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5 Beräknat antal deltagare	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EE	LT	LV	Andra inom EU*	Andra utanför EU*	Totalt	Mån	Kvinnor
Forskarstuderande	2	10	6	4	13	3	4				42	18	24
Övriga deltagare	3	5	4	5	11	5	4				37	26	11
Forskargrupper	1	2	1	1	4	1	2				12		

\* Andra (ange vilka länder)

**6 Sammanfattning.** Ge en kort beskrivning av nätverkets upplägg, syfte och mål (max 200 ord). NordForsk förbehåller sig rätten att använda hela eller delar av texten i informationssyfte.

Philosophy of medicine, including medical ethics, is a subject that has developed greatly in the international arena during the last three decades. With regard to the Nordic and Baltic countries research is pursued on a great number of topics, such as basic medical concepts, priorities in medical care and the care of the elderly. There are similarities but also great differences between the Nordic and Baltic centres with regard to research and research education in philosophy of medicine. The conditions for doing research in the subject also vary. The subject has no natural place in the university system. It appears in either the philosophical, the medical or the theological faculty. It recruits researchers from different basic disciplines, not only from philosophy but also from theology, medicine and jurisprudence. This means that the focus in research can differ greatly between different scholars and different centres. The time is ripe for creating a network of scholars in the Nordic and Baltic countries in order to define and strengthen the identity of the subject in our countries.

The aim of this planned network is to establish the identity of philosophy of medicine in the Nordic/Baltic countries by considering both institutional and academic conditions for research and the education of researchers. We will encourage the initiation of new joint research projects and by making the subject more visible we hope to increase the number of doctoral students. Our intention is that the network shall after the three year period be converted into a permanent Nordic/Baltic society for philosophy of medicine.

<b>7 Sökt totalbelopp</b> 900 000,00 NOK
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<b>8 Ledningsgrupp</b>			
(titel, namn, universitet, e-mail) En kort presentation av deltagarna i ledningsgruppen skall göras under punkt 15.			
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Finansieringskälla	Sökt belopp (i NOK)	Beviljat belopp (i NOK)	Svar förväntas (datum)

<b>10 Budget (specificeras i punkt 14)</b>						
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<b>a) stödberättigade från NordForsk</b>						
Reseutgifter	115 000,00		166 000,00		125 000,00	
Uppehälle (kost/logi)	182 000,00		134 000,00		172 000,00	
Arvode/honorar						
Administration	3 000,00				3 000,00	
Arbetsmaterial						
Annat						
<b>b) inte stödberättigade från NordForsk</b>						
Förvaltningsavgift						
Annat						
SUMMA KOSTNADER						
<b>INTÄKTER</b>						
Sökt belopp från NordForsk	300 000,00		300 000,00		300 000,00	
Överskott från föregående år						
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Egen insats (inkl 30% av <i>de tre baltiska ländernas</i> faktiska kostnader)						
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<b>Balans</b>						
			Överskott kan överföras		Överskott kan överföras	

#### 11 Aktivitetsbeskrivning på högst 5 sidor som innehåller följande obligatoriska delar:

- a forskningens och forskarutbildningens nuvarande status i Norden inom det aktuella ämnesområdet.
- b en motivering för ett nordiskt samarbete inom ämnet ur ett forskarutbildningsperspektiv.
- c en detaljerad plan för samarbetsaktiviteter under de tre åren.
- d de mål som nätverket avser att uppfylla under den period som nätverket skall bedrivas.
- e en beskrivning på hur man ser på det fortsatta samarbetet efter beviljningsperiodens slut.
- f hur nätverket tar hänsyn till könsfördelning och/ eller jämställdhet mellan kvinnor och män.
- g antal forskarstuderande som beräknas delta i nätverket, fördelade på land.

#### BACKGROUND: THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

Philosophy of medicine as a theoretical subject is unknown to most people, even to well-informed academics. It is very rare that the subject has a place, under this name, as an autonomous discipline in a university. (In the Nordic countries only the University of Copenhagen comes close to this with a department called "Medical Philosophy and Clinical Theory".) At the same time one can note that philosophical reflection on medical science and on the art of healing has developed greatly in the international arena during the last three decades. Central topics in this discussion are not only the concept of medicine itself but also the concepts of health, quality of life, illness, disability, handicap and death. Other crucial research topics in philosophy of medicine are the principles of medical research and causal analysis in medicine, but also topics of a more humanistic kind such as the doctor-patient encounter and the interpretation of patients' problems. The methods used can be analytical/philosophical, hermeneutic/phenomenological but also empirical.

