
Dear Readers,

I am pleased to present the new issue of Lex Genetica. The first issue for the year 2024 opens with an article by D.O. Osmanova, in which the author reveals key issues concerning the admissibility of declaring a biobank insolvent. The presented responses to this question structure a discussion regarding the legal nature of biobanks. As the result of the research, the author proposes possible organizational and legal forms of biobanks, with special attention paid to the consortium.

The work of a group of authors D.G. Alekseeva, I.E. Mikheeva, D.V. Ponomareva, Y.A. Gutakovsky analyses the use of genomic information in banking. The authors highlight the need to make appropriate amendments to the Federal Law 'On Personal Data' of the Russian Federation (2006). According to the proposed amendments, genomic (genetic) information should be classified as personal data. As a result, it becomes relevant to define the increased responsibility of the recipients of such information, as well as to establish rules for the restoration of violated rights.

N.K. Posulikhina addresses the issues of ethical and legal support of technological development of the healthcare system in the Russian Federation in the section on a public law dimension of genetic technologies.

The comparative legal studies section is opened with an article by Feng Chong of Beijing University of Agriculture in China, in which the author reflects on the potential for mutual recognition of geographical indications for agricultural products between China and Russia.

A group of authors E.E. Gulyaeva, E.N. Trikoz, Brasil Deilton Ribeiro, Manrique Jorge Isaac Torres from the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MGIMO University of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Itaúna (UIT), Escuela Interdisciplinar de DD.FF. and Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF) discuss questions about the balance between bioethics and legal boundaries based on the example of Brazil's recent Supreme Federal Court decision on embryonic stem cell research.

The issue concludes with an academic digest created by the Research and Education Center for Law and Bioethics in the Field of Genomic Research and Application of Genetic Technologies of Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL).

On behalf of the Board of Editors, I wish you an enriching reading experience and hope to see you among the authors of our journal in the future.

*Best regards,
Editor-in-Chief
O.S. Grin'*