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Task Force Proposal Form

Formulaire pour propositions pour des groupes de projets

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Information about project – *Information sur le projet*

1) Project title <i>Titre projet</i>	Education for Psychologists in Palliative Care
2) Objectives <i>Objectives</i>	<p>Definition of core competences for psychologists working in palliative care in Europe</p> <p>Development of core curricula for psychologists working in different areas of palliative care</p>

<p>3) Members of group (names, titles, addresses)</p> <p><i>Membres du groupe (noms, titres, addresses..)</i></p>	<p>Prof. Sheila Payne Help the Hospices Chair in Hospice Studies Division of Health Research Lancaster University (Lancaster, UK)</p> <p>Dr. rer. medic. Saskia Jünger Research Associate Department of Palliative Medicine RWTH Aachen University (Aachen, Germany)</p> <p>Drssa. Anna Costantini Chief of Departmental Psychoncology Unit Sant'Andrea Hospital University La Sapienza of Rome (Rome, Italy)</p> <p>Christine Kalus Lead Consultant Clinical Psychologist The Rowans Hospice (Portsmouth, UK)</p> <p>Walter Rombouts Clinical psychologist palliative support team and medical oncology University Hospital Gasthuisberg KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)</p> <p>Dra. María Antonía Lacasta Reverte Clinical psychologist palliative care unit University Hospital La Paz (Madrid, Spain)</p> <p>Elzbieta Pożarowska, Poland Psychologist Palliative Care Department (Warsaw, Poland)</p>
<p>4) Project Milestones</p> <p><i>Emploi du Temps</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANTEA Conference in Rome, November 2008: kick-off of the initiative 2. 11th EAPC Congress in Vienna, May 2009: First meeting of the work group 3. Publication of the results of the workshop in Rome (EJPC).
<p>5) Financial Plan</p> <p><i>Plan financier</i></p>	<p>Considering application for a research fellowship or the like</p>

<p>6) Project summary / abstract <i>Résumé du projet</i></p>	<p>Approved international definitions of palliative care unequivocally postulate psychological support as essential component. However, it is not clear what “psychological support” implies, especially the differentiation between psychosocial support or spiritual support. Likewise, the role and the tasks of a psychologist in the field of palliative care are not clearly specified. By now, little has been published which might give orientation on this issue. Only few palliative care associations give explicit information on the role of psychologists in palliative care. Psychological associations generally do not deal with this issue, either – if at all, they only refer to the topic in the context of “aged care”, “grief”, or “end-of-life care”. In reaction to this, psychologists in some national palliative care associations have started initiatives to develop an occupational image, a job description, and outline the basic concerns of their profession in the field of palliative care. Consistently, the following tasks and roles are delineated: (1) clinical tasks, (2) consultancy, (3) research, and (4) policy.</p> <p>When developing an education programme for psychologists in palliative care, several questions have to be considered: (1) the expectations towards psychologists on the part of the patient and family members, (2) an elaborate compendium of psychological concepts and psychotherapeutic methods suitable for palliative care, (3) the tasks of psychologists in a palliative care team, and (4) the compatibility of psychologists’ professional socialisation during their basic education with the exigencies of palliative care. Moreover, the workshop during the ANTEA conference in Rome has revealed that national, cultural and language differences have to be considered when defining core competences and establishing a common curriculum.</p> <p>The following methods are suggested for the preparation of a core curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a needs assessment among psychologists regarding the perceived requirements for working in palliative care ▪ if research funding can be achieved: a needs assessment among patients, relatives, and staff regarding the desired support by a psychologist ▪ a consensus process on the development of therapeutic concepts and interventions. <p>In all these questions, the national particularities have to be taken into consideration and adequately addressed within the research designs.</p>
<p>7) Other Institutions proposed for collaboration <i>Eventuelles autres institutions proposées pour une collaboration</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ANTEA ▪ International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS)? http://www.ipos-society.org/ ▪ European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA)? http://www.efpa.eu/ ▪ Other associations / institutions? From which country?
<p>8) Support requested from the EAPC Board of Directors, Head Office and /or EAPC Committees <i>Support demandé au Comité Directeurs, Secrétariat Général et / ou autres comités de l'EAPC</i></p>	<p>Possibility to use databases of collective members in order to reach psychologists in the different countries via the national associations (e.g., for a needs assessment or any other kind of survey)</p> <p>Seek the expertise of EAPC Board members regarding political issues, project management, curriculum development</p> <p>Support with organisation of time/room for a meeting during the EAPC congresses</p>

Date February 11th, 2009

Place Dortmund, Germany

Signature



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