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Welcome to the International Focus Programme Handbook!

Dear Network,

You are reading the updated Handbook for the International Focus Programme (IFP). The Handbook gives you an overview of the programme itself, the current topic of the IFP and the possibilities that are available for your group on a local, national and international level. I would like to thank my predecessor Sofia Kallio, who wrote the first edition of this Handbook for the new IFP topic. I have kept the structure and updated its content with some new information and sections.

Throughout its creation, the IFP has given law students a possibility to learn more about a certain legal field, guided their decision about their future careers and given them valuable experiences and contacts. These are continuously great reasons for you to become active and organize events within the IFP!

During the International Council Meeting (ICM) in Malta, Spring 2010, the Council decided upon a new IFP topic. After focusing on Intellectual Property, the ELSA Network takes a look at Health Law for the period 2010–2013. This topic creates possibilities for new partnerships, new kinds of activities and new motivation. This is the last year of implementation for the current IFP topic and the major international projects will be the Final Conference, which will be held in Gdansk, Poland, and the Final Publication. ELSA International and the Director for the IFP are always available for questions and advice with regards to your IFP projects.

On behalf of ELSA International I invite you to go through the IFP Handbook, brainstorm about your possibilities and get active within Health Law! And don’t forget to evaluate properly your IPF events!

Best wishes for your IFP projects,

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International Focus Programme (IFP)

What is the International Focus Programme?

ELSA International introduced the International Focus Programme (IFP) in 1994 to provide the network with an opportunity to work together on a hot legal topic, thus creating a pan European forum that allows continuity within ELSA and setting a common focus to work towards.

In the IFP framework local and national groups work together with ELSA International and legal institutions to build a concrete knowledge base and to organize events, such as seminars, conferences, legal research groups, debates, moot court competitions, publications and traineeships, that will have an impact on law students, society and the international community.

The main objectives of the International Focus Programme are:

- To make use of the unique ELSA Network in order to create awareness amongst today’s law students, tomorrow’s lawyers.
- To create a forum where law students and young lawyers can gather and discuss a contemporary theme.
- To utilize the ELSA Network in a programme that directly involves all Local Groups in similar activities.
- To set out a common goal for all members to work towards.
- To give law students and young lawyers all over Europe a voice by gathering their diverse opinions and ideas.
- To implement the vision of ELSA’s philosophy statement: “A just world in which there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity”.

IFPs are usually concluded with a major international conference and/or a publication that encapsulates the outcome of the work made within the frames of the IFP. This final publication includes input data from all reported events (based on the supplied information within the SotN Reports) and draws conclusions that seek to contribute to the European legal education.
The Final Conference for the current topic “Health Law” will take place in Gdansk, Poland, May 2013.

ELSA’s high standards guarantee that the IFP takes on cutting edge legal issues in an effort to engage as many students and supporters as possible.

Previous IFP themes include:

- “A Just World: A new role for lawyers, legal education and law in development” (95–97)
- “The Law of Peace in the Year 2000 – current violations and effective enforcement of international law; the reform of international organizations” (97–99)
- “Information Society – the Legal Challenges: Application of New Technologies, Protection of Individuals and the Legislative Response.” (00–02)
- “Trade Law – a Way for Sustainable Development” (03–05)
- “25 Years of Legal Development” (06–07)
- “Intellectual Property Law” (07–10)
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IFP in the Decision Book

At the ICM in Nuremberg (Autumn 2008) the IFP section within the Decision Book has been completely renewed. Now we have clear and structured regulations for the IFP where the different responsibilities of all three levels are listed. Therefore, we want to show you here the accordant section of the Decision Book.

International Focus Programme

1. Introduction

1.1 The aim of the International Focus Programme is to have a specific theme for whole ELSA over a fixed term. Therefore ELSA creates a forum where law students and young lawyers can gather and discuss a current theme at various activities. This will allow consolidating ELSA’s work and producing concrete results of a high standard.

1.2 The theme reflects a 'hot legal topic' in Europe and the world, thereby enabling ELSA as the largest independent law students’ organisation in the world by using the unique ELSA network to create awareness amongst today’s law students, young lawyers, society and the international community.

1.3 The chosen theme considers that we, as law students and young lawyers, can have an impact on the environment we are living in, on the development of our own countries, Europe and even the world by giving law students and young lawyers all over Europe a voice and gathering all their diverse opinions and ideas.

2. Implementation of the IFP

2.1 The Council decides upon the IFP topic, its duration and its Final IFP result.
2.2 The topic shall be:
• versatile, thereby representing ELSA`s cultural diversity
• internationally relevant
• with academic discussion potential
• with an impact on everyday life, thereby generating interest towards the topic
• attractive to sponsors at all levels.

2.3 The duration will be not less than one year.

2.4 The Final IFP Result is decided by the Council when the topic and duration is set. The result can be a Final IFP Conference and/or a Final IFP Publication, shall be decided when the topic and duration of the IFP is decided by the Council.

2.5 Implementation of the IFP is solely a recommendation to the Network, and cannot, in any way, be enforced. However, ELSA International is responsible for making sure the Network is stimulated and informed to implement the IFP in all key areas. The Network therefore is responsible for promotion of the IFP and organising activities as much as possible and feasible.

