



**5<sup>th</sup>** *Research Forum of the European Association for Palliative Care*  
 Trondheim, Norway 29 – 31 May 2008

**EAPC Research Forum:**

Pre Conference Seminar, Lofoten Islands, 24-27 May 2008

**Scientific program**

Sunday 25 May 2008

08.30-09.00 Introduction  
 Stein Kaasa

Wave A: Genetics and interindividual variability

**Plenary session I**

09.00-09.30 Molecular biology and its application in palliative care research  
 Frank Skorpen

09.30-10.00 Genetic analyses - what is the clinical value?  
 Ken Fearon

10.00-10.15 Coffee

**Parallell sessions I, 10.15-12.00**

<b>Pain</b>	<b>Cachexia</b>
Chair: Stein Kaasa	Chair: Ken Fearon
Co-chair: Frank Skorpen	Co-chair: TBA
Rapporteur: Pål Klepstad	Rapporteur: Vickie Baracos

12.00-13.00 Lunch

Wave B: Assessment

**Plenary session II**

13.00-13.30 Methodology of symptom assessment in palliative care. What is the ideal assessment tool?



Stein Kaasa  
13.30-14.00 Symptom assessment in clinical practice: challenges and pitfalls  
(Speaker to be decided)

14.00-14.15 Coffee

**Parallell sessions II, 14.15-16.00**

<b>Pain</b>	<b>Cachexia</b>	<b>Depression</b>
Chair: Marianne J. Hjermsstad	Chair: Florian Strasser	Chair: Jon H. Loge
Co-chair: Geoffrey Hanks	Co-chair: Vickie Baracos	Co-chair: Mari Lloyd Williams
Rapporteur: Robin Fainsinger	Rapporteur: Paddy Stone	Rapporteur: Irene Higginson



Monday 26 May 2008

## Wave C: Classification

### Plenary session III

- 09.00-09.30 Do we need new classification systems for pain, cachexia, and depression in palliative care?  
TBA
- 09.30-10.00 A standardised classification system for cancer pain: what is the goal, and how do we reach it?  
Marit S. Jordhøy
- 10.00-10.15 Coffee

### Parallell sessions III, 10.15-12.00

<b>Pain</b>	<b>Cachexia</b>	<b>Depression</b>
Chair: Marit S. Jordhøy	Chair: Ken Fearon	Chair: Jon H. Loge
Co-chair: Stein Kaasa	Co-chair: Lukas Radbruch	Co-chair: Mari Lloyd Williams
Rapporteur: Robin Fainsinger	Rapporteur: Paddy Stone	Rapporteur: Irene Higginson

12.00-13.00 Lunch

## Wave D: Guidelines

### Plenary session IV

- 13.00-13.20 What are international guidelines, and what is their role in palliative care?  
Augusto Caraceni
- 13.20-13.40 Guideline methodology  
Irene Higginson
- 13.40-14.00 How to implement and apply the guidelines in daily clinical work  
Lukas Radbruch

### Parallell sessions IV, 14.15-16.00

<b>Pain</b>	<b>Cachexia</b>	<b>Depression</b>
Chair: Augusto Caraceni	Chair: Lukas Radbruch	Chair: Irene Higginson
Co-chair: TBA	Co-chair: Ken Fearon	Co-chair: Franco De Conno
Rapporteur: Pål Klepstad	Rapporteur: Vickie Baracos	Rapporteur: Mari Lloyd Williams

