



VidaCord

TECNOLOGÍA BIOMÉDICA
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**MARIA DOLORES VILA-CORO
AWARD**

Title:

"Premio María Dolores Vila-Coro"

The award is named after the late Dr Maria Dolores Vila-Coro Barrachina, who died 1 January 2010, and was a member of VidaCord Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee since its foundation.

Dr. Vila-Coro was a prestigious lawyer, graduated in Philosophy and Doctor of Law, Academic Member of the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation, member of the Pontifical Academy For Life, member of the Bioethics European Council Steering Committee, member of the UNESCO Spanish Commission and President of its Ethics Committee. She was also founder and President of the Women Jurists Association ATRIA and the Spanish Society of Bioethics and Biolaw. She pioneered the introduction in Spain of the Bioethics studies from a personalist perspective. She was a great defender of life from conception to natural death.

By creating this award named after her, VidaCord wants to honor her memory and contribute in a modest way, to the continuation of her efforts.

Organizers:

VidaCord, S.L., through its Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee.

Objectives:

To promote research and reward the relevant contributions about the importance and utility of umbilical cord blood from a scientific, bioethics or legal point of view, both in the field of blood diseases, as well as regenerative medicine and cell therapy, in any case from a Personalist Bioethics perspective.

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

2010 MARÍA DOLORES VILA-CORO AWARD

Call for participation to the first edition of the M^a Dolores Vila-Coro Award on the following basis:

Rules:

1. The 2010 María Dolores Vila-Coro award will be granted to the research work judged to be the best contribution about the importance and utility of umbilical cord blood from a scientific, bioethics or legal point of view, both in the field of blood diseases, as well as regenerative medicine and cell therapy, in any case from a Personalist Bioethics perspective.
2. Anyone can participate in this award. Only VidaCord employees, members of its Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee and first-degree relatives are excluded from participation.
3. The work may be original or already published, in English or Spanish, in any media, during the years 2009 or 2010. The winner, by participating in this award, explicitly authorizes VidaCord for its potential publication in any appropriate means, with the timely recognition of his authorship, and hereby waives any copyright to VidaCord.
4. Works to be submitted to this call must not have obtained any other national or international award.
5. Works can be of a single or multiple authors. If the latter, authors will indicate who will be eventually responsible for collecting the award.
6. The work must have a maximum length of 20 pages, plus the cover page.
7. Candidates must submit three copies of their work printed in DinA-4, written in Times New Roman 12, 1.5 spaces, and with 2.5 cm margin on each side. Standard Vancouver style rules are required. Each copy will have a first cover sheet with the title and author's name.
8. An electronic Word copy of the work will be attached, either on physical support (CD or memory stick) or sent simultaneously to the following e-mail address: premio.mdvc.bioetica@vidacord.es.
9. The three copies of the work should be delivered to VidaCord premises (C / Almagro 38, bajo derecha, 28010 - Madrid), to the attention of the General Secretary of the Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee,

with the inscription "*Para el Premio María Dolores Vila-Coro 2010*". Works delivered exclusively by electronic mail will not be accepted.

10. The works presented, when awarded, could be selected for publication by VidaCord, for non-profit. Participation in these awards requires, therefore, the work copyright transfer to VidaCord for this purpose. However, the authors are authorized also to publish their work elsewhere. Additionally, non-awarded works could also be selected by VidaCord for publication, for non-profit, and in any case with explicit permission from the author.
11. In the event that the author of a prize-winning work would like to publish it after having achieved the award, he must clearly indicate that such work has been awarded the *Premio Maria Dolores Vila-Coro 2010*.
12. The originals of non rewarded works shall not be returned, but can be collected back from authors up to three months after jury's verdict. In any case, VidaCord is not responsible for their conservation. A copy of each award-winning work will be archived at VidaCord files.
13. The award may be declared void if no candidates apply. Likewise, the jury has the power to declare the prize void if they consider the quality of the projects presented do not reach the minimum required level, or should they defend opposing views to Personalist Bioethics.

Award:

The annual prize is 2,000 euro.

Deadline for submission of papers

The deadline for submission of papers is September 20th, 2010

Jury composition and final decision

The jury shall consist of two separate instances:

- First, a discretionary number of outside consultants, whose selection and appointment are due to the Secretary-General of VidaCord Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee, and whose composition will be maintained at all times confidential. If for any reason the name of one of the advisors, or all of them, became public, the Secretary-General of VidaCord Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee will appoint someone else to replace them.

- Secondly, members of VidaCord Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee, which are fully entitled to interpret the rules as well as to address any issues that may arise.

The external consultants will conduct an initial appraisal of all the papers presented, and issue a non-binding report with their assessment. VidaCord Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee members will receive this report prior to deliberation. They will be free to take it into consideration or not when issuing their final verdict.

The jury's verdict, which will be final, will be communicated through VidaCord website (www.vidacord.es) and personally to the winner, in the contact address he provided in the envelope, during the first half of December 2010.

The award will take place in a formal ceremony due to be convened at VidaCord headquarters (C / Almagro 38, bajo derecha, 28010 - Madrid), with the presence of both the Company and the Bioethics and Medical-Scientific Committee Presidents.