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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) is an international non-profit organisation established jointly by WHO and UNESCO in 1949. Through its membership, CIOMS is representative of a substantial proportion of the biomedical scientific community. In 2018, the membership of CIOMS included 41 international, national and associate member organisations, representing many of the biomedical disciplines, national academies of sciences and medical research councils.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- bioethics
- health policy, ethics and human values
- medicine development and use
- international nomenclature of diseases

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

CIOMS contributes to the field of bioethics through the issuing of international guidelines for the application of ethical principles in various key areas including biomedical research involving human subjects, and for epidemiological studies, developed in conjunction with WHO. It also facilitates international dialogue in the area of health policy, ethics and human values, and works on issues related to the medical product development and safety, issuing recommendations on the monitoring and assessment adverse reactions caused by medicines and vaccines. In 2016, CIOMS published two new reports from its Working Groups: Evidence Synthesis and Meta-Analysis for Drug Safety, and Development and Rational Use of Standardised MedDRA Queries (SMQs): Retrieving Adverse Drug Reactions with MedDRA (Second Edition).

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

CIOMS is administered by an executive committee comprising a maximum of 14 elected members from international and national medical or scientific organisations. The secretary general of CIOMS is Dr Lembit Rägo and the president is Prof Hervé LeLouet.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

CIOMS is funded through membership dues, publication sales and contributions in support of working groups and conferences.

PUBLICATIONS

For CIOMS' publications see: <https://cioms.ch/shop/>

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