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PPSG attends Cancer Summit - Dublin, Ireland

Last week, from 24-26 August 2009, PPSG staff members (James Cleary, Martha Maurer, and Karen Ryan) and five of their International Pain Policy Fellows participated as Delegates in the Lance Armstrong Foundation LIVESTRONG Global Cancer Summit in Dublin, Ireland.

The Summit was a landmark event bringing together world leaders, industry, non-governmental organizations and individuals to spotlight their collective commitment to the global fight against cancer.

The Fellows in attendance were:

- Rosa Buitrago, BS, MCPH, University of Panama College of Pharmacy, Panama City, Panama
- Snežana Bošnjak, MD, PhD, Institute for Oncology & Radiology of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia
 - Accompanying Prof. Bosnjak was the Director of the Institute for Oncology and Radiology of Serbia, Prof. Nenad Borojevic
- Marta Ximena León, MD, Universidad de la Sabana, Palliative Care Dept., Bogotá, Colombia
- Pati Dzotsenidze, MD, P. Sarajishvili Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Eva Duarte, MD, MA, Chief Palliative Care Unit, Instituto de Cancerología (INCAN Guatemala), Guatemala
 - Accompanying Dr. Duarte was the Director of INCAN Guatemala, Dr. Walter O. Guerra

Unfortunately, due to visa problems, our colleagues in Sierra Leone, Mr. Gabriel Madiye (Executive Director, Shepherds Hospice) and Dr. Daoh (Chief Medical Officer of Ministry of Health and Sanitation), were unable to attend and present on their success in providing pain medications to needy patients in Sierra Leone.

In addition, two members of the PPSG's International Expert Collaboration were also in attendance:

- Dr. M.R. Rajagopal, Pallium India, India
- Dr. Eric Krakauer, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, USA

The PPSG is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this groundbreaking new global initiative in the fight against cancer and pain. We look forward to continued leadership from the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

For additional photos, go to <http://www.painpolicy.wisc.edu/internat/IPPF/index.htm>.