2.6 The IFP shall be implemented in all Key Areas: AA, S&C and STEP.

2.7 The IFP would be considered implemented if: A minimum of 50 percent of national groups organises IFP events; when the total amount of organised IFP events in the network are at least 25 percent of all ELSA events organised; and if a Final IFP Result is concluded.

2.8 There should be a final IFP conference and shall be a final IFP Publication

3. Evaluation

3.1 All IFP related events shall be evaluated. Local groups as well as National Groups assure that the evaluation forms are filled in and send to ELSA International in due time.
3.2 After each IFP, preferable at each ICM, every national group shall submit an Activity Report on the IFP implementation. These Activity Reports shall include the specific events organised and the evaluation forms of each of these events. They serve ELSA in future evaluation of the IFP and in finalizing the final IFP results.

4. Responsibilities

4.1 Taking into consideration article 2.5, acknowledging the fact that the IFP is solely a recommendation to the Network, the responsibilities of ELSA International and the responsibilities of the national and local groups (if applicable) are:

4.2. Responsibilities of the local group

• Inform and advise members as well as other interested persons about the IFP events and available opportunities within the IFP;
• Implement the IFP by organising events within AA and S&C Key Areas; and traineeships for STEP;
• Contribute to the Final IFP Result (if any), and
• Submit the completed IFP Evaluation Form and other relevant information to ELSA International and respective National Board at the end of each event organised.
• Submit a summary for the IFP publication about the main results of the IFP event organized to the international and respective national board.

4.3. Responsibilities of the national group

• Promote the IFP: the Final IFP Results, the Events organised throughout the entire network and stimulation of implementation of the IFP in all Key Areas;
• Forward all information on the IFP received to the local groups;
• Provide necessary training, information and other assistance to local groups to organise IFP events;
• Participate in the research for finding the best “hot legal topic” and subtopics for the IFP;
• Ensure that all local groups submit Evaluation Forms to them at the end of each event organised, and
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• Evaluate all the information received on the national level and submit the activity report to ELSA International at the end of the IFP and at every ICM including a list of the specific events organised and the evaluation forms of each of these events.
• Encourage the local groups to submit articles for the IFP publication

4.4. Responsibilities of ELSA International
• Overall coordination of the implementation of the IFP;
• Coordinate the research for finding the best “hot legal topic” and subtopics for the IFP;
• Make sure during every last International Council Meeting before the period for an IFP finishes a proposal for a topic and subtopics will be put into voting according to the results of the before mentioned research;
• Establish contacts necessary for the high standard of IFP events and communicate them to the network;
• Creating an IFP Manual, and keep it updated;
• Publish at least one article on the IFP in every issue of Synergy;
• Promote the IFP: the Final IFP Results, the Events organised throughout the entire network and stimulation of implementation of the IFP in all Key Areas;
• Provide necessary training, information and other assistance to national and local groups;
• Ensure that the IFP Policies are working properly;
• Ensure that all groups submit Evaluation Forms at the end of each event organised;
• Report to the Network over the ELSA INFO list about the beginning and outcome of the IFP, and if necessary periodically in between about any other matter which is found necessary to share with the Network;
• Encourage the national groups to apply for the host for the Final IFP Conference (if any) and assist in its organisation;
• Ensure that the Final IFP Publication (if any) is finalised, and
• Collect all IFP Activity Reports and articles from the ELSA network and prepare the information for evaluation;
• Ensure that there are also articles and reports by professionals and lectures in the IFP publication.
The current IFP topic (2010–2013): Health Law

Health Law is the law, rules, regulations and other jurisprudence that cover a wide range of legal concerns from healthcare law, mental health, public health, technology and medical care, to medicine, and the entire healthcare field, including specific laws governing the health industry: physicians, nurses, hospitals and health systems, health maintenance organizations, health insurers, managed care companies, nursing facilities, home care providers, and the relationship among them and patients.

Health Law is a developing area of law internationally, and it offers a great deal of possibilities for organizing academic events. The ELSA Network is an especially beneficial forum for the discussion, since the issues that Health Law deals with are common for all, but the approaches and legal solutions are widely depending on the culture, religion and political situation of the country. The global or European problems regarding health have to be solved with global or European means, and wide discussion of the values behind the legislation is needed. As people travel and move more frequently from one country to another, the questions of access to health care, health insurance or combating pandemics become more and more relevant.

Health Law is an interesting field also because the issues related to it also feed our artistic imagination: there are numerous films made with regards to cloning of human beings. What is interesting for a lawyer is that whatever the science can create, we still need common rules and regulation to decide what kind of methods can be used and for what we can use the outcome.

In order to master the legislation concerning health care, bioresearch and medication, it is crucial to understand also the relevant ethical, scientific and financial aspects. The questions concerning Health Law concern also some fundamental questions: where does life begin and where does it end; who has the right to decide about the health and treatment of a patient or an unborn child; how much should science change the natural course of things for example in reproduction and genetics; what is “natural”? 
Traditionally, Health Law has been associated with medical law, covering the legal aspects of medical practice, such as malpractice suits and patients’ rights. In the current society, the doctor-patient relationship is changing due to a change of perspective – the target of the treatments is actually a client instead of a patient, and the doctor is assisting the patient in giving the treatments instead of paternalistically making the decisions. Another development is the borderline of public and private health care turning more vague, thereby causing numerous legal problems in the position of the patient.

