

EAHL 2017 Newsletter

Letter of new President,



*EAHL President
Prof. JD. Karl Harald Søvig*

Dear all,

As many of you may know, the General Assembly led to a major shift in the composition of the EAHL board. Henriette Roscam Abbing, Herman Nys, Anne-Marie Duguet and Lukáš Prudil all stepped down, the first three of them after eight years. They have all contributed to establishment of EAHL, and a special thanks goes to Henriette Roscam Abbing for

being a "founding mother" of the organization and for being the president for the last two years.

As chair of the newly elected board I am looking forward to the cooperation within the board and with the members. The Bergen conference showed that there are many challenges within contemporary health law. There is a need for research, both when it comes to revisiting old topics as well as investigating new issues. It was promising to see so many young scholars in Bergen, which indicates a bright future for our organisation.

The board will during the autumn receive a report from the reflection committee (consisting of Mette Hartlev, Nicola Glover–Thomas, Markus Frischhuth, Stefaan Callens, Santa Slokenberga and Dean Harris). We look forward to this report and based in this continue to develop our organisation.

Karl Harald Søvig



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH LAW

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Important information

- EAHL website:
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6TH EAHL CONFERENCE IN BERGEN



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6th EAHL conference successfully held in Bergen, Norway, on 28-29 September 2017. The Conference entitled “Health Rights Regulations and the Distribution of Healthcare in Europe” became a meeting place for more than 100 specialists.

A number of important decisions were made during the conference. A new leadership of the Association was elected during the conference, with four new members. The new composition of the Board: Karl Harald Søvig (chair), Vugar Mammadov, Verena Stühlinger, Athanasios Panagiotou, Annagrazia Altavilla, Joaquín Cayón-De Las Cuevas, Steven Lierman.

A seminar for young researchers (PhD seminar) became an important part of the conference. During the seminar that was organized in the form of parallel sessions with presentations all participants were divided into 3 groups. Young researchers had an opportunity to present and discuss their theses, as well as get the professor's advice on the intricacies of the research.

All abstracts submitted to the conference have been published in the “Book of Abstracts”.

The conference addressed every aspect that contributes to a distribution of healthcare that is just and in accordance with human rights standards, in times of scarcity and high-cost innovations: healthcare that is safe, cultural sensitive, cost-effective, with respect for patients’ rights and human rights obligations. This includes the influence of international (UN) and European jurisprudence (Council of Europe, European Union), public health measures, standardisation and prioritisation of health care, professional guidelines, innovations (e.g. robotisation, gene-therapy, telemedicine, orphan drugs, personalised medicine, medical research), resilience and self-care, new models of care, interplay between private and public healthcare providers and health insurances, as well as co-operation at European level on strategies to effectively manage cost effective, patient friendly healthcare. Challenges within contemporary European (and national) health law from a patient’s rights and a social perspective as well as many other issues have been addressed within the scope of EAHL conference theme.

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Composition of new EAHL Board (from right to left):

Athanasios Panagiotou, Joaquín Cayón-De Las Cuevas, Karl Harald Søvig, Annagrazia Altavilla, Vugar Mammadov, Verena Stühlinger, Steven Lierman.

If You are interested in more details about the Bergen conference, please, visit the web site: <http://eahl2017.org/>

The presentations from the conference (for the authors who have consented to this) will be published on the conference web site.

EAHL Conferences

European Conferences on Health Law are organized bi-annually since 2008 when EAHL was established.

Past Conferences:

- ◆ EAHL conference 2015 Prague
- ◆ EAHL 2013 Conference in Coimbra
- ◆ EAHL 2011 Conference in Leuven
- ◆ EAHL 2009 Conference in Edinburgh
- ◆ EAHL 2008 Founding Conference in Edinburgh

The Association will achieve its objectives by:

Providing opportunities and fora for discussions, academic and practical exchanges, expert communications and public engagement on contemporary issues in health law;

Encouraging EAHL-sponsored research networks in specific fields of health law;

Organising and supporting conferences, workshops, symposia and training courses;

Facilitating events and networks to encourage young scholars in their work;

Issuing opinions and giving advice on matters of common European interest;

Promoting quality publications for a wide range of audiences with an interest in health law and health law-related issues;

Advancing teaching and training in these areas;

Providing a Health Law Coordination Function (i.e., with respect to publications, research, teaching programmes and courses, contacts and databases; perhaps best achieved via a web-based database).

MISSION OF THE EAHL



The Mission Statement of the EAHL is as follows:

The European Association of Health Law aims to strengthen the health and human rights interface throughout Europe, and to serve as an indispensable

source of advice and guidance for the future of health law and policies in Europe.

The guiding principle of the EAHL is the achievement of academic excellence and the improvement of health law practice.

Its overarching purpose is 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.

STRATEGY OF THE EAHL

The principal objectives of the Association are:

- ◆ To actively promote health law research, teaching and practice throughout Europe;
- ◆ To encourage and facilitate co-operation in these areas among health lawyers throughout Europe;
- ◆ To encourage and support the development of health law in European and international relations;
- ◆ To pro-actively engage in discussion on topical issues of health law and to assess and respond to new and emerging challenges for health law;
- ◆ To promote a greater awareness and understanding of health law nationally and in the European context.

The EAHL is registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce, Amsterdam, NL, as a not for profit organisation.

EAHL governing bodies:

The constitution as well as the organisational structure of the EAHL were approved at the EAHL founding conference in 2008 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

At present, the EAHL consists of the following bodies:

- ⇒ The General Assembly (the major organ of the EAHL).
- ⇒ The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is assisted by **The Advisory Board**.

National contact points act as a liaison between the EAHL and national lawyers dealing with health law subjects.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for the EAHL 2019 Conference

Dear colleagues,

The European Association of Health Law is planning the next conference for the 2019. If You are interested to host the conference, we invite you to submit a proposal by December 1, 2017.

We have already received one application but You are still welcome to propose your country and institution. Please, contact us at: <eurohealthlaw@gmail.com>

More information regarding the application procedure can be found at the website: **eahl.eu**

EAHL

Membership of the EAHL is open to health lawyers in Europe.

To become a member of the EAHL, please, send your electronic application to **eurohealthlaw@gmail.com**.

EAHL secretariat organizes decision on admission and informs applicants about further procedure.

For more information, please, visit:

<http://www.eahl.eu/membership>