

Leyla Akhmadeeva (Russia, Cohort 2):

In the past year, Dr. Akhmadeeva has continued her work as the Director of the Neurology Clinic and Ward of Bashkir State Medical University. In that capacity, she has reviewed, overseen or served as a local research coordinator on several national and internationally-funded clinical trials. She also has taught research ethics and clinical trial design to incoming medical students and post-graduate research fellows at Bashkir State Medical University. Finally, she has prepared two peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. The first publication is a Russian-language article on the ethics of publishing scientific research, in the journal *Meditsinskij Vestnik Bashkortostana*. The second publication is an English-language chapter on research ethics to be included in a forthcoming book for Russian medical students.

Roman Belyaletdinov (Russia, Cohort 2):

Dr. Belyaletdinov is currently a Junior Researcher in the Sector of Humanitarian Expertise and Bioethics at the Institute of Philosophy at the Russian Academy of Science. During the past year, he participated in two ethics-related research projects. The first, entitled "Human Beings in the World of Nanotechnologies: Humanitarian Analysis," was supported by a grant from the Russian Foundation for Basic Research. The second, looking at bioethical issues in the development of innovated biomedical technologies, was supported by the Russian Humanitarian Science Foundation. He also participated in the XII Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion, where he spoke on the bioethics aspects of nanotechnology research and development.

Daniela Cutas (Romania, Cohort 1):

Since August 2010, Dr. Cutas has been a research ethics fellow at the Centre for Health Care Ethics of the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. Her project at the Karolinska Institute focuses on ethical issues in clinical cancer trials. Beginning in 2011, Dr. Cutas will also be offering an introductory course in research ethics to first year PhD students in the Department of Political Science at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest, Romania. In addition to giving presentations at the *10th World Congress of Bioethics* (Singapore, July 28-31, 2010) and *Justice and Reproduction* (Gothenburg, Sweden, November 30 – December 1, 2010), Dr. Cutas is a coauthor on two recent publications:

Cutas, D., and C. Munthe. 2010. Legal Imperialism in the Regulation of Stem Cell Research and Therapy: The Problem of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. In *Contested Cells: Global Perspectives on the Stem Cell Debates*. B. Capps and A. Campbell, eds. London UK: Imperial College Press.

Cutas, D., and L. Bortolotti. 2010. Natural versus Assisted Reproduction. In Search of Fairness. *Studies in Ethics, Law and Technology* 4(1): 1-18.

Marek Czarkowski (Poland, Cohort 1):

Dr. Czarkowski is a Professor of Ethics at the Medical University of Warsaw, where he teaches a number of courses in clinical and research ethics to medical and post-graduate students. He teaches the same material as a visiting lecturer at Kozminski University in Warsaw, as well as for the part of the medical internship program required by the Warsaw Chamber of Physicians and Dentists. Dr. Czarkowski recently co-drafted the first set of Polish legal guidelines and recommendations for the treatment of extremely low birth weight neonates, which was published in six of the leading pediatric, gynecologic, and neonatologic medical journals in Poland. He also drafted and published new guidelines on how to establish hospital ethics committees in Poland, as well as guidance for researchers using biobanked biological materials. He is currently the Chairman of the Center of Bioethics of the Supreme Medical Council, the governing body of the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists, and Chairman of the IRB at the Warsaw Chamber of Physicians and Dentists. In December 2010, Dr. Czarkowski was elected to the board of the Polish Bioethics Society. In addition to a book on , Dr. Czarkowski published two peer-reviewed articles in 2010:

Czarkowski, M. 2010. [How can we establish hospital ethics committees?] *Pol Merkur Lekarski*. 28(165):207-10. Polish.

Czarkowski, M. 2010. [Are hospital ethics committees necessary in Poland?]. *Anestezjol IntensTer*. 42(1):47-50. Polish.