Also the previous topic of the International Focus Programme, Intellectual Property, still plays an important role in the topics of the ELSA events. Pharmaceutical companies depend on patenting their innovations and trademark law is important to master for a lawyer in the field of pharmaceuticals. Intellectual Property and Health Law have even more in common, when it comes to biomedical research: the Human Rights approach is needed when examining the legal framework of stem cell research, especially concerning embryonic stem cells, and the commercialisation of products and innovations with human origin.

Concerning research, the activities are naturally conducted by international research institutions and groups, or at least the funding of the projects has international ties. The research activities have traditionally been under the self-regulation of the field and soft law instruments are important, but nevertheless, international legal instruments have been made within the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

On the European level, an interesting document is the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (Oviedo Convention) of 1997 and its four additional protocols concerning the transplantation of organs and tissues of human origin, biomedical research, cloning and genetic testing. The Convention is currently signed by 26 European countries, but holds even more influence due to the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. The Convention was drafted within the Council of Europe which also deals with Health Law through, for example, the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Health Care, the Steering Committee on Bioethics and the European Health Committee.
The role of the European Union with regards to Health Law is also interesting. Even though the field is still under the discretion of the national legislator, the access to health care is listed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the questions regarding patient mobility are becoming more and more important. In addition, several agencies of the European Union deal with Health Law legislation and monitoring, for example the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki, the European Medicines Agency (EMEA) in London and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in Parma. Regarding bioresearch, it is without a doubt that the European Union also has to look at the developments taking place in the USA and in Asia in order to keep up with the pace.
IFP international projects 2011-2012

ELSA-IPSF Joint Research Project

The Research Project in the area of Health Law was launched in 2011 by ELSA in cooperation with IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation and FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation). The specific topic have worked on was “Competition Law and Pharmacy Law – How they integrate with each other and how they clash”. Two students (one from ELSA and one from IPSF) moved to The Hague to work together on this project under the supervision of FIP professionals. The main part of the project, in fact, will take place in the headquarters of FIP in the judicial capital of Europe, in The Netherlands. The academic results have been presented during IPSF Congress, FIP Congress and ELSA IFP Mid-Evaluation Conference.

IV IFP Essay Competition

The IV IFP Essay Competition was launched during the ICM Palermo in order to present the vision of law students in Europe regarding the topic “Right to Healthcare: how will healthcare claims affect healthcare system”. The right to healthcare has been generally accepted as a fundamental human right, though merely a social right and therefore not legally enforceable in court. Nonetheless, some legal systems recognize the justiciability of the right to health. This has created opportunities to individual patients claiming healthcare access. As a link between state and citizens, it rising up the question: how will healthcare claims affect healthcare system?

The best essays will be published on the website of the European Social Charter by the Council of Europe and on the website of the IFP Essay Competition www.elsa-essay-competition.org.

The V IFP Essay Competition is expected to be launched by ELSA International in Autumn 2012, but remember: being a local or a national officer, it is always up to you to initiate and organize new IFP Essay Competitions at a local, national or international level. For more details on HOW to make it, please, contact the VP AA of your National Group or the VP AA of ELSA International.
IFP Mid-Evaluation Conference on IFP

The biggest IFP event in Seminars & Conferences area for 2012 was the Mid-Evaluation Conference, which took place in Trieste, Italy, from 16th to 22nd of April and focused on the specific topic “Mental Health & Human Rights”. The aim of the event was to give the chance for interested student and young graduates of different countries to work with colleagues of other nationalities, study the level of national and international protection of people affected by mental diseases from human rights’ violations, to discover how governments and institutions can cooperate in order to improve these levels and to understand which is the real conditions of the people affected by mental diseases and their carers in everyday life.

Final IFP Publication

In accordance to the Decision Book, implementing IFP, ELSA should have a final IFP Publication. Therefore, in strong cooperation with our IFP Academic Partner – Erasmus Observatory on Health Law, ELSA is now working on the book “Compendium on European Health Law”. This book targets at both legal professionals and law students and is expected to be published by the end of 2013.

Starting with the major topics in Health Law from a European (CoE) perspective, it will cover the patient-physician-payer relationship covering health (related) and healthcare issues. It will embrace a wide notion of health, as under art. 12 ICESCR, including:

- Underlying principles of health ethics & law
- Health and the Law
- The Organization and Financing of health care
- Human Rights in Health Care
- Specific issues in Health Care
- Health professionals
- The Future of European health law.

Each chapter will include an introduction, describing the legal framework, analysis of the law concerned, including comparative evidence, and a conclusion. Apart from describing the legal framework, the emphasis is on the analysis of the law.
**IFP Newsletter**

It became a good tradition in the end of each term in office, to update Network about implementation of IFP through IFP Newsletter. You can find last edition, following the link: [http://www.elsa.org/fileadmin/user_upload/elsa_international/PDF/IFP_Newsletter_2011.pdf](http://www.elsa.org/fileadmin/user_upload/elsa_international/PDF/IFP_Newsletter_2011.pdf)

Beside you may consider this Newsletter as a good tool to promote upcoming events, to share your past experience or to attract other law students with the Health Law related topic you are interested in by writing an article. You can also raise the awareness about what is IFP in ELSA and to attract your members with Health Law by spreading Newsletter through your national mailing-lists, social networks, printing and giving hard copies to your University, potential partners etc.

