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Please renew your Asian Bioethics Association subscriptions for 2012! New articles are welcome, and the July issue will include a further paper on Fukushima, as well as other general topics of bioethics.

Editorial: In memory of Sahin Aksoy and Asian Bioethics

We were very sad to miss our dear friend, and a founding member of the Asian Bioethics Association Board as the first Vice President for West Asia, Dr. Sahin Aksoy, who passed away with his family around him of pancreatic cancer this year. The first paper in this issue is an obituary to Sahin written by the former *EJAIB* associated editor, Dr. Yeruham Leavitt. We welcome Yeruham back to the pages of *EJAIB* and to the Eubios community. In the September issue, which is the abstracts of the 13th Asian Bioethics Conference, is the full memorial lecture that is being delivered by Prof. Umar

Jenie, of Indonesia. We all have expressed our deepest condolences to Dr. Nurten Aksoy, his wife, and also a founding member of the Asian Bioethics Association, and their twins.

Readers who are not aware of the work of Sahin, can goggle his work, or search www.eubios.info for some of his numerous papers and book chapters. This picture



was taken during the Asian Bioethics Conference of 2008 in Yogyakarta (chaired by Umar Jenie) that followed the very successful ABC that Sahin organized in Sanliurfa (Turkey). Many readers attended the conference which opened up West Asian ideas to East and South Asia.

Sahin first came to Japan in 1997 to the Asian Bioethics Conference in Kobe, and that Tsukuba International Bioethics Roundtable that I organized. He came to a number of the Tsukuba Roundtables, always willing to help as well as share his views on bioethics in depth. He would have approved of the first paper by Kouy Bunrong, who presented data exploring the views on abortion and sex selection in Cambodia. Sahin explored such difficult issues as the status of the human embryo and abortion, offering insights that have influenced not only Islamic bioethics but Asian and International reflection on these issues.

Other papers in this issue include medical ethics of prognostication, information ethics in Cloud computing, and environmental ethics. Verma offers a commentary of Iftime's paper in the May 2012 issue.

For those who have access to iTunes store you can download for free a new iBook, "**Bioethics across cultures**", which is free to download as an iBook from iTunes in all countries which Apple has launched iBooks. This opens up an audience of over one billion persons, and this is rapidly expanding. The days of printed books are rapidly disappearing. The book features photos, videos, interactive activities and other features that can make bioethics open to all those who have the tablet computer (currently designed for iPad). A pdf file version without the interactive features is 40Mb and is available. The earlier version of this book is *Cross Cultural Introduction to Bioethics*, still online.

- Darryl Macer