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The Executive Committee would particularly like to thank His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Protector of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the honorable distinction of granting his high patronage to this meeting; Professor Dr. Abdellatif Berbich, Permanent Secretary of the Academy, for graciously hosting this event; and Minister-Secretary General of the Moroccan government, Driss Dahak, for his steadfast dedication to and support of our Network.
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK OF ACADEMIES AND SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES

The Network aims to put into practice the professional duty of scientists and scholars to assist those colleagues whose human rights have been—or are threatened to be—infringed and to promote and protect the independence of academies and scholarly societies worldwide.


NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT

The International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies, created in 1993, consists of national academies and scholarly societies around the world that work together to address serious science and human rights issues of mutual concern. The primary objective of the Network and the motivating factor in its creation is to use the influence and prestige of its member academies, by working in a collaborative manner, to actively defend the rights of professional colleagues—scientists, medical professionals, engineers, and scholars—who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted for nonviolently expressing their opinions. The Network’s appeals are based on the standards set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Network members subscribe to the belief that, because their academies and scholarly societies are held in high esteem and their dignity, integrity, and objectivity are widely
recognized, their interventions can be an effective and influential tool in advancing respect for human rights. The Network strives to provide its member academies with protection and moral support when their independence is threatened, their members or colleagues are subjected to repression, or their scholarly work is undermined for political reasons. Through the exchange of human rights related ideas, information, and experiences, the Network encourages cooperation and communication among academies and advances understanding of human rights issues that relate to science, technology, and health. It opposes, unequivocally, boycotts of academics and academic institutions.

The Network supports human rights consciousness-raising, education, and institutional commitment to human rights work among counterpart national academies and scholarly societies worldwide. More than a dozen member academies now work collaboratively in submitting cases of unjustly imprisoned colleagues to UNESCO’s Committee on Conventions and Recommendations. The Network also sends observers to the trials of colleagues such as those of Alexandr Nikitin in Russia, Saad Eddin Ibrahim in Egypt, and visits unjustly imprisoned colleagues, such as Binayak Sen, M.D., in Raipur, Chattisgarh, India.

The Network is administered by an Executive Committee. In addition to founding members François Jacob (France), Pieter van Dijk (Netherlands), Max Perutz (UK) [died in February 2002], and Torsten Wiesel (USA) [resigned in 2007], the Executive Committee includes Arjuna Aluwihare (Sri Lanka), Claude Cohen-Tannoudji (France), Abdallah S. Daar (Canada/Oman), Felton Earls (United States of America), Belita Koiller (Brazil), Ida Nicolaisen (Denmark), John Polanyi (Canada), and Alenka Šelih (Slovenia). The Committee on Human Rights of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C. serves as secretariat for the Network. Carol Corillon directs the committee and is executive director of the Network.

While the Network’s Executive Committee occasionally makes public statements about particularly grave situations of relevance to the Network’s charge and encourages academies that are Network members to do the same, all member institutions of the Network have full autonomy and act at their own discretion. They are strongly encouraged to create human rights committees and to urge their academics and
their members to intervene on cases and issues brought to their attention by the Network secretariat through regular Action Alerts sent by e-mail and posted on a private Network website. Members are also encouraged to refer potentially relevant cases and human rights issues to the Network secretariat for investigation and possible action and to inform the secretariat of particular situations that Network members should be made aware of or in which its Executive Committee may want to intervene in a formal manner. It is possible that, as relations among members of the Network are strengthened and mutual concerns are more widely identified, the Network will take action as a group with one voice on selected issues.

Every two years a different member academy hosts a symposium and workshop for the Network. Hosts to date have been the U.S. National Academies (1993), the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (1995), the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Italy (1997), the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and the Royal Swedish Academy of Arts, Letters, and Antiquities (1999), the French Academy of Sciences (2001), the Council of Swiss Scientific Academies (2003), The Royal Society, U.K. (2005), the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka (2007), and the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco (2009).

The Network receives partial financial support for its biennial meetings from its member academies, as well as grants from private foundations and gifts from individual donors. It needs and will gratefully accept donations from private foundations, individual donors, and member academies to support the daily operations of its secretariat.

The Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco is multinational and multidisciplinary. It was set under the protection of its founder His Majesty the Late King Hassan II, and now his successor, His Majesty the King Mohammed VI. Its members consist of highly ranked personalities from Morocco and from other countries around the world. The Academy constitutes a place for cultural dialogue on current issues. Its mission is to play the role of a permanent place for meeting, exchange and friendship and to jointly conduct and publish research work on issues of general interest which contribute to the welfare of humanity.
Program

9h00 Welcome
Abdellatif Berbich

9h05 The Purpose of Our Network
Ida Nicolaisen

9h15 Symposium Overview
Driss Dahak

9h30 Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 60
Yuan T. Lee

10h00 TEA BREAK

10h15 Defending and Promoting Civil and Political Rights: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights from a Personal Perspective
Ahmed Esa

10h45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
The Evolution of Human Rights in Morocco and the Science that Helped Make It Possible
Ahmed Harzanni

11h30 Anti-Terrorism Measures and Human Rights
Pieter van Dijk

12h00 Unjustly Accused Indian Medical Doctor Binayak Sen
Ilina Sen & Arjuna Aluwihare

12h30 Panel Discussion: Science in Times of Political Crisis
Moderator: Abdallah S. Daar
Panelists: Ahmed Esa, Christopher Magadza, & Yousef Najajreh
13h00  L U N C H

15h00  Welcome
Claude Cohen-Tannoudji

15h05  Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization: Reports from the Grantees
Amiram Goldblum & Jamal Mahajna - Leukemia
Mukhles Sowwan & Danny Porath - Nanotechnology

16h00  Science, Human Rights, and Religion: A Muslim Perspective
Ahmed Abbadi

16h30  Islamic Law and Universal Standards: Women’s Rights in Morocco
Rahma Bourqia

17h00  T E A  B R E A K

17h15  When Galileo Meets Allah
Faouzia Farida Charfi

17h45  Remembering Max Perutz: Scientist and Humanitarian
Carol Corillon

18h00  MAX PERUTZ MEMORIAL LECTURE
Darwin and Lincoln: Their Legacy of Human Dignity
Felton Earls

18h45  Discussion

19h00  Closing
Speakers Bios

Bios of speakers who are members of the Network’s Executive Committee can be found on the last two pages of this program.

Ahmed Abbadi, Morocco
Ahmed Abbadi is secretary-general of the Mohammedan League of Scholars, a position he was appointed to by His Majesty King Mohammed VI. In 2004 he was appointed by King Mohammed VI as director of Islamic Affairs in the Moroccan Ministry of Islamic Affairs, a position which he held until recently. He is professor of comparative religion and Islamic thought at Qadi Ayyad University in Marrakech and professor of sociology at DePaul University in Chicago, where he previously studied as a Fulbright scholar.

Abdellatif Berbich, Morocco
Abdellatif Berbich is emeritus professor of medicine and chief of the service of nephrology and internal medicine at the Faculty of Medicine in Rabat. He is a fellow of many national and international scholarly societies, permanent secretary of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco, a corresponding member of the French National Academy of Medicine, and a member of the Academy Hassan II of Sciences and Technology. He formerly has served as ambassador of Morocco to Algeria and president of the Organizing Committee of the Year of Morocco in France. Dr. Berbich holds many Moroccan and foreign decorations, including Commander of the Throne of Morocco, the French Order of Arts and Letters, the Légion d’honneur of France, and the Order of Merit from several other countries.

Rahma Bourqia, Morocco
Rahma Bourqia is president of Hassan II University in Mohammedia, Casablanca. She previously has held the positions of dean of the Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, visiting lecturer at Old Dominion University in Norfolk in the United States, and honorary research fellow at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. She is a member of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco and is a consultant to many international organizations. Professor Bourqia holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Manchester.

Faouzia Farida Charfi, Tunisia
Faouzia Farida Charfi is professor emeritus of physics at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Tunis and former director of the Institut Préparatoire aux Etudes
Scientifiques in La Marsa. Since 1964 she has been involved in the development of the Faculty of Sciences in Tunis and in the creation of the first research group of semiconductor physics in the country. She was a member of the founding committee of Tunis Science City and coordinator of the commission, “The Earth in the Universe and the Planetarium.” Professor Charfi is published regularly in scientific journals on the optical and electronic properties of semiconductors and, since 1994, has published articles on science and religion. She is a member of the International Scientific Council of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization.

