

FICEM 2025 Activity Summary, including FISBoD

During 2025 FICEM developed the following documents:

Revised IFAA Body Donation Guidelines

These were submitted to ExCo in late 2024 having been revised over the previous 18-month period. The revised document was subsequently modified based on ExCo comments, approved by ExCo, then circulated to IFAA Associations for input. A revised document taking into account input from member associations is forthcoming.

Ethical considerations and advisory regarding plastination of human tissues

Awaiting ExCo consideration and comment.

Ethical considerations and advisory regarding 3D-printed reproductions of human tissues

Awaiting ExCo consideration and comment.

IFAA / FICEM Statement on the Presence of Plastination Vendors at Conferences

Awaiting ExCo consideration and comment. This statement builds on FICEM discussions during 2025 on the subject matter.

FISBoD – Susana Biasutto

Since its start on October 10, 2024, FISBoD has held 24 meetings with IFAA member associations and 11 general meetings (of FISBoD members).

Individual contributions by persons relevant to their capacity as FICEM members or where members have self-identified as FICEM representatives. Members were asked to submit information regarding work relevant to their FICEM contributions.

Jon Cornwall, Chair

- Small contribution on FICEM activities to education webinar hosted by FIPAE / Nalini Pather
- Delivered webinar for FICSP to an international audience (Europe, Asia, Africa) centred on the IFAA image guidelines
- Co-Chair for Ethics, Law and Humanities theme for upcoming IFAA conference, Melbourne 2026. A symposium on new IFAA guideline documents has been submitted for this conference and includes FICEM members speaking on the documents listed above.
- Liaised with Wiley Ethics and Integrity Unit throughout 2025 regarding publishing a response in Clinical Anatomy to 2024 Iwanaga publication on IFAA guidelines.
- Wrote and published rebuttal to Iwanaga publication, endorsed by ExCo, in Anatomical Sciences Education (accepted early 2026).

Susana Biasutto, Chair FISBoD

“Personally (with the authorization and participation of FISBoD members), I have made two presentations related to our work: 1) at the EACA-ISCAA Congress in Rouen, France, in June 2025, and 2) at the Pan-American Congress of Anatomy in Bucaramanga, Colombia, in October 2025. I wish to state that all FISBoD members were listed as authors in both presentations and that, in accordance with our confidentiality agreement, no reference is made to the associations or individuals who participated in the meetings or provided information in any presentation or publication.”

Brendon Billings

- ASSA World Anatomy Day Terminology & Ethics Seminar; Symposium facilitator
- Bioethics Unicorns presentation, 'Anatomy in Africa: Ethical Dilemmas, Trends in Anatomy Education, and Future Directions'
- XXIX International Symposium on Morphological Sciences (ISMS 2025), Lisbon Portugal; Oral presentation
- Chair, ASSA ethics interest group

Sabine Hildebrandt

Sabine has contributed to, as a member:

- Ethics Commission of the Anatomische Gesellschaft
- Harvard Human Remains Research Commission
- Arbeitskreis Erinnerungskultur zu Human Remains in wissenschaftlichen Sammlungen
- Commission Human Remains, Hamburg Anatomy
- Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina Board for Ethical Use and Access zur Leopoldina-Datenbank Victims of Biomedical Research under National Socialism
- Kuratorium (advisory board) Initiative Erinnerungsstätte Gräberfeld X Tübingen Germany

Ilke Ali Gürses

Panel contribution

"I was invited as a speaker in the panel "Ethical Use of Cadaver Images" at the 25th National Anatomy Congress (Ordu, August 2025). My presentation titled "**Consent, Context, and Cadavers: Ethics Beyond Convenience**" examined the ethical basis of informed consent for cadaveric images, including comparative normative frameworks (deontological, utilitarian, and communitarian perspectives) and their implications for contemporary anatomical practice. I identified myself during the presentation as a member of FICEM, while making clear that the views expressed were my own and not an official committee position."

Thomas Champney

Thomas has contributed to, as a member:

- Member of subcommittee of the AAA (US) Body Donor Committee that examines ethical financial models for donor programs.
- Member on the American Anthropological Association's Commission on the Ethical Treatment of Human Tissue.

Brandi Schmitt

Brandi has contributed to, as a member:

- AAA (US) Human Body Donation Committee (Chair)
- AAA Ethical Finances in Body Donation Programs subgroup (Chair)
- West Coast (US) Consortium for Academic Donation Programs (Chair)
- First National (US) meeting of the Regional Consortia for Academic Donation Programs (Organizing committee)
- University of California Systemwide Anatomical Material Review Committee (Chair)