion** – Lecturer in Sociology and Media studies, University of Birmingham, UK

- 11.50 Healthcare communication in a multicultural and multiethnic country. An experience from Macedonia **Prof. Azis Pollozhani** Head of the Patient's rights and Bioethcis Dpt. of the National Institute of Health, Skopje, Macedonia
- 12.10 The influence of the cultural gap on the perception and the acceptance of the tissues and organ donation **Prof. Ramadan Jashari** Past President of the European Association of Tissue Banks, Medical Director of the European Homograft Bank and Member of the Albanian Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)
- 12.30 Transplantation Network of the Veneto Region immigrants as donators and beneficiaries

**Dr. Ennio Nascimben** – Head of the Transplantation Network of the Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)

13 00 Lunch Break

#### **III SESSION**

### Chair: Miroslava Vasinova, Patrizia Scaglia. Ennio Nascimben

- 14.30 Social and healthcare policies focused on the peculiarities of the immigrant citizens in the Valle d'Aosta Region
  - **Dr. Patrizia Scaglia** Social Affairs Dpt. Valle d'Aosta Region; General Secretary of the European Center for Bioethics and Quality of Life, Italian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)
- 14.50 Healthcare and immigration: the contribution of Treviso voluntary for information, integration and equal access to healthcare services

  \*\*Alice Bandiera\*\* Treviso Voluntary Association\*\*
- 15.10 General practitioners patients and immigrants.
  A Veneto Experience

Dr. Artan Tola - GP Association of Treviso

- 15.30 Healthcare peculiarities of the infants and minorsimmigrants
  - **Dr. Francesca Maschio** Pediatric Dpt. of the Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)
- 15.50 Healthcare peculiarities of the women immigrants *Dr. Irene Pascoli*

Ob-Gyn Dpt. of Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)

- 16.10 The Patient-immigrant at the Emergency Room. Which peculiarities?
  - **Dr. Maurizio Sacher** Director of the ER Dpt. of the Local Healthcare Authority (ULSS 9 Treviso)
- 16.30 Conclusions