If we interpret philosophy of medicine in a broad sense - which will be done in this application - and include the subject of medical ethics, we will get an even more salient impression of great and rapid development. The speciality of medical ethics (or bioethics) has become a university subject in its own right in most countries of the world. It has attracted specialists from a multitude of disciplines and faculties. This means that it is no longer an exclusively philosophical affair. Doctors, paramedical specialists, lawyers, theologians and social workers are now collaborating on many research projects within medical ethics. The discipline of medical ethics exists formally in at least three university faculties throughout the world: the medical, the philosophical (with its subdivisions) and the theological. Research in the discipline is also pursued within independent institutes.

Medical ethics now covers an enormous ground, including issues such as the ethics of medical care in general, terminal care, the treatment and care of disadvantaged persons (handicapped and demented people), the treatment of fetuses and new-born babies, end-of-life decisions and euthanasia, as well as issues concerning priorities within medicine and health care. Abortion, organ transplantation and genetic modification are examples of other, more technical topics. Medical ethics is often also taken to include ethical issues of a more general social kind, such as health promotion, including education and the protection of the environment, and advice to refugees and asylum seekers.

It is crucial to note in this context that there is a flourishing European scientific society (the European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care) issuing a periodical of its own, *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, which explicitly incorporates both theoretical philosophy of medicine and medical ethics in its domain of interest.

#### THE NORDIC/BALTIC FOCUS IN PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE

1. Concepts of health, illness and quality of life. Basic conceptual work has for a long time had a central place in the Linköping department. A large number of monographs and articles deal with the notions of health and illness in general, others with more specialized topics such as mental illness and diagnostics in medicine. A particular concern in these analyses is to what extent the fundamental concepts in medicine are purely "scientific" or whether they are - and perhaps necessarily must be - loaded with normative content. Conceptual analyses regarding medical notions are also salient at the Gothenburg, Oslo, Copenhagen and Tartu centres of medical ethics.

2. Concepts in medical ethics. In many instances there is a close relationship between theoretical studies of medicine and medical ethics. Many ethical analyses presuppose conceptual clarity and presuppose a certain understanding of basic concepts. This holds for the concepts of health, illness and disease (see above) as for saliently normative concepts such as trust, privacy and benefit-sharing, which have been studied, for instance, at the Tartu centre. Some of the projects under the heading of medical ethics focus indeed on the issue of the relationship between theoretical philosophy of medicine and ethics. One of the main projects at the Oslo centre concerns normative sources and the normative structure of clinical knowledge. A presumption here is also that the concepts of health and disease have a normative basis.

3. Methodology in medical research. The Copenhagen department has as one of its main topics the nature of medical methodology. Their research has two foci. One concerns the status of the so-called randomized controlled trial (RCT), which constitutes the most prestigious method for testing hypotheses in medical science. A central question in this research is whether this method is in accordance with the paradigm of scientific research proposed by the famous 20<sup>th</sup>-century philosopher of science, Karl Popper. The second focus is on the demarcation between school medicine and alternative medical practices.

4. Priorities in health care. The principles for prioritization within health care have been the focus of several centres in Scandinavia. This is mainly the result of the international development of legislation for priorities in health care. In Scandinavia Norway was the first country to introduce such legislation. The centre at the university of Bergen continues to do research on distributive justice in the context of prioritization in health care. Several studies on this topic have been pursued also in Stockholm and Linköping. The Stockholm centre is focusing at the moment on empirical studies of how the priority legislation is implemented in actual medical practice. The national board for prioritization studies in Sweden is located in Linköping and cooperates closely with the Linköping centre.

5. The care of elderly and, in particular, demented people. Life decisions and health priorities in elderly care is a central topic among researchers at the Oslo centre. The care of the elderly, in particular at the end of life, has been the topic of a project involving researchers from Stockholm and Linköping. In this context the fundamental notion of dignified care has been the subject of philosophical analysis.

6. Ethical aspects of new reproduction and gene technologies. Social and ethical aspects of genetics is a central topic at the Tartu and the Iceland centre. In Sweden, the Linköping unit as well as researchers in Gothenburg have analysed ethical aspects of genetic tests, embryo selection and germ line gene therapy, i.e. technologies that can - in the future - be used to change parts of the human genome. In Stockholm, the ethics of stem cell research and therapeutic cloning has been debated from a Habermasian as well as a Heideggerian perspective. In Oslo, ethical analyses are made of genetic tests and embryo selections performed with a view to choosing an embryo that can become a tissue donor to a diseased sibling.

7. Biotechnology and food production is a central topic at the Danish Centre for Bioethics and Risk Assessment in Copenhagen. In Sweden, researchers in Linköping and Lund have analysed ethical aspects of the use of genetically modified organisms in food. Research ethics in relation to medical research is a strong sub-discipline of medical ethics in Vilnius, Gothenburg, Stockholm, Uppsala, Oslo, Copenhagen, Tartu, Iceland and Linköping. The centre at Vilnius has, for instance, been engaged as a partner in several EU projects on research ethics. These have concerned delimiting the concept of biomedical research, privacy in genetic and data base research and benefit-sharing in human genetic research. The issue of justice in research settings has been investigated at the Tartu centre. The concept of consent for research participation, especially database research, has been in the focus of research at the Iceland centre. Gender issues in research are analysed at the Vilnius centre.

