



## Short report of Ethics WG (EAP)

Royal Windsor Hotel  
Bruxelles

Friday, December 13; 10.00-11.45

1. Attendance: 18 members attended + Francis Crawley, Tatjana Poplazarova, Veronique Delpire
2. Manuscripts in preparation:
  - i. **Female genital mutilation - a hidden epidemic** (was published in August this year in EJP as a short communication - statement from the EAP)
  - ii. **Still not known what has happened with the manuscript Determining bone age in asylum seekers** (David will check what happened with the final version - if not accepted by ADC to be sent to EJP as well)
  - iii. **Early Childhood Development and disability** - a commentary to WHO discussion paper - accepted by the audience with minor corrections of Francis Crawley. Where to send it further: WHO and where else?
  - iv. **Medical records and electronic files** - David tried to make SurveyMonkey but failed, a possibility the questionnaire to be put on our website or even better to just write the position paper of EAP regarding ethical issues of handling electronic data - Francis Crawley will try to make a frame
3. New topics:
  - i. Tatjana Poplazarova (Head, Vaccines R & D Quality and Risk Management, Medical Governance and Bioethics, GSK) and Veronique Delpire presented the problem of Ethical issues of minor parents to give informed consent for their child in a vaccine trial. After presentation extensive discussion followed and it has been agreed that the same problem will be presented at the meeting of Vaccination group which has followed immediately and the final conclusion was, that a small group of ethics WG members together with William Sedlak will prepare an outline of a questionnaire with questions regarding how such a situation is handled in EU countries, and then maybe to extend it to the developing countries. At the same time emerged also the question about the policies regarding the refusal of vaccination.
  - ii. Štefan Grosek presented the data of his recent work on End-of-life decisions from the paediatric perspective and after a vivid and extensive discussion it has been decided that the topic will be presented also at EAPS Congress in Barcelona.

David