

The 5th Conference of the European Association of the Health Law took place in Prague

The 5th Conference of the European Association of the Health Law took place in Prague from October 1st till October 2nd, 2015. Its topic was “Health Law and Cross Border Health Care in the Europe”. As was said by the President of the Conference Lukáš Prudil during his opening speech “it was for the first time when the Conference of the EAHL took place at one of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe”.

The Conference was aimed on the international or transnational health care from all the possible perspectives – quality of care, information, financial aspects etc. From the feedback the organizers received it appeared that participants felt the subjects covered in the program were interesting for them. The topic of the Conference was chosen months and months before the current situation in the Europe occurs. The organizers knew nothing at that time about the current migration crisis which has and will have impacts in many spheres of lives of European citizens. They did not realize that the subject of the Conference was maybe more important than it had been in the time of its preparation; especially the workshop on asylum seekers was very actual in present days.

Organizers invited four keynote speakers, in alphabetical order, Mette Hartlev, Herman Nys, Frans Pennings and Ladislav Švec. Unfortunately, Herman Nys could not come, his presentation was presented by Henriette Roscam Abbing. All keynote speeches were highly appreciated by participants, they were clear and of high level. As far as the organizers could evaluate, all presentations matched the subject of the Conference and were discussed not only during sessions but also during informal meetings of participants.

There were 122 participants, from them 10 were students and 14 post-graduate students. As a nice surprise, participants came from 34 different countries!

The preparation of the Conference took nearly two years, many participants were engaged in it. The topic of the Conference was chosen by the Board of the European Association of Health Law and all the members from the Board substantially assisted the organizers. Especially Henriette Roscam Abbing and Anne Marie Duguet must be mentioned for their effort. All organizational issues were taken care of by C-IN agency, namely Lenka Kloudová, Lukáš Čáp and their collaborators and our thanks go to them.

We look back to a successful 5th Conference of the European Association of the Health Law. It is hoped for that all participants and maybe more will meet during the 6th EAHL Conference in two years' time.

Lukáš Prudil

President of the Conference





