

# *Nordic Network for Research in Biomedical Law*

## *Invitation to*

### **Workshop for doctoral students January 28-29, Copenhagen**

The Nordic Network for Research in Biomedical Law\* is organising a workshop for Nordic doctoral students 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, January 2008, at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. On behalf of the organising committee I am happy to invite you to participate in the workshop.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss methodological and theoretical issues in the field of biomedical law and to give doctoral students a possibility to present and get responses to their own projects. The methodological and theoretical theme will focus on the delimitation and categorisation of legal sources and the role of argumentation in legal research.

The Network has received a grant from Nordforsk. Thus, it is possible to cover participants' costs for travel (economy class), accommodation and meals during the workshop. In order to promote in-depth reflections and discussion the numbers of participants are limited to 15. Accommodations during the workshop will be arranged by the organisers. As regard the flight tickets, participants can make their own travel arrangements or ask the organisers to take care of the flight ticket.

Please register before December 10<sup>th</sup> on the registration form.

I am looking very much forward to seeing you all in Copenhagen

Best regards

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\* The Nordic Network for Research in Biomedical Law is funded by FordForsk. The aim of the Nordic Network is to provide an opportunity for Nordic researchers in the field biomedical law to exchange information and discuss legislative developments and interesting areas of research, thereby stimulating different forms of increased Nordic cooperation in research and doctoral studies in biomedical law. The network was founded in 2006 and is administered by a contact group consisting of two representatives from each country, one senior researcher and one research student. The first president of the network was Professor Elisabeth Rynning of Uppsala University. For the period 2007-2008, Professor Raimo Lahti of Helsinki University will be president

**Preliminary programme:**

**Monday, January 28**

11:00-12:00

Opening of the workshop and introduction of the participants

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-15:00

Professor Martin Scheinin, University of Åbo: “International soft law as a legal source”

To encourage discussions, all participants must in advance issue ½ -1 page with reflections about the use of soft law instruments in their research projects

15:00-15.30

Coffee break

15:30-17:30

Presentations and discussions of doctoral students own projects

Each participant is asked to give a 15 minutes presentation. Following the introduction there will be time to discussion. To encourage debate, all participants must in advance issue 1-2 pages with a brief introduction to their project.

19:00

Dinner in town

**Tuesday, January 29**

9:00-12:00

Presentation and discussion of doctoral students own projects (continued)

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Professor Kirsten Ketscher, University of Copenhagen: “Development of an Argumentative Approach to Law”

14:30 – 15:00

Plans for future workshops