



EAHL President

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Dear members of the Association,

It is a great honor for me to announce our upcoming conference.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we had to adjust our plans. Due to the difficult unpredictable epidemiological situation, we were unable to hold the bi-annual conference last year. Although the General Assembly was held online, we did not think that organizing the conference in a digital format would fit the purpose.

At the moment, the situation seems to be more encouraging, and we are starting to prepare for the conference. As was announced earlier, the next conference will take place in Belgium, in the city of Ghent, on **20-22 April 2022**. Please, save and share the date!

On behalf of the EAHL Board I would like to thank the conference organizers from Ghent University: Prof. dr. Tom Balthazar & Prof. dr. Tom Goffin. It has been quite a long and stressful preparatory stage!

We plan to organize a special event for PhD students on Wednesday 20 April. EAHL PhD members can apply for a scholarship and will receive a separate email regarding this matter. We encourage you to participate and share the news.

More details to come soon! Follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn for the news and please visit the [website](#) of the conference.



After a too long period of social distancing, webinars, online-conferences and absence of real academic and social events, we are looking forward to see each other from 20 until 22 April 2022 in the lovely city of Ghent, Belgium, one of Europe's best hidden secrets! It offers a combination of the history offered by Belgium's Bruges and the vibrant livelihood of Belgium's Antwerp. Or in other words: the perfect setting to once again meet in person and discuss the future of health law!

One of the most important lessons learned from the COVID-19-crisis is that we need to be able to trust on our healthcare to be patient-centered, effective, safe, efficient, equitable and timely, or in other words that we need to be able to trust on the quality of our healthcare. Health law plays a vital role with regard to quality of healthcare, not only through liability and sanctioning mechanisms when the quality and safety in healthcare was not enough, but also and foremost in creating frameworks through which the quality of healthcare can be guaranteed.

This conference will therefore offer a unique programme of distinguished keynote speakers, workshops and oral and poster presentations on broad scientific issues covering the conference theme: "Quality in healthcare. Can the law help to guarantee safe and reliable care for the patient?" This conference theme will be divided in 4 subthemes:

1. Quality and safety (Right to quality of care; Liability & compensation; Alternative mechanisms for liability & compensation; Standard of care, ...)
2. Quality of healthcare professionals & practices (Recognition, accreditation & certification; Quality measurement; Inspection mechanisms, deontology & disciplinary sanctions; Free movement of healthcare professionals, ...)
3. Quality and new technology (Artificial Intelligence, Enhancement of healthcare , Personalized medicine, ...)
4. Quality of health data governance (Health data governance; Quality of data; Quality of care and GDPR; Research with health data, ...)

It is with great joy and enormous pleasure that we invite you, researchers, clinicians, educators, policy makers in health law to present your work on the 8th European Conference on Health Law, "Quality in healthcare. Can the law help to guarantee safe and reliable care for the patient?", from 20-22 April 2022!

Welcome in Ghent!

Prof. dr. Tom Balthazar & Prof. dr. Tom Goffin

Early bird registration and abstract submission before 31 January 2022.

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