In 27-29 September 2012, nurses and doctors from the East Forum EBMT-NG hemato-oncological transplant centers from Pilsen, Olomouc, Hradec Kralove, Prague (Czech Republic), Skopje (Rep. of Macedonia), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Szeged (Hungary) and Bucharest (Rumania) met together in Plzen (Pilsen), Czech Republic, to keep on cooperation, education and research.

The meeting was opened by presentations focused to the EBMT-NG and the East Forum cooperation and a history of it. Individual transplant centers activities and treatment results were introduced by their representatives. The educational lectures covered the Autologous stem cells transplantations in cardiomyopathy patients (M.Sever), centralized preparation of hazardous drugs in the University Medical Center Ljubljana (N.Gržinič), the lymphadenomegaly (S.Vokurka), Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (T.Svoboda), Autologous transplantation principles and complications (T.Svoboda), Sexuality and reproduction in oncology patients (S.Vokurka). A special part of the meeting was focused to discussions about research in oncology nursing (oral cavity cooling in high-dose chemotherapy, pulmonary infections after transplantations) and standard procedures (SOP) in oncology nursing (S.Vokurka). The attendees visited the Hematology-Oncology Department in Plzen (Pilsen) where the practical issues and organization of the department and ambulance were introduced. Social activities included the welcome dinner with life music in the hotel “U Pramenu” and an evening walk in the city center.

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The very important fact of the meeting was that not only nurses but also doctors expressed an interest for cooperation in the future. The meeting was supported by the grant (No.201205) of the Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation in Pilsen, CZ. The English language was used for the official communication during the meeting.


Spanish Nurses Group Update

The VI Study Day (VI Jornada de Estudio…) was held in Malaga on March 2012. More or less seventy (70) nurses from all over Spain attended the aforementioned study day. All the participants enjoyed the entire program encompassing significant topics and workshops about:

- JACIE accreditation or
- Nursing care in GVHD and
- Management of related and unrelated donors

The next national meeting is already in place and again, it will be held in Malaga on 14-15 March 2013.

Working parties have been invited to present a summary of their current engagement and from the group, we will be selecting some oral communications for the next study day.

In order to improve relationships among nurses involve in the Oncologic Children care, 2th Jornada Interhospitalaria de Enfermería Oncológica Pediatrica of the Comunidad Valenciana was organized and held in Alicante on the 19th of October.

Spanish Nurses Group also participated in the review and distribution of ITP booklet.