

## **EAPC-East Newsletter**

### **NR 24– September**

Dear Friends,

Now is the time just before the launching of the **Council of Europe recommendations** on palliative care. The common date is set to be October 11 and up till now recommendations have been translated into 17 different languages: Croatian, Dutch, English, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian. Some of the languages will be used in several countries. We expect and hope there will be lot of discussions about palliative care in all of Europe in October.

There will be a press release in active countries with a common part and a national part . It is mostly welcome and important with activities on regional and local levels as well in every country. Do you want to take part in the disseminating of the recommendations in your country or region? Please get in touch with the contact in the respective country (you find the list of persons and their e-mail addresses on the web site [www.eapceast.org](http://www.eapceast.org) under down load) or if you prefer you can contact [Sylvia.sauter@stockholmssjukhem.se](mailto:Sylvia.sauter@stockholmssjukhem.se)

The Council of Europe recommendations in all languages will be printed in a booklet and it will look the same in all the different countries. We all are in a very hectic process to get the booklets printed and available from the contact persons in the different countries in time for the press release and other activities.

We hope this occasion will be a good opportunity to inform widely about palliative care in different kind of settings and surroundings in both East and Western part of Europe. Lets hope the recommendations will turn out to be a useful tool to help development in a positive direction.

### **The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) in the USA**

is offering a new continuing education course, "Understanding End of Life Care: The Social Worker's Role," through the association's NASW WebED online training. Web site, [www.naswwebed.org](http://www.naswwebed.org) The course, which launched in June, is free and provides 2.0 continuing education unit hours for social workers who complete the content and take the exam.

The course was developed as part of a Open Society Institute's Project on Death in America grant to advance social work practice in end of life care.

The course targets social workers working with individuals and their loved ones who are coping with issues surrounding death and dying. Social workers addressing these concerns work in a range of practice settings, including healthy and mental health agencies, hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, day care and senior centres, correctional systems, substance abuse programs and others. The course is designed to increase social workers' knowledge about the complexities of end of life care in the United States and to help them gain information, skills and resources that will enhance their practice in end of life practice.

**Clinical practice guidelines for quality palliative care**

The Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, developed by the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care, are now available. You can download the full text directly from the web.

Or order copies (Item # 820538 - \$25) or the executive summary (Item #820539 - \$15), go to the NCP Web site [www.nationalconsensusproject.org](http://www.nationalconsensusproject.org) or [www.nhpco.org/Marketplace](http://www.nhpco.org/Marketplace)

**Remember deadline for abstracts for the next EAPC conference in Aachen , April 6-10, 2005**

Last day to send in an abstract is September 30, 2004.

For more information please see: [www.eapceast.org/Aachen2005](http://www.eapceast.org/Aachen2005)

Keep in touch!

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