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A summary of the years reported for, about the main activities of the network and to what to what extent the plans were fulfilled, in terms of :

- a) members of the network/ project; names of research groups, researchers and PhD students.
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- c) researcher training, course activities, and supervision of PhD students.
- d) mobility between the groups in the network.
- e) scientific meetings that have taken place within the network during the years reported for.
- f) targets achieved.
- g) example of future plans and collaboration after the network period is over.

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Activity report

A. Network members

The network consists of members from all five Nordic countries, senior researchers as well as research students and some others (mainly external lecturers in the field of biomedical law). An advisory steering group has been functioning throughout the funding period, with one senior researcher representing each country, complemented by a research student based on availability. By the end of the funding period, the following persons were members of the network.

DENMARK

Mette Hartlev, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Linda Nielsen, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Jørn Vestergaard, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Janne Rothmar Herrmann, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Peter Bak Mortensen, External Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (Vicedirector, Agency for Patients Rights and Complaints)
Susanne Beck Petersen, External Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (special consultant, Ministry of Health)
Helle Bødker Madsen, Professor, School of Law, Aarhus University
Caroline Adolphsen, Research student, School of Law, Aarhus University
Line Bune Juhl, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Aalborg University
Kent Kristensen, Associate Professor, University of Southern Denmark
Søren Birkeland, Research student, University of Southern Denmark
Malene Rowlandson Stockholm, External lecturer, University of Southern Denmark (patient counsellor)

FINLAND

Raimo Lahti, Professor, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Matti Mikkola, Professor, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Riitta Burrell, LL.D, post.doc, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Laura Walin, LL.D, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Kalevi Ellilä, LL.D, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Amina Agovic, LL.D, University of Helsinki, IPR Institute
Anja Hannuniemi, Research student, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Sandra Liede, Research student, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Juli Mansnérus, Research student, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
Kirsi Ruuhonen, Research student, University of Helsinki
Sirpa Soini, Research student, University of Helsinki (Senior expert, Institute for Health and Welfare)
Lasse Lehtonen, Adjunct Professor LL.D, MD, (District Hospital of Helsinki and Uusimaa)
Salla Silvola, Adjunct Professor (Senior advisor, Ministry of Justice)
Matti Urho, Research student, University of Turku, Faculty of Law

NORWAY

Henriette Sinding Aasen, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen
Karl Harald Søvig, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen
Tove Eikrem, Research student, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen
Aslak Syse, Professor, Institution of Public Law, University of Oslo
Asbjørn Kjønstad, Professor, Institution of Public Law, University of Oslo
Marit Halvorsen, Professor, Institution of Public Law, University of Oslo
Alice Kjellevold, Associate professor, University of Stavanger
Bente Ohnstad, Associate professor, Lillehammer University College (rector 2007-2011)

Olav Molven, Associate professor, Diakonhjemmet University College Oslo
Nina Mår, Judge, legal advisor, Ministry of Justice/NORLAG
Sigmund Simonsen, Ass. professor, Luftkrigsskolen, NTNU, Norway

ICELAND

Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir, Professor, Reykjavík University
Dögg Pálsdóttir, Adjunkt, Reykjavík University
Gunnar Thor Petursson, Senior specialist, Reykjavík University
Brynhildur Flóvenz, Associate professor, University of Iceland
Kristín Benediktsdóttir, Phd. student/Lecturer in law, University of Iceland

SWEDEN

Elisabeth Rynning, Professor, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Ewa Axelsson, LLD, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Anna-Sara Lind, Senior lecturer, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Åke Saldeen, Professor emeritus, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Håkan Westin, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Lena Holmqvist, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Jane Stoll, Research student, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Victoria Enkvist, Research student, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
Kavot Zillén, Research student, Faculty of Law, Uppsala University
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B. Research

To a large extent, the network has functioned as a forum for contact and exchange of scientific information, but it is clear that the collaboration has also stimulated joint research and facilitated individual projects.

The number of joint publications that can directly be attributed to our network collaboration is still quite modest, the most noticeable achievement being the commercially published anthology "Nordic Health Law in a European Context - Welfare State Perspectives on Biomedicine and Patients' Rights" (eds. Rynning & Hartlev), Liber - Brill 2011. The book contains 20 essays by network members, primarily based on presentations from network conferences. Another example of a joint publication is the article "Recent Developments in Nordic Health Law", by Rynning, Arnardóttir, Aasen, Hartlev & Soini, European Journal of Health Law 17 (2010) 279-294.