**Become active: Organize IFP Events!**

There are a million things you can do in the ELSA network either at a local, national or even international level, and Health Law can fit in each and every one of them. We know that advisory, assistance and good contacts are important factors for the success of your events. If you have problems finding such support, contact us and maybe we can help you!

**S&C Area**

The most obvious yet highly effective way to raise awareness on Health Law, namely seminars and conferences, are very fruitful and relatively easy to implement. Seminars and Conferences usually attract a good deal of sponsors, as attendance is high and according to the results of the ELSA Market Research they are one of the most desired activities both for members and non-members. You can also organize Summer Law Schools, Legal Debates, Panel Discussions...as you may see there are many possibilities, you only have to be creative!
Study Visits

Study Visits are very attractive activities for ELSA members and you can easily dedicate Academic Programme of the Study Visit to the IFP topic. You may also combine it with AA area by, for example, organizing Lawyers at Work event on IFP topic as an academic programme.

Institutional Study Visits

An endless list of institutions deals with Health Law. Examples of the most renowned ones working at the international level are the World Health Organization (WHO, seat in Geneva), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO, Rome) the European Commission (seat in Brussels), the European Food Safety Authority (Parma), the European Agency for Health and Safety at Work (EU-OSHA, Bilbao), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC, Stockholm), the European Medicines Agency (EMEA, London) and the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare within the Council of Europe (Strasbourg) which is the Human Rights Partner of ELSA. Quite a lot of universities have a Health Law centre or a widely recognized tradition and expertise in the field like the Erasmus Observatory on Health Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London.

AA Area

Moot Court Competitions

The Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (the SPS Agreement) entered into force with the establishment of World Trade Organisation. The Case of the EMC² 2010–2011 specifically deals with SPS Agreement. Through EMC², by organising a National Round, National Groups can relate their moot courts with EMC² and IFP at the same time. Besides, you may organise your own Local, National or International Moot Court on a topic, related to the Health Law. Just take the idea of mooting and combine with IFP. Be creative at this point! Not only Moot Court Competition on WTO Law might be in ELSA!

Legal Research Groups
Legal Research Groups are an integral part of any IFP and AA officers should encourage specialized researches on local, national and international levels.

**Essay Competitions and Publications**
An international IFP Essay Competition will be organised annually. In addition, the groups are encouraged to organise local, national and also international essay competition within Health Law. You can choose the topic! Do you want to organize an essay competition on a philosophical matter or do you want essays with a strictly legal perspective?

**Lawyers @ Work Events**
Lawyers @ Work Events are a great chance for our members to get in touch with the professional side of law and this topic offers many possibilities, not only among lawyers: you can also focus on international job opportunities at WHO or other organizations or Institutions dealing with Health Law.

**STEP Area**
Dear STEPpers, stop right here if you think the IFP doesn’t apply to you! Health Law can potentially offer the possibility of many STEP jobs: you can find traineeships related to Health Law in various places. Law firms specialized in Health Law, NGOs, pharmaceutical companies’ legal departments and patients’ rights centres of hospitals. It is all about imagination and research. You can also co-operate with other student organizations and talk to Health Law branches of universities. You can help students to practice their Health Law skills with offering them traineeships and help the mobility and cultural exchange.

**IFP – possibility of cooperation with other students’ organizations**

**IFMSA Highlight**
http://www.ifmsa.org
The International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA) is a non governmental organization representing associations of medical students. It was founded in May 1951, and currently maintains 102 National Member Organizations from 95 countries across six continents. The main activities of IFMSA are student exchanges and different projects. Around 10,000 medical students each year participate in international medical student exchanges, both professional and academic (research). IFMSA organizes projects, programs, seminars and workshops on areas of public health, medical education, reproductive health and human rights and peace. The goal of the Federation is to serve society and medical students all over the world through its member organisations by empowering medical students in using their knowledge and capacities for the benefit of society, providing a forum for medical students throughout the world to discuss topics related to individual and community health, education and science, promoting and facilitating professional and scientific exchanges as well as projects and extracurricular trainings for medical students and providing a link between members, medical students’ associations and international organisations, encouraging co-operation between them for the ultimate benefit of society.

Check the list below and find the National group in your country:

Segretariato Italiano degli Studenti di Medicina (SISM-Italy)
Austrian Medical Students’ Association (AMSA)
Catalan Health Sciences’ Students Association (AECS-Catalonia (Spain))
International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations the Czech Republic (IFMSA-CZ)
Association Nationale des Etudiants en Médecine de France (ANEMF - France)
German Medical Students’ Association (bvmd - Germany)
Turkish Medical Students’ International Committee (TurkMSIC - Turkey)
Hellenic Medical Students' International Committee (HelMSIC - Greece)
Macedonian Medical Students’ Association (MMSA - Macedonia)
MMSA - Malta Medical Students' Association
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations the Netherlands (IFMSA-NL)
International Federation of Medical Students’ Association Poland (IFMSA-Poland)
Portuguese Medical Students’ International Committee (ANEM/PorMSIC)
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations - Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
Spanish Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA-Spain)
Latvian Federation of Medical Students' Associations (LaMSA)
Norwegian Medical Students Association (NMSA)
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations - Sweden (IFMSA-Sweden)
Hungarian Medical Students' Medical Students’ International Committee Local Committee Debrecen (HuMSIRC-Debrecen, Hungary)
Hungarian Medical Students' Medical Students’ International Committee (HuMSIRC-Hungary)
Slovenian Medical Students' International Committee (SloMSIC - Slovenia)

