



Research Ethics Network in CEE | Newsletter #6

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the sixth edition of our Network Newsletter!

You'll find in it a reminder of recent invitation to come on a research visit to the Department of Medical History and Ethics, Vilnius University, as well as information about some other funding opportunities and links to some publications by alumni and faculty.

Sincerely,
Vilnius Team

Research visits to Vilnius

Alumni of the Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics from countries that are currently classified as low- or middle-income countries by the World Bank are invited to come on a research visit to the Department of Medical History and Ethics, Vilnius University. Currently eligible countries are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

During the stay alumni are expected to work on selected topics in Research Ethics. The applicants are encouraged to focus on evaluation of the quality of research ethics review systems, policy change at the institutional or national level leading to improvement in research ethics review systems, or any other research ethics issue relevant to their respective countries or the region. Results are expected to lead to peer-reviewed publication.

Several fellows may submit proposal for a joint visit to engage in a collaborative work. Visits can also be combined with meetings with representatives of Lithuanian Bioethics Committee and Vilnius Regional Biomedical Research Ethics Committee (based at Medical faculty of Vilnius University).

Duration of a visit: 3-7 days

Visit time: November 2015 – March 2016

Funding: A limited number of scholarships will be awarded on competitive basis. This will include reimbursement of economy class airfare, plus \$200/day for hotel and \$125/day for meals and incidentals.

Please send two-page description of research topic, planned outcome and planned dates of your research visit to Eugenijus Gefenas at eugenijus.gefenas@mf.vu.lt until the 10th of October 2015.

Funding opportunity: Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in HIV Research on Key Populations

US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH), National Institutes of Health are issuing a new program announcement for grants on Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in HIV Research on Key Populations, PAR 15-328 and PAR 15-327:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-328.html>

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(Please note that this new funding opportunity is distinct from the Program Announcement on Ethical Issues in Research on HIV/AIDS and its Co-Morbidities PAR 12-275 and PAR 12-274,

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-275.html>

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-274.html>

This new program announcement seeks applications to addresses ethical, legal, and policy challenges in HIV-related research and program implementation among key populations. The term “key populations” describes populations that experience high risk of HIV acquisition due to certain behaviors and risk exposures. The 2014 WHO guidance addresses five key populations: (1) men who have sex with men; (2) people who inject drugs; (3) people in prisons and other closed settings; (4) sex workers and (5) transgender people. This FOA calls for research related to those five groups and also includes research related to adolescent girls and young women at high risk of HIV acquisition or living with HIV.

The program announcement invites proposals involving conceptual or empirical work or a combination of the two. Projects involving empirical methods may use qualitative or quantitative methods or both. Applications from foreign and domestic institutions are accepted. A detailed list of topics of interest is included in the program announcement; other topics not listed that fall within the scope of the FOA are also allowed.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to contact one of the program officers (scientific contacts) listed on the program announcement when considering submitting an application. As always, questions can be directed to program officers at any time.

The first application due date for these PARs is January 7th, 2016.

Links to the program announcements are found here:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-327.html>

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New papers by Program alumni and faculty

Human Rights as a Fundament of Bioethics

Veronika Hulová

Ethics & Bioethics

The Grand Leap of the Whale up the Niagara Falls

Soren Holm

Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics

Contraception and prevention of HIV transmission: a potential conflict of public health principles

Lisa B Haddad, Sean Philpott-Jones, Toby Schonfeld

J Fam Plann Reprod Health Care

Fertility preservation in cancer patients: The global framework001111-X/abstract)

Alma Linkevičiūtė et al.

Cancer Treatment Reviews

As always, we hope you enjoyed this update. You are encouraged to share information on your recent accomplishments and any other news that could be interesting and/or useful to Network members. One way to do this is via our [Network Facebook Page](#).

Please also send your news to Vilius Dranseika, vilius.dranseika@fsf.vu.lt

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