**Carol Corillon, United States of America**

Carol Corillon has been director of the Committee on Human Rights (CHR) of the National Academies in Washington, D.C. since 1983 and, since 1993, executive director of the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies. She was executive director of Friends of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization, USA and is a member of Human Rights Watch/Africa and the International Council for Science’s Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in Science. From 1980-1984 she worked for the National Research Council’s Committee on the Sahel and, from 1970-1980, as a freelance print and broadcast journalist in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, working for BBC radio and *The Economist*, among others.

**Driiss Dahak, Morocco**

Driiss Dahak is minister-secretary general of the Moroccan government. Formerly, he served as chief justice of the Kingdom of Morocco, president of Morocco’s Human Rights Council, chairperson of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions, president of the Morocco Elections Commission, president of the Morocco Council on Social Dialogue, ambassador, and member of the Justice Advisory Board of the Peter Gruber Foundation. He is the past and honorary president of the International Francophone Association of Supreme Courts. Minister Dahak is a member of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco.

**Ahmed Esa, United States of America/Somaliland**

Ahmed Esa is founder and director of the Institute for Practical Research and Training, a non-governmental organization that promotes local initiatives in health, education, and good governance, in Hargeisa, Somaliland. He is a fellow of the Rift Valley Institute, vice-chair of the Board of Trustees of Abaraso Tech, regional editor of the *Horn of Africa Journal of Clinical Neurological Sciences*, and board member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.
in 1997. Previously, he was assistant professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and School of Public Health, director of the Flow Cytometry Laboratory at Johns Hopkins Oncology Center, researcher and head of the Flow Cytometry Laboratory at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, and a member of the International Advisory Board of Human Rights Watch/Arms Project.

**Amiram Goldblum, Israel**

Amiram Goldblum was born in Tel Aviv and studied chemistry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with continued studies in Paris and California. He is head of the Molecular Modeling and Drug Design Unit and of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is the author of more than 150 scientific papers and reports, developer of prize winning computer algorithms for drug design and structural biology, and author of numerous articles on Israeli occupation in the Israeli and international press. Dr. Goldblum served as the spokesperson for the Israeli Peace Movement, “Peace Now,” from 1982 to 1994 and founded and headed its Settlements Watch Committee from 1990 to 2000. Additionally, he was news announcer and music programs editor with the Israel National Radio from 1970 to 1979.

**Ahmed Harzanni, Morocco**

Ahmed Harzanni was appointed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI as president of the Advisory Council on Human Rights in 2007. In 2006 he was appointed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI as secretary-general of the Moroccan Higher Council for Education. Formerly he was a researcher and research director at the National Institute for Agricultural Research, professor at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, and director of *Al Mouzari Al Maghribi* magazine. Dr. Harzanni holds a Ph.D. in sociology and anthropology from the University of Kentucky and DEA diploma in sociology from the Rabat Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

**Yuan T. Lee, Taiwan**

Born in Taiwan in 1936, Yuan T. Lee received his early education in Taiwan and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. He attended Harvard University as a post-doctoral fellow in 1967. Dr. Lee held faculty appointments at the University of Chicago and at UC Berkeley. He was university professor and principal investigator at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, UC Berkeley, before he became president of Academia Sinica (1994-2006) in Taiwan. He received the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Doctor Honoris Causa from 35 universities. In 2008 he was elected to be the next president of the International Council for Science (ICSU). He is a member of the International Scientific Council of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization.
Christopher Magadza, Zimbabwe

Christopher Magadza is emeritus professor of freshwater biology at the University of Zimbabwe. He received B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from the University College of London and completed his Ph.D. in New Zealand. He is chair of UNESCO’s Man and the Biosphere Programme National Committee in Zimbabwe, a member of the Zimbabwe Academy of Sciences, and former director of the Lake Kariba Research Station at the University of Zimbabwe. He is a published poet; the primary themes of his poetry are the struggle for freedom, love of nature, threatened religions, racism and political oppression. Dr. Magadza is a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Jamal Mahajna, Israel

Jamal Mahajna is an experienced investigator in the area of molecular biology, tumor biology, and cancer drug discovery. He graduated from the Hebrew University Haddasah Medical School. Shortly after his graduation, he joined OSI Pharmaceuticals in New York and became a key scientist in the development of novel assays for the mechanism-based discovery of anti-cancer drugs. For the past eight years, he has been department head of the Cancer Drug Discovery Program at Migal Galilee Technology Center and lecturer at the Tel-Hai Academic College, both of which are in Kiryat Shmona. His current research activity revolves around the development of natural product-based cancer therapeutics using mechanism-based approaches and targeting key pathways involved in carcinogenesis.

