

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC)

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RE: The September Newsletter

Dear Members and Colleagues:

The September Newsletter is now available on our website at: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/>

Please find below a very abbreviated edition of the Newsletter.

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Warm regards,
Roberto Wenk, MD, Chair
William Farr, PhD, MD, Vice-Chair and Editor

Message from the Chair and Executive Director

Dear readers:

This month we want to highlight 3 useful resources to help advance palliative care globally:

- **Members' Recognition Month:** IAHPC is benefited every day by the hard work of our members who are devoted to the advancement of hospice and palliative care worldwide. Members exemplify a continuing commitment to patient care, improving education and developing favorable policies consistent with our mission....

Under this framework, IAHPC will be giving a prize in two categories in our membership program: a) Recognizing member loyalty and b) Increasing our membership. This edition of the NL includes a link to the announcement and the conditions that must be met to apply. Please spread the word and help us grow our membership!

2. Pallipedia: We are also delighted to announce that Pallium India <http://palliumindia.org/> will be collaborating with IAHPC to improve and nurture **Pallipedia**, our free online palliative care dictionary www.pallipedia.org

Pallipedia offers visitors two options:

- To search for a term or concept related to the field of Palliative Care. The search capability includes stop words and query language.
- It also accepts the submission of a term or concept related to the field of Palliative Care. Accepted terms and concepts are automatically indexed in alphabetical order....

To date, and thanks to Fundacion FEMEBA in Argentina and now Pallium India, the dictionary has 813 terms and 923 definitions. It registers more than 150 visitors per day and has become a useful tool for palliative care workers around the globe.

3. **The International Palliative Care Resource Center at the Institute of Palliative Medicine in San Diego** has announced that current as well as archived “**Treat the Pain / LIFE Before Death**’ videos are now available for viewing, discussion and downloading from www.IPCRC.net

The current video is always at <http://www.ipcrc.net/news/treat-the-pain/> Check this URL weekly for the latest video, read the call to action and participate in the discussions.

We hope you will enjoy and take advantage of these great resources!

Until next month,

Roberto Wenk, MD
Chair, Board of Directors

Liliana De Lima, MHA
Executive Director

Special Announcement – IAHPC Membership Recognition Prizes!

Please click on the following URL to find the criteria for participation, prizes, dates and member benefits:
<http://www.hospicecare.com/content/>

A Traveling Scholar’s Report by Mina Kumari Ranabhat (Nepal)



Mina and Dr. Fraser Black, Medical Director of Victoria Hospice and an IAHPC Board Member

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to IAHPC for providing me a traveling scholarship grant to attend an educational / Twinning committee meeting at the Victoria Hospice Society from *August 7 th to August 21 st* in Victoria BC, Canada. Without this funding, it would have been impossible for me to attend. The visit was organized by the Victoria Hospice Society for the purpose of exchanging information between our two organizations and helping professional and social collaboration....

Please read the full report where you will find out about her experiences and activities during her IAHPC Traveling Scholarship visit: http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/travel_scholar.html

Article of the Month

Phenomenology of the subtypes of delirium: phenomenological differences between hyperactive and hypoactive delirium

Boettger, S and Breitbart, W

Palliative and Supportive Care 2011; 9: 129-135

Delirium is a neuropsychiatric disorder characterized by cognitive alterations, attention and perception disturbances. Delirium is frequent in advanced stages of disease and the symptoms are distressing to both the patients and for their caregivers.

Delirium is classified into subtypes characterized by their psychomotor behaviors: the **hypoactive type** is characterized by decreased reactivity, motor and speech retardation, amimic facial expression; the **hyperactive type** presents with symptoms like agitation, hyperactivity, delusions, aggressiveness, and perceptual disturbances.

The authors examined the difference in phenomenology between hypoactive and hyperactive subtypes of delirium and determined the comparative prevalence of perceptual disturbances (e.g., hallucinations) and delusions in the two subtypes of delirium in patients....

Why I choose this article

...The authors were able to explain, through a revision of the data collected, the differences in phenomenology between hypoactive and hyperactive subtypes of delirium which helps us in our daily clinical practice.

Read the full article at URL: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/aom.html>

Palliative Care Book of the Month

END OF LIFE CHOICES. Consensus and Controversy.

Randall and Downie.

Arguably the best one-volume discussions of end-of-life issues.

To read the review go to <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/reviews.html>

Other Reviews

ASSISTED DEATH IN EUROPE AND AMERICA. Four Regimes and Their Lessons.

Lewy.

Focused on the regimes rather than the practices, with curious conclusions.

To read the review go to <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/reviews.html#1>

NO GOOD DEED.

A Story of Medicine, Murder Accusations, and the Debate over How We Die.

Cohen.

Will a page-turner like this make people sit up and think about end-of-life issues?

To read the review go to <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/reviews.html#2>

Dr. Roger Woodruff (Australia).
(August 2011)

Below please find some of the previously reviewed books on assisted suicide and euthanasia that were published in this Newsletter.

EUTHANASIA, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY.

An Argument Against Legalisation. Keown (2002) [Review](#)
<http://www.hospicecare.com/newsletter2004/june04/page5.html>

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING. *The case for palliative care and patient choice .*

Quill & Battin (2004) [Review](#)
<http://www.hospicecare.com/newsletter2005/june05/reviews.html>

TO DIE WELL. *Your right to comfort, calm, and choice in the last days of life.*

Wanzer & Glenmullen (2007) [Review](#)
<http://www.hospicecare.com/news/08/02/reviews.html>

EASEFUL DEATH. *Is There A Case For Assisted Dying?*

Warnock and Macdonald (2008) [Review](#)
<http://www.hospicecare.com/news/08/08/reviews.html>

Announcements

Palliative Care: Making A Difference Internationally

The University of Edinburgh, UK

20 -24 February 2012

This full-week CPD course for healthcare specialists in supportive and palliative care has been developed by the University of Edinburgh [Primary Palliative Care Research Group](#) and the [Global Health Academy](#) .

http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/palliativecare/pdf/palliativecare2012_webflyer.pdf

<http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/palliativecare/>

Read the full announcement at: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/announcements.html>

HIV and Ageing: Addressing the neglect of older people in the HIV response

HelpAge International Conference – 2-3 December 2011, Addis Ababa

HelpAge International, an international development NGO that helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives, is hosting a 2 day conference on HIV and ageing in Addis Ababa ahead of the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa. The conference will take place on the 2-3 December 2011.... <http://www.helpage.org/>

<http://www.aidsconsortium.org.uk/index.html>

Read the full announcement at: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/announcements.html>

“Development of Palliative Care Services in the Republic of Serbia”

Dear Colleagues,

The European Union-funded project “Development of Palliative Care Services in the Republic of Serbia” is looking for short term experts to help deliver palliative care education programmes to Serbian healthcare providers over the next two years....

More information is available at the website below and in the attached document, including planned training dates, terms of reference, and a draft proposal of the education plan for this project.

<http://www.opml.co.uk/news/palliative-care-trainers>

Read the full announcement at: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/announcements.html>

Kenya’s first National Cancer Control Strategy

Dear all,

I want to share with you the good news. Our first National Cancer Control Strategy will finally be launched tomorrow morning (August 12) by the Ministry of Health in an official event....

Read the full announcement at: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/announcements.html>

Sincere regards,

Zippy

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National Coordinator
Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA)
Dr. Zipporah Ali is also an IAHP Board Member

An Indian book on Palliative Care – Not just another book on Palliative Care

Dr Dinesh Chandra Goswami, the palliative care pioneer from Guahati, Assam, India, has published a book, “Palliative Cancer Care: Our perspective”. And before anyone says to oneself, "Oh, another book on palliative care", let me add that this book is special....

This is not a *textbook* on Palliative Care. It is a collection of essays from the author, translated into English by his wife Mandira Sarma,...

Read the full announcement at: <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/announcements.html>

Submitted by:

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Membership numbers

We wish to thank all of the people and institutions for their support during the past month.

A complete list is provided at <http://www.hospicecare.com/news/11/09/support.html>

Webmaster's Corner

Website Of The Month Hospice Africa

Hospice Africa was founded August 1993, committed to providing, or supporting the provision of, palliative care to cancer and HIV/AIDS patients in Sub-Saharan Africa. <http://hospice-africa.merseyside.org/>

IAHPC Membership Recognition Contest - Win an iPad™ 16GB Wi-Fi (1st Generation)

IAHPC has designated **October** as our **Members' Recognition Month!**

Visit the **contest page** at <http://www.hospicecare.com/contest/> to find out more.

Best Wishes,
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