**About Madrid**

Madrid, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain is an open and thriving metropolis that has the ideal mix of contemporary life whilst maintaining Spanish tradition. With a population of over six million, Madrid is the third largest capital in Europe. It is a welcoming city that is famous for its Mediterranean climate, excellent food and rich culture. Madrid also serves as a cultural bridge to Latin America. Forty years on from the memorable political transition that restored democracy to Spain, the country has undergone profound social and economic changes.

Madrid possesses many world-class attractions and is the only capital city in the world that has six UNESCO World Heritage Cities all within easy reach from the city centre by car or train. The city centre attracts millions of tourists every year with an array of monuments, world-class museums such as the world-famous Prado and architectural highlights including the Royal Palace. Spaniards have a reputation for being welcoming, friendly and warm, resulting in many returning visitors. Madrid is honoured and proud to host this event and looks forward to providing a warm welcome to all at the EAPC World Congress.
Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 15th World Congress of the EAPC in Madrid, May 18–20, 2017. There are many challenges ahead as populations age and there is an increasing emphasis on palliative care being available to all of those who need it. The EAPC always strives to promote excellence and advancement in palliative care and this is reflected in the theme of this conference “Progressing Palliative Care”.

The increasing recognition of the importance of palliative care in society is reflected in the growing number of EAPC congress delegates who represent a range of disciplines from many countries throughout Europe and beyond. The EAPC World Congress provides a unique opportunity to network and meet with colleagues, clinicians, caregivers, researchers and educators in palliative care from across the globe to exchange knowledge and to share experiences. We are expecting more than 3000 participants to attend the Congress.

The scientific committee for the congress has designed a programme that aims to provide rich and varied presentations reflecting a mix of world-leading palliative care plenary speakers, early career researchers, clinical and academic experts, and a range of presentations and posters from submitted abstracts.

In Madrid, we seek to bring together those working or with an interest in palliative care for debate, discussion and networking. Madrid is honoured to host this event and we look forward to providing a warm welcome to all delegates. We invite you to be a part of this international event and look forward to seeing you in Madrid.

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Topics

- Update on pain management and symptom control
- Integrated palliative care
- Complexity in palliative care
- Innovations in psychological interventions
- Paediatric palliative care
- Understanding frailty
- Education and specialisation in Europe
- Palliative care in long-term care facilities
- Volunteer delivered interventions
- New developments in spiritual care
- Advance care planning

Plenary Speakers

Progessing palliative care: Current perspectives and future directions
Diane Meier, MD, FACP, New York, USA

Beyond cancer: challenges and opportunities for early palliative care engagement
Claudia Bausewein, PhD, MSc, Munich, Germany

Challenges for palliative care in changing societies
Allan Kellehear, PhD, FAcSS, Bradford, United Kingdom

From bed to bench and back: finding evidence to support our clinical practice
Dagny Haugen, PhD, Bergen, Norway

Technology and compassion: visions for palliative care
Emilio Herrera Molina, MD, Sevilla, Spain

Progressing palliative care in low and middle income countries
Liliana De Lima, MHA, Houston, USA

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