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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE

EAPC website

As you may already know, the new EAPC website is now online at:
www.eapcnet.org

The website features much information about the EAPC, updated to February 2000, and in the section *Congresses*, there is a calendar of palliative care events.

Suggestions and contributions from members concerning the website and its content are always welcome. So don't hesitate to contact us if you think something of interest or importance is missing!

If you would like to make a suggestion, use the section *Contact us* on the page *About EAPC* – to find out who to contact.

But this is not all! Take a look at the EAPC congress websites and you'll find information on the following events:

- The 1st EAPC Congress on Research and Development, Berlin, 7–10 December 2000

Visit: **www.kenes.com/eapcresearch**

- 7th EAPC Congress, Palermo, 1–5 April 2001

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Carlo Peruselli and Heidi Blumhuber,
Webmasters

Editor's note

The information policy of the EAPC is undergoing major changes in the near future. More and more information and communication between the Board, Milan office and EAPC members will take place through the website (**www.eapcnet.org**).

Until now the EAPC *Newsletter* has been the noticeboard for members, featuring the minutes of general

assemblies and reports from the EAPC research, education, ethics and policy networks.

Very soon, the EAPC *Newsletter* will appear on the web and most of you will be able to keep yourself informed on a regular basis. For those who do not have easy access to the internet, an email version may be delivered or hard copies sent. Please indicate on the form at the end of the *Newsletter* if you would prefer any of these means of distribution, or send an email to **cj.furst@stockholmssjukhem.a.se**

As Editor of the EAPC *Newsletter* on the web, I would very much like to receive feedback from you, the reader!

- What would you like to read about?
- How could we improve on the contents and make it more interesting for you?
- Would you like to read about new research projects and invitations to take part in multicentre studies?
- Would you like information about courses and workshops in different countries?
- Would you like to see discussions on ethical issues or the organisation of palliative care in different parts of Europe?
- What about views on palliative care priorities by opinion leaders?

Please send us your comments, using the form at the end of this *Newsletter*, or send an email to my email address above.

Carl Johan Fürst, Editor

MINUTES OF THE EAPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE JERUSALEM CONGRESS, MARCH 2000

1. Stein Kaasa, President of the EAPC, welcomed participants to the General Assembly. Thirty-eight members were present at the second call, of whom 20 were represented by proxies.

2. The minutes of the General

Assembly held in Geneva, 23 September 1999, were agreed.

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. The President informed the Assembly that the Board had met to agree about future policy and priorities that were welcomed by the General Assembly. The three main areas of activities are:

- The four existing networks: education, ethics, policy and public health, and research shall be emphasised as the cornerstones of the EAPC. The networks will be actively involved in preparing the scientific programme for EAPC conferences.
- The biennial EAPC conferences and smaller intermediate conferences will be the occasion for members to meet and exchange information. The first intermediate conference will be organised by the Research Network in December 2000.
- The EAPC's official journal, the *European Journal of Palliative Care (EJPC)*, the website and the *Newsletter* will be co-ordinated to communicate information to members. For this reason, the *EJPC* Editors will attend future meetings of the Board of Directors.

5. The financial report 1999, budget update for 2000 and the 2001 budget were presented by Heidi Blumhuber on behalf of the Treasurer, Silvio Necchi. Once again, she drew attention to the rising cost of running the Association and the increasing difficulty of raising funds. However, thanks to cautious administration and Dr De Conno hosting the EAPC Head Office in his Division of the National Cancer Institute, Milan, reserves have been accumulated in recent years. Thanks also to an important contribution from Kuoni after the Geneva Congress, 1999, the financial report for 1999 shows a positive balance.



Heidi Blumhuber thanked Charles-Henri Rapin, Chairman of the Organising Committee, for this contribution. She proposed that the reserves accumulated should be used to cover any shortfall this year if the anticipated income did not materialise. Heidi Blumhuber explained that the Board anticipated the cost for running the Head Office and the website to be slightly higher than foreseen. The budget was agreed unanimously. It was also unanimously agreed that reserves may be used to cover any shortfall.

The budget for 2001, which will be reviewed for the next General Assembly, April 2001, was also agreed unanimously.

6. EAPC member Dr Walter Teutsch, Treasurer of the Israeli Association of Palliative Care, made a request to the Board to focus more attention on organising proxy voting. Heidi Blumhuber asked if he would be prepared to help Board members organising the General Assembly and proxy voting with his knowledge and experience. Dr Teutsch agreed to join the working group and to prepare a written paper with recommendations. Heidi Blumhuber will put him in contact with the Board members in charge of organisation.

7. The next General Assembly of the EAPC will be held during the 7th Congress of the EAPC, in Palermo.

NATIONAL REPORTS

SPAIN

The 3rd Congress of the Sociedad Española de Cuidados Paliativos (The Spanish Society of Palliative Care, SECPAL), was held in Valencia recently. More than 1,300 people attended and there were approximately 300 sessions and activities organised.

The new directory was presented at the congress showing more than 200 active teams.

During the congress, SECPAL held its General Assembly, during which the new proposed Board was elected by a vast majority. The new president is Dr Antonio Pascual (Barcelona) and the Vice-presidents: Mrs Eulalia López-Imedio (Madrid), Dr Manuel Ojeda Martín (Las Palmas), and Dr Pablo Sastre Moyano (Madrid).

The main aims of the new board are to establish advanced training, develop new rules, and promote quality and implementation.

Dr Xavier Gomez-Batiste, EAPC Vice-president

BELGIUM

News from the Education Network

The Education Network's Steering Committee had a meeting in May

2000. Projects in progress are:

- Continuing the project begun after the London congress at the Barbican in 1997 concerning the minimum level of palliative care education for students in medicine and nursing. A meeting will be organised for representatives of the national educational networks during the Palermo congress to compare results obtained in different countries
- Organisation of a meeting of experts in their fields (more than 20 experts from five disciplines in 12 different countries) to take place in November 2000 in France to work on recommendations for palliative care education at different levels for doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers and pastoral workers. Those recommendations will also be presented to EAPC members during the Palermo conference
- A questionnaire concerning palliative care education and palliative care teachers will be disseminated as widely as possible to EAPC members to obtain information and contacts
- Building the website to include more information, adding key names and articles.

Bernadette Wouters, Chair of the Education Network

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**I plan to attend the 1st Congress of the Research Network of
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Hotel Inter-Continental Berlin ☐ Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza ☐ Hotel Globus ☐

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