

**Dear Friends of the Network,**

The EAPC congress in the Hague included everything you could expect from a big international congress: Scientific presentations, expert discussions, clinical issues, teaching, sharing of experience, inspiring and provoking plenary lectures and much more. In addition to that a new EAPC board of directors was chosen. For the first time since the beginning of EAPC we managed to elect a person from Eastern Europe! Professor Katalin Hegedus from Budapest, Hungary, is now a board member of the association. Let us wish her good luck in that work and give her all possible support!  
Carl Johan Fürst

**Reporting from the EAPC conference in the Haag**

In total there were 1500 participants and out of these almost 100 came from Eastern European countries. Most of them had managed to get other funding than from OSI-EAPC and hopefully this knowledge is a stimulating thought to you. If they could find funding you can (!) till the next or some other conference.

The next EAPC congress will take place in Aachen in Germany April 2005. The next research conference takes place in June 2004 in Italy. More information on the conferences can be found on the web site [www.eapceast.org](http://www.eapceast.org)

There were more than 600 abstracts and many posters. The posters varied from day to day and every day a prize to the best poster of the day was awarded from a jury who selected the 3 winners and one of the winners was Elena Vvedenskaya from Niznij Novgorod in Russia. The name of the poster: Palliative Care for the elderly – first steps in Nizny Novgorod

Congratulations!

We have made a list of all the abstracts and posters from Eastern European countries and there were an impressive amount. The titles of the presentations can be found to download from our web site [www.eapceast.org](http://www.eapceast.org).

If you then want to read the abstracts and all the plenary lectures in full text they can be found on <http://eapcnet.columbusnet.it/theHague2003/>

**Update on Voices for Hospices in October**

So far there have been 19 registrations for different events in Albania, Croatia, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Russia.

Why not use this event to tell about palliative care and the important work you are doing and make some fundraising at the same time?!

For more information and registration [www.voicesforhospices.org](http://www.voicesforhospices.org)

**Progress in Palliative Care etc**

We are happy to be able to offer some more journals in English for your institution/homecareteam/hospice/department or palliative care unit.

This time it is 12 issues of Progress in Palliative Care from 1999-2000 and Supportive Care in Cancer 19 issues from 1999 – 2002 (1999 – 2 issues, 2000 – 6 issues, 2001 – 7 issues, 2002 4 issues)

Please let me know if you are interested and we will send them on first come first served basis.

**Globalfund - Funding for HIV/AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria**

Maybe this would be of interest to you to apply for a project. Look for three key documents: call for proposals, guidelines for proposals, and proposal form – they can be found on

<http://www.globalfundatm.org/proposals.html>

– final date for application May 31

### **Report on latest development on palliative care in Latvia**

Can be downloaded from our web site [www.eapceast.org](http://www.eapceast.org)

### **Report on the work of the Erzsébet (Elizabeth) Hospice Foundation in Hungary**

A short report from the Hospice Foundation can be found on our web site [www.eapceast.org](http://www.eapceast.org) to download.

### **International Observatory on End of Life Care - Link**

Very recently and in a minor scale the International Observatory on End of Life Care has started. It is the work of Professor David Clark in Sheffield, UK and the first information presented is on Central and Eastern Europe.

The observatory presents public health and policy data relating to hospice and palliative care services. The information is research-based and about hospice and palliative care provision in the international context.

This is complemented by material drawn from the social and cultural analysis of end of life issues, including ethnographic, historical and ethical perspectives. Have a look: [www.eolc-observatory.net](http://www.eolc-observatory.net)

### **Cancer Pain Release – WHO - Link**

Metastatic bone pain is the most common pain syndrome in cancer patients with up to 79% of patients with bone metastases experiencing severe pain before palliative therapy according to the current issue of *Cancer Pain Release*, the publication of the WHO Collaborating Center for Policy and Communications in Cancer Care.

For a review of the multidisciplinary therapies used to palliate bone pain, read the current issue online at: [www.WHOcancerpain.wisc.edu/eng/15\\_4/15\\_4.html](http://www.WHOcancerpain.wisc.edu/eng/15_4/15_4.html)

To request a print copy, visit: [www.whocancerpain.wisc.edu/feedback.html](http://www.whocancerpain.wisc.edu/feedback.html)

### **Training for Teachers in Palliative Medicine, 13 -17 October 2003 in UK**

Target group: doctors working in palliative medicine involved in teaching and education. The training is open to doctors who have worked for more than two years in Palliative Medicine. Experience in teaching is required.

Language: English

See more on news [www.eapceast.org](http://www.eapceast.org)

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This is all for this time and we are looking forward to hear from you both in the Forum and by e-mail.

Kind regards  
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