

The Hungarian Hospice -Palliative Association organizes its 9th National Congress of Hospice-Palliative Care this year. The congress offers a platform for health care professionals of the 80 Hungarian hospice-palliative organizations – the members of the Hospice-Palliative Association – to share their practical experiences and scientific knowledge on end-of-life-care.

In 2010 a special International Satellite Symposium (in English language) will be organized – as a connected program – for health care professionals of Central and Eastern European, and Former Soviet Union countries. The aim of the symposium is to collect the best practices of psychological support of cancer patients and family members in all stages of the illness.

Physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurses who are engaged with care of cancer patients are warmly welcome for the meeting. Share your experiences from different countries and enjoy the warm hospitality of the lovely city Nyiregyháza.



Katalin Muszbek
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Psychological aspects of loss		
14.00-14.10	Katalin Muszbek MD , psychiatrist, Director <i>Hungarian Hospice Foundation</i>	Greetings
14.10-14.30	János Szántó MD , Chair of <i>Oncology Department</i> , <i>Debrecen University</i> , Hungary	Complexity of Medical Oncology- Psychooncology and palliative attitude at the University of Debrecen
14.30-14.50	Tamara Klikovac psychologist, <i>National Institute of Oncology and Radiology of Serbia</i>	“End of life or psychological rebirth”: The multiple aspects of loss living with cancer
14.50-15.10	Lyudmyla-Oksana Andriyishyn MD , <i>Medical University and Hospice Ivano-Frankivsk</i> , Ukraine	Communication problems with cancer patients in Ukraine
15.10-15.30	Natasa Milosevic medical director, <i>Centre for Palliative Care and Palliative Medicine</i> , <i>"BELhospice"</i> , Serbia	“This is not our business” – Social reaction for end of life care in Serbia
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	
16.00-16.20	Iлона Görög psychologist <i>Hospice Casa Sperantei</i> , Romania	Coping with loss: the emotional problems of the health care professionals in cancer care in Romania
16.20-16.40	Eszter Biró PhD psychologist, <i>Hungarian Hospice Foundation</i>	Reinterpreting loss: positive experiences in terminal phase of cancer
16.40-17.00	Annamária Szentés , psychologist, <i>Pediatric Oncology Department, Semmelweis University</i> , Hungary	Psychosocial rehabilitation of pediatric cancer patients suffering different aspects of loss
17.00-17.20	Tamás Halmai psychologist, <i>Hungarian Hospice Foundation</i>	Locked up: coping with loss in a prison and in a hospice unit
17.20-17.40	Katalin Csősz , health visitor, Head of the <i>Hungarian Organization of Health Visitors</i>	The results of a complex screening program among Hungarian Roma population
17.40-18.00	Katalin Muszbek MD , psychiatrist, Director <i>Hungarian Hospice Foundation</i>	Discussion

Psychological Aspects of Loss

International Satellite Symposium

**Nyíregyháza, Hungary
21st May, 2010**

The medical treatment of cancer has undergone a huge development over the past decades in the world, but there are still gaps in psychological aspects of the illness, in Hungary and in CEE&FSU countries as well.

Cancer, this potentially fatal illness is a great burden on the oncological patients and even on their family members. Almost half of the cancer patients suffer from depressive and anxiety symptoms, therefore are in urgent need of professional support during the whole range of the illness. It is well-known, that all members of medical staff may contribute to the mental well-being of cancer patients, but without professional psychological support they are often unable to cope with the crisis of the illness.

Hungarian Hospice Foundation has a 19 years' experience in cancer care, and the support of Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation makes it possible to have a better use of this rich experience for the good of cancer patients.

The International Satellite Symposium in Nyíregyháza is a great opportunity for the cancer care professionals of different countries for sharing the best practices of their own everyday work, for taking part in formal and informal brainstorming opportunities in order to develop an even better, a more human care for the thousands of cancer patients.

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