

Invitation email

Dear colleague,

We represent a European consortium of high-profile palliative care education providers located in the United Kingdom (King's College London), Germany (University of Cologne), Poland (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun) and Romania (Hospice Casa Sperantei).

We have come together to form a new European Academy of Palliative Care Educators and plan to develop an innovative course for European health (and social) care emerging leaders working with people with advanced disease and their families.

The initiative of this Academy originates from 'The Robert Bosch Stiftung' - a major German charitable foundation associated with a private company. The Robert Bosch Stiftung has generously provided funding for the Academy which will: (i) draw on the support and expertise of internationally renowned academic and health and social care professionals; and (ii) provide a heavily subsidised or free-of-charge course across Europe.

The aim of this course is to provide emerging leaders with the key theoretical and practical skills to: (i) examine the palliative needs of the populations they serve; (ii) develop palliative care local and national provision that addresses these unmet needs; and (iii) evaluate scientifically the effectiveness and impact of palliative care and end of life services. Specifically, we envisage this course will comprise taught modules that focus on:

- evidence-based care;
- the development and evaluation of palliative care in different settings;
- quality assurance and outcomes measurement;
- Personal self development;
- Organisational and management skills;
- teaching;
- research methods relevant to palliative care;
- advocacy;
- public health;
- leadership;
- appraisal of evidence for use in practice;
- change management.

The curriculum of the Academy should consist of four interdisciplinary modules (one at each of the four centres, each lasting 5 to 10 days) and one week of observation in a Palliative Care institution; all to be completed in 1.5 years. The course will be **entirely** taught in English. It is **essential** we develop a course that delivers learning material that is **relevant, accessible** and **exciting to emerging leaders**. We therefore wish to understand **your** views on the content and the delivery of this new course. We would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the following web-based questionnaire. Your answers to the questions will help us to understand your needs and inform the development of this course. **The questionnaire is completely anonymous**. It should take between 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey will close on the 04/06/2012

Thank you very much for your time.

Questionnaire Link: <https://www.surveymserver.net/index.php?f=7931>