

The European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN) invites you for:

The European Summer School on Clinical Ethics Support Services (CESS)

2 – 8 September 2012, Dolomites, Italy

Introduction

The European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN), founded in 2005, consists of an European Network of clinical ethics experts who are experienced in practice, research and training within the field of clinical ethics support services (such as clinical ethics committees, clinical ethics consultations, and moral deliberation). One of its aims is to further improve the quality and professionalism of the field of Clinical Ethics Support Services (CESS) in Europe.

ECEN hereby offers a high quality and intensive European Summer School in developing or improving their practice for people already active in clinical ethics committees, consultations services and/or moral deliberation. The focus of the training during the ECEN Summer School is to develop a solid ground for practicing clinical ethics activities by improving an existing CESS program in health care institutions or by creating a new CESS. A variety of possible views, methods and approaches to clinical ethics support will be presented for both clinical ethics consultants, facilitators in moral case deliberation and members of clinical ethics committees. The variety will allow every participant of the ECEN Summer school to further develop his/her own expertise that suits his/her national or institutional context.

Through its European character, this course offers more than existing expertise and activities on the national level. Comparative perspectives will get presented, such as: the relationship between CESS and their core foundations (e.g. justification, normativity, ethics expertise), the identification of common reasons for and roles of CESS, and difficulties and resistances to develop or implement CESS. Furthermore, the Summer school will deal with specific issues newly emerging in clinical practices (e.g. elderly patients, multiculturalism, role of patient and family). Finally, this summer school is not just a one-way teaching course: participants will get invited to bring in their experience and expertise as well. Various didactic measures will get used (e.g. lecture, workshop, subgroup discussions, structured case deliberation).

The ECEN Summer School will be a good occasion to stimulate exchanges and future cooperation among European colleagues. The last part of the Summer school will be a joint meeting with all ECEN members. It thereby contributes to another aim of ECEN: share experiences and stimulate critical reflection about the field of Clinical Ethics Support Services in order to contribute to its professional quality.

Aims of the ECEN Summer School

Candidates will get facilitated to further develop their own professional profile through their own learning style. Candidates will develop their (inter)national professional network in the field of clinical ethics and get the opportunity to be tutored by senior colleagues in the field. Candidates will improve their knowledge and competencies in the field of Clinical Ethics Support Services with respect to the following topics:

- What is ethics about? What is clinical ethics support?
- Methods for practicing clinical ethics support
- Organizational aspects of clinical ethics support
- Research and quality improvement of CESS
- Philosophical dimensions of clinical ethics activities

General Program of the ECEN Summerschool 2012

- Sunday: Introduction to Summer School
 - Monday: Personal introduction & General typology/structures of CESS services
 - Tuesday: Philosophical foundations & organizational aspects of CESS
 - Wednesday: Systematic case discussion through method (afternoon free)
 - Thursday: Role of patients/proxies & monitoring quality of CESS
 - Friday: Multiculturalism in CESS & joint meeting with full ECEN
 - Saturday: Joint meeting with full ECEN & Closure and follow-up appointments
- + Each day: One hour lecture on a topic of general interest (examples: emotion versus reason, ontology of dilemma, what is a moral problem, what is hermeneutics, evaluation of CESS. ethics & law)
- + Each day: Possibility of individual meeting with a tutor during the afternoon pause

Target audience

People, coming from different professional backgrounds, with some experience in clinical ethics activities and who (will) have the task or responsibility to (further) develop a CESS program.

Potential candidates (maximum 20-30 persons)

Possible professional backgrounds of the candidates

- Clinicians/nurses, healthcare professionals, social workers, health care administrators
- Ethicists/philosophers/lawyers
- Psychologists/Healthcare Pastoral Ministers
- Others

Minimal requirements (discussed via application form & telephone interviews):

- Basic knowledge clinical ethics
- Experience with clinical ethics activities
- Experience with clinical settings
- English speaking, reading and basic writing

Candidates should have written an application form in which they clarify how and where they have/will practice/d their CEC/MD role

Selection of Candidates

The Scientific Committee of the ECEN Summer School (see below) is in charge of the program and will be responsible for the selection of candidates. The diversity of backgrounds and geographical distribution will be taken into account. The committee will try to form a balanced group in order to guarantee the learning potential of the course. Furthermore, it can privilege a candidate with fewer local resources.

