Mission Statement EACME

The European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME, founded in 1986) is an international network of primarily academic centres and institutions located in Europe. The aim of EACME is to promote and contribute to the development of research, education and ethics consultation in the field of medical ethics. For this purpose, EACME endorses networking and exchange between its members centres and promotes support for students and researchers. An annual conference offers a vibrant platform to meet and discuss new research and work in progress. For the years to come, we wish to state:

EACME wants to promote and reinforce debate on moral values and ethical theory in relation with health care practice, biomedical research and healthcare systems, with an interest in individual, social and legal perspectives. This includes the development of new research methods and concepts to better integrate ethical reflection into daily health care practice and research.

EACME strongly endorses the cooperation with other societies, associations and other scientific partners in the field of bioethics, philosophy and social sciences, both at a national and international level, particularly in regard with the development of ethical standards in practice and policy-making. EACME particularly encourages the collaboration between its member centres and offers an annual prize for the best collaboration (e.g. joint publications, workshops, grant applications).

EACME places particular emphasis on supporting and promoting young talents and junior researchers in the field of medical ethics, for example by having special meetings of post graduate students at the annual conference and by offering Visiting Scholarships or student prizes for the best conference abstract (EACME Paul Schotsmans Prize).