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2017 a year of full of commitments and results.



NEWS

19th January 2018: the Maruzza Foundation attended an audience with the Italian President

At the Quirinal Palace in Rome, the Italian President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella, received an extensive representation of the Palliative Care sector in Italy, including the Board of Directors of the Italian Palliative Care Society, the Italian Palliative Care Federation and Silvia Lefebvre D'Ovidio for the Maruzza Foundation. The audience was *'an acknowledgment of the status that Palliative Care has attained both socially and in healthcare in our country through the treatment of patients and the propagation of a culture of holistic care for vulnerable persons.'*



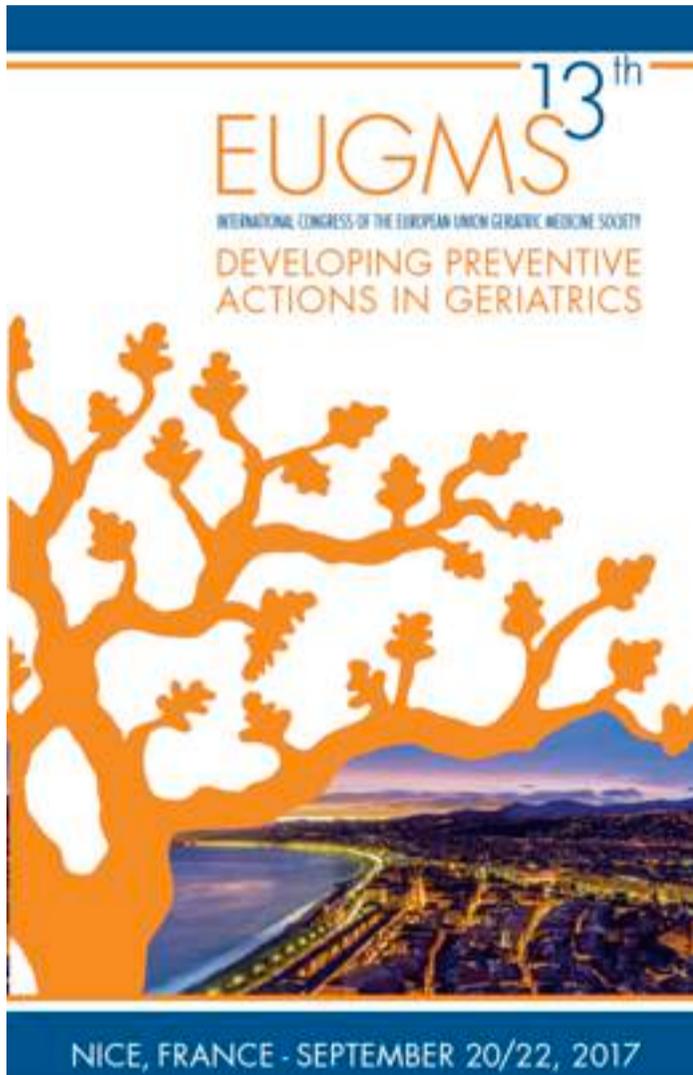
NEWS

16th-17th January 2018, the Maruzza Foundation in the United Arab Emirates.

The Maruzza Foundation was invited to Sharja to participate in the international forum *'Access to Essential Medicines for Children with Cancer'*. The Event, hosted by Her Majesty Sheikha Jawaher Bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, was organized by Friends of Cancer Patients (FoCP) with the aim of improving access to essential medicines for children with cancer, particularly in low and middle income countries (LMIC). During the high level meeting attended by representatives from the global childhood cancer community, international health governance institutions, international development institutions, civil society, corporate partners, the academy and the pharmaceutical industry, the

PORTAGE (Paediatric Oncology Roundtable to Transform Access to Global Essentials) initiative was launched. As the next objective, the Forum outlined finding feasible and sustainable solutions to the production, financing, procurement, regulation and supply of essential medicines, especially in LMIC countries.

Photo Gallery



NEWS

21st September 2017

During the 13th EUGMS (European Geriatric Medicine Society) Congress in Nice, the Maruzza Foundation organized a **symposium** entitled "*Activating Older People to Plan Future Care: Advance Care Planning*" dedicated to the **development of palliative care for older people**.



EVENTS

April 21st Earth Day Village 2017

The Maruzza Foundation renewed its participation in this event. A wonderful opportunity to meet and inform the many young people and groups attentive to social causes attending the event.



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September 23rd EMOJI Film Preview

Warner Bros Entertainment Italy generously offered the Foundation's supporters a private viewing of the film *Emoji* in anti prima; this entertaining and contemporary cartoon dedicated to children with special care needs guaranteed a fun-filled, fundraising event for our supporters of all ages.



EVENTS

October 23rd ENJOY Exhibition

The wonderful art exhibition and perceptive experience with 'enjoyment' as its theme, held in the unique and historical setting of the Chostro del Bramante, was opened up to Maruzza Foundation supporters. During the private viewing the visitors were accompanied by a professional guide who skilfully communicated the significance of both the works of art and the importance of palliative care in addressing the needs of children with serious illness for enhanced quality of life.



MARUZZA LYCEUM

23rd-24th September 2017

The School inaugurated its activities. The participant evaluation feedback was extremely positive (see below).

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MARUZZA ITALIAN NETWORK

A MARUZZA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION IS LAUNCHED IN LOMBARDIA

The Foundation's network continues to grow in Italy. Following the formation of a Maruzza Association in the Liguria region, in 2017 a Regional Association was established in Lombardia.