8. Organ donation and ethics is another area where the Linköping department is much involved. Whereas Sweden has had the lowest post mortem organ donation rate per million persons in Europe, Sweden and Norway have the highest number of live organ donors per million persons. These donors are most often relatives. Ethical issues in live organ donation, by emotionally-related donors, are chiefly whether emotional bonds imply constraints on donors' autonomous choice. There is also a long-known but not well-understood gender-imbalance in live kidney donation, which the Linköping unit has explored. The Linköping unit has also analysed the ethics of non-heart-beating organ donation.

#### THE NEED FOR NORDIC CO-OPERATION IN PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE

As noted above, there are many similar research projects at the various centres in Scandinavia and the Baltic states. There are also differences. The great variety is indeed salient. It would not therefore be feasible to base a network connecting the different centres on a single topic within the broad subject. Many contacts between the more specialized research projects already exist, though this is not universally the case. Against this background, Nordic co-operation in philosophy of medicine is motivated on the basis of a common discourse regarding the fundamental conditions for research in the subject. Some such conditions are:

1. Philosophy of medicine and medical ethics now exist in different faculties: the medical faculty (which is the normal case), one of the various philosophical faculties (often but not always in connection with the subject of philosophy) and the theological faculty (often connected with the subject of theological ethics). Philosophy of medicine and medical ethics are also often hidden under other labels in a variety of smaller settings. Just to see how bewildering the situation can be we can give some examples from the Danish and the Swedish situations. In Copenhagen the Department of Medical Philosophy and Clinical Theory is a part of the Medical Faculty. There is in Copenhagen also a Centre for Bioethics and Risk Assessment belonging to the Faculty of Life Sciences. Philosophical problems in bioethics are also studied at the Department of Media,

Cognition and Communication within the Faculty of the Humanities. In Lund, research in medical ethics is performed by the Centre for Theology and Religion, within the Theological Faculty, and at the Department of Medical Ethics, the Medical Faculty. In Uppsala-Stockholm, the Centre for Bioethics and Research Ethics is a collaboration between the Karolinska Institute (Stockholm), Uppsala University and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Uppsala). It belongs to the Medical Faculty. Research in medical philosophy/medical ethics is also performed at the Centre for Practical Knowledge, Department of Culture and Communication, Södertörn University College. In Linköping, research within philosophy of medicine and medical ethics is performed by tema Health and Society and by the Centre for Applied Ethics, both belonging to the Philosophical Faculty. Similar heterogeneity can be found in other Nordic and Baltic countries.

Are there problems connected with this? Is there a risk of our losing sight of a centre because of its location? Is the unclear diffusion of the subject a risk factor in relation to the financing foundations? Or, is it only a sign of strength that philosophy of medicine and ethics has so many connections to different disciplines and faculties?

2. Partly connected with this is the fact that representatives of the subject use different methods and have different purposes. One can ask whether there are any problems involved in including both a highly theoretical study of the nature of meta-ethics and an empirical study of the doctor/patient encounter at a specific clinic under the all-embracing umbrella of medical ethics.

3. How should we draw the line between philosophy of medicine, medical ethics and other related disciplines? What is the relation to philosophy proper? What is the relation to the social science disciplines such as anthropology, sociology and psychology? What is the relation to medical law (which is at present under scrutiny in another NordForsk project)?

4. Do these questions of identity point to the need for a permanent Scandinavian or Nordic/Baltic society for philosophy of medicine including medical ethics? In our view, they do.

5. It should also be noted that there has been a North-American dominance in many areas of philosophy of medicine (for example questions relating to the introduction of new genetic testing have predominantly been discussed from an American perspective, focusing on private insurance.) There are, however, from the particular perspective of the Nordic countries, other questions that need to be addressed. There are many similarities in the arrangement of a welfare state in the different countries. There is also a similarity in that the welfare state has slightly overextended itself and is at present somewhat shrinking. This gives rise to questions of great relevance for medical ethics, on prioritizing, the role of private solutions in health care and social security and what the citizen may legitimately expect from the state with regard to health and social security. There are also interesting conceptual problems when it comes to the conditions for receiving sick leave compensation. One can wonder about the meaning of the phrase "unable to work"? The combination of Nordic and Baltic perspectives can be very illuminating, as the relatively new Baltic republics are quickly catching up with their Nordic neighbours. What can the Baltic countries learn from the Nordic examples and vice versa? The Baltic and the Nordic countries are also small countries in times of globalization. What are the lessons to be learned for the welfare state in such a changing environment, of relevance for philosophy of medicine and medical ethics?

