

DEBRA CROATIA 6 month report

FOUNDSRAISING AND EVENTS

- Debra Croatia was included in *American Express Membership Rewards Program*, which was very exciting because every now and then some amounts of money appear in our account.
- We have applied for *two projects* from Lottery money; we will know the results very soon.
- 5th December 2003 Croatian Railway and Debra organised an *Auction of donated paintings*. Total income was 42.000,00 KN, (approx. 4.000 GBP).
- There was a short report on local TV and newspaper.
- 7th December 2003 *Christmas Bazaar* organised by International Women's Club; we were cooking and selling ostrich goulash – 2.500,00 KN was raised
Lots of smell and fun. ((I cooked it at home!))

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Translating and distributing of Debra New Zealand book *"The boy who dared"*
- *Poster* about EB and Debra
- *"Debra home Centre"* - we were asking for a bigger flat to have the office and a place for accommodation (for those who are visiting Zagreb for operations and treatment). The result was that we got a house in a suburb. It will be nice and big, but we need a lot of money to do it up and there is a lot to do.

CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

- We had a *"special" meeting organised by "Bauerfiend"* (Mölnlycke Health Care AB, general distributor for Croatia) in their shop with a *presentation "Methods for using Mepilex and new Mepilex -Transfer"*.
- A *"Medical staff"* meeting was organised to improve communication and cooperation between hospitals and wards that are included in the care of EB patients.
- Our representative attended the *Neuchatel Conference* in Sept 2003
- We had six participants (doctors, nurses, dietitians) who attended the *EB Symposium* in London

RESARCHE AND MEDICAL NEWS

Currently we did not found any special research, but we are putting our effort on the better organisation of treatment and check ups while one is already in hospital for surgery.