



# VISION

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## European Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (E.D.E.) continues to grow

### Sweden and Latvia have joined E.D.E.

The members of the General Board of the E.D.E. voted unanimously for the admission of the both associations during the meeting that was held in May in Borås, Sweden. The president of the Swedish Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for Elderly (S.D.E.) is Erika Lörinčy. It is a desire of Mrs. Lörinčy and of her board to make use of the European network and of the competences of colleagues from different countries with a view to developing the long-term care in Sweden. On the other hand, the members of the S.D.E. will be able to bring their knowledge and experiences acquired in Sweden. During the meeting in Borås, the first cooperation contacts between Sweden and other European countries were agreed. Dina Meldere is the president of the Latvian Association of Social Care and Rehabilitation Institution Directors, based in Riga. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the meeting in Borås for certain important reasons.

Currently, 24 member organizations from 17 European countries are represented in the E.D.E. They participate together actively in the improvement of the long-term care and of their occupational image. This European network continues to pursue the objective of supporting the individual associations on the implementation of national and European projects and of exerting more influence at the European political level. In the past, the members of the Executive Board contributed their knowledge and ideas regarding the issue of long-term care to the international organizations such as AGE-Platform. In the future, also the members of the national associations of the E.D.E. will increasingly get involved with the activities of these organizations.

A day before the meeting of the General Board, the working group Missions and strategic directions of the E.D.E. met under the direction of Boris Koprivnikar from Slovenia. The work results were presented and discussed during the meeting. Now, the task of the national associations is to discuss the findings of this working group and to complete them with their own ideas until October 2008. Furthermore, during the meeting of the General Board, there was a lively closing discussion about the 10th Congress of the E.D.E. This congress, which had been organized at the same time as the 1st World Congress of Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly, took place in November 2007 in Berlin and had 910 participants. The members of several associations made suggestions for improvement which were been taken into account.

The preparations for the 11th E.D.E.-Congress, which will take place from the 24th to the 26th of September 2009 in Luxembourg, have already been initiated. Martin-Michael Birkholz (Germany), Carlos Marty (Switzerland), Boris Koprivnikar (Slovenia) and Wim Schepers (Netherlands) are working under the direction of Jean Bohler from Luxembourg on the concept and the realization of this significant project. As a result of the extraordinarily successful sponsorship of the 10th Congress of the E.D.E., the members decided unanimously to entrust the organizing of sponsorship to Ms Dr. Katharina Oleksiw from the company P Professionelles Kongress- und Tagungsmanagement (Professional Congress and Conference Management).

In conclusion, we can notice that the meeting of the General Board in Borås gave an important impetus for the future of the E.D.E. and contributed to a better understanding among the partner organizations.

Prof. Dr. Wilfried Schlüter  
President of the E.D.E.

### EDE VISION 11

This is the 11th edition of the electronic newsletter of the EDE: EDE VISION. This newsletter will inform you of the Current developments within the European care centres and in particular on the position of the director/administrator. The EDE also intends to adopt a position on real issues in European politics in the context of care for the elderly. EDE VISION's primary purpose is however to inform you about projects of the EDE and her member countries.



The fact that the newsletter is published electronically makes it readily accessible and enables national associations to pass the contents on to their members, EDE VISION is a publication of Skupnost socialnih zavodov Slovenije.

Editorial: Wim Schepers



## E-Qalin GmbH founded in Vienna

In the first quarter of this year the nonprofit organization E-Qalin was founded as a European organization for the development of the quality management system „E-Qalin“. The E.D.E. (European Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly) and the Austrian umbrella association became associates. The both associations were already important partners in the E-Qalin project during the three-year pilot phase and they developed, tested and evaluated successfully a branch-specific quality management system for the residential care homes for the elderly together with many other European partners from Austria, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovenia and Germany. During the pilot phase, the IBG (Institut für Bildung im Gesundheitswesen - Institute for Education in the Healthcare System - Bad Schallerbach) had the overall responsibility for this project under the direction of Ms Mag. Adelheid Bruckmüller and her team.



The purpose of the nonprofit E-Qalin GmbH is the promoting, the developing and the spreading of the quality management in the sector of long-term care for old people as well as in the healthcare and social sector. Precisely, the company will address itself, among other, to the following tasks:

training and advanced training, consulting, certification, development of instruments and services in support of quality management, research and development as well as the initiation of national and international projects. A first important step of the company

is the spread of this quality management system throughout Europe. For this purpose, there is a new project application which plans the introduction of E-Qalin in France and Great Britain. The project is expected to start in autumn 2008.

For further information about E-Qalin please visit [www.e-qalin.net](http://www.e-qalin.net)

## Congress of the E.D.E. in 2009 in Luxembourg

The 11th Congress of the E.D.E. will take place in Luxembourg from the 24th to the 26th of September 2009 in collaboration with the GRIPA.

The members of the organization working group are:

- Jean Bohler; Luxembourg
- Boris Koprivnikar; Slovenia
- Martin Birkholz; Germany
- Carlos Marty; Switzerland
- Wim Schepers; Netherlands



Jean Bohler & Jeannot Belling

## Two new faces...

We saw two new faces at the meeting of the General Board in Borås: Jiry Horecky, the president of the Czech association who came to Borås together with Martin Dürrer, and the new president of VDOR Belgium, Jan de Moor.



Jiry Horecky & Martin Dürrer



Jan de Moor

## The future of the E.D.E.

### *Missions and strategic directions of the E.D.E.*

You can find this proposal on our website.

Please send your feedback to [info@ede-eu.org](mailto:info@ede-eu.org) until the 30th of June 2008.

## Congress of the E.D.E. in 2011 in Prague

During the meeting in Borås, the General Board decided about the venue of the congress which will be held in 2011. The members could choose between Tartu in Estonia, Bologna in Italy and Prague in the Czech Republic.

The majority of members voted for Czech capital Prague.



Our hosts in Prague, Jiri Horecky (President of the Czech association for home directors) and Martin Dürrer (member of the Executive Board of the E.D.E.)