Yousef Najajreh, Palestine

Yousef Najajreh was a chemistry student at Bethlehem University until it was closed during the first Intifada. Subsequently, he was admitted to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and graduated as a chemistry major, subsequently receiving masters and Ph.D. degrees in medicinal chemistry from its School of Pharmacy with a specialization in anticancer drugs research, discovery, and development. After graduating, he spent four and a half years on a postdoctoral fellowship focusing on biodegradable-biocompatible nano-particulate systems for drug delivery and targeting. In September 2004, he joined the newly established Faculty of Pharmacy at Al-Quds University, where he established an active research lab. Currently, after receiving two external research grants, he, together with his research group of six people on average, is highly focused on contributing to the trans-national effort to combat cancer.

Danny Porath, Israel

Danny Porath received a B.Sc. in physics, mathematics, and electronics and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in physics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His Ph.D. research involved measure-
ment of the electronic spectrum of single C\textsubscript{60} fullerene, the smallest quantum dot at the time. Later, during his postdoctoral studies at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, he measured electrical current through single DNA molecules. His paper in *Nature* on this work has been cited more than 870 times and was recently chosen as “classics of science” by Thomson Reuters. In 2001, he became a faculty member at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His main group research is about realization of nanoelectronic systems using DNA and its derivatives and with protein-nanoparticles hybrids. Another research focus is monitoring biological processes using scanning probe microscopy techniques. Dr. Porath collaborates with many groups and, in particular, with his former postdoc, Mukhles Sowwan, who is now at Al Quds University.

**Ilina Sen, India**

Ilina Sen is dean of the School of Culture at the Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University at Wardha in Maharashtra, where she had joined the Department of Women’s Studies as professor in 2007. Dr. Sen graduated from the University of Calcutta with honours in history and went on to study sociology and population studies before submitting her doctoral thesis on “Low and Declining Sex Ratio” at the Centre for Regional Development at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi in 1985. She was the first awardee of the ICSSR research fellowship in women’s studies and completed a post doctoral fellowship at the Maison des Sciences de l’homme in Paris. For over a decade she worked as a scholar and a participant in the women’s movement in parts of rural Madhya Pradesh in Chhattisgarh. Out of this experience emerged her definitive work on the women’s movement in India, “A Space within the Struggle (Kali for women).” She later worked in a consultative capacity with the Department for Women and Child Development in Madhya Pradesh and later in Chhattisgarh. She led the teams that drafted the women’s policy for Madhya Pradesh in 1995 and for Chhattisgarh in 2002. She has published widely on women’s issues and on development and participatory governance. She is the wife of political prisoner, Binayak Sen, MD.

**Mukhles Sowwan, Palestine**

Mukhles Sowwan earned his Ph.D. in physics and did postdoctoral research in physical chemistry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2004, he joined the faculty of Al-Quds University and established a nanotechnology laboratory there, the first in the country. Since 2006, Dr. Sowwan has published many articles in peer-reviewed journals and filed three patents in the field of polymer coated DNA and DNA sensors.
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Arjuna Aluwihare, Sri Lanka

Arjuna Aluwihare is emeritus professor of surgery at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. He was vice chancellor of the University from 1988 to 1989 and then chairman of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka from 1989 to 1993. He is the immediate past president of the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka. Dr. Aluwihare was a member of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka from 1997 to 2000.

Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, France

Claude Cohen-Tannoudji is research scientist at the Department of Physics of the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris. In 1973 he became professor of atomic and molecular physics at the Collège de France. Professor Cohen-Tannoudji is a member of the French Academy of Sciences and chairman of its Committee for the Defense of Scientists. He is a member of the International Scientific Council of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization. In 1997 Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, Steven Chu, and William D. Phillips were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics “for their development of techniques that use laser light to cool atoms to extremely low temperatures.”

