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NEW EAHL WEBSITE

It's finally here! www.eahl.eu

We are delighted to announce the new EAHL website. After a lot of planning and some hard work the new EAHL website was launched at the World Health Congress in Zagreb. The new website is designed to exploit the best of the EAHL for both members and non-members.

The main pages of the website remain similar to the old site, with general information about the EAHL, events, membership etc. The added bonus of the new website is that it provides login facilities for members so that they can interact with each other, share information, documents and use the working group pages to their fullest.

Although the website content is up and running we would be delighted to receive your views on the site and suggestions for any improvements or content you wish to see.

All members should be receiving details of their login information, if you have not received this please contact Simone Hull at itandip@ed.ac.uk. Once you have logged in for the first time, we would suggest completing your membership database information and exploring the working group sites for facilities you wish to use.

The EAHL Board would like to extend their warm thanks to John Lockhart for designing and implementing the new site.

EAHL CONFERENCE 2011

We are delighted to announce that the third EAHL conference is to be held on 6 & 7th October 2011. It is being hosted by the Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law at the University of Leuven, Belgium.



The organizing committee this year includes Prof. dr. Herman Nys (Director of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Leuven), Prof. dr. Stefaan Callens (University of Leuven), Sarah Defloor (University of Leuven – winner poster prize EAHL Conference 2009), Tom Goffin (University of Leuven – winner poster prize EAHL Conference 2008).

The conference has its own dedicated website which can be found at www.eahl2011.eu. All queries regarding the conference should be directed to info@eahl2011.eu.

The theme for the conference will be ‘**An Ageing Europe: Health Law Revisted**’. Some ideas for topics are:

- Decision making by advance directives, proxy's, guardians...
- End of life decisions
- Telecare, telemonitoring and the protection of privacy
- Access to affordable health care
- Cross border care
- Medical experiments with elderly subjects
- Access to (private) health insurance

The call for abstracts can be found at www.eahl2011.eu/abstracts.html. The deadline for oral presentation abstracts is 1st May 2011. The deadline for Poster presentations is 1st August 2011.



Registration is open and all registrations received before 1st April 2011 will benefit from a reduced fee. The registration fee includes a welcome ceremony and all catering throughout the day, as well as all conference documents.

Registration Fees

	Before 1 st April	After 1 st April
EAHL- Members	€ 200	€ 300
Non-EAHL Members	€ 250	€ 350
Students	€ 100	€ 150

Publication of Conference Papers

It is the intention of the Association to produce an online collection of papers from the conference to be exclusively available to all EAHL members. Abstracts will be made available online as general access.

After the conference, the international scientific committee will choose the four best papers which will be published in a special edition of the European Journal of Health Law, together with the papers of the keynote speakers.

All papers of the conference will be made available on CD-ROM for all those present at the conference.



Update on European Health Law eCPD Course

The SCRIPT Centre at the School of Law, University of Edinburgh has been awarded funds to produce an online Continuing Professional Development module on European Health Law.

Thank to those of you who expressed an interest in contributing to the production of this course.

We are delighted to say that the module is now in the early stages of production. We envisage a stand-alone teaching module of 10 weeks to be administered through the Distance Learning office at the University of Edinburgh. The module will be offered at three levels: 1. As part of a Masters LLM degree, 2. as a stand-alone module for EAHL members and others interested in European Health Law (for which we would charge and funds would go to the EAHL) and, 3. possibly in the future, as a Continuing Professional Development module (on the same fee basis for EAHL).

We hope that this module will be an excellent opportunity to build capacity and to generate funds for the Association.

Call for Collaborators

Anyone interested in taking part in the design and delivery of this new course please contact Graeme Laurie (Graeme.laurie@ed.ac.uk).

EAHL CONFERENCE 2011: PhD and Early Career Satellite Workshop

Call for Applications

This year EAHL 2011 will be preceded by a satellite workshop for doctoral students and Early Career Researchers. The workshop will give attendees a unique opportunity to present on their work and to discuss with experts in the field. It will also provide a chance to get tips on how to make the most out of the EAHL conference 2011 and academic networking. This is a fully-paid initiative sponsored by the SCRIPT research centre in the School of Law, University of Edinburgh (www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc).

The workshop will take place on 5th October at the Law Faculty, University of Leuven.