Vilius Dranseika (Lithuania, Cohort 2):

Mr. Dranseika has been working as a junior research fellow in the Department of Medical History and Ethics at Vilnius University. He is also a junior faculty member and the network administrator for this Fogarty-funded Advanced Research Certificate in Research Ethics. In the past year, Mr. Dranseika was a co-organizer and presenter at two conferences on research ethics: *Procurement, Storage and Transfer of Tissues and Cells for Non-Clinical Research Purposes* (Vilnius, Lithuania; September 9-10, 2010) and *Ethics Documentation Centres: Workshop on Capacity Building* (Maastricht, The Netherlands, September 16, 2010). In addition, Mr. Dranseika has published, in collaboration with other faculty and fellows from the Advanced Certificate Program, two papers on research ethics:

Dranseika, V., E. Gefenas, A. Cekanauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. 20 Years of Human

Research Ethics Committees in the Baltic States. *Developing World Bioethics*. published online: 7 DEC 2010 DOI: 10.1111/j.1471 8847.2010.00288.x. NIHMSID: 281034

Gefenas, E., V. Dranseika, A. Cekanauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. Non-equivalent Stringency of Ethical Review in the Baltic States: A Sign of a Systematic Problem in Europe? *Journal of Medical Ethics* 36: 435-439. NIHMSID: 281058

Rodica Gramma (Moldova, Cohort 1):

With the help of Advanced Certificate Fellow Adriana Paladi, she established and serves as the Vice-President for the Committee on Research Ethics at the Medical and Pharmaceutical State University, the first research ethics committee established in the Republic of Moldova. She and Dr. Paladi wrote all of the administrative documents and developed the operational framework under which this Committee functions. In late 2010, Ms. Gramma joined a EU-funded project entitled "The Ethics of Public Health Policies," where she works with other Romanian and Moldovan researchers to develop an educational module on the ethical aspects of research in public health. Most recently, Ms. Gramma also received an invitation from the Ministry of Health to be part of a working group to develop laws regulating human subjects research in the Republic of Moldova.

Filip Křepelka (Czech Republic, Cohort 1):

Since achieving the title of docent following the successful completion and defense of his habilitation thesis, Prof. Křepelka has continued to teach medical and health care law at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic. Following receipt of European Union funding, he is also developing a new course on biotechnology and the law. He is directly involved in the newly established International Clinical Research Center, a collaboration between Masaryk University and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is the author of five new publications in 2010, including:

Křepelka, F. 2010. Implementation and Perception of the Barcelona Objectives in the Czech Republic. In *Die Offene Methode der Koordinierung in der Europäischen Union - Open Method of Coordination in the European Union*. N. Bodiřoga-Vukobrat, G.G. Sander, and S. Baric, eds, Die Offene Methode der Koordinierung in der Europäischen Union - Open Method of Coordination in the European Union. Hamburg, GE: Verlag.

Křepelka, F., K. Skřivánková, and D. Bacho. 2010. *Právo Evropské unie. Multimediální učební text pro studenty bakalářských programů*. 3.

,přepřacované a rozšířené. Brno, CZ: Masarykova univerzita, 2010.

Křepelka, F. 2010. Probleme mit neuen Sprachversionen des Europarechts. In *Sprache und Recht in grossen europäischen Sprachen*. R. Fischer, ed. Regensburg, GE: Universitätsverlag Regensburg.

Křepelka, F. 2010. Přenos, Dopřod a Zohlednění Evropského Práva Českým Právem. *Acta Universitatis Brunensis Iuridica* 364: 125.

Křepelka, F. 2010 Zdravotní Péče o Cizince a v Cizině a Souvisící Konzulární Ochrana. In *Zdravotnictví a Právo*. J Havlíček and B.E. Havlíček, eds. Prague, CZ: JUDr.

Tamuna Kurtanidze (Georgia, Cohort 1):

Ms. Kurtanidze is currently the Secretary of the biomedical research ethics committee of Tbilisi State Medical University. She also teaches a bioethics course to medical students at Tbilisi State, and is a recent coauthor of an article on research ethics published in the Georgian Medical News:

Javashvili, G., G. Kiknadze, and T. Kurtanidze. 2010. Science and Conscience. *Georgian Medical News* 7-8(184-5): 7-21.

