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EDITORIAL

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The COVID-19 pandemic is currently a global challenge, which influences our lives from multiple perspectives. Due to its magnitude and impact on human society, this unprecedented pandemic raises important bioethical issues which are at the heart of debates worldwide. Therefore bioethics is one of the essential pillars of national and international efforts to limit the spread of SARS-CoV-2 infection and to return to a life of normalcy.

The first issue of 2021 of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics is dedicated to the publication of some of the papers presented at the XVth National Conference on Bioethics held in December 2020, which had as its general theme "Ethical challenges in the COVID-19 pandemic". This topic provoked extensive discussions focused on the various bioethical issues of national and international responses to the challenges created by the particular epidemiological context in which we find ourselves.

The COVID-19 pandemic, through the imposed public health measures, creates both challenges to human rights and ethical challenges, at individual, national and international levels, which require a coordinated response and special attention to existing structural inequalities, which can be exacerbated by the current pandemic crisis.

At the same time, the current COVID-19 pandemic generates important bioethical issues that need to be analyzed and adequately addressed to ensure the quality of the medical act and the safety of the patient, society and the medical community. Some of the bioethical challenges associated with the medical act in a pandemic context approached in articles published in this issue of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics are: the therapeutic management of patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus under conditions of scientific uncertainty, the cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the relevance of DNR orders, as well as the attitude towards the elderly in the current pandemic context.

Social media has become the predominant means of communication in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the opinions expressed in this environment can be indicators of how medical professionals are perceived and how the patient-physician relationship will be shaped in the future.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also an important impact on the relationship between humans and animals, especially from the perspective of abandonment and mass killing of animals, but also from the perspective of their use in research to discover effective vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 virus and the increased acceptability in the population of this type of research.

The aspects mentioned above are addressed and analyzed in detail in the articles published in the first issue of 2021 of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics, which we hope will bring more clarity to readers on the bioethical issues generated by the current COVID- 19 pandemic.