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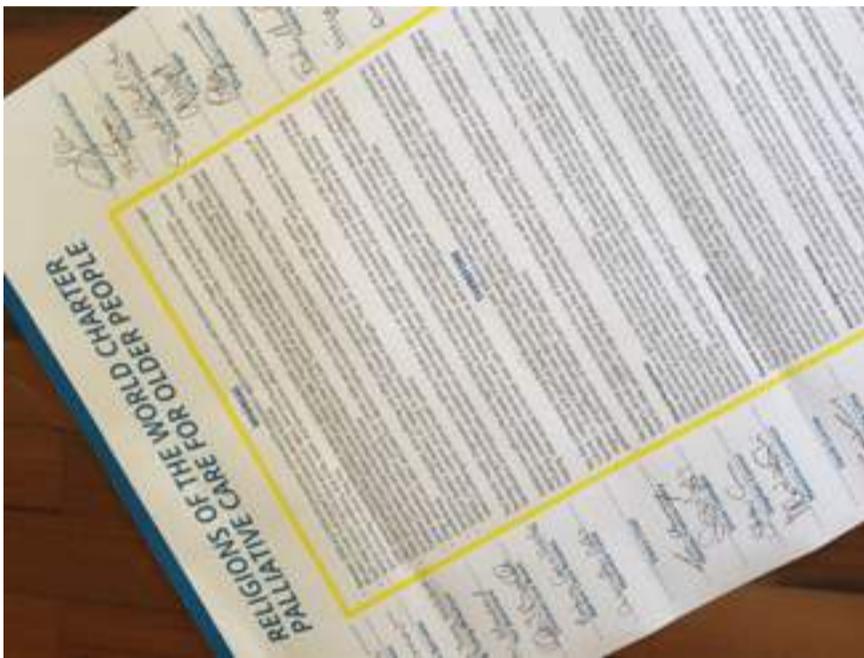
SOLE DI NOTTE PARK

The Maruzza Foundation, together with the Maruzza Regional Associazione in Friuli Venezia Giulia, is promoting the **"Parco Sole di Notte"**; a unique leisure experience in Italy where children and young adults with serious illness and complex care needs can take a **vacation** in a dedicated and protected environment that guarantees constant medical/nursing assistance for visitors. The aim of this project is to **create a stimulating environment for the social fabric** that gravitates around these children and their families and create a new training **centre for Paediatric Palliative Care professionals**. The venture was presented in Pordenone on the 29th of September 2017. Representatives from local institutions, members of the press, general public and businesses attended. During the event, the many interventions were moderated by the journalist, TV anchor-man



and blogger Toni Capuozzo. For more info visit:

<http://www.fondazionemaruzza.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Sole-di-Not-Project.pdf>



THE WORLD RELIGIONS CHARTER

Following the success of the of the “World Religions Charter for Children’s Palliative Care”, on the 30th of March 2017, the Maruzza Foundation organized, in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV), a second roundtable event for the formulation of **THE WORLD RELIGIONS CHARTER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN OLDER PEOPLE**.

The Charter’s purpose is to raise awareness among institutions and the general public of an exceedingly important social topic; care provision for a vulnerable population that is predicted to increase dramatically in numbers in the near future. *‘In their diversity, religions have a common sentiment’* declared H. Exc. Mgr. Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life, during his welcoming address, *‘they have the responsibility to uphold the dignity of every man and woman.’*

This Charter also embarked on a journey; it has been presented, shared and widely disseminated both nationally and internationally.

Two dedicated sessions were held:

- **May 20th in Madrid: The 15th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC);** a ‘Maruzza Session’ dedicated to the development of Palliative Care for older persons, entitled *‘Maruzza Foundation Palliative Care for Older People: Understanding Frailty’* was organised. Dr. Carlo Peruselli, the Director of the Foundation’s Technical Scientific Committee, chaired the session.
- **30th November - 2nd December in Florence:** The 34th National Congress Of The Italian Society Of General Medicine And Primary Care (SIMG).





**MARUZZA
LYCEUM**
SCUOLA DI FORMAZIONE
IN CURE PALLIATIVE PEDIATRICHE

SAVE THE DATE

MARUZZA LYCEUM: REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THE NEW WORKSHOPS.

13th-14th of April 2018, at the Maruzza Foundation headquarters in Rome, the next Basic level Course will be held. To consult the program and register for the course, please contact lyceum@maruzza.org or tel. 06 3290609.



4TH GLOBAL GATHERING
**MARUZZA
CONGRESS**
ON PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE
ROME 24TH-27TH OCTOBER 2018

SAVE THE DATE

4th Maruzza Congress on Paediatric Palliative Care - A Global Gathering, Rome 24th -27th October, 2018

The interest generated by the three precedent editions (2012, 2014 & 2016) has strengthened the global movement for dedicated palliative care for children with chronic and/or incurable illness; the renowned authority of the Scientific Committee members and Guest Speakers has consolidated the success of the Congress which today is considered one of the most important international meetings of the children's palliative care sector. The main objective of this event, organized by the Maruzza Foundation, is to present, discuss and analyse experiences, organizational models, programs and scientific projects aimed at enhanced quality of life for children with serious illness (and their family) regardless of diagnosis, social and economic conditions. The theme chosen by the scientific committee for the 4th edition of the Congress is "*Thinking outside the box*".

The scientific program has been devised to provide numerous opportunities for professional growth and networking: from pre-congress workshops, keynote lectures, plenary sessions, oral and poster presentations.

To register and for more information:

<http://www.childrenpalliativecarecongress.org/congress/2018/>



THE FOUNDATION

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For over 15 years the Foundation has been engaged in activities at national and international level aimed at the dissemination of the culture of palliative care, promoting research and the training of healthcare professionals who work with patients with a life-limiting or a life-threatening illness.

In 2013 the Foundation received the Gold Medal of Merit for services to Public Healthcare from the President of the Italian Republic.

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