EAPC-East Newsletter NR 8 – January 2003

Dear Friends,

A new year has started with hopes and good wishes from and to all. This issue of the Newsletter is hoping to bring you some good and useful information. If you would like to inform others about activities, coming events or tell what you have achieved in palliative care then please let me know and I will be happy to spread the word. There is also a forum on the website accessible for all registered, if you are interested to discuss palliative care issues. The **web address is www.eapceast.org**

British Medical Journal - BMJ

If you are not still aware I would like to inform you that you can read the BMJ in full text directly from the web for free! Just go to http://bmj.com and have a look around.

A recent article that might be of interest is from issue 326, 4 January 2003. "Care of the dying patient: the last hours or days of life" and Commentary: "A "good death" is possible in the NHS" John Ellershaw, Chris Ward, and Rabbi Julia Neuberger BMJ 2003;326 30-34 http://bmj.com/cgi/collection/palliative_medicine

Call for papers

JAMA and several Archives Journals will publish theme issues on pain management in November 2003. Authors should submit manuscripts involving original research including randomized clinical trials and high-quality observational research; systematic reviews; scholarly commentaries; and special communications addressing pain management. Basic science and translational research studies that provide insight to underlying mechanisms of pain and its management are also highly encouraged to be submitted.

Topics might include direct therapeutic interventions, ancillary support for patients and their families, and ethical issues. Areas of interest include pain management in the elderly, and in children; patients with cancer, human immunodeficiency virus, and other chronic illnesses; medico-legal implications of opioid and other medications; manipulative, neurostimulation, and rehabilitation therapies; complementary and alternative therapies; and ethical implications of treatment. Authors should consult the JAMA Instructions for Authors for guidelines on manuscript submission and preparation.

Manuscripts received before May 1, 2003, will have the best chance of acceptance for the November 12, 2003, JAMA theme issue.

This announcement appeared in the December 9 Archives of Internal Medicine: Pain Management: A Call for Papers - Catherine D. DeAngelis, MD, MPHhttp://archinte.ama-assn.org/issues/v162n22/ffull/ied20016.html

Fellowships in Palliative Medicine in the USA

There are three different places in the USA offering 1-2 years fellowships in palliative medicine, Marsfield clinic, Wisconsin, University of South Florida College of Medicine in

Tampa, Florida and University of Pittsburgh in Philadelphia. For further information and addresses please see under download on the EAPC-east web site.

Travel grants to attend the EAPC congress in The Hague

We are happy to announce the possibility to apply for travel grants to participate in the EAPC conference in The Hague in April 2003. Please find an **application form to download on the EAPC-east website.** Last date for application, February 14, 2003.

Report Hospice Angelus Moldova

Please find the report on the first year of practice for Hospice Angelus to **download** from the EAPC-east web site.

We need your help to update e-mail addresses:

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If you know somebody who would like to get the Newsletter please let us know. Looking forward to hear from you with or without useful information!

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