

*NORDIC NETWORK FOR RESEARCH IN BIOMEDICAL LAW* 1  
*II BIENNIAL MEETING*  
*Helsinki, June 5-7, 2008*

**PROGRAMME**

*Meeting place* University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law,  
Yliopistonkatu/Universitetsgatan 3, Seminarsal P722, 7<sup>th</sup> floor.

*1<sup>st</sup> Day - Thursday, June 5, 2008*

12.00 - 13.00 Registration. Fruit and sandwiches.

**THEME: NORDIC NETWORK AND ACTIVITIES**

Chair: Raimo Lahti

13.00 - 13.15 Raimo Lahti: Welcome and opening.

13.15 - 13.30 Elisabeth Rynning: Information about the NordForsk grant and network activities.

13.30 - 15.15 News from the Network countries (recent legal developments)  
Finland: Sirpa Soini  
Sweden: Elisabeth Rynning  
Denmark: Mette Hartlev  
Norway: Henriette Sinding Aasen  
Iceland: Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir  
Nordic Committee of Bioethics: ???  
European Association of Health Law: Salla Lötjönen.

15.15 - 15.45 Coffee break

**THEME: BIOMEDICAL LAW AS A DISCIPLINE**

Chair: Raimo Lahti

15.45 – 16.45 Guest speaker, Professor Kaarlo Tuori: Fragmentation or coherence?  
Biomedical law as a field of law and a legal discipline. *Discussion.*

16.45 – 17.45 Guest speaker, PhD, MD, University Lecturer Pekka Louhiala:  
Medical ethics and medical law - reflections of a physician-ethicist.  
*Discussion.*

17.45 – 18.00 Concluding discussion.

19.00 Reception at the Department of Criminal and Procedural Law and  
General Jurisprudential Studies.

20.00 Dinner next to the Senate Square  
(Ravintola Nuevo, Sofiankatu)

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Day - Friday 6, 2008*

**THEME : RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE**

Chair: Henriette Sinding Aasen

- 9.00 - 9.30                      Matti Mikkola: Right to health as a human right.
- 9.30 - 10.00                    Maija Sakslin: ECJ cases and trans-border treatments.
- 10.00 -10.10                   Introduction to the workshops: what kind of a right is a right to health care? Relevant legal documentation provided.
- 10.10 - 11.00                   **Workshops with coffee.**
- 11.00 - 11.50                   Workshop rapports and discussion.
- 12.00 - 13.00                   *Lunch in the city.*
- 13.00 - 14.00                   *Guided walk tour in the historical centre built under the Russian governance.*

**THEME: PATIENT RIGHTS, RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND PRIVACY ISSUES**

Chair: Salla Lötjönen

- 14.15 - 14.45                   Raimo Lahti: Patients' rights revisited.
- 14.45 - 15.15                   Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir: The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – Reflections on Paradigm Changes.
- 15.15 - 15.45                   Rune Halvorsen: Nordic disability protection in light of the new Convention for persons with disabilities.
- 15.45 - 16.00                   *Coffee break*
- 16.00 - 16.30                   Mette Hartlev & Elisabeth Rynning: Patient privacy in relation to justified disclosure and further use of health data.
- 16.30 - 17.00                   Henriette Sinding Aasen: Female genital mutilation, health checks and the right to privacy.
- 18.00 - 19.00                   Reception of the City of Helsinki at the *Old Court House*, Aleksanterinkatu 20.
- 20.00 -                              Dinner at *Panimoravintola* (a brewery) in Suomenlinna, one of Finland's most popular tourist attractions. (Suomenlinna i.e, Sveaborg is a 250-year-old fortress island just in front of the city. In 1991 it was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List [www.suomenlinna.fi](http://www.suomenlinna.fi) and [www.panimo.com](http://www.panimo.com)).

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Day - Saturday 7, 2008*

**THEME: REPRODUCTION & RIGHT TO LIFE**

Chair: Mette Hartlev

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| 9.00 - 9.10    | Laura Walin: Introduction to the theme.  |
| 9.10 - 9.40    | Felix Herzog: Should PGD be banned?  |
| 9.30- 10.00    | Janne Rothmar Herrmann: Reflections on the legal status of embryos and fetuses.  |
| 10.00 - 10.50  | Introduction to the Workshops and Workshops <i>with coffee</i><br>1) What kind of a right is a reproductive right? 2 groups<br>2) Fetus' right to life? 2 groups           |
| 11.00 - 11.30  | Workshop reports and discussion  |
| 11.30 - 13.00  | The 3 <sup>rd</sup> biennial meeting: Future co-operation, comparative projects, publications, development of the network, doctoral students' meetings, exchange students. |
| 13.00 - 13.15  | Closing of the meeting.<br><br><i>Coffee and snack for the road.</i>   |
| (13.30 – 15.00 | Co-ordinating group's meeting)   |

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