

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Symposium 08 Right Time Place Care: A European study on best practice strategies' development for transition from formal home care to institutional long-term nursing care facilities

Time: **10:00 – 11:30**
Room: **Everest 1&2**
Chair: **Jan P. H. Hamers, The Netherlands**

Overview: Given the increasing number of people with dementia, health care services throughout Europe must be prepared to deliver high quality and cost-effective long-term care. Currently, there is a lack of clinical research data of people with dementia and their informal caregivers to develop best-practice strategies for long-term care. Therefore, the RightTimePlaceCare (RTPC) project aims to develop best-practice strategies for transition from formal home care to institutional long-term nursing care facilities. The RTPC research is funded by the 7th Framework Program from the European Union and has started in January 2010. The consortium consists of a European multidisciplinary team of researchers (e.g. nursing scientists, geriatricians, old age psychiatrists, psychologists, economists) from the following countries: Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The RTPC project aims to develop the scientific evidence base that supports the EU Member States to organize their health systems. In order to achieve this objective the work plan consists of six different work packages (WPs) of which each WP can be viewed as a single project. However, the WPs are interrelated and as a whole contribute in reaching the general aim. This symposium addresses preliminary results of the WPs. The first presenter will explain the general objective of the RTPC project and discuss the most important management issues (WP1) and the dissemination process (WP6) so far. A detailed dissemination plan has been implemented, which aims to effectively deliver the generated knowledge and best practice strategies to political and other decision makers in dementia care and to ensure a maximum general dissemination of results. The second presenter will address first results from WP2 on health care structures. WP2 describes and analyzes the health, social care and welfare systems, advocacy and informal caregiver support systems for people with dementia in the 8 participating countries and intersectorial communication. The continuum of care will be addressed, from informal care, contribution from the civil society, public home care, intermediate forms of care to the long-term institutionalized care including end of life care. The third presenter will address intermediate results from the survey data (WP3 and WP4). The survey assesses factors influencing institutionalization of people with dementia at the time of admission to long-term institutional nursing care and investigates living conditions of people with dementia and their informal caregivers receiving long-term formal professional home care and institutional nursing care. Furthermore, the related economic impact is investigated. The final presenter will focus on the development of best practice strategies for intersectorial arrangements needed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of integrated health care in European dementia care systems, and recommendations for best practice models or interventions in long-term nursing care facilities (WP5). Results from a literature review are presented.

- S08.01 General objectives RTPC and dissemination of results**
Gabriele Meyer, Germany
- S08.02 Structure of long-term home and institutional care available to people with dementia in eight European countries**
Ingalill Rahm Hallberg, Sweden
- S08.03 Factors influencing institutionalization and living conditions of people with dementia: A European survey**
Hilde Verbeek, The Netherlands
- S08.04 Best practice strategies for integrated dementia care: Preliminary results of the literature review**
Montserrat Navarro, Spain