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WHAT IS SIBIL?

SIBIL is an integrated system derived from a project launched in 2001 by the Documentation Service of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Italian National Institute of Health), that aims to gather, catalogue, index and check all documentary material on bioethics produced since 1995 in Italian. The system brings together published literature and information from other sources in this sector.

WHAT DOES SIBIL DO?

- it improves access to information relating to bioethics and promotes its diffusion both within Italy and throughout the world;
- it gathers and coordinates data from a variety of sources;
- it facilitates the sharing and exchange of information between research groups and Ethics Committees operating in Italy.

WHO USES SIBIL?

- researchers, health workers, teachers;
- institutions, committees, universities, centres and other organisations concerned with bioethics and, more generally, with biomedical research;
- students and schools;
- libraries, archives and other organisations that handle documentary material on bioethics;
- the general public.

SIBIL is a valuable tool for everyone interested in finding out more about bioethics, whether for professional or personal reasons.

WHAT DOES SIBIL OFFER?

A database (<http://www.bioetica.iss.it>) with approximately 6,000 entries, that is constantly being updated and comprises:

- monographs;
- chapters from monographs;
- articles from journals;
- grey literature (technical reports, newsletters, press releases, etc);
- Italian and international regulations on bioethics;
- pointers to other Internet sites.

Through SIBIL it is possible to:

- search for documents by: author, title, year of publication, place of publication, publisher, type of publication, key-words;
- save and/or send such documents by e-mail;
- link up to full texts or to other sites indicated without closing the current research session;
- request bibliographical searches from the Documentation Sector and receive results by e-mail.

It is also possible, through SIBIL, to consult the Italian Thesaurus on Bioethics (TIB - Tesoro Italiano di Bioetica) used to index documents.

The TIB thesaurus:

- links terms both hierarchically and by association;
- shows synonyms and other similar words;
- is regularly revised and updated;
- can be consulted and downloaded in its entirety.

SIBIL ALSO OFFERS...

- links to sites and centres engaged in spreading information relating to bioethics;
- information on courses, initiatives and congresses on bioethics;
- news relating to the public debate on issues on bioethics;
- the possibility to communicate directly with the Italian National Institute of Health's research group.

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