



# International Bio Law Interest Group

## ESIL INTEREST GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL BIO LAW

**Report on the activities of the ESIL Interest Group on International Bio  
Law  
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## **1. Introduction**

The ESIL IG on International Bio Law was founded in 2012, under the initiative of one of the most active members of the group (Prof. Daniel García San José, from the University of Seville, Spain). The first meeting of the IG was developed in Valencia (September 2012), the city where the General Conference took place in that occasion. After that first meeting, a “customary rule” of the IG is to have a meeting per year –one together with the General Conference every two years, and another one in one city designed by the MC Committee of the Group. Following this practice, several meetings have taken place since 2012 (in Valencia, Seville, Vienna, Valencia, Riga, Málaga and Manchester).

Since its creation, the IG has developed the aforementioned meetings and, after the event, the results have been published, by monographs or academic journals containing the contributions of the participants. Some examples of these publications are the following: *Bioderecho Internacional: Derechos Humanos, Salud Pública y Medioambiente/International Biolaw: Human Rights, Public Security and Environment*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2018; *Bioderecho, Seguridad y Medioambiente/Biolaw, Security and Environment*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2015; *Bioderecho internacional y europeo. Desafíos actuales*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2014.

A positive aspect of the evolution of the IG on International Bio Law is referred to the members of the group. The number of participants has been increased, as a proof of the interest about this field.

## **2. Activities of the IG on International Bio Law**

From November 2017 to the month of September 2018, the IG celebrated a Pre-Conference IG on International Biolaw (13 September, 2018, Manchester), with the following content:

- 1) Welcome to the participants by María Isabel Torres Cazorla (University of Málaga, convenor of the IG).
- 2) First panel on “International Organizations, Biolaw and Universality”, moderated by José Manuel Sánchez Patrón (University of Valencia), with contributions of Andrés Bautista-Hernández (U. of Málaga and Paris Nanterre), “Legislative or Political Body? The Contribution of the General Assembly to the Development of International Disaster Law” and Simona Fanni (U. of Cagliari and Seville), “Theorizing the Role of the Baxter Paradox in the Possible Evolution of International Biolaw”.



Simona Fanni, Andrés Bautista Hernández and José Manuel Sánchez Patrón

- 3) A second panel on “International Courts, Biolaw and Universality”, moderated by Justo Corti Varela (U. San Pablo-CEU, Madrid), with contributions of José Manuel Sánchez Patrón (U. of Valencia) “Dignity versus Universality: the Contribution of the InterAmerican Court of Human Rights”, and Ilja Richard Pavone (Tuscia University, Viterbo and Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg), about “The Role of the Strasbourg Court and the Biomedicine Convention in Shaping a Common European Bioethics”.



José Manuel Sánchez Patrón and Justo Corti Varela

- 4) After each panel there was a fruitful debate with the participants, finishing with the closing Remarks by M.I. Torres Cazorla.

### **3. Website**

In accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of the ESIL Interest Groups Policy Guidance, each Interest Group is required to set up a website which includes information about the group's activities, the names of the members of the Coordinating Committee members (including their contact details), the Group's past and future activities and information about how to become an ESIL member. The website of the Interest Group is <https://alojamientosv.us.es/esiligbiolaw/>, together with the general information provided at <http://www.esil-sedi.eu/node/1098>.

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