Application Form

You will find the application form at the following webpage address:

<http://www.vumc.com/afdelingen/Medical-Humanities/MoralCaseDeliberation/>

Dates & Venue of ECEN Summerschool

Dates in 2012: arrival Sunday evening 2nd of September 2012;
 Departure Saturday noon 8th of September 2012

The venue will be in the amazing surroundings of the Italian Dolomites: Course and full accommodation at “Park des Dolomites” in Borca di Cadore, 15 Km from Cortina d’Ampezzo in Italian Dolomites (www.parkdesdolomites.it; tel. and fax +39 0436-890356).

Scientific Committee of the ECEN Summerschool 2012

The members of the Scientific Committee are:

- Pierre Boitte, PhD. (pierre.boitte@icl-lille.fr)
 - Professor of medical ethics, Centre of Medical Ethics/Faculty of Medicine, Catholic University of Lille (France)
- Andrea Dörries, MD, CAS-HSG (andrea.doerries@evlka.de)
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 - Associate Professor Clinical Ethics, UIO, Oslo, Norway
- Renzo Pegaro, Phd/MD (renzo.pegoraro@fondazioneanza.it)
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- Marta Spranzi, PhD. (marta.spranzi@cch.aphp.fr)
 - Assistant professor of philosophy, University of Versailles; Centre for Clinical Ethics, Cochin Hospital, Paris (France)

Review Committee of ECEN Summerschool

The program and content of the ECEN Summer school on CESS has been reviewed by all members of the ECEN (see ECEN website for basic information on ECEN and their members: <http://www.vumc.com/afdelingen/Medical-Humanities/MoralCaseDeliberation/>).

Teachers

The teachers of the ECEN Summer school are experienced teachers in clinical and academic settings (in particular within the domain of CESS). The Scientific Committee is the core teachers group who will be there the whole week. Additionally ECEN members are invited as guest-speakers because of their expertise on specific topics. Furthermore, three international keynote speakers are invited for giving a special high expertise contribution to the ECEN Summer School.

Costs, application, deadline

The fee is 950 Euros per person for the whole week. The fee includes didactic material, accommodation single room, breakfast, lunch and dinner. It does not include travel expenses.

The deadline for application is March 31st 2012. Applications will be examined by the scientific committee. A telephone interview will be organized if necessary. You will receive a definitive answer the latest by May 15th 2012.

You can apply for the ECEN Summerschool by:

- A) Sending the application form to [b.molewijk@vumc.nl];
- B) If you are accepted as candidate you can pay the fee to the banc account number mentioned below (Do not forget to mention: “**ECEN Summerschool 2012**”);
- C) If the money arrived, you get a formal and definitive confirmation.

Bank account number:

- IBAN: IT 69 R 062251215007400337286L; BIC: IBSPIT2P;
- Bank account holder is: Fondazione Lanza (Via Dante, 55 – 35139 Padova – Italy);
- Bank name is: Cassa di Risparmio del Veneto, Agency 00700 – Padova.
- Please do not forget to mention “**ECEN Summer school 2012**”.

Cancellation policy

In case you have the cancel your participation, you can only get your fee back if there is somebody else on the waiting list. Conformations of subscriptions are personal and cannot be transferred to other persons/colleagues.

Contact & further information

If you have additional questions, remarks or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of the Scientific Committee. For specific information:

- Information regarding the location in the Dolomites: email Renzo Pegaro (e-mail: renzo.pegoraro@fondazionelanza.it);
- Subscription information and general information: Coordinator of the ECEN Summer school: Bert Molewijk (b.molewijk@vumc.nl).

We hope we have informed you well so far and we are looking forward to an inspiring Summerschool!

Best wishes,

The Scientific Committee of the ECEN Summerschool 2012