

Ethics Section Business Minutes (8th October during Lives 2024)

Present: Jos Latour, Andrea Ortiz, Emilio Rodriguez-Ruiz, Xavier Forceville, Maria Cruz Martin Delgado, Spyros Mentzelopoulos, Mayank Garg, Diogo Oliveira, Paula Maia, Carla Teixeira, Diederik van Dijk, Chris Danbury, Annette Robertsen, Josef Kesecioglu, Laszlo Zubek, Andrej Michalsen, Rik Gerritsen, Linda DeStefano, Laura Dono, Katerina Rusinova, Jan Malaska, Annachiara Marra, Barbara Tamowicz, Adam Mikstacki, Fiona van Gelder

Apologies: Christiane Hartog, Carmen Lopez-Soto, Dominique Benoit, Julie Benbenishty, Natalie Pattison.

Jos Latour (JL) welcomed all and invited the Section's representatives to present their respective updates. Starting with the ETH section committee representatives

The action points are highlighted in each section in **bolt**.

- 1) Research committee – Stefan Schaller (SS) is stepping down. **New research committee member is needed.**

Prompt to submit for the awards

Victoria Metaxa (VM) asked clarification re Society/ Section endorsement (as posed by Dominique Benoit).

SS clarified:

- If one is not seeking ESICM endorsement, no need to submit a proposal.
- Endorsement from a section can be only used in 'unofficial communication', i.e. to get people to participate; however, officially, there is no 'Section' endorsement or at least that would have to be discussed with the EC (executive committee)
- The research committee does not have authority currently on endorsement cause this was transferred to the EC.

There is a standard survey application.

Several members raised the question of a circulated list of ethics projects currently ongoing. SS replied that such a list is currently not available. **VM to circulate a current list that have been made aware to the Section after Lives 2024.**

- 2) Social Media and Digital Content Committee (Andrea Ortiz) – our ETH section month of the year is May.

We need to organise a webinar, two podcasts and one quiz.

Issues with X; exploring new social platforms

- 3) e-Learning Committee (Annachiara Marra) – Online Masterclass in Clinical Ethics and End-of-life care is running November 2024.

Reminder that the ACE courses need to be reviewed every year. A form of reward is required. **AM to bring to the Educational Committee and feedback.**

- 4) Clinical Training Committee – (Diogo da Costa Oliveira)

The eLC and CTC have now been merged into one committee; we will wait to hear from the official Society channels, whether two representatives are needed.

The section currently has 6 ACE (8% of total) courses under its auspices. Diogo Oliveira (DO) brought the topic of visibility for the courses and the section.

Several ideas were considered:

- Join with other groups to increase with visibility (e.g microbiology & EoL)
- Continue publishing in the Toolbox of the ICM journal
- Something practical using social platforms : for example 1' videos explaining basic ethical principles or presenting communication tools (bitesize teaching)

- 5) Discussed the ETH Section's representation at LIVES:

JL explained that we are a small section. The number of sessions at LIVES congresses are based on the number of section members. For LIVES2024 we were allowed to plan one thematic session and one debate session. Thus the ETH section cannot invite many faculty members from the ETH section. However, this LIVES2024 congress we were very successful and visible by collaborating with many other sections in the so-called combined section sessions. These positive collaborations increased the opportunity to invite more or other faculty members. With a note, it is not acceptable to be invited as faculty with only 1 task in the programme.

- 6) Project updates

- The Guidelines of EOL & PC in ICU are finalised and published in the ICM journal. Josef Kesecioglu presented a summary. JL suggested a layman's summary to promote the guidelines among the wider public.
- Perception around palliative care in ICU (Spyros Mentzelopoulos & VM) – the survey aims at obtaining detailed information about European ICU clinicians'

awareness of palliative care and relevant, local end-of-life legislation. Almost 700 colleagues have already responded.

The link will be open until the end of 2024. Please click/ scan to participate:

- <https://best-elearning.charite.de/limesurvey/index.php/499228?lang=en>



- EPIC – tele palliative care. European Horizon project ongoing (1st of 5 years)
- Palliative care provision for patients with haematological malignancies (VM) – the electronic database is ready. Hopefully by next year, there will be results to present.
- Editorials on Organ donation published in ICM journal
- JL presented a proposal of a qualitative study to explore the experiences of healthcare professionals around organ donation practices in ICU. The team (Anne-Henrikje Seidlein, Carole Boulanger, Michelle Chew and Jos Latour) is inviting colleagues to provide advice around a qualitative study to explore the experiences of healthcare professionals around organ donation practices in ICU. A few consultation questions to provide your advice and comments can be found here:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZ7UACzfTZbrdnkU9NmxCzkJtTCZ8Nlo8dDUC0Lgc2bFu64w/viewform?usp=sf_link



- AM: presented a world-wide survey aiming to explore the change in knowledge about the ABCDEF bundle and the grade of its implementation, after the first survey implemented in 2017.

Please click this link to participate:

(<https://anestesia.unibs.it/redcap/surveys/?s=3HFC3F4A4WCTMAN8>)

7) AOB

- **The email list will be updated by VM.** Minutes should be received by end of year, together with a list of ongoing projects. Please contact VM if you have any questions.
- Xavier Forceville discussed his ethical concerns around the use of selenite. The group's response was that it is not the role of the ETH section to address this issue. **A copy of his presentation will be circulated as an attachment to these minutes.** For comments/ questions, please contact Xavier (xforceville@invivo.edu).