Many of the network members have of course published individually during the funding period, in both Nordic and international books and journals. It is difficult to determine the extent to which such publications have been facilitated or influenced by the network collaboration, but in several cases this would seem most likely.

Some eight research students from the network have finished and successfully defended their doctoral theses during the period 2008-2011.

C. Researcher training

The Network has arranged four workshops for research students and young researchers (Copenhagen 2008, Bergen and Reykjavik 2009, Uppsala 2011). These workshops have been quite short (two or three days) but highly appreciated by the participants.

The first three workshops, which have all been described in the annual reports 2008 and 2009, were focussed on topics such as methodological issues, human rights in biomedicine and inter-disciplinarity. The number of participating research students at these workshops stayed below ten and they all had the opportunity to present and discuss papers related to their own research projects.

The theme of the fourth workshop, held in Uppsala in May 2011, was the Essence of Biomedical Law, with presentations by invited speakers representing law, ethics and medicine, stimulating debate on different aspects of the character and role of medical law. In this workshop, some 15 young researchers participated, interacting with a more limited number of senior researchers. On the second day, three research students presented their projects to their peers, followed by discussion. The young researchers also had a session where they explored ideas for future activities, discussing how the network collaboration could best benefit research students. Their ideas were then presented to the senior steering group representatives, in the final session of the workshop.

Written, anonymous evaluations have taken place at most of the doctoral workshops, showing very positive reactions. Suggestions for further development include a longer course (about one week), more preparation in the form of writing assignments for feedback, field trips, method seminars etc. There is no doubt that the research students find this Nordic collaboration in research training very valuable and wish to have meetings at least once a year.

At present, 20 of the network members are research students. They are, however, not very evenly divided between the Nordic countries. It seems likely that access to funding together with the recognition of medical law (or health law) as an academic topic of its own, has been instrumental in the increase of Swedish doctoral students in this research field. Half of the network research students are now Swedish, whereas it seems to be more difficult to attract and fund research students in some of the other countries.

The gender imbalance within the network, which since the start has been particularly visible among the research students, unfortunately has increased during the funding period. Only four out of 20 research students are now male. This is something to bear in mind, although a problem not easily solved.

D. Mobility between the network research groups

Some study visits have taken place between research groups, although perhaps not to the extent anticipated. One senior researcher from Iceland went for a research visit to Copenhagen a few weeks and our Japanese member made short study visits to Copenhagen, Helsinki and Stockholm 2009, for a comparative project on patient insurance schemes. Among the doctoral students, one Swedish student has spent a week in Copenhagen, one Danish student has visited Bergen for a longer period of time, and a Finnish student has went for short study visits to Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo.

E. Scientific meetings

During the four year period the network enjoyed NordForsk funding, two network conferences were arranged. Other scientific meetings have had the form of seminars and workshops.

The first conference (Helsinki, 5-7 June 2008), was focussed on the theme "Biomedical Law and Rights" and attracted some 20 senior and junior researchers from all the Nordic countries (see annual report 2008).

On 14-16 April 2010, a conference was held in Copenhagen, on the theme Trends and Challenges in Nordic Health Law. This conference was attended by 29 participants and was divided into three sessions. While the first session focussed on the characteristics of Nordic health law, the second addressed the challenges facing health care in a multi-cultural society. A third, special session was devoted to presentations by research students. Each session was followed by a general discussion.

A smaller seminar/workshop on the impact of the Biomedicine Convention in the Nordic countries, was held in Helsinki 10 February 2010. The network also arranged two Nordic workshops at the World Congress on Medical Law in Zagreb, August 2010. These workshops addressed topics from the Copenhagen conference and the Helsinki seminar the same year.

The network was co-organiser of multi-disciplinary Nordic workshop regarding ethical and legal issues in child oncology (Sigtuna 2-3 November 2010). Here, senior network members from four of the Nordic countries met with nurses and doctors from the field of child oncology, to present the legal situation and participate in case based discussions. One aim of the workshop was to provide a basis for national multi-disciplinary articles, as well as comparative Nordic publications. These publications have yet to be finished.

