Preface: 7th International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering

The 7th International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering is being held at the SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, New York, April 20–21, 2013. The goal of this conference is to bring together biomedical engineers, clinicians, research scientists, philosophers, lawyers, students, and representatives from industry to discuss the ethical issues we face as we develop new implants, devices, and drugs to improve the treatments and the quality of life of our patients. The papers to be presented represent a broad spectrum of topics reflecting the exciting but sometimes controversial nature of many of the new developments in biomedical engineering and medicine. We are fortunate that the SUNY Downstate Medical Center has agreed to sponsor this conference. We are grateful for support from other cosponsoring institutions such as the International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE); the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE); Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society; NYU School of Dentistry; and many other scientific societies and universities.

Additional papers from this conference will be published in future issues of Ethics in Biology, Engineering and Medicine, An International Journal.

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