

Amsterdam, 12 May 2016

Dear members of the EAHL,

In my previous letter you were informed that the 6th 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 conference dates are now fixed at 28-29 September 2017.

These dates do not take into account the possibility of organising a 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 be informed in time of further details.

You will have noticed that 2016 memberships payments have been requested. Please notify EAHL-Administration if you want an invoice. The Board decided that 31 May 2016 would be the deadline. Members who have not paid before that date will be taken of the EAHL memberships-list.

Speaking about the memberships list: at present, the Association has about 165 members. There has been a noticeable increase of members from Eastern European countries. The Board counts on you as members, and more specifically on the National Contact Persons among our members, to have the number of members increased to 200 by the end of this year!

Regarding the National Contact Points, the Board is both working on completion of the list as well as on getting an overall impression of how the ncp’s proceed with their tasks in the various countries.

EAHL members who are aware of publications of interest for our members are kindly requested to get in touch with EAHL Administration:
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Next to its biannual conference, the EAHL also actively supports health law activities, notably by providing scientific support, by organising joint workshops EAHL/EJHL at meetings of the World Association of Medical Law and by allowing its Logo to be placed on the website of a qualifying event.

An outstanding example of EAHL support is the forthcoming first Chinese-European Health Law Conference on Patients’ Rights to informed consent, privacy and also their right to access primary healthcare. The conference will take place on May 21-22, 2016 in Peking at Tsinghua University School of Law.

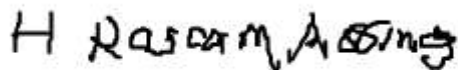
The University Paul Sabatier of Toulouse is co-organiser of the conference through EAHL board member Mme AnneMarie Duguet. Further information will soon appear on the EAHL website.

Another example is the EAHL support – notably via the use of its LOGO – to the conference “Health Care in Europe, a Safe Heaven? Standard of care from a multidisciplinary perspective”, 26-27 September 2016, University of Innsbruck, Management Center Innsbruck, Austria. EAHL Board member Verena Stuehlinger is actively involved in the preparation of this conference. Further information will soon be on the EAHL Web.

Information on upcoming health law summer courses (Rotterdam, Groningen, NL) will also be placed on the website.

Since the EAHL fifth conference (Prague, 2015) we have welcomed a number of new EAHL members. EAHL National Contact Persons (NCP) in particular are well placed to actively promote our Association. To facilitate their task of attracting new members, they will be provided with the list of members of their country. Attracting new members is not their only task. NCP’s also act as central point for providing information on health law related questions raised by EAHL members from other countries. NCP’s are also asked to provide relevant information for the EAHL newsletter the Board has decided to start up again (e.g. on relevant national legislation, advisory opinions, jurisprudence, publications).

The EAHL Board is looking forward to the continuation of the fruitful co-operation with its members.



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