**EMSA Highlight**

[www.emsa-europe.org](http://www.emsa-europe.org)

The European Medical Students’ Association (EMSA) seeks to improve the health and quality of care of the citizens of Europe, by acting as a conduit for increased interaction and sharing of knowledge between European medical students in the fields of medical education, medical ethics, medical science and European integration. EMSA currently has active Faculty Member Organizations in 24 countries throughout geographical Europe. Cooperation through the sharing of different and varied expertise can be the key for a successful event.

**IPSF Highlight**

[www.ipsf.org](http://www.ipsf.org)

The International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF) was founded in 1949 by eight pharmacy student associations in London. The Federation now represents approximately 350,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in 70 countries worldwide. IPSF initiatives focus mainly on the areas of public health, pharmacy education and professional development. The activities include public health campaigns, research on issues in pharmacy education and workforce development, a student exchange programme and the organization of international and regional congresses and symposia.
EPSA Highlight

www.epsa-online.org

ELSA’s expanding network is also affiliated with EPSA, the European Pharmaceutical Students’ Association. With presence in 33 European countries EPSA is in many countries where ELSA is also active. Medical application patents are one of the hottest topics today. If you are looking for a specialised speaker, don’t look further! Contact us and we will help you with your joint event.

ALSA Highlight

And yes, there are law students outside Europe. The Asian Law Students’ Association, which spans over 10 countries and regions, is the biggest such association in Asia and offers a lot of possibilities. Want to promote your event? Think out of the box, include Asia! Inform us about your plans and we will be happy to bring you in contact with ALSA.
IFP partner – The Erasmus Observatory on Health Law

The Erasmus Observatory on Health Law (www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl) was founded to explore health law, share in its study, and help pioneer its development. It represents a network of faculties, students, fellows, entrepreneurs, lawyers and ethicists working to identify and engage with the challenges and opportunities of health law and investigate the real and possible boundaries in health law.

The EOHL is also ELSA’s partner for the International Focus Programme and offers to our network its support for our activities and interesting opportunities for all ELSA members, such as the participation in its “Summer School on Health Law and Ethics”, which take place from the 24th of June to the 5th of July 2013 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The Summer School provides students, health professionals and practitioners, with an opportunity for intensive training in various aspects of health law and ethics over a two-weeks period, while absorbing the sights, sounds and culture unique to Rotterdam and The Netherlands.

The course is designed to enhance the preparation of health professionals confronted with legal and ethical issues. The course focuses on both theoretical and practical aspects of health law and ethics.

A Certificate of Attendance will be presented to participants who wish to take the course for academic credit.

Thanks to the agreement between ELSA and the EOHL the tuition fee for ELSA members is only 100 euros including participation, working materials and course materials (transportation, accommodation and meals are not covered by the fee). For more information, please contact ELSA International at vpsc@elsa.org.
Focus Areas

Do you still need more inputs? Here you have a list of potential Topics and some information about past events organized in the last two years.

**Health Law**

  
  *Fields of Law covered:* Health Law, Liability, Ethics and Public Health
  
  *Academic Programme:*
  
  The SLS was focused on 3 topics – Liability, Public Health law and Ethics. We were trying to combine theory with practise, lectures with workshops. We had a little Moot court at the end of the SLS.
  
  **Tomáš Vojtíšek:** The Autopsies in the Czech Republic
  
  **Filip Křepelka:** Malpractice Liability
  
  **Štěpán Holub:** Baby exchange
  
  **Lenka Pavlová:** Mediation
  
  **Judith Munson:** Public health law now! EU / US
  
  **Jakub Hanc:** The penal liability of paramedic for mistake
  
  **Ondřej Dostál:** Patient case in practical setting
  
  **Judith Munson:** The first pandemic of 21st century – Swine Flu and IHR
  
  **Maxim Tomoszek:** Clinical recommended practises
  
  **Josef Kuře:** Informed Consent
  
  **Maxim Tomoszek:** Moot Court
  
  **Ninos Abdalla:** Human Cloning
  
  Partner: Faculty of Law, Masaryk University

- **Local Health Week** (Seminar + ISV) organized by ELSA Helsinki in 2011.

  *Field of Law covered:* Health Law

  *Academic Programme:*
1st Day: 8 people visiting Orion and its legal department (Orion is an innovative European R&D-based pharmaceuticals and diagnostics company with an emphasis on developing medicinal treatments and diagnostic tests for global markets.)


3rd Day: Health law – seminar in the University of Helsinki.

Speakers: Professor Raimo Lahti (University of Helsinki), Forensic doctor Eeva Siiitonen (National Institute for Health and Welfare), Head of legal department (Orion)

Partners: University of Helsinki, Raimo Lahti

➢ National Panel Discussion “Health Law” organized by ELSA Poltava (Ukraine) in 2012.