There are only 20 places for this workshop and each successful applicant will receive all their travel, accommodation (for a maximum of 3 days) and registration for EAHL 2011.

Applications for this exciting opportunity are invited from all full-time PhD students or Early Career Researchers (maximum five years post-doctoral experience), who are registered or working in a European University. Applicants should submit an application form (available online) along with a covering letter of application, a 500 word abstract on one of the conference themes and provide proof of their PhD or ECR status. Deadline for applications is 1st May 2011. For further information on how to apply for this workshop please visit www.eahl.eu/events.

Successful applications will be judged by a panel of expert readers consisting of members of the EAHL Steering Committee. The criteria for success are the quality of the abstract and its ideas, relevance of the proposed paper to EAHL 2011 and the extent to which the paper reflects the objectives of the European Association of Health Law.

Good luck!

MEMBERSHIP

The year 2010 was a great year for membership with the Association welcoming many new members from across Europe. Each year new countries are realising the possibilities and benefits of a Europe wide network for Health Law and these new connections will only help to strengthen the opportunities for the Association and its members.

We hope that 2011 will continue along the same vein, with membership increasing and more countries that are not currently well represented in the Association, joining us. We would like to ask for your help in this task by presenting the association to colleagues who may have an interest in joining. You make the Association what it is and your help in promoting it is vital so we are grateful to you for spreading the word.

Membership fees for 2011 are now due and existing members will be receiving membership update forms and requests for payment over the next few weeks. We are hoping to have an electronic payment system set up on the new website in the next few weeks but if you wish to pay your fees directly please contact Simone Hull (Simone.Hull@ed.ac.uk) who will send you the information you need in order to pay your fees.

We would also like to draw members' attention to the reduced subscription rate to the European Journal of Health Law. Members receive a 50% discount on the yearly subscription rate 120EURO, so that's 4 issues for just 60EURO! If you an existing member of the Association and currently don't take advantage of this fantastic offer and wish to do so, please contact Simone Hull who will be able to add this to your membership fee.

If you are not a member of the EAHL already and would like to join, please visit the Membership page www.eahl.eu/membership, complete the form and return to Simone Hull who will process your application.

Membership Fees 2011

We are delighted to announce that there will be no increase in the membership fees for 2011.

Full Membership	€45
Associate Membership	€45
Student Membership	€20
Institutional Membership	€90

EAHL Governance

Please find below details of the members of the EAHL Executive Board and EAHL Advisory Board

EAHL Executive Board

President:

Prof Graeme Laurie

Vice-President:

Prof. dr. Henriette Roscam-Abbing

Secretary:

Mme Anne-Marie Duguet

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Events announcements

If you are holding any events or activities that may be of interest to members of the EAHL and would like us to advertise them in our newsletter, or on the EAHL Website please send the information and contact details to Simone.Hull@ed.ac.uk.

EVENTS

EQUALITY AND JUSTICE: LGBTI RIGHTS IN THE XXI CENTURY

12-13 May 2011 – Florence, Italy

The conference will discuss legal issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and approaches to fundamental rights and discrimination having a direct impact on the mentioned strands. It will focus on European national and supranational legal systems, on international and comparative law and include viewpoints from other sciences in so far as relevant to the legal understanding and support of LGBTI rights.

For further information and the call for papers please see the EAHL events page or visit <http://www.equal-jus.eu>

EAHL Lecture series

The EAHL launched its Lecture Series last year and has since hosted two successful lectures as a part of this. The idea of the Lecture Series is to encourage members to promote the EAHL by hosting an event at members' institutions, under the auspices of the Association. We hope that in 2011 we will have a full series running throughout the year and across Europe to encourage the sharing of information between our members.

Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir is the coordinator for this series, so if your institution is holding a seminar, lecture, workshop or other event, that is relevant to the EAHL and you would like to host it as part of the EAHL Lecture Series, please contact Oddný at oddnym@ru.is. The event does not have to be specifically organised for the series and the Association will assist with branding and publicity for the event.

