Council of Europe
Lithuanian Bioethics Committee
Vilnius University, Department of Medical History and Ethics

Regional Seminar on Training in Research Ethics
May 24-25, Vilnius

"Atrium" Hotel, Pilies str. 10, Vilnius

Programme

DAY 1: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON TRAINING IN RESEARCH ETHICS

09:00 –10:00 - Registration

10:00 – 10:30 – **Opening ceremony** (Minister of Health dr J. Olekas, P. Zilgalvis (Council of Europe), E. Gefenas (Lithuanian Bioethics Committee, Vilnius University)

10:30 – 11:00 – "European Legislation on Ethical Review of Biomedical Research and the Role of Ethics Committees", P. Zilgalvis (Council of Europe)

11:00 – 11:30 – "Training in Research Ethics: Consensus and New Challenges", Dr Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau (WHO)

11:30 – 11:45 – Coffee break

11:45 – 12:30 – "European Training Materials and Training Material in Europe", D. Lanzerath (Germany)

12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 – excursion at Old Campus of Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

14:30 – 15:15 "The Importance of the National Laws in the Implementation of the European Legislations", D. Sprumont (Switzerland)

15:15 – 16:00 – "UNESCO Perspective on Training in Research Ethics", H. ten Have (UNESCO)

16:00 – 16:15 – Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00 – "Training in Research Ethics in France", F. Chapuis (France)

17:00 – 17:45 – "Medical Research Ethics: the Development of a Course Offered by the University of Oslo", K. Ruyter (Norway)

17:45 – 18:00 – Closing of the 1st day

DAY 2: DRAFTING GUIDELINES FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON TRAINING IN RESEARCH ETHICS

09:00 – 09:30 – "Towards the Guidelines on Training in Research Ethics", E. Gefenas (Lithuanian Bioethics Committee, Vilnius University), . Cekanauskaite (Lithuanian Bioethics Committee, Vilnius University)

09:30 – 11:00 – Workshop I "Organisational aspects of implementing the training course in research ethics for REC members in CEE countries"

Facilitators:
Group I - K. Ruyter, CEE representative
Group II - D. Sprumont, CEE representative

Suggested topics for discussion:
* Should there be different modes of training for health care professionals and lay members of the committees?
* How should the courses be organized (how often, how many training hours, etc)?
* Who should be in charge of the organization (REC itself, medical faculty, health authorities); Financing of the training programme
* Who should provide training/the profile of the faculty (university, secretariat of REC, industry, etc.?)
* What should be the role of industry in training for RECs members?
* How to make sure that REC members will actually come to the training programme (the motivation for the members, e.g. certificates)?
* What are your suggestions concerning the building of training programmes in research ethics in the transition European societies?

11:00 – 11:15 – Coffee break
11:15 – 12:00 – Plenary discussion, moderated by H. ten Have
12:00 – 13:00 – Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 – Workshop II "Drafting the model training course in research ethics for RECs members in CEE countries"

Facilitators:
Group I – D. Lanzerath, CEE representative
Group II – F. Chapuis, CEE representative

Suggested topics for discussion:
* What are the training needs of RECs members in CEE?
* What should be the content of the course?
* What should the proportion between ethical and "scientific" components of the training course be?
* How detailed should the ethical and scientific components be (e.g., research methodology, different types of study design, methodological details of different phases of pharmaceutical trials)?
* Suggested methods for the teaching/training methods used during the course (lectures, group work)? Suggested basic literature/case material for these purposes.

14:30 – 14:45 – Coffee break
14:45 – 15:30 – Plenary discussion moderated by P. Zilgalvis
15:30 – 16:00 – Closing of the seminar