Field of Law covered: Health Law, Public Health Law, Human Rights

Academic Programme:

1. Basic issues of activity of the healthcare establishments
   Vitaliy Pashkov, doctor of legal studies, Poltava Law Institute.

2. Practical questions in realization of health human rights.
   Oleksandr Ogloblya, Head of the Law department, Administration of healthcare, Poltava region.

   Oleksandr Lemeshko, candidate of legal sciences, Poltava Law Institute.

4. Medical enforcement actions.
   Vasilii Masiuk, candidate of legal sciences, Poltava Law Institute.

   Inna Polhovska, candidate of legal sciences, Poltava Law Institute.

Contributions by students:

1. Responsibility for rending paid medical services.
   Bohdan Strilets, 3-year student, Poltava Law Institute.

2. The right for obligatory medical examination.
   Vitaliy Nikolaichuk, 3-year student, Poltava Law Institute.

3. Defect in medical assistance and the doctor’s mistake.
   Anastasia Poltavtseva, 2-year student, Poltava Law Institute.

4. Euthanasia as a right of death.
   Olha Shyian, 2-year student, Poltava Law Institute.
Partner. National University of Juridical Academy of Ukraine

**Liability in Medical Practice/Medical Malpractice**


*Academic Programme:*

- *Biotechnology and Law* – Remédio Marques, PhD (School of Law - University of Coimbra)
- *Europe and Health* – Miguel Gorjão-Henriques; Ms in Law (School of Law - University of Coimbra)
- *Panel Discussion on Health Policies* – Fernando Gomes (Regional Director of the Portuguese Medical Association) Pedro Ferreira (Member of the Health Centre of Studies and Investigation of the University of Coimbra)
- *Panel Discussion on Legal Responsibility in Medical Practice and Health Law* Filipe Albuquerque Matos, PhD; Maria Manuel Veloso, Ms in Law; André Dias Pereira, Ms in Law; Mafalda Miranda Barbosa, Ms in Law; Rafael Vale e Reis, Ms in Law; Daniela Costa presented several topics related to “Medical Liability”.

Partners: Cooperation with one Investigation Centre on Health and Bioethics of Coimbra – “Centro de Direito Biomédico” and with the University of Coimbra.

**The Right to Health**

- Panel discussion “The right to health” organized by ELSA Torino (Italy), in 2011.

*Fields of Law covered:* Health Law, Human Rights

*Academic Programme:*

Dr. Pietro ABRUZZESE

Top Clinician of Heart Surgery at “Regina Margherita” Hospital in Turin.

*The humanitarian medicine in the EMERGENCY experience*

Mr. Michele CURTO

President of “Terra del Fuoco” Association and Local Councillor of Turin

*The health right for the minorities*

Dr. Tatia DOLIDZE
University of Tblisi, Georgia

*The East Europe and the new Constitutions*

Partners: AIESEC

## Healthcare Systems

- **Essay Competition “Crisis in health care - myth or reality”** organized by ELSA Zagreb (Croatia), in 2012.

*Fields of Law covered*: Health Law economic and social aspects

*Academic Programme*:

The essay competition was held as a supporting programme of the ELSA Zagreb IFP lecture that was held on the same day, titled “Patients rights”. Academic advisor was Prof. Dr. Sc. Viktor Gotovac.

Partner: University of Zagreb


*Fields of Law covered*: Health Law, Public Health

*Academic Programme*:

*Introduction in patients’ rights*

Lecturer: Cristi Sava, Partner Lawyer la Sava Law Firm

*Medical legal liability*

Lecturer: Cristi Sava, Partner Lawyer la Sava Law Firm

*Medical insurance system in Romania: public vs. private*

Lecturer: Dr. Ioana Bianchi, President Counselor at CNAS

Partner: SSMB (Bucharest Medicine Students’ Society)

## Damages and Compensation in Healthcare

- **National Legal Workshop “Damages and compensation in Health Care in Czech Republic”** organized by ELSA Czech Republic in 2011.

*Field of Law covered*: Health Law

*Academic Programme*:
1) Lecture given by lawyer Daniel Mališ about current legal regulation
2) Group work – preparing presentations on specific sub-topic
Speaker: Daniel Mailě – lawyer and partner in law firm Mališ, Nevrkla Legal

**Health Law & Ethics**

- **National Round Table on “Health Law and Ethics”** organized by ELSA Ostroh (Ukraine) in 2012.

*Field of Law covered: Health Law & Ethics*

*Academic Programme:*

Galina Mironova – specialist on Health Law from National Academy of Science of Ukraine (Head of the Judge Committee, speaker)

Blashchuk Tetiana – lawyer, professor of civil law disciplines at the National University of Ostroh Academy (judge, speaker)

Gongalo Serhiy – professor of criminal law disciplines at the National University of Ostroh Academy (judge)

Participants (speakers):

Liubarets Dina – student of the 3rd year of the National University of Ostroh Academy, presented a speech on “How to protect your Patient’s Rights. Theory and Practise”.

Verykalova Olga – student of the 3rd year of the National University of Ostroh Academy, presented a speech on “Quality of Health Care in Ukraine”

Khartoniyuk Yuliya – student of the 3rd year of the National University of Ostroh Academy, presented a speech on “Abortion. Crime or reality?”

