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MND award

At the 14th International Symposium on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)/motor neurone disease (MND) in Milan in November 2003, Dr David Oliver, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Medical Director of the Wisdom Hospice and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Kent Institute of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Kent was awarded the Humanitarian Award by the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations.

The award was given in recognition of his work in education about palliative care for people with motor neurone disease around the world – including lectures in the UK, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, USA, Poland, Italy

and Croatia – many publications on motor neurone disease and involvement in the international symposia since 1991.

The citation speaks of David making, 'An exceptional contribution to improving care, management and quality of life of people with ALS/MND through education' and he is, 'An international reference point for the care and management of people with MND that enhances quality of living'.

David said, 'I am really delighted and honoured to receive this award. It has been a privilege to meet both professionals and patients and their families in different countries. It is always a privilege to work with people with MND and their families'.

The award consists of a framed citation, a crystal bowl and \$750

(sponsored by Communication Independence for the Neurologically Impaired Inc of New York) to spend on a project of patient care. David is planning to use the grant to support the development of a project to help to care for people with MND in the later stages of the disease in South Africa. This will include the development of leaflets in different languages to support people with MND, their families and the health and social care professionals involved in their care.

Taskforce on Education for Physicians

The EAPC Board considers university education about palliative medicine of

Table 1. List of respondents

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utmost importance for the future of palliative care. During 2003, Marilène Filbet, Vice President of the EAPC carried out a survey on the state of education for physicians in Europe.

A questionnaire was distributed and could be downloaded from the EAPC website (www.eapcnet.org/projects/taskforceupdate.asp).

Table 1 lists all the institutions, including their contact details,

who replied to the questionnaire. Among the questions asked, the following two were deemed the most important:

1. Do you have a national programme for training in palliative care for medical students in your country or state?
2. Do you know about regional or local initiatives of university teaching of any kind in your country?

The results are shown in Table 1 (above). Further results are being analysed and will be published shortly.

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