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Dear members of the EAHL,

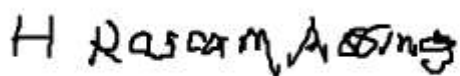
In my previous letter you were informed that the 6<sup>th</sup> conference of the EAHL (2017) in Bergen, Norway on “health rights entitlements and the distribution of health care” (preliminary title) would take place 21-22 September 2017 (week 38). Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dates of the conference had to be changed. The new conference dates are **28-29 September 2017 (week 39)**. These dates do not take into account a possible public event prior to the conference and/or a special PHD session. As usual, the EAHL General Assembly will be ‘built into’ the programme.

You will have noticed that 2016 memberships payments have been requested. The Board decided that 31 May 2016 would be the deadline for the yearly payment. Members who have not paid before that date will be taken off the EAHL memberships-list. After that date, with the help of our webmaster and the EAHL assistant, we will have a renewed memberships-list on the website, in alphabetical order by country. The present presentation is not sufficiently clear. However, there has been a noticeable increase of members, especially also from Eastern European countries. The Board counts specifically on the National Contact Persons to have at least between 200-250 members by the end of 2016! Regarding the National Contact Points, we are both working on completion of the list of NCP’s, as well as on getting an overall impression of how the ncp’s in the various countries proceed with their tasks.

The Board considers the possibility of taking up again the publication - at regular intervals - of an EAHL newsletter (possibly 3 or 4 a year). Suggestions for its content as well as assistance with the drafting are most welcome.

Besides, EAHL members who are aware of publications of interest for our members are kindly requested to get in touch with the EAHL Administration ([eurohealthlaw@gmail.com](mailto:eurohealthlaw@gmail.com)), so we can put them on the EAHL website.

A recent publication of particular interest is the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on research on biological materials of human origin, CM/Rec(2016)6, adopted 11 May 2016. This Recommendation will undoubtedly play a role during the forthcoming inauguration meeting of the EAHL Interest Group on biobanks, Paris 23 September 2016 (see the EAHL website under events).



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