Tryphanova Anna – student of the first year of the National University “Law Academy” in the name of Yaroslav Mydryi; faculty of international law, presenter a speech on “Problems of social adaptation of people with physical disabilities in modern Ukrainian society”

Natalia Gerg – magister, student of the National University of the State Tax Service, presented a speech on “Issues of the medical waste disposal and a provision of law in public health regulation of Ukraine”

Rudnytska Zlatoslava – student of the 3rd year of the Donetsk National University, presented a speech on “Introduction of Medical Insurance in Ukraine. Should we take the example from foreign countries?”
Prosiuk Anna – bachelor of law, student of the National University of Ostroh Academy, presented a speech on “Medical Negligence”
Other participants:
Mazuruk Oksana, Anna Naumchuk, Lilia Melnuk, Bogdan Shabarovskiy, Anna Kalynchuk, Oksana Fesiuk
Partner: National University of Ostroh Academy

Euthanasia

➢ IFP Panel discussion “Euthanasia” organized by ELSA Osijek (Croatia), in 2012.
*Fields of Law covered:* Health Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, Theology, Medicine

*Academic Programme:*
Lecturers were given by experts from four different fields which are all together very important for understanding the subject of euthanasia. Prof.dr.sc. Krešimir Šimić, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, concentrated his lecture on sociological and philosophical aspect of euthanasia.

Prof.dr.sc. Vladimír Dugalić, Catholic Faculty of Theology, covered the theological aspect of euthanasia as well as the current problems in society according to the subject.

Prof.dr.sc. Mladen Marcikić, Faculty of Medicine, explained everything about euthanasia from medical point of view as and also referred to the current problems of euthanasia in Croatia, as well as in other countries.

Mag.iur. Barbara Herceg, Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law, covered the legal point of view about euthanasia, legislative problems and many more.

Mental Health

➢ Institutional Visit to psychiatric hospital “Vrapče” organized by ELSA Zagreb (Croatia), in 2012.
*Field of Law Covered:* Health Law, Mental Health

*Academic Programme:*
45 minutes of theoretical lecture, 45 minutes of discussion and a 30-minutes tour through hospital wards and direct conversation with patients. The speakers were dr. prof. JUKIĆ (principal of the hospital), and dr. GORETA.
International Conference “Mental Health & Human Rights” organized by ELSA Trieste (Italy), in 2012.

**Fields of Law Covered:** Health Law, Human Rights

**Academic Programme and speakers:**

**TUESDAY 17.04.2012 – Mental Health & Human Rights**

**Morning**

Welcome address from the authorities. Keynote speech (Dr. Fabio Samani, Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare Industry of Trieste – A.S.S. n.1 Triestina; Renzo Tondo, President of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region; Prof. Francesco Peroni, Rector of the University of Trieste; Prof. Paolo Giangaspero, Dean of the Faculty of Law; ELSA International)

- Conference topics. An introduction (Prof. Giuseppe Dell’Acqua, Director of the Mental Health Department of Trieste, Italy)
- Mental disease as disability (Prof. José Antonio Seoane, University of La Coruña, Spain)
- Legal (in)capacity and capacity-enhancing paradigms, concepts and tools (Dr. Mariassunta Piccinni, University of Padua, Italy)
- The role of international law in the affirmation of the rights of the person affected by mental disease (Prof. Roberto Scarciglia, University of Trieste, Italy)

**Afternoon**

- Are coercion treatments allowed/legal in psychiatry? (Dr. Giovanna Del Giudice, National Spokesman for the Mental Health Forum, Italy)
- Principle of equality, discriminations, human and civil rights violations towards people affected by mental disease in Europe: formal and substantive analogies – outlines (Dr. Jan Přeiffer, European De-Institutionalisation Expert Group, Prague, Czech Republic)
- Foolness and Rights (Lorenzo Toresini, Director of the centre for Mental Health and humanities, Merano, Italy)

**WEDNESDAY 18.04.2012**

**Morning: Law, Mental diseases and right to assistance**

- The action of the WHO in the development and implementation of national legislation on mental health (Prof. Maria Grazia Giannichedda, Franco and Franca Basaglia Foundation, Faculty of Political Sociology, University of Sassari, Italy and member of the Faculty of Human Rights and Mental Health Legislation of WHO, Italy)
• The organization of health services for people affected by mental diseases (Dr. Roberto Mezzina, Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training Mental Health Department of Trieste, Italy)

• Institutions of global protection of the person affected by mental disease (Prof. Paolo Cendon, University of Trieste, Italy)

• Mental disease, family and marriage (Prof. Maria Giovanna Cubeddu, University of Trieste, Italy)

Afternoon: Places of care and care of places

• Historical evolution of psychiatric sciences, conception of mental disease and medical treatment (Prof. Pier Aldo Rovatti, University of Trieste, Italy)

• The experience of Franco Basaglia and of the Psychiatric Hospital in Trieste, and the deinstitutionalization process (Prof. Franco Rotelli, President of the Franco Basaglia Conference for Mental Health in the World, Italy)

• People with mental diseases who commit crimes. A European overview (Prof. Francesco Schiaffo, University of Salerno, Italy)

• The problem of criminal liability and the issue of coercion (Prof. Sergio Moccia, University of Naples, Italy)

• Discussant: Dr. Roberto Mezzina, Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training Mental Health Department of Trieste, Italy