The steering group has held eight meetings, some of which in connection other scientific meetings/workshops. At these meetings, both administrative and scientific issues have been discussed.

F. Targets achieved, in relation to our application

The intended overall target of the network, i.e. to facilitate and strengthen co-operation in the field of biomedical law, within the Nordic countries, has definitely been achieved. The network has been firmly established and bi-annual Nordic conferences in biomedical law have become a tradition, complemented by seminars and workshops. A network website was also started early on, www.nordicnetwork.org, but this is a project where there is clearly room for improvements.

The training for research students and young researchers has been improved, by the Nordic workshops arranged a regular intervals and the plans for a future course. Eight network members have finished their doctoral theses during the four year period. The number of research students in the network has increased slightly (from 18 to 20) although considerable variation can be seen between countries. In some of the Nordic countries, it still seems difficult to attract and fund research students in this research field.

Further development of the methodology for Nordic biomedical law has taken place within the doctoral workshops, but also in discussions related to joint writing and at the conferences and workshops/seminars.

The network members have all increased their knowledge and understanding of similarities and differences between the Nordic countries, in the field of biomedical law.

Joint Nordic research projects in biomedical law have been initiated, although we still have not started any larger fully funded project.

The number of joint Nordic publications in biomedical law is still quite modest, but the research field has established itself not least by the network anthology published in 2011, and also by publications in European journals. There is no doubt that Nordic publications in biomedical law (health law) have increased, both domestically and internationally.

Informal effects of the network co-operation have become quite apparent: collaboration and interaction with our Nordic colleagues has provided us all with a larger net of contacts and suitable names to suggest for conference presentations, research collaboration etc. also in the wider European context.

G. Future plans for collaboration

The network members have every intention of continuing the network activities, with or without basic funding for the network as such. A Nordic conference on the topic "Children in Health Care" is already planned to take place in Aarhus 23-24 August 2012, hosted by professor Helle Bødker Madsen. After the conference, a comparative Nordic publication on this topic is planned (also based on work from the multi-disciplinary workshop with Nordic child oncologists mentioned above under E).

In addition to this, representatives from all five countries are working on a joint article on the impact of the Biomedicine Convention in the Nordic countries (partly based on materials from the 2010 Helsinki workshop on this topic).

With regard to funding, different strategies have been discussed in the steering group. Among the alternatives mentioned are an application to NordCorp, or the possibility of enlarging the network to include also the Baltic countries, and apply for new network funding from NordForsk at a later stage. Special funding for research student courses/training is also being investigated.

There is no doubt that the network funding provided by NordForsk so far has been very valuable in establishing a durable Nordic collaboration in the field of Biomedical Law. The development described above would not have taken place without this funding.

Actual numbers of participants	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EE	LV	LT	Other*	Total	Men	Women
PhD students	2	5	1	1	11					20	4	16
Other participants	10	9	4	10	13				2	48	19	29
Research groups	1	1	1	1	1							

* Other Countries (specify) Associate professor LLD (Japan), Professor LLD (Netherlands)

Financial report						
	Year 1 (2008)		Year 2 (2009)		Year 3 (2011)	
	Budget (NOK)	Actual (NOK)	Budget (NOK)	Actual (NOK)	Budget (NOK)	Actual (NOK)
INCOME						
Grant from NordForsk	300000	300000	300000	300000	300000	300000
EXPENSES						
Refundable from NordForsk						
Travel expenses	120800	66599	136750	107571	170000	225965
Living expenses (room/board)	149000	82801	178250	68514	180000	228022
Honoraria	8000		10000	14927	15000	21209
Administration (max 10 %)	12500	6768	17000	4987	30000	3380
Material (details may be requested)	6000		8000	236	10000	1315
Other (details may be requested)		2628		9236	15000	2149
TOTAL EXPENSES	300000	158796	350000	200484	410000	482040
RESULT	0	141204	-50000	99536	-110000	-182040
SURPLUS/DEFICIT CALCULATIONS						
Yearly result		141204	-50000	99536	-110000	-182040
Transferred from previous year			141204	141204	240740	240740
Transfer to next year		141204	91204	240740		58700
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