Hungarian Hospice Palliative Association – one of the firsts in Central and Eastern Europe

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Statistical data in Hungary

- Number of population: 10,076,581
- Number of death: 135,732
- Cancer death: 30,615
- Patients in Palliative care in 2008: 4527
  (between 1991 and 2008: 30,468)
About the Hungarian Hospice-Palliative Association (HHPA)

- 1995 - established by 19 hospices as a national association

- Due to the activity of the HHPA
  - 1997 - hospice care in the new Health Care Act (99.§)
  - 2002 – National Guidelines
  - 2004 - Minimum standards of hospice/palliative care
  - 2004 - hospice care is financed by the National Health Insurance Fund,
  - 2005 - hospice recommendations in the National Cancer Control Program
  - 2006 - member of the National Health Council
  - 2007 - Hungary organized the 10th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care in Budapest
  - 2010 – New Minimum standards and National guidelines

- In 2009 the HHPA coordinates 66 hospice services in Hungary
Role of the HHPA

- Information and coordination centre, data base
- Protection of patients’ and health workers’ interests
- Trainings and researches
- Publishing (books, textbooks and periodical – Kharon)
- Changing the attitudes (death taboo)
- International relationships
Hospice services in 2009

- 11 hospice inpatient centres - 171 beds
- 48 hospice home care teams
- 4 PC in nursing homes - 34 beds
- 3 hospital support teams

66 organizations - 205 beds
Number of hospice-palliative services, 1995-2009

- 1995: 19
- 2003: 27
- 2005: 50
- 2007: 56
- 2008: 49
- 2009: 83
New decree in October 2008 about hospice home care

- Regional development, mainly non provided regions
- Financing by proportion of population of region or county
- Simplified contracts
- 50 days (may extended twice)
- Financing: 120% of the regular home care
Regional disparity in hospice provision
Sources of services

- National Health Insurance Fund (about 50% of the quality hospice care)
- Additional sources
  - Local governmental support
  - 1% of tax
  - Grants
  - Donations
- Two-thirds of the NHIF financed hospice services use other sources
Central and Eastern European PC E-mail Newsletter

- start in 2005 - continuing the work of EAPC East (Stockholm)
- Aims:
  - to show the activity and creativity of Eastern countries,
  - to increase the participations (congresses, EAPC, actions)
- **permanent work:** collecting material, keep contacts from month to month
- One of the Taskforces of the EAPC

www.eapcnet.org/CeeFsuNlt/index.html
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Education, training system

- **Level A (basic, undergraduate) – 2002-**
  - undergraduate courses for health care specialists (nurses, social workers, physiotherapists) - 20 hours modules
  - undergraduate courses for medical students „Palliative care of terminally ill patients” - 30 hours, accredited

- **Level A (basic, postgraduate) –1994-**
  - basic courses for nurses, social workers and physiotherapists, 40 hours, accredited
  - palliative courses for physicians, 8-24 hours

- **Level B (advanced, postgraduate) – 1998-**
  - advanced courses for nurses, social workers and physiotherapists, 40 hours, accredited
  - bereavement counsellor courses - 120 hours, accredited

- **Level C - (specialist, postgraduate) - Qualification since 2002**
  - Skilled hospice nurse and coordinator course, 750 hours, accredited
Thank you for your attention!

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