Katarzyna Łanda (Poland, Cohort 1):

Dr. Łanda is the founder of and researcher at a small commercial research organization that conducts called SMO (Site Maintenance Organization). In that role, she is currently a Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator on clinical trials looking at several chronic diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, heart failure, and osteoporosis. She also provides internal and external training for physician researchers on Good Clinical Practice (GCP) requirements, informed consent, and general research ethics.

Signe Mezinska (Latvia, Cohort 2):

With support from the European Social Fund, Dr. Mezinska successfully completed and defended her PhD dissertation in Sociology of Health and Illness in February 2011. She also successfully completed several graduate-level courses in the Bioethics Program of Union Graduate College and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She will receive a Masters of Science in Bioethics from that Program in June 2011. In addition to serving as a junior faculty member of this Fogarty-funded Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics, Dr. Mezinska was recently hired as a lecturer in Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia. She also gave several presentations in clinical or research ethics at several international conferences and workshops, including: *Is Medical Ethics Really in the Best Interest of the Patient?* (Uppsala,

Sweden. June 14-16, 2010), *From Informed Consent to No Consent? The Challenges of New Ethical Frameworks* (Tartu, Estonia. November 4-6, 2010), and the *9th International Workshop of the TISS.EU Project - Procurement, Storage and Transfer of Tissues and Cells for Non-clinical Research Purposes* (Vilnius, Lithuania. September 9-10, 2010). Finally, Dr. Mezinska is the author or coauthor of three peer-reviewed ethics publications in 2010:

Dranseika, V., E. Gefenas, A. Cekanauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. 20 Years of Human Research Ethics Committees in the Baltic States. *Developing World Bioethics*. published online: 7 DEC 2010 DOI: 10.1111/j.1471-8847.2010.00288.x. NIHMSID: 281034

Gefenas, E., V. Dranseika, A. Cekanauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. Non-equivalent Stringency of Ethical Review in the Baltic States: A Sign of a Systematic Problem in Europe? *Journal of Medical Ethics* 36: 435-439. NIHMSID: 281058

Mezinska, S. 2010. "Then She Looked at Me and Said – the Old Age!": The Impact of Social Representations of Aging on the Elderly People's Chronic Illness Experience in Latvia. *Culture and Society: Journal of Social Research* 1 (1): 29-41.

Adriana Paladi (Moldova, Cohort 2):

Dr. Paladi was recently promoted from Lecturer to Associate Professor in the Department of Bioethics and Philosophy at the Medical and Pharmaceutical State University, Chisinau. She is currently developing a course in biomedical research ethics, to be taught to all doctoral students at the University beginning in 2011. With the help of Advanced Certificate Fellow Rodica Gramma, she established and serves as the Committee Councilor for the Committee on Research Ethics at the Medical and Pharmaceutical State University, the first research ethics committee established in the Republic of Moldova.

Eimantas Peicius (Lithuania, Cohort 2):

In the past year, Prof. Peicius has been Associate Professor of Bioethics and Medical Ethics at the Vilnius University and at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. His most recent course, "Health Ethics and Bioethics for Public Health Students" was recently approved for addition to the curriculum of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. In addition, he is a member of the Kaunas Regional Bioethics Committee, and is a coauthor on two peer-reviewed publications:

Dranseika, V., E. Gefenas, A. Cekanauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E.

Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. 20 Years of Human Research Ethics Committees in the Baltic States. *Developing World Bioethics*. published online: 7 DEC 2010 DOI: 10.1111/j.1471-8847.2010.00288.x. [NIHMSID: 281034](#)

Gefenas, E., V. Dranseika, A. Cekanauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. Non-equivalent Stringency of Ethical Review in the Baltic States: A Sign of a Systematic Problem in Europe? *Journal of Medical Ethics* 36: 435-439. [NIHMSID: 281058](#)

Gabriel Raicu (Romania, Cohort 1):

Dr. Raicu has been an integral part of the efforts of the of the Romanian National Bioethics Committee of UNESCO to obtain EU founding for a project designed to train Romanian ethics committee members in the basic principles of research ethics. In this context, he recently attended a one-week course on the Teaching in Research Ethics hosted by the Ethical Division of UNESCO, where he presented a paper on the need for formal education in research ethics of ethics committee members from Central and Eastern Europe.

