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To EAPC Collective Member Associations and other National Palliative Care Associations

The Budapest Commitments – an invitation to set your own goals!

EAPC, the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) and the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance (WPCA) has launched campaign to develop strategies and at the country level. This campaign will include commitments to accomplish goals within a proposed framework. The idea of the “Budapest Commitments” was launched at the 10th Congress of the EAPC in Budapest, June 6-9, 2007.

A small steering committee will monitor and evaluate the progress throughout the initial two years of the campaign, representing the EAPC (Lukas Radbruch, Carl Johan Fürst), IAHPC (Liliana De Lima), WPCA (David Prail) and the EAPC National Associations Task Force (David Prail).

We are inviting you as representative of a national or a regional association to participate in the Budapest Commitments. You will find documents explaining the background and the scope of the campaign, and also offers examples for commitments that national associations might find feasible for their country at the EAPC web site (www.eapcnet.org). Please note that this is not a closed list, but rather should serve as examples, and that you are welcome to define specific commitments for your region or country if you prefer.

We are convinced that the Budapest Commitments will lead to significant advances in the development of palliative care throughout the world, providing training in advocacy for palliative care specialists and convincing stakeholders to support palliative care politically. We hope that we will find not only colleagues, but also friends among our co-workers in the collaboration process!

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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