Abdallah S. Daar, Oman/Canada

Abdallah S. Daar is professor of public health sciences and of surgery at the University of Toronto. He is also senior scientist and director of the Program on Ethics and Commercialization at McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health and director of ethics and policy at the University of Toronto’s McLaughlin Centre for Molecular Medicine. His major research focus is on the use of life sciences to ameliorate global health inequities, with a particular focus on building scientific capacity and increasing innovation in developing countries, in addition to studying how technologies can be rapidly taken from “lab to village.” In 2005 he was awarded the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics of Science.

Felton Earls, United States of America

Felton Earls is professor of social medicine at Harvard Medical School and professor of human behavior and development at the Harvard School of Public Health. He
currently is principal investigator of the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods and the Ecology of HIV/AIDS and Child Mental Health in Tanzania. Dr. Earls is a member of the Institute of Medicine and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He is a member of the board of directors of Physicians for Human Rights, and a member of the Committee on Human Rights of the U.S. National Academies.

**François Jacob, France**

François Jacob is professor emeritus at the Collège de France and the former director of the Institut Pasteur in Paris. He is a member of l’Académie Française and the French Academy of Sciences. He is former long time chair of the French Academy of Sciences Comité de Défense des Hommes de Sciences. In 1965 Professor Jacob, André Lwoff, and Jacques Monod were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine “for their discoveries concerning genetic control of enzyme and virus synthesis.” Other awards include Gran Prix Charles-Leopold Mayer, the Lewis Thomas Prize for writing about science, and, for his heroic wartime service, Cross of Liberation, Légion d’honneur, and Croix de Guerre.

**Belita Koiller, Brazil**

Belita Koiller is professor of physics at the Instituto de Fisica, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. She is the first women to be elected a full member to the Brazilian Academy of Sciences in physical sciences, and she has been a research fellow of the Brazilian National Research Council since 1985. In 1982 she received a Guggenheim Fellowship and, in 1994, she served as a member of the International Council for Science’s Committee on Capacity Building in Science. She was decorated “Comendador da Ordem Nacional do Mérito Científico” by the Presidency of Brazil in 2002. Professor Koiller is a L’Oréal UNESCO 2005 Laureate for Women in Physical Sciences.

**Ida Nicolaisen, Denmark**

Ida Nicolaisen is a senior research fellow at Copenhagen University. She has conducted extensive anthropological research among the pastoral Tuareg of North Africa, the Haddad of Chad, and the Punan Bah of Central Borneo. She is the editor-in-chief of the Carlsberg Foundation Nomad Research. Ida Nicolaisen has been vice-chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Board of the Danish Development Collaboration. She serves on various international boards, including the World Diabetes Foundation, Humanity in Action, Israeli-Palestinian Science
Organization, All European Academies’ Ethical Commission, the Chittagong Hill Tract Commission, and the Soeren Kierkegaard Research Centre. She is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters.

**John Polanyi, Canada**

John Polanyi is professor of chemistry at the University of Toronto. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada. In 1960 he was the founding chair of the Canadian Pugwash Group, where he remained chair until 1978. He has published over 100 articles on peace and human rights and is currently president of a human rights organization, the Canadian Committee of Scientists and Scholars. In 1986 John Polanyi, Dudley Herschbach, and Yuan T. Lee were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry “for their contributions concerning the dynamics of chemical elementary processes.”

**Alenka Šelih, Slovenia**

Alenka Šelih is professor emeritus at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana where she taught criminal law, criminal law for juveniles, victimology, and criminology. She has lectured at the universities of Brussels, Graz, Cracow, Munich, Novi Sad, Sarajevo, Warsaw, and Zagreb, among others. As author or co-author, she has published 8 books and over 300 articles, research reports, and reviews in Slovenian, English, French, German, Polish, and Serbo-Croatian. In 1990 she was Fulbright visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Law. Professor Šelih is a member of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts and served as its vice-president from 2005 to 2008.

**Pieter van Dijk, Netherlands**

Pieter van Dijk is president of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Council of State of The Netherlands. He has been a state councillor since 1990. Between 1996 and 1998 he was also a judge on the European Court of Human Rights. Prior to that he was professor of international law at Utrecht University and a member of the Court of Appeal of The Hague. Dr. van Dijk is secretary of the Committee on Freedom of Education and Research of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, where he has been a member since 1983. He is the founder of the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights. Dr. van Dijk is Knight of the Order of the Netherlands Lion.
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