“Brain Death”
A Medicolegal Construct:
Scientific & Philosophical Evidence

20th - 21st May 2019
Hotel Massimo D’Azeglio | Rome

John Paul II Academy
For Human Life and the Family
### DAY 1

Opening Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus  
9:05 Welcome

9:10 "Brain Death” is not Death  
Philosophical and Scientific Evidence in Brief  
Josef Seifert, DDr. Phil. Habil.

9:40 The “Birth” of “Brain Death”  
Thomas Zabiega, M.D.

10:30 "Brain Death” is not Death: Clinical Experience  
Paul Byrne, M.D.

11:00 Coffee Break

12:00 Apnea Test Procedure versus Aggressive Therapy for Alleged “Brain Dead” Patients  
Cicero Coimbra, M.D., Ph.D.

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 “Non-Heart-Beating” Donors, an Alternative to “Brain-Dead” Donors?  
Doyen Nguyen, OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.

15:30 Consent Policy and “Brain Death”  
Paul Byrne, M.D

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 General Discussion

18:00 End of Day 1. Dinner to Follow (TBA)

Closing Prayer Salve Regina

### DAY 2

Opening Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus  
9:05 Substance and Organism as a Whole  
*Sed Contra* to Moschella’s pro-“Brain Death” Rationale  
Doyen Nguyen, OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.

10:30 Critique of the “Brain Death” Concept in the Writings of Robert Spaemann and Wolfgang Waldstein  

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 Fundamental Philosophical Errors and Unthomistic Character of Lee and Grisez’s pro-“Brain Death” Rationale  
Josef Seifert, DDr. Phil. Habil.

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Insights into Integration: What Makes an Organism a Whole?  
D. Alan Shewmon, M.D. (Live Video Presentation)

15:30 Did John Paul II Approve “Brain Death”?  
Doyen Nguyen, OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 General Discussion

18:00 Truth, the Foundation of a Culture of Life  
Bishop Athanasius Schneider (Live Video Presentation)

18:30 Concluding Remarks  
Announcing the Theme of JAHLF 2020 Conference  
Josef Seifert, DDr. Phil. Habil

18:45 End of Day 2. Banquet to Follow (TBA)

Closing Prayer Salve Regina
HOW TO REACH US
From Termini train station (also reachable by Metro A and B) 1 minute walk.

PARTICIPATION FEES
- Registration FEES: € 60 - With Lunch (both days): € 120
- Students’ registration FEES: € 30
  With Lunch (both days): € 90

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