

**COST Action IS1201 Conference: Bioethical Decision-making in Disasters
Faculty of Medicine, University of Porto, Portugal- 9-10 October 2014**

Report

COST Action IS1201 – Disaster Bioethics Conference, on *Bioethical Decision-making in Disasters* was hosted in Porto, Portugal, organized by Natália Oliva Teles, Rui Nunes and Ivone Duarte and attended by over 100 people: Management Committee (MC) Members, invited speakers and other guests. The speakers for the main Conference Programme were Lisa Schwartz (Canada), Angus Dawson (UK) and David R Curry (USA). Helena Murteira (Lisbon, Portugal), a specialist on the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, was the guest speaker for the Conference dinner. Other MC or invited speakers for the Working Groups were:

Working Group I - Healthcare Ethics

Lizzy Bernthal, Heather Draper “Addressing ethical dilemmas within a military setting”
Peter Sykora “Current Ebola outbreak: some ethical impressions”
Murat Civaner “The ethical problems healthcare workers face at disaster settings”
Kadri Simm “Humanitarianism and theories of global justice”
Niklas Juth “Emergency Ethics: Exploring ethical dilemmas encountered by international medical relief professionals in disasters”
Igor Matic “Informed consent process in multilingual disaster situations”

Working Group II: Bioethics, Culture & Moral History

Joanna Rozynska “Effects of anthropomorphisation of nature willingness to support natural disaster victims”
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Working Group III – Research Ethics

Theresa Fuchs reported on her mission to WHO.
Shlomit Zuckerman presented the progress of her work on off-label drugs
Michael B. presented his budding research on standards of research and disaster medicine.
Athula Sumathipala , “Discussion on the draft guidelines for research ethics that was developed in Asia after the 2004 Tsunami”.
David R Curry , “Discussion of the R2HC Ethical Framework for Research Ethics”

Working Group IV - Ethics and Governance

David R Curry , MExecutive Director Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy “Framework/guidelines development and what was learned about such a process?”
Athula Sumathipala “The development of the draft guidelines for research ethics that was carried out in Asia after the 2004 Tsunami”.

In the final MC annual meeting a summary of the 2014 activities was presented and the 2015 general outline programme was delineated and agreed upon. The Conference was a good opportunity for both the follow-up of the Working Groups activities and this COST Action.