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Dear participants!

I am very glad to welcome you in Estonia and in Tartu at your 10th network consultation meeting. Tartu as the academic home of Estonia, especially for our whole medical community has always been the source of new and important discoveries and agreements.

Health is an important issue for every person. And it is widely known that health does not come from doctors only or from the best available medications. These are certainly very important components of a healthy life, but there is something more. Every patient is unique, his/her worries, expectations and needs are always special. But one thing is common – they all need attention, time and kind word, they need someone to be there for them in the time of need.

Questions of the role of chaplaincy in Estonian health care are actual at the moment. Unfortunately I am not able to attend your meeting, but my thoughts are with you. I wish you a very interesting meeting, vivid discussions and successful outcomes. And although you have a busy schedule ahead I hope you will find some time to see Tartu and enjoy the beginning of summer as well.

Yours sincerely,

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