

Stem Cell Research in the service of human life? : Ethical and Theological Reflection
Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Volos, Greece
9-11 November 2009

	Monday, 9 November 2009		Tuesday, 10 November 2009	Wednesday, 11 November 2009
9:00-9:30	Opening worship and bible study (Fabian Salazar)	9:00-9:15	Opening worship (Packia Asirvatham)	Opening worship Stefanie Schardien
9:30-10:30	Welcome by Bishop Ignatius Introductions, Program Review, Review of past WCC actions on the issue, 1979 MIT conference Moderator: Pantelis Kalaitzidis Presenters: Vassilios Fanaras, Maria van Heemstra, Packia Asirvatham	9:15-9:30	Recapitulating	Recapitulating
		9:30-11:00	Moderator: Vassilios Fanaras Session: Celia Deane-Drummond (Catholic) Framing the Moral, Ethical and Theological Issues on Stem Cell Research Response: Unhey Kim (Protestant)	Plenary: Review of existing legal frameworks and standards related to ethics: where are the divisive issues? How can we address the diversity. Jaydee Hanson, Florencia Luna Short response on how the Council of Europe has dealt with the diversity: Donald Bruce
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	11:00-11:30	Coffee break	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Moderator: Adelina Ilieva Presentation: Jim Rusthoven, Overview of Stem Cell Research with a special focus on clinical trials Questions	11:30-12:30	Panel: Role of religions: Challenge of Stem Cell Research to Societies & Cultures in the Global Community Moderator: Amy Ann Hall Panellists: Peter Dabrock, Aviad Raz, Alireza Bagheri, Celia Deane-Drummond, Jea Hyun Park	Panel on social justice issues Moderator: Eunice Kamaara Panellists: Fabian Salazar, Aroha Mead, Maryam Pazooki, Japhet Ndhovu
12:30-14:00	Lunch	12:30-14:00	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Panel discussion of scientists Donald Bruce, Theoharis Patargias, Jim Rusthoven Facilitator: Adelina Ileva	14:00-16:00	Small groups discussion with different panellists: 2 groups on ethical issues, Christoph Rehman-Sutter, Vassilios Fanaras 2 on the role of religion in public debate on the issue Konstadin Nushev, Packia Asirvatham Objective: Consensus on the questions: What are the crucial questions? What are the possible answers?	Plenary: conclusions, recommendations to churches, governments and society. Facilitator: Manoj Kurian
16-16:30		Coffee break	16-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:45	Four small group discussions: 1.Bio ethics and stem cell research 2.Bio politics and stem cell research 2.Churches/religious institutions response 4.Youth perspective on stem cell research	16:30-17:45	Feed-back from groups Facilitator: Donald Bruce	Plenary Closing ceremony Byzantine Hymns-Choir of priests of Metropolis of Volos
17:45-18:30	Feed-back from groups Moderator: Amy Laura Hall	17:45-18:30		Closing Worship
18:30-20:00	Reception	18:30-20:00	Pelion Excursion Makrynitsa	
20:00-21:00	Dinner	20:00-21:00	Dinner at Pelion, Makrynitsa	Dinner