Previous events have been:

- In association with the Reykjavík University a Public lecture on 'The right to health: rights and realities in an age of globalisation and commercialisation' by Dr. Brigit Toebes
- In association with SCRIPT, University of Edinburgh a seminar on 'Ethical and legal challenges for a European infrastructure of biobanks' by Prof Anne Cambon-Thomsen (Université Paul Sabatier)

FORTHCOMING

In association with SCRIPT, University of Edinburgh
Thursday 10 March 2010, 17:00 – 18:00
Dr Nils Hoppe (Hannover University)
'Property and Human Body'

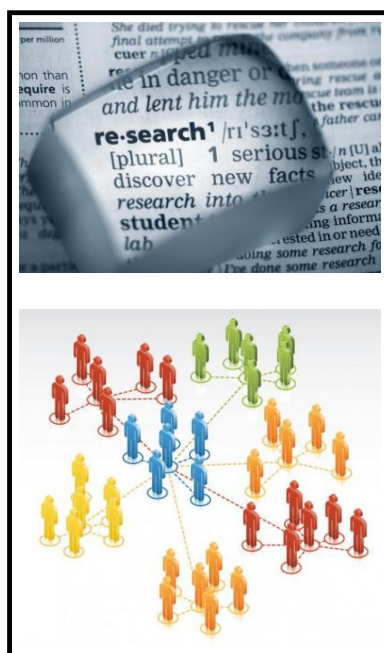
For more information on this seminar and other seminars in the series please visit the website (www.eahl.eu/events/seminar-series).

WORKING GROUPS and INTEREST GROUPS

One of the main initiatives of the Association is to encourage and facilitate the exchange of research and knowledge of Health Law across Europe. The three working groups – Research and Networks, Institutions and Teaching and Training - have been set up to further this initiative and the new website has the functionality to be able to help members of specific working groups improve their connections with each other and disseminate their research.

Under the theme of Research and Networks, Interest Groups have been designed to pinpoint areas of specific interest amongst members and so far 17 groups have been proposed. Each of these groups will have a co-ordinator and a dedicated page on the EAHL website. Each webpage will be designed with the functionality that will specifically aid that group, such as a blog, a discussion forum, an area for uploading documents etc. It will be the job of the group co-ordinator to ensure that their page has the functionality required by its users. Members are encouraged to join as many Interest Groups as are relevant to their work and contact the co-ordinators to suggest functions, discussion topics etc. All this information, including co-ordinator contact details, will be available on the website www.eahl.eu/working-groups/research/interest-groups

1. Biobanking
2. Health service systems
3. Reproductive issues
4. Status of the unborn
5. Research methodology
6. Public health care
7. Use of the human body
8. Funding
9. Gender identity
10. Medical negligence
11. Patient safety
12. Culture
13. Medicinal products
14. Individual patient rights
15. Alternative Medicine
16. Health Care and Rationing
17. Health law, asylum seekers and illegal immigrants



Call for Interest Groups

If you would like to propose and co-ordinate an Interest Group, please send a proposal to Simone.Hull@ed.ac.uk. A template for Interest Group proposal can be found on the website at:
www.eahl.eu/working-groups/research/interest-groups

Working Groups WebPages

RESEARCH & NETWORKS

www.eahl.eu/working-groups/researchandnetworks

INSTITUTIONS

www.eahl.eu/working-groups/institutions

TEACHING & TRAINING

www.eahl.eu/working-groups/teaching-and-training

Call for National Contacts

The EAHL is looking for representatives to act as National contacts for the Association.

We currently have the following National contacts:

Sweden: Elisabeth Rynning
(Elisabeth.rynning@jur.uu.se)

Iceland: Oddný Mjöll
Arnardóttir
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United Kingdom: Graeme Laurie
(Graeme.laurie@ed.ac.uk)

Greece: Maria Bottis
(botti@otenet.gr)

We need volunteers to be National Contacts for all the other European Countries. If you would like to volunteer to be a National Contact please email Simone.Hull@ed.ac.uk

EUROPEAN JOURNAL of HEALTH LAW



Since its appearance in 1994, the European Journal of Health Law (EJHL) focuses on the development of health law in Europe: national, comparative and international. The first issue of 2010 included keynote speeches from the second Conference of the European Association of Health Law (EAHL).