Joanna Różyńska (Poland, Cohort 1):

In addition to teaching in the Fogarty-funded Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics, Dr. Joanna Różyńska currently teaches courses in bioethics at the University of Warsaw and at the Warsaw Academy of Physical Education. She is also involved in a scientific project entitled “Good Research Practice of the Warsaw Academy of Physical Education.” Sponsored by the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Poland, the objective of this project is to set and promote ethical and scientific standards and integrity in research carried out under the auspices of the Academy, and to contribute to the development of a culture of ethical behavior among Academy staff, researchers and students. She is also the co-editor of the book “Badania Naukowe z Udziałem Ludzi w Biomedycynie. Regulacje Międzynarodowe” [Biomedical Research with Human Subjects. International Regulations] (co-edited with Dr. Marcin Waligóra and forthcoming from Wolters Kluwer Poland). This book consists of 12 articles on different regulatory aspects of scientific research on humans written by 12 Polish authors (ethicists, bioethicists, lawyers, physicians, scientists, including both of the editors), and Polish translations selected international research ethics documents, including the Declaration of Helsinki (2008 version), CIOMS Guidelines, Oviedo Convention, and the Additional Protocol on Biomedical Research.

Tatiana Hlinkia (Silich) (Belarus, Cohort 2):

Belarusian Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education. She recently

presented and published a paper entitled “Doctor as Researcher: Identification of Priorities, Planning and Realization of Scientific Project [Fundamentele bioetice ale cercetarilor biomedicale si genetice]" *Materialele Conferintei a XVI-a Stiintifice Internationale 12-13 Noiembrie 2010. Kishinev, 2010 – P.112-115.*

Vents Silis (Latvia, Cohort 2):

In addition to serving as a junior faculty member of this Fogarty-funded Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics, Dr. Silis successfully completed and defended his doctoral dissertation, entitled “Quality of Life and Health Behavior of Latvian Population”. A lecturer at Riga Stradin University, Dr. Silis most recently taught the core research ethics course to incoming medical students. Along with Dr. Guntis Kilkuts, a fellow in the third Advanced Certificate cohort, Dr. Silis is developing a bilingual internet-based resource on bioethics and research ethics in Latvia (Bioetika.lv/Bioethics.lv). He also authored or coauthored three peer-reviewed publications in 2010:

Silis, V. 2010. Research Ethics System in Latvia: Structure, Functioning and Problems. *DILEMATA – International Journal of Applied Ethics* 2: 55-69.

Dranseika, V., E. Gefenas, A. Cekauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. 20 Years of Human Research Ethics Committees in the Baltic States. *Developing World Bioethics*. published online: 7 DEC 2010 DOI: 10.1111/j.1471-8847.2010.00288.x. [NIHMSID: 281034](#)

Gefenas, E., V. Dranseika, A. Cekauskaite, K. Hug, S. Mezinska, E. Peicius, V. Silis, A. Soosaar, and M. Strosberg. 2010. Non-equivalent Stringency of Ethical Review in the Baltic States: A Sign of a Systematic Problem in Europe? *Journal of Medical Ethics* 36: 435-439. [NIHMSID: 281058](#)

Renata Veselska (Czech Republic, Cohort 1):

In 2010-11, Prof. Veselska taught three courses in Bioethics to graduate students at Masaryk University: Introduction to Bioethics, Advanced Bioethics, and the Bioethics Seminar Course. In addition, at the annual DNA conference of the Czech Medical Society, she presented a talk on the consequences of proposed bio-banking regulations entitled “Paving with Good Intentions”.