

E.D.E. and EAHSA congresses concept 2018 – 2020

DEFAULT SITUATION:

Both Associations (E.D.E. and EAHSA) are organizing a congress as a highlight event and also a possibility for networking among their members. Both congresses are very similar yet with slight differences.

E.D.E.		EAHSA
Frequency – every 2 years	✓	Frequency – every 2 years. In the other year IAHSA has its conference
Odd years	✗	Even years
2 – 3 days	✗	1,5 days
350 – 550 participants	✗	250 – 300 participants
WG on programme	✓	WG on programme
Sharing profit	✗	NOT sharing profit and NOT sharing loss
Gala evening	✓	Gala evening
Translation – min. 3 languages	✗	English is main language. Translation in 1 - 2 languages
NO connection to IAHSA	✗	Connection to IAHSA

CONCEPT SUGGESTION:

This concept comes out from a perspective to have joint congresses thus every year starting 2018 in Prague. Because the frequency having a congress every year would require interesting topics and also places of those events after a discussion in both Executive Boards of E.D.E. and EAHSA the president of E.D.E. suggested following concept:

- To bring together both congresses regardless of the process of merging both Associations.
- To organize in odd years “expert congresses” and in even years “political congresses”:
 - o **Expert congresses** would be 2 – 3 days expert congress connected social events (Gala evening) and bringing the key topic connected with seniors care. This concept contains parallel sessions, workshops etc.



- **Political conference** would be held as one day event in Brussels (probably in some EC premises). The main topic would be political such as the actual goals of the European Commission and Parliament, social dialogue on social services, etc. This conference could be preceded by a General Assembly meeting.
- The plan suggested above is not applicable immediately because a set of congresses is already planned for the next years. Therefore the suggested change would be gradual.

CONGRESS/CONFERENCE 2018

- EAHSA congress held in Prague. The first joint event. The suggested topic is “The future of nursing homes in Europe”. This is supposed to be the “political congress”. Because the place of the event was already set, in this case it will be not Brussels but Prague and it will be a two days event.

CONGRESS 2019

- This “Expert congress” is supposed to be held in Italy, in the city of Matera.

CONFERENCE 2020

- This conference is the first one according to the suggested concept. One day event in Brussels.