

## The National Consensus Project Announces 2008 *Quality in Palliative Care Leadership Award* Recipients

The National Consensus Project (NCP) has announced the first recipients of the *Quality in Palliative Care Leadership Award*. This award is presented annually to recognize organizations which have enhanced their palliative care services by implementing the principles espoused by the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care and the National Quality Forum. The award is supported by the Mayday Fund based in New York City.

One of this year's recipients, the Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF), has long been recognized for its 86 years of service and commitment to the entertainment industry. Several members of their staff have attended ELNEC train-the-trainer programs. Their commitment to interdisciplinary care - listening to and honoring patients' goals as well as providing excellent pain and symptom management - has permitted MPTF to allow patients and their families control and the opportunity to die with dignity.

The other organizations receiving the 2008 Quality in Palliative Care Leadership Awards are:

- Center for Comprehensive Palliative Care - Ocala, FL
- Community PedsCare - Jacksonville, FL
- Hope Hospice and Community Services – Fort Myers, FL
- Hospice of the Western Reserve – Cleveland, OH
- Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital - Binghamton, NY
- Stony Brook University Medical Center- Stony Brook, NY
- St. Rose Dominican Hospitals Palliative Care Acute Care Program - Henderson, NV
- Thomas Palliative Care Program - Richmond, VA

“Through this award, we are delighted to spotlight the innovative palliative care programs of our winning organizations,” said Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chairperson of the National Consensus Project. “The award winners, many who have ELNEC trainers within their institutions, have a commitment to excellence and should serve as an inspiration to all those striving to enhance the quality of palliative care.”



Front Row: Susan Poprock, Linda Healy, Rachel Benoun, Elizabeth Lopez, Jean Bagby. Back Row: Pastor Bob Baker, Dr. Stephen Axelrode, Dr. Saeed Humayun, Rabbi Arthur Rosenberg, Theresa L'Heureux, Sue Schubert, Nancy Ramirez, Lesli Leder

## ELNEC-INTERNATIONAL

### ELNEC Faculty Hold Course in Tajikistan: Reconnect with Past ELNEC Trainer



Nielbi Khasanova

In October, Nessa Coyle, PhD, RN, Patrick Coyne, MSN, RN, Judith Paice, PhD, RN, and Thomas Smith, MD traveled to Eastern Europe to provide an ELNEC train-the-trainer course for nurses and physicians in Tajikistan. Forty-two healthcare providers attended this interdisciplinary course. While teaching the course, these faculty members were reacquainted with Nielbi Khasanova, a nurse who had attended an ELNEC course a couple of years ago at the Scloss Arenberg in Salzburg, Austria.

Nielbi started “Nursing Hospital” several years ago in Tajikistan that she was very excited for the ELNEC faculty to visit. She recently opened up an area of the hospital specifically for palliative care, and she is currently applying for a license to be able to carry opioids (parenteral morphine primarily). It appears that there is a limited supply of fentanyl in Tajikistan, and it is only given by anesthesiologists.

Remarkably, Nielbi has pulled together the support to develop this free-standing hospital almost single-handedly. Despite the fact that most people do not have electricity 24 hours/day, Nielbi is still able to provide excellent care to her patients and their families. To ensure that her patients have food, she grows vegetables and fruits and is developing a rabbit farm as another source of food. She is highly-respected by her peers and viewed as a leader in Tajikistan.