

# 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

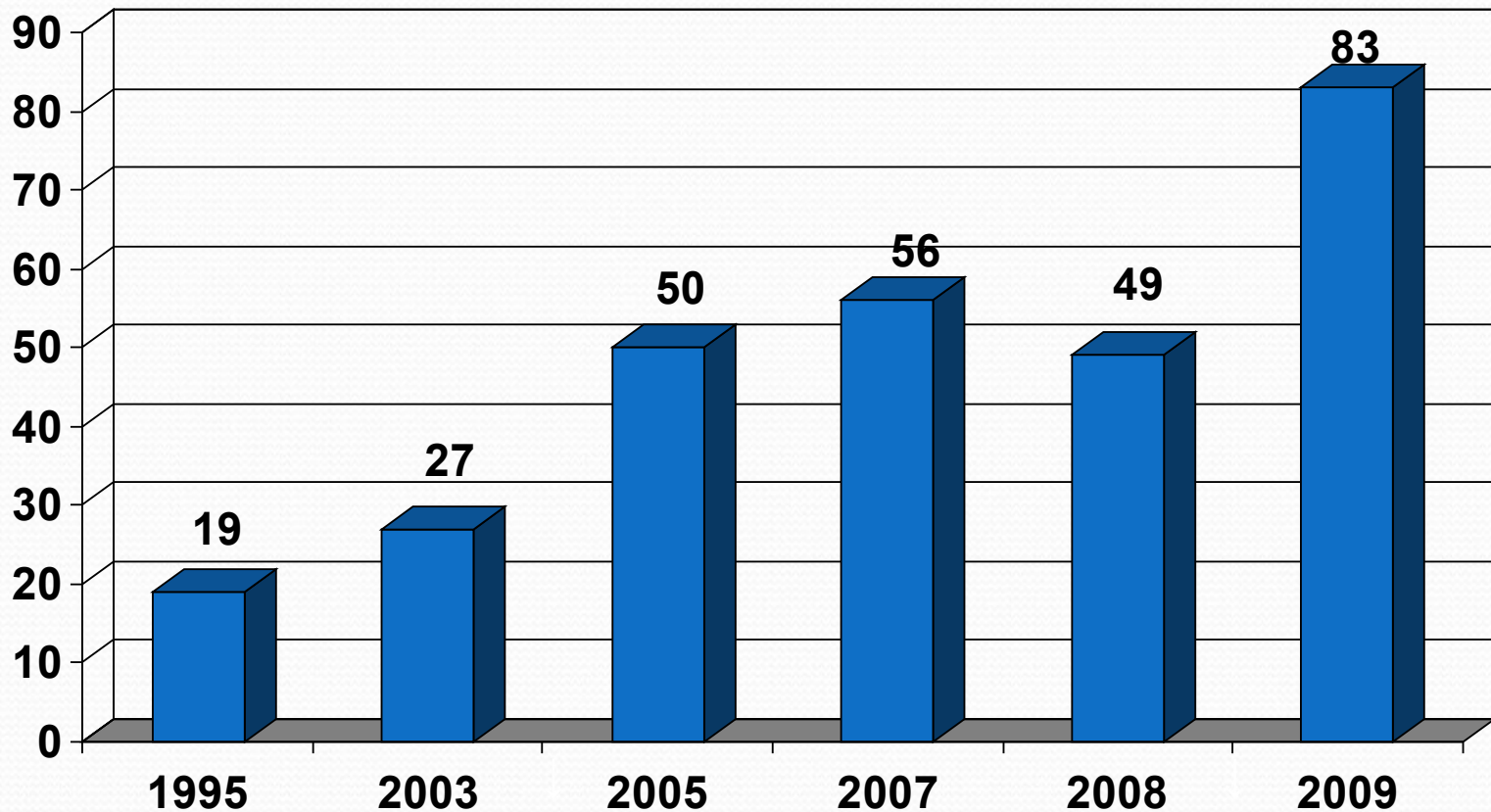
- Information and coordination centre, data base
- Protection of patients' and health workers' interests
- Trainings and researches
- Publishing (books, textbooks and periodical – Kharon)
- Changing the attitudes (death taboo)
- International relationships

