

**Subject: European Palliative Congress in Vienna (7 to 10 May) – Press conference on current themes on optimal care in the final phase of life.**

**11<sup>th</sup> European Palliative Congress (EAPC)  
7 to 10 May, 2009 in Vienna; Press Conference**

- What do terminally ill people wish for the remaining days of their life?
- Does the desire for assisted dying disappear with good palliative?
- How invasive should medical science be in the final phase of life?
- How different are the approaches of various cultures and religions to dying and terminal care?
- Do we need hospices for children?
- Do terminally ill people die “better” at home?
- Is universal palliative care financeable?
- Are studies involving the dying ethically defensible?

These and numerous other issues will be discussed by more than 2,500 participants from throughout the world at the 11<sup>th</sup> European Palliative Congress being held in Vienna’s “Austria Center” from 7 to 10 May, 2009. The congress is being organized by the European Society for Palliative Care (EAPC) together with the Austrian Society for Palliative Care (OPG)

Top level experts will inform you, during **two press conferences**, about current areas of inquiry, demands, and research results.

- **Opening press conference (in German):  
7 May 2009 – 9:30AM - Cafe Griensteidl – Karl Krauss Saal (Room)**
  - Alois Stöger** diplômé, Minister of Health
  - Waltraud Klasnic**, President Hospiz Österreich
  - Professor Hans-Georg Kress**, Chairman, Organising Committee of the EAPC Congress, Medical University / General Hospital (AKH) Vienna (Austria)
  - Professor Lukas Radbruch**, EAPC President, Clinic for Palliative Medicine at the University Clinical Center, Aachen (Germany)
  - Dr. Franz Zdrahal**, President, Austrian Society for Palliative Care, Caritas Vienna with Hospice (Austria)
- **International Press Conference: 8 May 2009 – 10:10 AM – Austria Center, Vienna (Room number E557 + E558)**
  - Prof. Dr. Franco De Conno**, Honorary Director of the EAPC, National Cancer Institute (Foundation, Italy)
  - Professor Stein Kaasa**, Chairman, Research Network of the EAPC, University Clinic, Trondheim (Norway)
  - Professor Hans-Georg Kress**, Chairman, Organising Committee of the EAPC-Congress, Medical University / General Hospital (AKH) Vienna (Austria)

**Professor Philip Larkin**, Co-Chairman, Scientific Committee , University Dublin/Our Lady's Hospice Ltd (Ireland)

**Professor Friedemann Nauck**, Chairman, Scientific Committee, Georg-August-University, Göttingen (Germany)

**Professor Lukas Radbruch**, EAPC President, Clinic for Palliative Medicine at the University Clinical Center, Aachen (Germany)

Additionally, we will provide you with press releases during the congress on current studies being discussed.

The preliminary EAPC congress program is available on the internet:

<http://www.eapcnet.org/vienna2009/>

Online abstracts: <http://www.eapcnet.org/vienna2009/programme.html>

If you wish to attend the EAPC congress, please arrange for media accreditation in advance through the EAPC press office (B&K, Vienna) or directly at the press center while visiting the congress. For advanced accreditation, please forward us the (attached) registration form via fax or e-mail, with the notation "press" along with a copy of your press identification card or assignment letter from your editor. Fax: 0043-(0)1-319 43 78 -20; e-mail: [kofler@bkkommunikation.com](mailto:kofler@bkkommunikation.com)

A press center with computers and internet connection will be available to you at the Austria Center throughout the congress.

Please let us know if you need additional information. We will be happy to keep you up to date.

We look forward to a productive cooperation.

With best regards,

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