We would like to invite you to the 9th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care, to be held together with the 5th Congress of the German Association for Palliative Medicine in Aachen in April 2005. Aachen is situated on the border between Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. However, the congress title has more than a geographical meaning: we want to discuss the borders that we experience in palliative care from a physical, psychological, social, spiritual or economic perspective. The congress will find ways to go across and beyond these borders.

Recent congresses of the European Association for Palliative Care have been praised for their international reputation, which has now reached far beyond Europe. The Congress in Aachen will build upon this reputation and expand it even further. We are preparing the congress with as much international participation as possible. We hope that we can make this the first worldwide conference in Palliative Care.

We invite you to participate in the Congress with the submission of an abstract.

We hope to see you in Aachen!

Stein Kaasa
Chair
Scientific Committee

Lukas Radbruch
Co-Chair
Scientific Committee

Plenary Sessions
1. Palliative care in Europe: a view across the borders
2. Bereavement, grief and the clinical response
3. Refractory symptoms: complex problems require careful solutions
4. Wasting syndrome
5. Palliative care in chronic conditions: extending our borders
6. Biology and pharmacology in the older patient
7. The volunteer in palliative care: a clearly defined role?
8. Communication in the cultural context: a challenge for palliative care

Preliminary Timetable

The 5th DGP Congress (6 - 7 April, 2005) will start on Wednesday, 6 April, with an Opening Session at 9.00 a.m. On 7 April the two congresses will be connected by a 'Get Together' in the evening. The 9th EAPC Congress will start on Friday, 8 April, at 9.00 a.m. with the Floriani Lecture.

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Known with different names in different countries, Aachen is a beautiful historical city in the west of Germany, bordering to Belgium and the Netherlands. Aachen has more than 240,000 inhabitants. It is renowned as the city of Charlemagne (742-814), who was enthroned in the cathedral (786-1414).

Tourist information:
www.aachen-tourist.de

Congress Site: Eurogress Aachen
www.eurogress-aachen.de

Abstract Submission

As the leading topic of the congress is “Beyond the Border”, participants are kindly requested to submit abstracts for posters and free communications in accordance with the leading theme.

Topics for abstract submission:
1. Methodology and Basic Research
2. Assessment
3. Symptoms
4. Epidemiology
5. Ethics
6. Family and Bereavement
7. Policy and Organisation
9. Other

Guidelines for submission:
- State specific object of study.
- State method used.
- Summarise results obtained.
- State conclusions reached.
- Standard abbreviations may be used.
- Inclusion in the Scientific Program and Publication is dependent on payment of registration fees.
- Abstracts should be submitted in English.

Abstracts can be submitted online until 30 September, 2004.

Further Details on the conditions for abstract submission and the abstract submission form can be found on our congress webpage www.eapcnet.org/Aachen2005.