**European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN)   
8th Open Forum Day  
14th of September 2022, Varese/Italy**

**Invitation to Participate and Call for Abstracts!**

**Topic of 2022:**

**“Patient, Parent and Family Participation in Ethics Support”**

* When and why are patients and/or family members invited to case consultations or moral case deliberations? Who decides about this?
* Are there any other examples of ethics support including patient/family-participation?
* What practical experience is available concerning the participation of patients/family members in ethics consultation?
* Is there a specific role or expectation, if patients/family members join case discussions?
* Are there good practical and/or moral reasons for not letting patients/parents/family members participate in ethics consultation?
* Are there specific requirements in different medical fields (e.g. paediatrics, intensive care, psychiatry)?
* Do the proceedings/protocols of case consultations adequately consider the participation of patients/family members?
* Are any *other* lay people helpful or even needed as participants in case consultations?
* Does the composition of the consulting team alter, if patients/family members are invited (e.g. lay members in the Ethics Committee)?
* What do we, as CES staff, need to further strengthen patient/family-participation?

Please feel welcome to join us and share your experiences, ideas and viewpoints, research designs & plans, results, cases, and further questions with your professional peers within the field of CESS. Besides participation, you are also invited to submit an abstract for a short presentation.

The European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN) was founded in 2005 by Veronique Fournier (Paris) and Bert Molewijk (Amsterdam) in order to share both clinical and research experiences regarding clinical ethics support in general (such as: clinical ethics consultation and moral case deliberation). The increasing prominence of these activities within the domain of clinical ethics necessitates transparency and improvements with respect to theory, methodology, quality and results of research of clinical ethics support services. ECEN is a small network consisting of 32 members from 20 European countries. ECEN organizes an Open Forum Day once a year. Its aim is to offer a platform organized by and for people with experience in the practice, research and training of clinical ethics support.

**Call for abstracts & proposals**

Anyone interested is invited to complete the attached document for submissions and send it to: [neitzke.gerald@mh-hannover.de](mailto:neitzke.gerald@mh-hannover.de) **before June 13th, 2022!**

Possible subjects for presentations: philosophical reflections on the role of patients/family members in ethics consultation; practical experience concerning the integration of patients/ family members; case studies of the role of patients/family members; reflections on the process of case discussions and the composition of the consulting team; experiences with patients, parents, family members from different medical/nursing fields.

**Final Program**

The ECEN Steering Group will review all submitted abstracts and proposals. The decisions about the abstracts will be communicated afterwards. We send out the final program in early July 2022. Registration will take place after the distribution of the final program. We will keep you informed about all technical and organizational details when registration starts!

**We hope to see you in Italy in September, one day   
prior to the start of EACME!**

**Abstract template for 8th ECEN Open Forum Day**

**Proposal for oral presentation (ECEN OFD)**

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| **Abstract (max. 200 words):** | |
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