#### DETAILED PLAN FOR COLLABORATIVE NETWORK ACTIVITIES

##### Network conferences and workshops:

During the three-year period of funding we plan to hold two network conferences. An inaugural conference will take place in Linköping, in spring 2009, where the basic topic will be: What is the identity of philosophy of medicine in the Nordic and Baltic countries? Among the topics to be discussed are some of the ones mentioned above: What are the advantages and disadvantages of the institutional diversity of the subject? Is it desirable to initiate common projects and concentrate research on specific subject areas? Are there certain topics dealing, for instance, with the conditions of the welfare state, that are particularly suitable for research in the Nordic and the Baltic states? Should we take advantage of the experiences of the Baltic states as post-Soviet states in our research?

The second network conference will take place in 2011, in Vilnius. It will follow up the first one, under the heading: Towards a new programme for philosophy of medicine in the Nordic and Baltic states? Partly depending on the results of the previous conference, the idea is to concentrate on issues of common interest and perhaps initiate a highly comprehensive research programme on a common basis. This conference will be well prepared and contain substantial inputs in terms of scientific papers on selected topics pointing to common research. Potential topics for further close research are: medical ethics and the welfare state, research ethics and privacy, the concepts of health and quality of life in relation to privatization of health care.

In relation to these comprehensive gatherings of the network we plan to discuss the

question of a permanent Nordic/Baltic society for the philosophy of medicine and health care. Such a society could, in analogy with what is the case in Britain and Eastern Europe, be associated with the European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care.

In addition to this, we are planning at least three workshops on particular topics within philosophy of medicine. The topics of these workshops could include some of the research areas mentioned above. It is crucial, however, to include here also topics within theoretical philosophy of medicine, such as basic concepts in medicine and health care and research methods in medicine and the health sciences. A first workshop will be held in autumn 2009 in Denmark on the topic "Naturalized ethics and morality in an evolutionary perspective". A second workshop will be held in autumn 2010 in Iceland, on research ethics.

Additional meetings, courses and exchange visits for doctoral students:

We are planning special gatherings for doctoral students, in particular in connection with special doctoral courses given by some of the member states. In Oslo a course will be given under the heading of "Justice of access to genetic technology in Nordic welfare states," in early spring 2010 at the Section for Medical Ethics. We also plan a PhD course on the topic "Knowledge in Medicine - Questions in Medical Epistemology" in Finland and one on "Research Ethics" in Denmark.

It should also be possible for doctoral students to make exchange visits to other Nordic or Baltic countries for research and studies. We envisage grants for visits of 1-2 weeks for a couple of students every year. It would be beneficial if such support for exchange visits could be materialized also for senior scholars. This could, for instance concern participation in a seminar series in a particular country.

Participation in local/national seminars:

In addition to the above-mentioned exchange activities, the Network will facilitate participation in occasional local or national seminars, in another Nordic country (or in another part of the participant's own country), primarily for doctoral students but also for senior researchers.

Network website: We are planning to construct a particular website for the network.

#### TARGETS TO BE ACHIEVED

The overall target of the network is to strengthen and facilitate co-operation between the centres in the Nordic and Baltic countries that specialize in topics in philosophy of medicine in a broad sense. The more specific targets are the following:

- Secure this co-operation for the future either through a Nordic/Baltic society or a continued network
- Establish the identity of philosophy of medicine in the Nordic/Baltic countries by considering both institutional and academic conditions for research and the education of researchers
- Discuss and improve the research methodology in projects on philosophy of medicine
- Increase the number of doctoral students in philosophy of medicine in the Nordic/Baltic countries
- Increase the number of joint research projects in the field in the Nordic/Baltic countries
- Increase the number of published peer-reviewed articles and books in the field

Visions for continued co-operation in the field of philosophy of medicine after the funding period 2008-2011:

We expect that after the three-year period of NordForsk funding our network will be well established and we will have expanded it to cover all the Nordic/Baltic centres. Hopefully we will then have initiated a Nordic/Baltic society for the philosophy of medicine and health care. We expect that some existing institutional anomalies may be corrected and that research in philosophy of medicine will be more visible to colleagues and the general public. To this can contribute the establishment of a network website. We will then also have made our research endeavours better known in society as a whole.

#### EQUALITY OF WOMEN AND MEN IN THE NETWORK

The network for research in philosophy of medicine is based first and foremost on scientific excellence. For this reason, the gender of the applicants is not a decisive factor to us. On the other hand, it is our belief that any research activity will benefit from a balanced gender composition of the participants. By tradition philosophical studies have been a male affair all over the world. This situation is, however, now rapidly changing. Many women have entered the arena, in particular within ethical research projects. This development is clearly mirrored in the Nordic and Baltic countries. In all these countries, both female and male researchers participate in the network. The research groups in the network acknowledge that gender aspects are important in terms of participants in the network as well as in research projects.

