

Report about congress in Vienna

I, Evelina Bataitiene, participated in 11th EAPC congress in Vienna, Austria on 7-10 May 2009, where I presented my poster presentation “The Development of Palliative Care Services in Kaunas Nursing Hospital”.

I first time participated in such congress. It was really very well organized event – actual themes, clear program, a lot of informational material – in such event there is possibility to become more strong not only spiritually, but also to get practical experience and come back home full of new ideas and power.

Impressions about opening ceremony of the congress. Stately opening ceremony of this event become as long lasting memory for me because of full hall of participants, because of meeting such persons as Prof. Dr. Lukas Radbruch (President of the EAPC), Prim. MR. Dr. Walter Dorner (President of the Austrian Medical Association), Queen of Sweden, who charmed us with her hearty story about experience and trials meeting deaths of her relatives. Also presentation of Prof. Dr. Andreas Kruse theme about psychotherapy in Palliative care will remain in my memory for long years as especially creative and philosophical presentation decorated with musical inserts.

Impressions about poster presentations and lectures. Not only themes and layout of poster presentations were interesting, but especially I liked the principle of presentment of themes – poster presentations reminded sort of exhibitions of playful pictures collection. It was possibility to choose self what interest (you are not obligated to listen everything, what is given), to make new or to strength old relations with presenters, to communicate “here and now”. On other hand such presentment of poster presentations gives possibility to propose a lot of themes at same time.

Also it was very useful to listen lectures and presentations on different topics such as “Ethics in Palliative Care”, “End of Life Care”, “Spiritual Nursing in Palliative Care” and others.

Impressions about travel to Vienna and accommodation. Travel forward/back was very well. Message that we will stay in hostel not only women but with men also in same room a little bit shocked me. But we haven’t choice and we resign with that and, it looks, this time it was ok.

I am very thankful to Amelia Giordano, for support and given possibility to participate in EAPC congress and to get ineffaceable experience, to visit Vienna. Thank you for al your goodness – for all presents.

I wish You strength, power of creativity and good flight in development of Palliative Care!

Sincerely,

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