

EAPC-East Newsletter
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Grants to attend the EAPC research conference in Stresa – Italy 4-6 June 2004

With the support from OSI we are happy to announce the possibility to apply for travel grants to attend the EAPC research conference in Stresa, Italy . Please find the application form to down load from the EAPC-east web site: www.eapceast.org Applications with an accepted poster or an oral presentation at the conference will be looked favourable upon. Deadline for application is March 29, 2004.

Appeal to the Eastern European Palliative Care Leaders

Dear Colleagues,

I have been a member of The Board of the EAPC for a year as the first representative of the Eastern European countries. During this time I realized that just Croatia, Hungary and Romania were collective members of the EAPC from the Eastern and Central European countries. What about for example Poland, who is very well developed in PC? What about the other Eastern and Central European countries who are very creative and talented in organizing PC in spite of the difficult situation? In October I could make sure of this creativity and talent during the Palliative Care Policy Development Conference in Budapest. We should show this creativity and talent to the Western World.

The EAPC wants to organize the 2007 Congress in an Eastern European country. In order to be able to apply to host the congress you need to be a collective member in the EAPC. I would like to call you to be collective members of the EAPC.

Looking forward to your answers.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Katalin Hegedus (Hungary), Member of Board of the EAPC, e-mail: hegkati@net.sote.hu

Myth about pain

A new document from The Mayday Fund and edited by experts in the field of pain management addresses some of the more common myths about pain management on the AACPI's website at: http://www.aacpi.wisc.edu/images/Myths_Pain.pdf You will need acrobat reader to down load the document as it is in pdf format. Acrobat reader can be down loaded from the internet for free <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Clinical cases to down load

Case of the Month #25 - February 2004 - Procedural Interventions in Palliative Care:
The Case of Malignant Ascites <http://www.mcw.edu/display/router.asp?docid=2463>
There are presentations of cases in different aspects please have a look.

Eperc-edu

The two news cited above are taken from [eperc.edu](http://www.eperc.edu) – please go there and see for yourself a very useful newsletter you can subscribe to – free of charge
web site: www.eperc.mcw.edu e-mail to subscribe: e-perc@mcw.edu

ABC on palliative care from BMJ – British Medical Journal

Constipation and diarrhoea by Marie Fallon and Bill O'Neill Please find the article to down load from the web site www.eapceast.org

Proposal for shared actions on the recommendations for pc by the Council of Europe

A proposal to join the project to disseminate the recommendations on palliative care approved by the Council of Europe (CoE) in November 2003 has been sent to palliative care organisations and associations in respective country in all the member states of CoE.

It is important to have this project as a joint action and simultaneously all over Europe and please support your national organisations and contact persons in this project. You can see the invitation letter as well as the list of addresses under download on the web site www.eapceast.org

The 2004 EAPC General Assembly will be held in Miskolc, Hungary,
at the Centre of the Academic Committee, at the occasion of the VI. National Hospice-Palliative Congress of The Hungarian Hospice-Palliative Association (EAPC Collective member), The Elizabeth Hospice Foundation and The Academic Committee of Miskolc.
The first call will be on Friday 23 April at 9:45.
Second call: Saturday, 24 April 2002, at 2:00 P

Note: In the first Assembly, the meeting shall need the presence – in person or by proxy – of at least half of the members. In the second assembly, the meeting shall be valid irrespective of the number of members attending. It is usually anticipated that very few representatives will be able to attend the General Assembly (GA) on the first date given, and the GA cannot be declared quorate. We have therefore organised a second meeting on the following day to ensure that the meeting is quorate.

Welcome to the VI. Hungarian National Hospice-Palliative Congress

The Hungarian Hospice-Palliative Association, The Elizabeth Hospice Foundation and The Academic Committee of Miskolc have the pleasure to invite you and your colleagues to participate in the national congress April 23-24 2004 in Miskolc, Hungary.

Main topics of the Congress:

- ° Quality assurance
- ° Communication with cancer patients and their family
- ° Limits of active oncological treatment and palliative therapy
- ° Therapeutic approaches in taking care of dying patients
- ° Assistance in farewell and mourning

Facultative professional program: visit to Elizabeth Hospice on basis of demand announced at the time of registration.

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Let us hear from you!

Progressive and promising regards

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