NUMBER OF PhD STUDENTS IN THE NETWORK

The total number of PhD students registered in this application is 42. The distribution is the following: Linköping 9, Stockholm 4, Copenhagen 2, Helsinki 10, Oslo 4, Reykjavik 6, Tartu 3 (including one MA student), Vilnius/Kaunas 4.

## 12 Curriculum vitae (meritförteckning) för den sökande (högst 2 sidor).

Lennart Nordenfelt, born 1945, is Professor of Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care at the unit for Thematic Studies of Health and Society, University of Linköping, Sweden. He studied philosophy, history of ideas, history of religion and Slavonic languages at Uppsala University. As a graduate student he spent a year, 1969, at the University of Oxford, under the supervision of Professor John Mackie, where he started preparing his doctoral dissertation on Explanation of Human Actions, which he defended at Uppsala in 1974. After a year as a secretary at the Office of the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities he was in 1975 appointed a lecturer in Theoretical Philosophy at the University of Stockholm. From 1978 and onwards Nordenfelt has devoted himself to studies and research in the philosophy of medicine and health care. The new research interest prompted him to apply for a position as Associate Professor at the then newly founded transdisciplinary faculty of themes at Linköping University in 1982. He initiated there a research programme under the title Theory, Ethics and Ideology of Health Care, which is still running. Sixteen persons have so far taken their PhDs within this programme. He became a full professor in 1987.

Nordenfelt's monographs include *Explanation of Human Actions* (1974), *Events, Actions, and Ordinary Language* (1977), *Causes of Death* (1983), *On the Nature of Health* (1987; second, revised, edition 1995), *On Crime, Punishment and Psychiatric Care* (1992), *Quality of Life, Health, and Happiness* (1993), *Action, Ability, and Health* (2000), *Health, Science and Ordinary Language* (2001), *Animal and Human Health and Welfare: A Philosophical Comparison* (2006) and *Rationality and Compulsion* (2007). Together with B. Ingemar B. Lindahl he edited *Health, Disease and Causal Explanations in Medicine* (1984). This book was the academic result of the First Nordic Symposium on the Philosophy of Medicine, held in Stockholm, 1982. He is the editor of *Concepts and Measurements of Quality of Life in Health Care* (1994). Nordenfelt is also the author of around 10 monographs and textbooks in Swedish.

He has contributed to several journals, including *Theoria*, *Theoretical Medicine*, *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *Health Care Analysis*, *Philosophy*, *Psychiatry & Psychology*, *The International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care*, and *The Scandinavian Journal of Social Medicine*. He was a research fellow at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, in 1976, and at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at Edinburgh University, Scotland, in 1989. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Warwick, England, in 1998/99 and Research Fellow at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences at Uppsala 2006-2007. He has made presentations to philosophical as well as medical gatherings in all the Scandinavian countries, several other European countries as well as the United States and Canada. He was between 2001 and 2005 President of the European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH). He was between 1994 and 2000 a member of the Board of Linköping University.

Nordenfelt has made contributions to philosophical action theory, theory of medicine and the theory of health and welfare, in particular. His theory of health draws upon concepts central to action theory. In the field of medical ethics Nordenfelt has particularly focused on the idea of human dignity and he has constructed a model for the analysis of different dignity concepts.

