

## Research Ethics Network in CEE | Newsletter #2

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**Dear Alumni,**

We would like to share with you very good news. Funding of Advanced Certificate Program was renewed for another period of five years and this will make it possible to train two more cohorts of Program fellows. Proseminar of Cohort 5 will be held in Vilnius in August 2014.

Please find below the Call for applications (also available on the [Program website](#)). We would appreciate very much if you distributed this call to the interested colleagues and potential candidates in your own or other eligible countries.

Best wishes,  
Marty, Eugenijus, and Sean



**Dear Colleagues,**

Welcome to the second edition of our Network Newsletter. It includes some Program news and information on recent activities of Program alumni. I am sure that there's much more happening than I am aware of and therefore I invite you once again 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 new [Network Facebook Page](#). I hope that it will turn out to be a useful tool to facilitate interactions between Network members.

Sincerely,

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# Program News

## Application information

The Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics for Central and Eastern Europe is

preparing to recruit its fifth cohort of trainees and we are seeking your help in recruiting promising candidates.

We are looking for individuals who are currently involved in administering, conducting or teaching research methods or research ethics in low- and middle-income Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the Central Asian Republics. Previous Program fellows have been bioethicists, biomedical scientists, ethics committee members, lawyers, managers, nurses, philosophers, physicians, researchers and social scientists.

We can only accept candidates from countries in Central and Eastern Europe or Central Asia that are considered to be low or middle income according to the World Bank. Applicants must be current residents of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Applications from residents of other countries cannot be considered at this time.

The program is a seven-course (approximately 16 month) graduate-level program in international research ethics. Most of the courses occur online, but Fellows attend two on-site courses: an eight-day Proseminar in Vilnius, Lithuania (scheduled for August 17-24, 2014) and a weeklong practicum/capstone the following summer (dates and location TBD).

The Program provides support for travel to these two on-site courses, as well as books, Internet access, and an additional stipend to cover the costs of an individual research project. Upon successful completion of their certificate, outstanding graduates from the Certificate Program may also be invited to enroll (with a full scholarship) in the Bioethics Program of Union Graduate College and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where they can receive a Masters of Science in Bioethics upon completion of six additional courses. The basic admission requirements for applicants are as follows:

- They must be fluent (speaking, reading, writing) in English.
- They must have access to an up-to-date computer with Internet connection.
- They must hold a degree beyond the BA or diploma and have substantial administrative, teaching, research, or clinical experience relevant to research ethics.
- They must provide evidence of ability to implement the results of their education.

As soon as possible, please let us know of any qualified individuals you work with (or colleagues of colleagues you work with) who might be interested in this program. Applications are due March 31, 2014. Potential applicants who want more information, or who want to start the application process, can do so on Program website (<http://researchethicseurope.com>).

It is worth mentioning here that under the new funding scheme alumni are eligible for in-country support grants of \$5000/year. Call for proposals will be issued in the coming months.

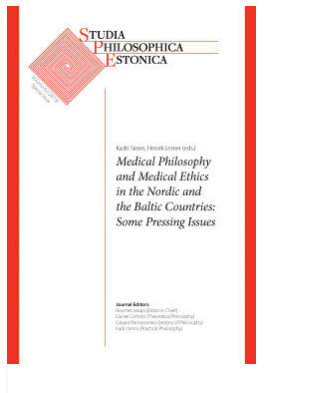


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A Facebook Group of our Network was created. If you are on Facebook, you are invited to join it and share messages with other alumni and faculty members.

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## Alumni News



Medical Philosophy and Medical Ethics in the Nordic and the Baltic Countries – a new special issue of *Studia Philosophica Estonica* – includes two articles by Program alumni. Truth-telling and the Asymmetry of the Attitude to Truth-telling to Dying Patients in Latvia by Vents Silis and his colleagues and Risk Communication in Assisted Reproduction in Latvia: From Private Experience to Ethical Issues by Signe Mezinska and her colleague.

The team consisting of 4 alumni and faculty members of the CEE Program in Research Ethics: Weronika Chanska, Marek Czarkowski, Sean Philpott, and Joanna Rozynska; and Pawel Lukow, has been selected by the [Foundation for Polish Science](#) to conduct trainings on “Ethics in Science” for program officers of the two main Polish national research funding agencies – National Center for Science and National Center for Research and Development.



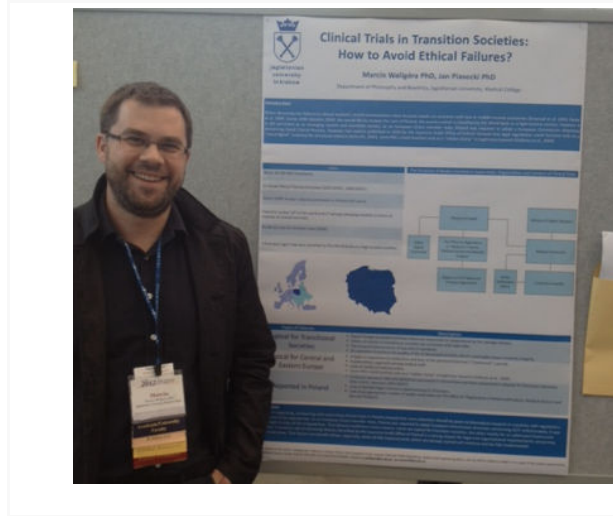
The “Ethics in Science” module consists of 3 on-site trainings in research ethics for 3 groups of about 30 programme officers working for the Polish research funding agencies who are either in charge of grant programs or are involved in the funding process. The trainings will be organized between October 2013 and February 2014. They will be conducted in English. Each of them will take 2 days and will be conducted by 4 experts. The training is divided into 6 thematic sessions: science and ethos of researchers; responsible conduct of research and scientific misconduct; conflict of interest and peer review; animal research; research involving human subjects; research in new biotechnologies.

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During the first half of year 2013 Program alumni Yuliya A. Vishneuskaya and Andrei Famenka have constructed and taught a blended learning course on Research Ethics (in Russian) to the students of the International Sakharov Environmental University (Minsk, Belarus).

Course materials will be made available on [Program website](#). There will also be materials of a Research Ethics course in Croatian (coordinated by Goran Mijaljica) and a course in Moldovan / Romanian (coordinated by Rodica Gramma and Adriana Paladi).

Marcin Waligora attended the PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research) meeting in San Diego in December, 2012. His presentation was entitled "Clinical Trials in Transition Societies: How to Avoid Ethical Failures?"



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In January 2013 Program alumna Katarina Zeljic taught a short course on Research Integrity for PhD students at the Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade.

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## Translation of study materials

In the first issue of Newsletter it was mentioned that an effort was initiated to translate materials developed by the Program as well as the [European Textbook on Ethics in Research](#) into several languages: Russian, Romanian, Moldovan, Georgian, Lithuanian, Serbian, and Croatian.

New translated materials were made available for download since the last Newsletter. You can find them on the [Program website](#). More will follow shortly.

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I hope you have enjoyed this update. Please send your news to:

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