THURSDAY 19.04.2012

Morning: Mental diseases and medical treatment

• Italian Law regulating mental health facilities (Prof. Giuseppe Dell’Acqua, Director of the Mental Health Department of Trieste, Italy)

• The role of the family in providing care to people with mental disorders (Dr. Connie Magro, Vice President EUFAMI, Malta)

• The role of the person affected by mental diseases in medical decisions, duties of information and dialogue with the therapist (Dr. Hajrjia Mujovic-Zornic, University of Belgrade, Serbia)

• Euthanasia in psychiatric practice in the Netherlands (Dr. Sofia Moratti, University of Trieste, Italy)
- Medical treatment, mental disease, consent and living will (Prof. Amedeo Santosuosso, University of Pavia, Italy)

Discussant: Prof. Giuseppe Dell'Acqua, Director of the Mental Health Department of Trieste

Afternoon: Roundtable

- Mental illness in the family. The Associations of families with members affected by mental diseases in Italy (Gisella Trincas, National President of UNASAM, National Union of the Associations for Mental Health, Italy)
- The regulation of the medical treatment of the person with mental disease in Europe (Prof. Andre Den Exter, Erasmus Observatory on Health Law, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
- Stories from people who used to be affected by mental diseases and their families (Associazione dei familiari regionali/Regional Association of the families with members affected by mental diseases)
- Discussants from the Mental Health Department of Trieste (Group Articolo 32)
- Chairman: Dr. Roberto Mezzina, Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training Mental Health Department of Trieste

FRIDAY 20.04.2012

Morning: People with mental diseases and the various situations of everyday life

- Mental disease and contract: national law and proposal for a Common European Sales Law (Prof. Fabio Padovini, University of Trieste, Italy – Dr. Cristina Ulessi, University of Trieste, Italy)
- Mental Health and Work (Dr. Christina Hießl, University of Economy and Business, Wien, Austria)
- Mental disease and enterprise (Prof. Angelo Venchiarutti, University of Trieste, Italy)
- A need hard to manifest: the mental health of homeless, immigrants and gipsies (Ernesto Venturini, Director of the Mental Health Department of Imola – WHO, Italy)
- Discussants from the Mental Health Department of Trieste

Patients’ Rights
➢ Panel Discussion “Patients’ Rights” organized by ELSA Zagreb (Croatia) in 2012.

*Field of Law covered: Health Law*

**Academic Programme:**

Luka Vučemilo, Informed consent in Croatian hospitals
Nataša Škaričić, Research about implementation Law on the patients’ rights in Croatia
Damir Jukica, Committee for the protection of patients’ rights, its actual role and value

**Speakers:**

Doctor Luka Vučemilo, University of Zagreb, School of Medicine
Nataša Škaričić, journalist, Slobodna Dalmacija
Mr.sc. Damir Jukica, Committee for the protection of patients’ rights, Zagreb

➢ National Conference “Patients’ Rights” organized by ELSA Olomouc (Czech Republic) in 2012.

*Field of Law covered: Health Law*

**Academic Programme:**

Informed consent and international strategic litigation, Payments in health care, Providing an informed consent concerning children, Vaccination and fines, Mental disability law – litigation, argumentation in Czech Courts, Regulative charges and Consulting bills of laws, Advance directive

**Speakers:** Kateřina Červená, lawyer Human Rights League, Lukáš Prudil, lawyer, The Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Zuzana Candigliota, lawyer Human Rights League, Zuzana Durajová – Mental Disability Advocacy Centre, Lenka Doubravová – lawyer Office of Ombudsman of the Czech Republic, Radek Policar – lawyer Masaryk Oncology Institut.

➢ National Seminar on “Patients Right – Paragraphs in Medicine - Patients Right in Everyday Life” organized by ELSA Opole (Poland) in 2011.

*Field of Law covered: Health Law, Patients’ Rights*

**Academic Programme:**

1. Opening by Dean of Law Faculty of Opole University
2. Patients’ Rights Catalogue by Małgorzata Sadowy – Piątek
3. Medical malpractice by Artur Nowak
4. Selected problems of procedural aspects of medical malpractice by Piotr Gil
5. Discussion
6. Medical documentation by Agnieszka Sieńko
7. Patient’s consent for medical treatment by Aleksandra Klich
8. Minor patient’s consent for medical treatment by Barbara Oralewska
9. Discussion
10. Most current violations of patent’s rights by Dorota Karkowska
11. Dietary supplement and medicinal product by Ewa Kryszkiewicz
12. Discussion
13. Legal movie academy – movie “Without my consent”
14. Discussion after the movie – consent for organ donation
15. Closing

Speakers:
Artur Nowak - solicitor
Piotr Gil – professor
Agnieszka Sieńko – barrister
Dorota Karkowska – professor

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- Involuntary Commitment
- Medical Ethics
- Medical Record
- Medical Research
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- Food Safety
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- Infertility Treatments
- Informed Consent
- Health Law and Environment
- Rights of people affected by disabilities
- Health care access
- The role of health workers in HR and HL issues
- Pharmacy Law
- Health & Safety at Work

Useful Websites

WHO (World Health Organization)
www.who.int
International Focus Programme (IFP)

IOM (International Organization on Migrations)
www.iom.int

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
www.hrw.org

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS
www.ifhhro.org