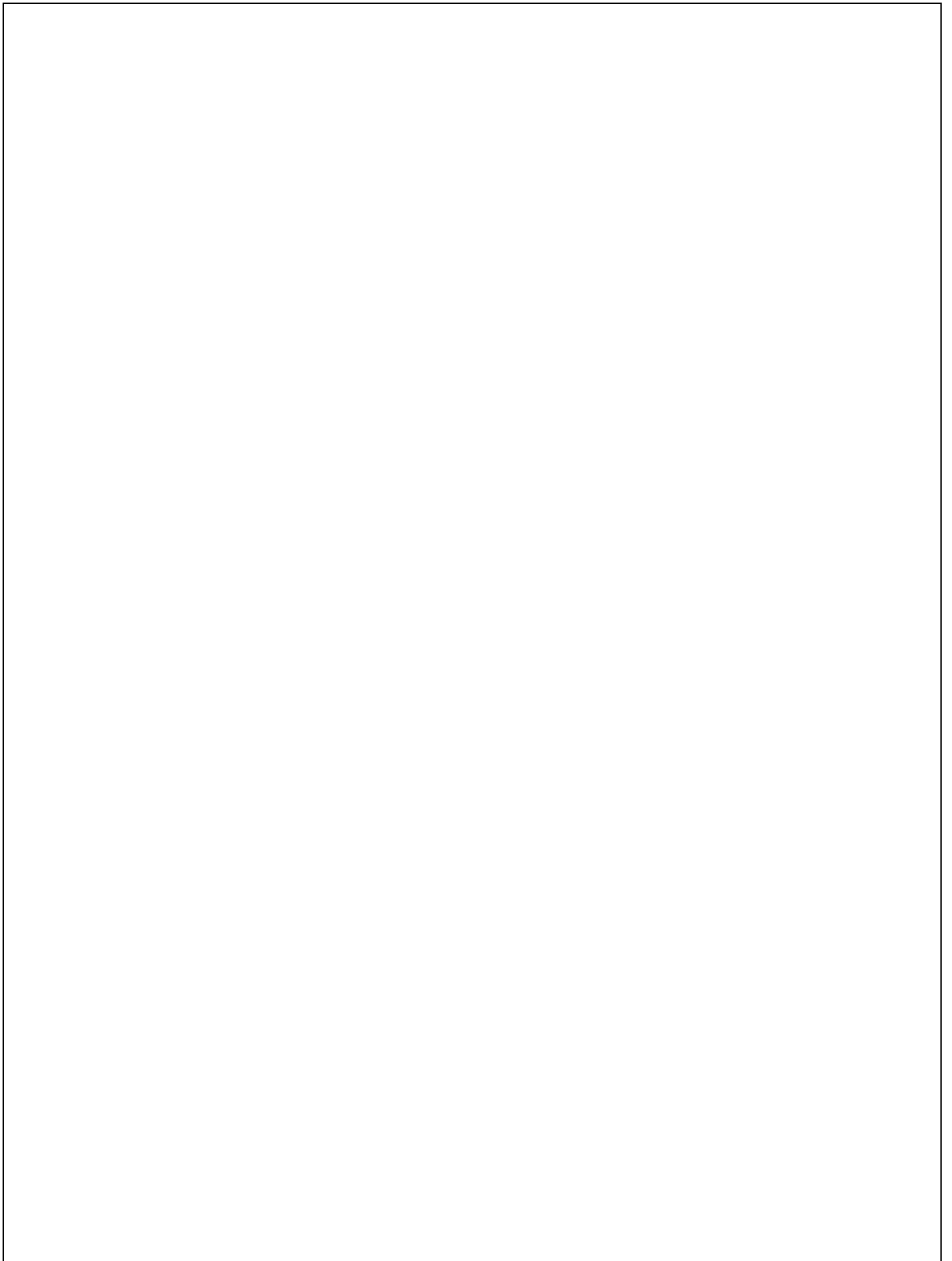
### Selected assignments:

Member of the Executive Committee of the European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care, 1996-2005  
President of the European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH), 2001-2005  
Member of the Board of Linköping University, 1994-2000  
Member of the Ethical Committee of the Swedish Research Council for the Humanities and the Social Sciences 1988-1994  
Member of the Ethical Board of the Regional Council, Jönköping County Council, Sweden 1996-2003  
Member of the Ethical Board of the University Hospital of Linköping 1996-2002  
Member of the Ethical Board of the Regional Council, Östergötland County Council, Sweden 1998-2000  
Member of the Regional Ethical Review Board in Linköping 2004-2005  
President of the Executive Committee of the Swedish Society for Philosophy 2001- 2003

### Member of the following editorial boards:

Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics  
The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy  
Philosophy, Psychiatry, Psychology  
Health Care Analysis  
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**14 Detaljerad budget för nätverkets 3 år med specificerade poster (enligt punkt 10).  
(observera att högst 10% får gå till administration).**

The budget has been prepared as follows:

RESIA travel bureau in Linköping has provided information on travelling and accommodation costs. The least expensive (reasonable) alternatives have been chosen. In addition the costs for premises have been calculated for the big conferences. No honoraria are included. The conferences last for three days, the workshops for two days. The exchange visits for PhD students normally last for a week.

Year 1

1. First session with the Nordic/Baltic network for philosophy of medicine and medical ethics, Linköping (30p, 3 days)

Travel expenses	64 000
Living expenses	117 000
Premises	3 000
Total expenses	184 000

2. Workshop in Copenhagen (15p, 2 days)

Travel expenses	38 000
Living expenses	48000
Total expenses	86 000

3. Exchange visits (5p 4 days)

Travel expenses	13 000
Living expenses	17 000
Total expenses	30 000

Total year 1            300 000

Year 2

4. Workshop in Reykjavik (15p, 2 days)

Travel expenses	64 000
Living expenses	49 000
Total expenses	113 000

5. Two doctoral courses (10p, 4 days plus an examination day)

Travel expenses	102 000
Living expenses	85 000
Total expenses	187 000

Total year 2            300 000

Year 3

6. Second session with the network in Vilnius (30p, 3 days)

Travel expenses	64 000
Living expenses	117 000
Premises	3000
Total expenses	184 000

