

Dear Friends,

This Newsletter is the last one for this year. Next time you get the Newsletter it is already January 2003.

Free or nearly free access to international journals

It is a problem to get hold of adequate and current international palliative care information. We are happy to be able to give some examples for some of you to get access to journals. Institutions in countries with GNP per capita below \$1000 are eligible for free access to the literature. Institutions in countries with GNP per capita between \$1000-\$3000 will be eligible for access at reduced prices. Please have a look at www.eapceast.org under down load to find some more information.

Croatia

A short summary of an article on Palliative Care in Croatia submitted to the European Journal of Palliative Care by David Oliver, Anica Jusic, Fliss Murtagh, Ana Stambuk, and Desa Grubic-Jakupcevic you can find to down load from the EAPC-east web site and then click on www.eapceast.org down load.

Voices for hospices

Here some information on the event for next year. You can find a short article from Romania where people who were active write about their experiences and also one from the organiser with contact information. Please find the information to down load from the EAPC-east web site.

Possibility to apply for scholarships to attend MASCC meeting in Berlin next year

The 15th International Symposium Supportive Care in Cancer will take place in Berlin, Germany, June 18 – 21, 2003. There are travel grants to apply for so please check their web site for further information and application forms.

<http://www.cancerworld.org/mascc/Symposia/images/Application.pdf>

Grants for EAPC conference in Haag next year?

So far we have no information on grants for the conference. As soon as we know we will announce it on the EAPC-east web site, so please have a look now and then under News. Meanwhile try to get funding from local or other international sources.

Fact sheet and overview on Aids in Eastern Europe from 2001

ICAD is a network of over 120 Canadian international development non-governmental organizations (NGOs), AIDS service organizations and individuals who are concerned about global HIV/AIDS issues. You can find more information visiting their web site

http://www.icad-cisd.com/content/factsheet_detail.cfm?id=23&lang=e

The Council of Europe will next year publish and make official a report on recommendations on palliative care in Europe. That will hopefully be a useful tool for all the countries within the Council of Europe for contact with their national authorities. We will come back to the report as soon as it is official.

Summing up this passed year we understand that many of you have with limited means accomplished a great deal and made a big difference to both patients and their families. We wish you strength and courage to continue your important work.

We will be back next year with the EAPC-east Newsletter and until then we wish you Happy holidays and a Happy New Year

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