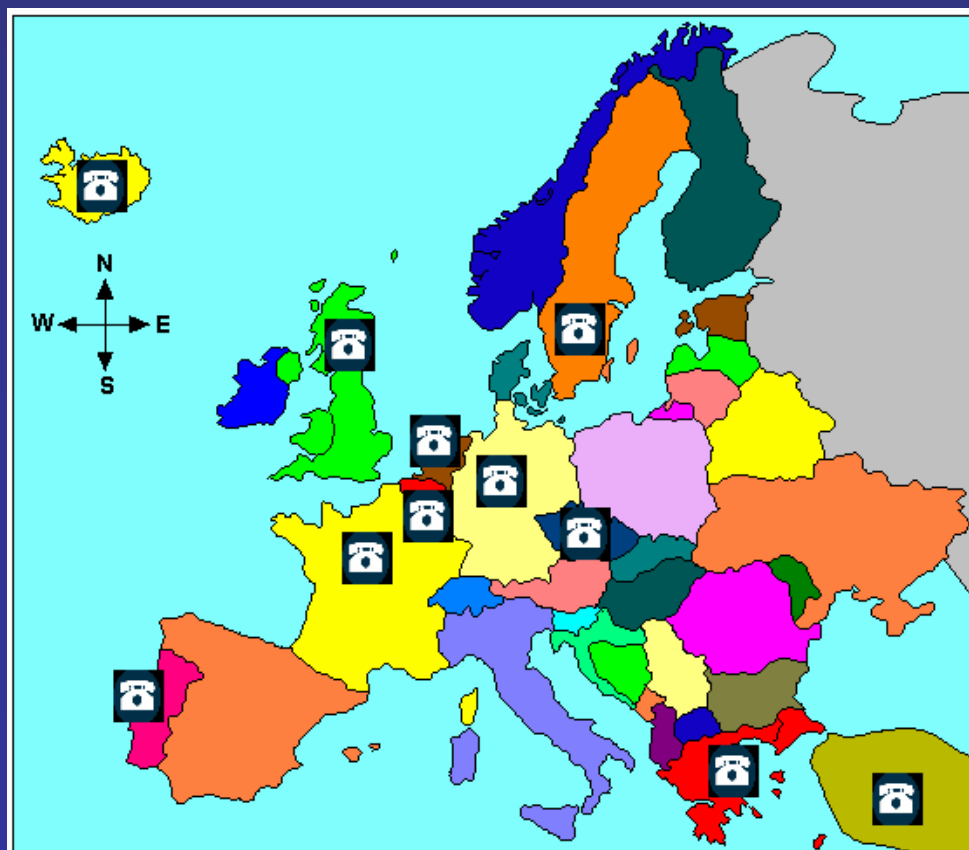
The first issue of 2011 includes articles based on the presentations at the joint EAHL-EJHL Workshop "Health law and asylum-seekers/irregular immigrants" held during the 18th World Congress on Medical Law, Zagreb, Croatia, August 2010.

The Journal has an on-line submission system.

If you want to find out more about the Journal there is a link from the EAHL Website to the EJHL. www.eahl.eu/ejhl

Full and associate members of the Association benefit from an exclusive offer from the EJHL with a reduction of annual subscription rates from 120 EURO to 60 EURO.

If you are currently a member of the Association and would like to take advantage of this fantastic subscription rate, please contact Simone Hull (simone.hull@ed.ac.uk) to add the journal to your membership.



EAHL INITIATIVES

European Research Funding Opportunities

The Association would like to keep members informed of potential funding opportunities for research in Health Law. As such we would like to ask all members to forward any relative calls for funding bids, collaborations etc in the field of Health Law to Nils Hoppe (nils.hoppe@agmb.uni-hannover.de) for dissemination amongst EAHL members.

Current Calls

European Commission Concordis – FP7

- Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development
- Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development
- Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships

For more information on this call please visit

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/forthcoming-calls_en.html

Health Laws across Europe

As part of the Association's overarching purpose to bring together health lawyers from around the Council of Europe to discuss and collaborate on issues of importance in the development of health law and policies, we will be keeping members informed of new laws passed in Europe related to the field of health law. If you hear about a new health law passed in Europe which you think members would like to be informed of, please send the details to Herman Nys (Herman.Nys@med.kuleuven.be).



**Your suggestions are
always welcome!**

The EAHL is there for its members. We try to come up with ideas and initiatives that will benefit all our members and help the public who may be looking for information regarding Health Law across Europe.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite any suggestions you may have for improving the Association, for events, for themes etc.

We like to hear from you so please don't hesitate to contact us with your thoughts. Our contact details can be found at the end of the page or on our website.



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