7. Doctoral course (10p, 4 days plus an examination day)

Travel expenses	51 000
Living expenses	42 000
Total expenses	93 000

8. Exchange visits (4p, 4 days)

Travel expenses	10 000
Living expenses	13 000
Total expenses	23 000

Total year 3            300 000

**15 Presentation av nätverksgrupperna** (kan kopieras)  
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Efternamn	Förnamn	Kön	Tjänst/ställning
Collste	Göran	M	Professor
Efternamn	Förnamn	Kön	Tjänst/ställning
Nordgren	Anders	M	Professor
Spjuth	Barbro	F	Doctoral student
Lerner	Henrik	M	Doctoral student
Neubeck	Anna-Karin	F	Doctoral student
Grankvist	Hannah	F	Doctoral student
Malmkvist	Erik	M	Doctoral student
Tinghög	Petter	M	Doctoral student

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<b>Kort beskrivning av gruppen och dess verksamhet</b> Stockholm region: The <u>Karolinska Institute's</u> ethics unit includes six faculty members who are involved in teaching and research in medical ethics and bioethical issues. Three of them are working as teachers and researchers and three are PhD students. At the Karolinska Institute there are almost 20 different programmes within different health care areas and currently the ethics unit is teaching in eight of these programmes - providing from half day courses to five week courses on both undergraduate and PhD levels. Some of the main research areas are: the ethics of biobanks, the ethics of involving patients in the clinical training of medical students, the ethics of prenatal diagnostic procedures and the ethics of priority settings and fair distribution of health care. <u>Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University College.</u> The Centre conducts research in the area of practical knowledge and develops courses for professionals, particularly in medicine and health care professions. Focused research themes of the Centre are: Cultural changes in contemporary working life, theory and ethics of practical knowledge and history of practical knowledge. Main research areas are philosophy of medicine and theory of practical knowledge (in the research traditions of phenomenology and hermeneutics). Present and planned research projects deal with phenomenology and psychiatry, and the ethics of organ transplantation. The group leader Niels Lynöe is professor of medical ethics. His main research areas are informed consent issues with special focus on clinical and biobank research and patients' participation in the clinical training of medical students.			

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<p><b>Description of the group and its activities</b></p> <p>Unit of Medical Philosophy and Clinical Theory, Institute of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Copenhagen. The faculty includes 2 associate professors, 1 post.doc. and 2 Phd students. In addition 28 external lecturers and teaching assistants contribute to the programs.</p> <p>Current research topics are justice and priority-setting in health, informed consent in medical therapy and research, naturalized ethics and morality in an evolutionary perspective, evidence-based medicine and alternative and complementary medicine, and medical knowledge and the challenge of social constructivism. Some of those topics are approached both from a theoretical and empirical perspective. The <i>educational focus</i> is on philosophy of medicine, including medical ethics, clinical decision theory and research methodology. Obligatory courses in those subjects are given for students in medicine, odontology, molecular biomedicine, pre- and post graduate students in public health, and several courses for post graduate students every year.</p> <p>The group leader Peter Hancke Rossel is associate professor. His research has focused on informed consent in medical therapy and research, comprising both empirical and theoretical studies, e.g. the normative justification of informed consent in different settings. His current research interest focuses on priority setting in health care and especially the growing field of experimental, naturalized ethics in an evolutionary perspective.</p>				

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<b>Description of the group and its activities</b>				
<p>Two centres represent Finland in this application: the <u>Finnish Society for Philosophy of Medicine</u> (FSPM) and the <u>Centre for Social Ethics</u>.</p> <p>The FSPM was established in 1994 and it was approved a member of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies in 2004. The purpose of the FSPM is to promote research in the philosophy of medicine and inform its members, the scientific community and society about new research. The society arranges meetings and symposia and encourages publication in the area of philosophy of medicine.</p> <p>The Centre for Social Ethics is located at the Department of Systematic Theology, University of Helsinki. The centre hosts 10-15 researchers who study different topics in social ethics. The interests of the centre cover bioethical issues, health care ethics, political ethics and ethics of technology. Most of the researchers write their doctoral dissertations but there are also senior researchers involved. The Center also offers lectures, courses and tutoring.</p> <p>The group leader Pekka Louhiala is both MD and PhD. He works as University lecturer in medical ethics at the University of Helsinki and as a part-time paediatrician in private practice. His current research interests include conceptual issues in medicine, for example the concepts of placebo and evidence-based medicine.</p>				



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<b>Description of the group and its activities</b> <p><u>The Section for Medical Ethics</u> belongs to the Institute of General Practice and Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo. The Section is a national, interdisciplinary centre for research, teaching and information in medical ethics. Four areas have been selected and given equal priority: (1) Ethical issues in clinical medicine, including issues arising from the work of Clinical Ethics Committees in Norwegian hospitals, (2) questions related to the normative basis of medicine, (3) research ethics and (4) resource allocation. Throughout the years fellows with a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds have been recruited (theology, philosophy, political science, medicine, nursing science as well as engineering). 12 research fellows have defended their doctoral dissertations to date.</p> <p>At present the Section has 3 full-time and 2 part-time professorial positions. 12 research fellows are affiliated to the Section: 2 with postdoctoral scholarships and 10 with doctoral scholarships.</p> <p>The group leader Øivind Michelsen is a philosopher and PhD student at the Section for Medical Ethics. He is currently working on a project about the use of racial population categories in genetic research. The project aims to analyse ethical and health political dimensions of current practices for recruitment of subject populations in medical ethics.</p>			

