



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

Research Ethics Network in CEE | Newsletter #12

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the twelfth edition of our Network Newsletter! It includes the last call for presentations for meeting of current trainees, alumni, and other Fogarty Program faculty and students in Riga, Latvia, August 9-11, 2017. Please consider submitting your proposal! You will also find other information relevant to our network.

Sincerely,
Vilnius team

Last call. Riga meeting



The Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics for Central and Eastern Europe, sponsored by Clarkson University (USA) and Vilnius University (Lithuania), is hosting a meeting of its current trainees, alumni, and other Fogarty Program faculty and students in Riga, Latvia, August 9-11, 2017.

The theme of this Network Meeting is "Transcending Borders: Building and Sustaining a Bioethics Network for Low- and Middle-Income Countries"

The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways of building and sustaining a global network of bioethicists, with a particular emphasis on supporting future collaborative action to build and maintain ethics capacity in low- and middle-income countries.

Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to challenges faced by bioethicists working in low- and middle-income countries; current understanding (or lack thereof) of ethics practices and policies in various countries and regions of the world; approaches for building and maintaining robust ethics infrastructure in the face of economic instability and political uncertainty; and opportunities for developing new national and international collaborations in bioethics.

We would like to invite Fogarty Program faculty, alumni, and trainees interested in participating to submit proposals for oral presentation, panel sessions, papers and "laptop" posters (in which presenters describe research findings or best practices on a laptop computer to a small audience).

We encourage submissions from all faculty, alumni, and trainees, even those who reside in high-income countries. Priority will be given to those who, as per the mission of the Fogarty International Center, reside in a low- or middle-income country. A limited number of slots is available. If your paper is accepted, the Advanced Certificate Program will provide round-trip economy transportation to/from Riga, three nights accommodation, and provide a per diem to cover the cost of meals and incidentals.

A brief abstract of 250-300 words should be submitted no later than Monday, April 10th, 2017. Abstracts should be submitted simultaneously via email to the Organizing Chairs at sphilpot@clarkson.edu and eugenijus.gefenas@mf.vu.lt.

All abstracts should be in Word or RTF formats and contain the following information:

a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract, f) type of presentation (oral paper, panel or poster), and g) 3 keywords.

Panel presentations should consist of three to four abstracts organized around a central topic of direct relevance to the conference theme. Please use a plain sans serif 12-point font and abstain from using footnotes and any special formatting, characters or emphasis (such as bold, italics or underline).

The conference organizers will acknowledge receipt and answer all proposals submitted. Acceptances will be sent to submitters no later than Monday, April 24th, 2017.

EUREC workshop scholarships

The European Network of Research Ethics Committees (EUREC) offers two scholarships for the alumni and fellows of the Advanced Certificate Program covering the costs (travel and accommodation) of attending the European Congress of Research Ethics Committees “The future of Research Ethics Committees in Europe: Creating the way to innovation”. The Congress will be taking place in Barcelona from 17th to 19th of May 2017. Those willing to get the scholarship are supposed to prepare presentations for the poster and communication session on Friday, 19th of May, 2017 (<https://eurec-anceicongresbarcelona2017.org/information-in-english/program/>). Please follow the guide for submitting the abstracts [here](#) and send your abstract to Eugenijus Gefenas eugenijus.gefenas@mf.vu.lt and the Barcelona congress organizers at info@ancei.es by the 15th of April, 2017.



The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Revised Edition



All European Academies (ALLEA) published a revised edition of The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. The document can be accessed [here](#).

Webinar

The Bioethics Program of Clarkson University and the Icahn School of Medicine invites you to join the next webinar in the monthly webinar series.

Prof. Beth Roxland, JD, MBioethics, will be speaking on "Terminally-Ill Patients' Access to Experimental Therapies - Ethical and Legal Debates Surrounding 'Compassionate Use' and 'Right to Try' Policies" on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, from 12 PM - 1 PM EDT.

RSVP using [this link](#).

Training Opportunity: National Institutes of Health IRB Internship Program Fall 2017

Members of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), IRB administrators, research ethics committees, tribal governance bodies, and others who are currently employed in positions related to research participant protections are invited to apply for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) IRB Internship Program.



The Department of Bioethics, NIH, offers an IRB internship each fall. Selected interns will observe meetings of intramural IRBs, shadow IRB staff, attend the NIH human subjects research ethics course, attend IRB training courses and staff meetings, and take part in various seminars offered by the Department of Bioethics. Interns may also participate in elective activities, such as visiting the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) or serving as ad hoc reviewers of IRB protocols, depending on interest and expertise. Interns will be given a workspace in the

Department of Bioethics within the NIH Clinical Center.

Participants will be presented with a Certificate upon successful completion of the internship. The program runs from early-September to mid-December.

Program Requirements

Completion of the application packet. The application deadline is April 30, 2017.

An interest in learning more about U.S. Federal human subjects protections, IRB administration and function, and bioethics, with the goal of enhancing involvement in these activities at the applicant's home institution. There are no specific educational prerequisites. International candidates are welcome to apply.

Institutional or community endorsement of the application, including a statement describing how the applicant is involved in, or will be involved in, IRB review or research ethics oversight at their institution and/or within their community; and how participation in the NIH internship program will enhance involvement in these activities. Such involvement might be as a member of an IRB or research committee, having a role in setting human subjects protection policy, or as an academic in a related field.

Proficiency in English

There is no charge for the program. The Department offers a stipend to cover round trip economy class travel expenses from the intern's home city to Bethesda, MD, as well as living expenses for the approximately 3½ month duration of the internship, up to a total of USD \$15,000 for international trainees. The Department does not have accommodations to offer; interns typically find short-term rentals in the local/Bethesda area near NIH.

Application Packet

To apply, please submit the following:

Statement of interest in the program, including a description of current position related to research participant protections, how the internship will be useful for that work in the home institution or community, and what one hopes to learn from participation.

Institutional, community, or tribe endorsement letter from an official or community leader. The endorsement should include a statement on how the internship relates to the applicant's duties or responsibilities within their home institution or community.

Curriculum vitae.

If your native language is not English, evidence of English proficiency, such as TOEFL score, IELTS score, or previous education at English-speaking institutions.

Preferred File Format: We prefer receiving documents as PDF (.pdf) formatted documents.

Applications for the Fall 2017 session will be accepted between April 1st - April 30th, 2017.

Submit your completed applications to bioethics-inquiries@mail.nih.gov with "IRB Training Program 2017 – [APPLICANT LAST NAME, FIRST NAME]" in the subject line.

Alternatively, applications may be mailed to the following address:

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Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health
10 Center Drive, Suite 1C118

Bethesda, MD 20892-1156

USA

Please note that mailed applications need to be received by the April 30, 2017 deadline in order to be considered.

Applicants will be notified on or before May 27, 2017, by letter or e-mail.

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

You can access older newsletters [here](#).

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

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