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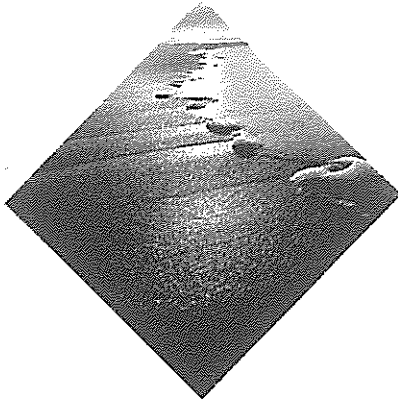
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Editorial

An Exciting New Era: Welcome to Professor Donald Evans

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome Professor Donald Evans, as the new Director of the Bioethics Research Centre.

Donald comes to us after twelve years as Director of the Centre for Philosophy and Health Care, University of Wales, Swansea, which he founded in 1985.

Donald Evans has established a high profile in the United Kingdom, frequently appearing on radio and television programmes to discuss the ethical dimensions of various developments in medical research and practice, and delivering a large number of public lectures on various ethics-related topics.

Among other distinctions, Donald is currently a member of the Russian Academy of Humanitarian Research and has acted as consultant to a wide range of individuals and governmental/ethics bodies, including the Department of Health and various health authorities, the British Medical Association, the Nuffield Foundation, the European Commission, the Hastings Center and the World Health Organisation. One of the most recent research contracts has involved Donald as the Project Coordinator of a three-year international multi-disciplinary research study for the European Commission to examine the ethics, law and practice relating to incompetent patients. Donald has also facilitated several programmes aimed at providing bioethics resource material to universities in a number of Eastern Euro-

pean countries and has directed a study assistance programme which has enabled twenty-six scholars from Eastern Europe to spend up to six months furthering their bioethics research in the West.

Donald's research interests include the ethical aspects of human embryology and infertility treatments; clinical decision-making and impaired capacity; ethical review of clinical research, and resource management issues. He has published extensively in the field of ethics and health and has written a number of books, the most recent of which is *A Decent Proposal: Ethical Review of Clinical Research*, which was co-authored with Martyn Evans. Other major works include *Understanding Arguments; Solidarity, Justice and Health Care Priorities* and two edited volumes *Conceiving the Embryo* and *Creating the Child*. In addition, Donald is a regular contributor to journals such as *Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *British Medical Journal*, and *Bulletin of Medical Ethics*.

Donald is a well respected scholar at the highest levels and his well-demonstrated administrative, teaching and leadership abilities will be a significant addition to the Otago Bioethics Centre. From an academic perspective, staff of the Centre have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity of working with him. On a personal level, I join with the staff in extending my warmest welcome to Donald.

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