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<b>Description of the group and its activities</b>			
<p>The <u>Centre for Ethics at the University of Iceland</u> is a forum for interdisciplinary co-operation in the field of practical ethics. Its defined main objectives are to strengthen and co-ordinate ethics research at the University of Iceland; to co-operate with other research centres in the field, both domestically and internationally; to publish in the field of ethics; to advise in matters of practical ethics and to contribute to public dialogue in the field by organizing seminars. The main areas of research at the centre have been ethics of medicine and health care, bioethics and environmental ethics. In co-operation with the Department of Philosophy, the centre oversees the Master's programme in professional and applied ethics with a special emphasis on bioethics, business ethics and environmental ethics. The centre has employed a director, Salvör Nordal, MPhil, but the researchers have come from the University of Iceland, University of Akureyri and The Icelandic University of Education.</p> <p>The group leader Vilhjalmur Arnason is professor of philosophy and chairman of the Department of Philosophy of the Centre for Ethics Research. His research focuses on ethical and social implications of genetics and biotechnology.</p>			

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interdisciplinary research regarding the ethical issues pertaining to science, society and research activities

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**Description of the group and its activities**

The Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu (CEUT), is an interdisciplinary unit involving philosophers, medical doctors, lawyers, biologists, social scientists and scholars from other disciplines within the university. The Centre's main objectives include: interdisciplinary research regarding the ethical issues pertaining to science, society and research activities; furthering reflection upon norms, values and questions of justice in Estonian society through organizing public lectures, meetings, seminars and discussions; coordinating and improving the teaching of ethics at the University of Tartu, preparing, compiling and publishing anthologies and textbooks on ethics and developing contacts with other ethics centres and organizing visits by guest lecturers. The Centre has successfully participated in several international research projects: for example, ELSAGEN (5th FP) project focusing on the ethical, legal and social aspects of Human Genetic Databases, NorFa (Nordic Academy for Advanced Studies) research network on Ethics of Genetic and Medical Information and FASTER (6th FP) - a feasibility study on ethics documentation, information and communication. Additionally, the Centre is involved in a number of nationally-funded research projects, e.g. in a project funded by the Ministry of Social Affairs which aims at providing ethical analysis of the set-up of the national digital health record service.

The group leader Margit Sutrop is professor of Moral Philosophy and the Head of the Department of Philosophy and Director of the interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics at the University of Tartu. Since 2004 she is a member of the Academia Europaea (London). She is also a member of the Estonian Council of Bioethics and the Clinical Committee of the Tartu University Hospital. Her current research interests are moral and political philosophy, bioethics and aesthetics. In bioethics her research has mainly focused on the ethical and social issues of human genetic databases and pharmacogenetics.

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<b>Description of the group and its activities</b>			
<p>The <u>Department of Medical History and Ethics</u> was founded at the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University in 2002. The main mission of the Department is to introduce Medical Humanities into the curriculum of future health care professionals (following medical humanities courses taught to the students of the Faculty: introduction to philosophy, philosophy of medicine, medical ethics, health law and history of medicine). The main research field is conceptual and normative issues of biomedical research. The Department takes an active role in international collaboration. One example of such collaboration is the Regional Bioethics Information Centre supported by UNESCO. The Department has also been engaged as a partner in several EU projects on research ethics.</p> <p>The <u>Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences</u> is an integral division of Kaunas University of Medicine since 1963. The DPSS participates in the Undergraduate, Master and Postgraduate training programmes within 5 major faculties of university, including Medicine, Odontology, Pharmacy, Public Health and Nursing faculties (in total 500-600 students each year). The DPSS offers a number of mandatory and elective courses including such major courses as Philosophy, Ethics, Sociology, Management, Psychology etc. and other related interdisciplinary courses (Bioethics, Medical Anthropology, Nursing Ethics, Health Care Ethics and Law etc). Since 2005 the DPSS is coordinating and organizing the postgraduate course "Bioethics" (160 academic hours) for PhD students. The DPSS is also involved in teaching some courses for international medical students (in English).</p> <p>The group leader Eugenijus Gefenas is Director of the Department of Medical History and Ethics at the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University. His international activities include membership in the Council of Europe Bioethics Committee and the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO. He is also member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Bioethics. The areas of his professional interest include the analysis of the development of bioethics in the transition society as well as ethical aspects of health care reform and resource allocation.</p>			

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