



Welcome in Bucharest

Dear members of HOPE, friends and colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 9th HOPE Congress, which will take place in Bucharest from November 5 to 8, 2014.

The theme of this congress is "TOGETHER FOR A BETTER EDUCATION OF SICK CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS. PREPARING PEDAGOGUES TO WORK IN A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN HOSPITALS." European countries are currently undergoing turbulent times, resulting in fiscal cutbacks which in many cases affect the weakest members of our communities, including, as we have witnessed recently, the provision of education for children & adolescents with medical needs.

Our challenge as hospital teachers is to uphold their right to education in these changing times and to act as advocates for our pupils.

Workshop 20 will bring together researchers, teachers and practitioners, who are doing research on education of children with a medical condition and to constitute a network. New developments bring new opportunities.

This is why it is important to meet again and this European conference will provide an opportunity for the presentation and discussion of best practice in the cooperation between medical, educational and other professionals to ensure that children & young people with medical needs can access their right to education.

For Romania it is a challenge to be a host. The Romanian team works as hard as they can to make a big success of this HOPE congress.

Come and share your experiences and interests. Let's create synergies for our efforts to support the right to education and promote improvements in our field of work. Take the chance to network both professionally and socially, and enjoy the special atmosphere of a European gathering with people and colleagues from all over Europe (and the rest of the world!) facing similar difficulties, joys and troubles in their daily work.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bucharest.

Jan Haverkate, President of HOPE
and Board of HOPE

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