



# European Association for Palliative Care Research Network

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## Invitation to an open meeting

At the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the EAPC in Vienna

Saturday May 9, 2009, 0800-0845, Hall G

### **The European Association for Palliative Care Research Network (EAPC RN)**

started already many years ago with "the ultimate goal to conduct Pan European Prospective Studies" (Franco De Conno, 1998). However, most of the activities have been within the area of consensus papers on e.g. treatment modalities, prognostication, syndromes and several different symptoms. 13 papers published on behalf of the EAPC RN are important achievements within the network. Please see <http://www.eapcnet.org/publications/research.html> for details.

Furthermore, the EAPC RN is affiliated with two ongoing EU-funded studies, the "European Palliative Care Research Collaborative" (EPCRC, <http://www.epcrc.org>) and "Reflecting the positive diversities of European priorities for research and measurement in end of life care" (PRISMA, <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/schools/medicine/depts/palliative/arp/prisma/>).

The EAPC RN would now like to invite all healthcare professionals who see the potential in conducting European multicentre research, to take part in developing a platform for this type of research within the EAPC RN.

The EAPC RN can offer:

- An established structure for collaborative research
- A potential for further development of this collaboration
- A research centre as an external infrastructure for taking care of data handling, organisation of studies etc. (The European Palliative Care Research Centre is at present under development in Trondheim, N)
- A meeting point for discussions and exchange of knowledge
- The biannual EAPC research congress
- A Junior Forum for PhD students and other less experienced researchers

The EAPC RN will have an open structure for all who will participate in its development:

- Members are all who actively take part in planning, conducting and publishing EAPC RN studies
  - The future steering committee will consist of all principal investigators of the studies of the EAPC RN and/or others who are nominated by the EAPC RN
  - The steering committee will be responsible for the development of the network
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We would appreciate all of your input at the open meeting in Vienna, via e-mail to [Stein.Kaasa@ntnu.no](mailto:Stein.Kaasa@ntnu.no) with cc to [Gunn.Tobekk@ntnu.no](mailto:Gunn.Tobekk@ntnu.no) or by contacting the chair of the EAPC RN, Professor Stein Kaasa or any other of the members of the steering committee.

The future of the EAPC RN will be discussed at the meeting in Vienna on Saturday, May 9. Your opinion is of importance and you are most welcome to participate.

Bormio, Italy, April 27, 2009  
Best wishes,

Stein Kaasa  
Chair of the EAPC Research Network

On behalf of the steering committee:

Franco De Conno, Augusto Caraceni, Nathan Cherny, José António Ferraz Gonçalves, Carl-Johan Fürst, Geoffrey Hanks, H Huyer Abu-Saad, Pål Klepstad, Mari Lloyd Williams, Sebastiano Mercadante, Juan Manuel Nuñez Olarte, Philippe Poulain, Lukas Radbruch, Carla Ripamonti, Florian Strasser and Albert Tuca

## **Agenda Saturday May 9, 08.00-0845, Hall G**

Chairs: Maria Nabal and Stein Kaasa

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| • Welcome to the meeting                                  | Stein Kaasa     |
| • The importance of pan European palliative care research | Lukas Radbruch  |
| • The history of the EAPC RN                              | Franco de Conno |
| • Ongoing projects and future plans                       | Stein Kaasa     |
| • Open discussion   | All             |

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