# 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

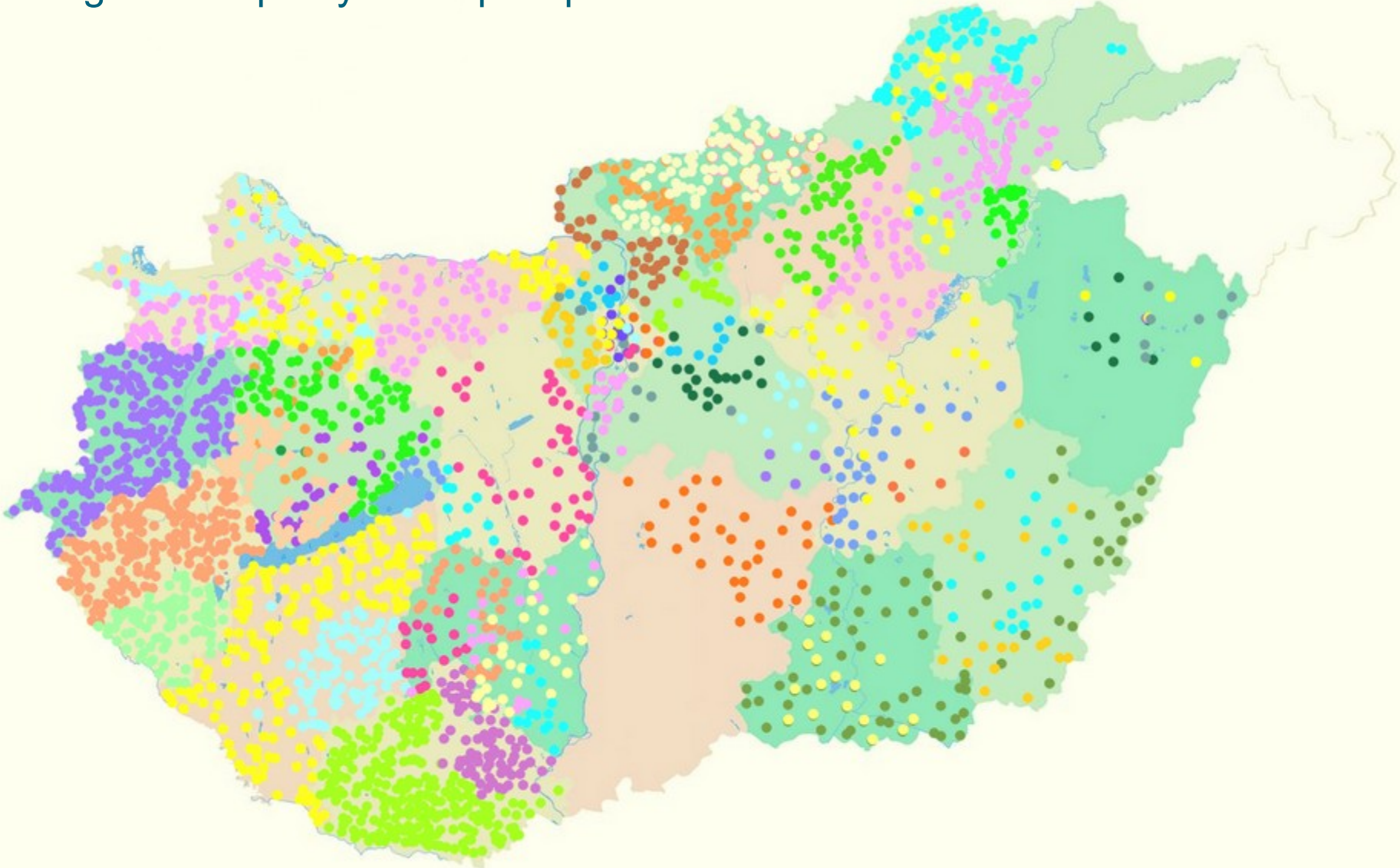




# New decree in October 2008 about hospice home care

- 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

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### Fields of Hope program - Hungary

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### Sue Ryder charities - country priorities: 2009



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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



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