

**The Chairman and Members
Bioethics Consultative Committee**

have the pleasure to invite you

to a Conference

**Human Rights and Biomedicine
The Oviedo Convention ten years later**

on

Thursday 6th May at 7.30p.m.

at the

Institute of Health Care Auditorium, Mater Dei Hospital

Programme

Introduction

Dr Michael Ascik

Chairman, Bioethics Consultative Committee

Opening Address

Hon. Dr Joseph Cassar, MP

Minister for Health, the Elderly and Community Care

Keynote Address

The Oviedo Convention: a fundamental reference for the protection of human rights in the field of biomedicine

Dr Laurence Lwoff

*Head, Bioethics Division, Health and Bioethics Department, Council of Europe
Secretary, Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe*

Discussion

Reception

Dr Laurence LWOFF holds a MSc. in reproductive physiology from the University of Paris VI – Jussieu (France), a degree in agronomy from the Institut National Agronomique Paris-Grignon (France)(1986) and a PhD in molecular biology (1989).

She joined the Council of Europe in 1991, where she was entrusted with the responsibilities of the Secretariat of the Conventions concerning the use of animals in agriculture and science, in the Directorate of Legal Affairs. In 1999, her responsibilities were extended to biotechnology. She was the Secretary of the International Conference of the Council of Europe on Ethical Issues Arising from the Applications of Biotechnology (Oviedo, Spain, May 1999). In July 2002, she joined the Bioethics Department where she has been responsible in particular for the activities on human genetics and on the protection of the human embryo and the foetus. She has also been working on the development of an educational tool on bioethics for young people.

She is currently Head of Bioethics Division in the Health and Bioethics Department, and Secretary of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe