

SOAZ RACE

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Dear colleague,

We like to inform about a new project on palliative care in Romania. In the former project Palliative Care in Romania (PACARO), we developed and trained teams to offer palliative care at home. This project was very successful. The main results are published in international journals and were subject of a successful defended PhD thesis at the University of Groningen

Now, in Slatina, Olt region, a Regional Expertise Centre on Palliative Care in Romania (REPACARO) will be started to support the further development of palliative care. The centre is aimed to deliver information, consultancy and training to palliative care at home teams. Among others the centre will offer post-graduate training in palliative care issues, training to volunteers, implementation of guidelines, quality assurance in palliative care and act as information centre for professionals and public.

The centre will become operational from 28 January 2008. A team of professional volunteers is build up, who will execute the activities. The centre is started in cooperation with of the Romanian Ministry of Health, the Health Insurance House and the College of Physicians. Various regional health care institutions support the project through participation in workgroups and support the needed infrastructure. The centre has received a grant of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

More information about the centre you may find under www.repacaro.ro. Each three months a newsletter will be published on line at the website „PALIATIA on line“, It is in Romanian language and directed to all professionals involved in palliative care.

We welcome your support and suggestions.

On behalf of the REPACARO team,

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Dr. Wim J.A. van den Heuvel