

WORKSHOP  
"PATIENTS' RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH CARE ETHICS IN CENTRAL  
AND EASTERN EUROPE"

21-23 August 2004  
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

12:00 - 13:30 Session 1: The legal framework of patient's rights in CCE: between theory and practice.

13:30 - 14:10 Lunch

14:10 - 15:40 Session 2: The right to privacy and confidentiality - situation in various CEE countries – legal standards and practice. Breaches of privacy and confidentiality in mass media. The right to information and the problem of the truth telling in the post-soviet countries – the possible ways to fill the gap between theory and practice.

15:40 - 16:00 Coffee brake

16:00 - 18:00 Session 3: The role of ethical regulations in protection of the patients' rights: ethical codes, recommendations, opinions. Institutions, protecting patient's rights in CCE. The role of the NGOs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

12:00 - 13:30 Session 4: Ethical and human rights' aspects of biomedical research. The growing need for the educational programs for the members of the Research Ethics Committees.

13:30 - 14:10 Lunch

14:10 - 15:40 Session 5: Conflict of interest in the field of health care? Legal and ethical regulations of advertising of medicinal or other commercial products for the public; commercial support of the pharmaceutical industry for the continuation; payment to the investigators of clinical trials (the Role of the Ethics Committees).

15:40 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00 Session 6: Could information and education of the broad society become the weapon against corruption in health care?

18:00 - 18.30 Discussions.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

12:00 - 13:30 Session 7: The ways society makes the decisions on crucial ethical issues/the ways for the authorities to make a political decision based on societies values and opinions. Is education in patients' rights, health care ethics, and bioethics sufficient in CCE?

13:40 - 14.00 - Coffee break

14:00 - 15:00 - Final discussion

15:00 - 16:00 – Lunch