

Report for Working Group I on healthcare ethics, Porto

October 9th, 2014

SESSION I 11:30-13:00

11.30 – 12.30 Lizzy Bernthal and Heather Draper “Addressing ethical dilemmas within a military setting”

Lizzy Bernthal from Joint Medical Command of the Defense Medical Services, UK and Heather Draper presented their research on British military medical ethics decision-making during deployment focusing on the four quadrant approach.

12.30 – 13.00 Peter Sykora „Current Ebola outbreak: some ethical impressions”
Peter Sykora talked about the highly topical Ebola outbreak and its ethical implications.

SESSION II 14:00-16:00

14.00 – 15.15 Murat Civaner „The ethical problems healthcare workers face at disaster settings”

Murat Civaner presented the results of his extensive qualitative study of health care workers in Turkey and discussed the many problems associated with lack of disaster preparedness.

15.15 – 16.00 Kadri Simm „Humanitarianism and theories of global justice“
Kadri Simm discussed various types of humanitarian discourses and investigated the possibilities for employing theories of global justice for humanitarian purposes.

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SESSION III 11:00-13:00

11.00 – 11.30 Niklas Juth „Emergency Ethics: Exploring ethical dilemmas encountered by international medical relief professionals in disasters“ .

Niklas Juth presented an outline of a joint research project that he and Johan von Schreeb are planning to do together with a PhD student that focuses on the experiences of medical health care workers in disaster context and the different methodologies for providing ethics training.

11.30 – 12.00 Igor Matic “Informed consent process in multilingual disaster situations”. Igor Matic presented his project that assessed linguistic issues in the informed consent process in multilingual disaster situations by analyzing existing consent forms as well as looking at the potential of computer translation.

12.00 – 13.00 AOB – discussion of next meetings, possible workshops, publications etc

WG 1 had organised one workshop in January 2014 in Tartu (on refugees) and we are planning to organise another one in spring 2015. Depending on funding, this would ideally take place in Sweden, if no local support will be available, we could relocate (Brussels, Birmingham?). Niklas Juth will keep us updated on that. The workshop would focus on ethics training, case studies, various methodologies for training etc. A manual of training materials could be one of the outcomes of our research.

Kadri Simm promised to look into the publications opportunities and provide an overview of the topics that the group has discussed so far as well as potential journals and interested publishers.

We also discussed STSMs – applications are welcomed throughout the next year!