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A GREAT SUCCESS OF THE WORLD CONGRESS IN BERLIN!

The World Congress held in Berlin from 14 to 17 November of this year was a great success.

850 leading experts in health care fields from 44 countries organised more than 50 lectures.

The Congress was considered the biggest ever to have been held by the EDE association.

The "Coming Together" final ceremony, organised by Jean Bohler together with »his« Luxembourgers, was a true success and the order of the evening of the Congress. The Congress was opened on Thursday, 15 November at 9 a.m. by the opening addresses from Martin-Michael Birkholz, the President of DVLAB, and Wilfried Schlüter, the President of EDE from Germany, followed by a speech given by Marion Caspers-Merck, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State of the Ministry of Health and Social Security of the Federal Republic of Germany.

This was followed by numerous speeches given by guests from around the world, and various sessions. On Saturday, the Congress was concluded by José Virginio who was very enthusiastic about promoting Luxembourg, where the 11th EDE Congress will be held from 24 to 26 September 2009.

For the retrieval of information about the World Congress, we invite you to visit the EDE Website (indicated below) where you will find the programme of the Congress in the French, German, and English languages.

<http://www.worldcongress-edu.com/>

POLAND IN THE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR THE FIRST TIME

For the first time, the Polish representatives also attended the EDE Board session held on 13 November in Berlin. Waclaw Kerpert and Maria Pawtowska were representing their country, and Dragica Visncebac Fink from the Republic of Serbia was also one of the guests. In addition to gaining extensive information during the congress and attending the consultations on national reports (see page 2), all the participating countries of the EDE have ratified the EDE Code of Ethics after a period of two years.

The »Strategic Mission« working group has been set up under the direction of Boris Koprivnikar, and the continuation has been agreed on with the EDE AWARD 2009 under the direction of Wim Schepers. The next meeting will be held on 14 May 2008 in Borås, Sweden. During three successive days, the international conference will be conducted by Erika Lorinczy, who is at the same time preparing the accession of Sweden to EDE.



Dragica Visncevac Fink



Waclaw Kerpert & Maria Pawtowska

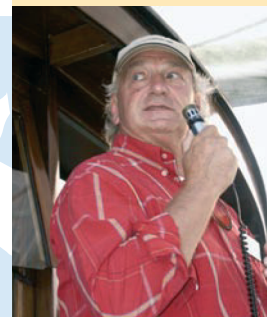
EDE VISION 8

This is the 8th 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





THE CHALLENGE OF EXPRESSING AN AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Which are the essential distinctive features to be an authentic manager on handling welfare and health services?

In a recent meeting promoted by ANSDIPP, the Association of the managers of the Social services area, talking about management and leadership, the experts that have helped the group on the reflection have insisted on words like »costless«, »gift«, »authenticity«.

It was really interesting the re-reading of figures like Aeneas and Ulysses, Virgil and Homer's heroes, that each of us remembers at least for his or her scholastic studies. Naturally we have a bigger fondness of Ulysses, for the sense of adventures, for the hidden dangers of the way back to Ithaca, for the amazing vision of Greek world and for the questions about Homer. Aeneas usually looks »heavy« and »slow«, that's why he intrigue us less than the other character.

Leading the thought on our field, Aeneas and Ulysses, are managers but on different levels. Ulysses returns to Ithaca, full of the experiences of the trip, but looking for revenge he »get destroyed«. Aeneas, instead, handle the trip to find a homeland with his father on his shoulders and his son by hand, accepting to travel slower and facing more risks than a lonely journey. But, in this way, he created »plus value«, and established the new homeland, focusing on human values and feelings of costless.

Another reflection comes out from the question: »What is the social value, in the area in which we have to work?«.

There are many possible answers, but probably the point is: the way of being persons/managers in the social area, but united in a national association, the ANSDIPP.

The reflection leads the association to focus on these themes:

- the person (seen like resource) – the refining of the centrality of the person still emphasising the diversity;
- the choice of the relational model;
- the management of organization, linked to the best practices;
- the answer to the loneliness of the leader in the options of working in staff or in group.

By this point of view, the meetings of the associates will concern the different Italian regions. The meetings will be concluded in Verona (April 2008) in the »Convention 2008«.



Damiano Mantovani

Dear E.D.E. Members,

For E.D.E. another dynamic and successful year is coming to an end.

This year the number of members has increased again since we accepted two Serbian organizations as members. Additionally, the 10th E.D.E. Congress, which took place from 14 to 17 November in Berlin, together with the 1st World Congress for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly, was a great success. Within the organization, there were also further important developments, for example, the ratification of the code of behaviour and the conclusion of the EU project "E-Qalin". By conferring the E.D.E. Award, we are entering a new territory. At the next E.D.E. Congress in Luxembourg in 2009, for the first time, we want to give this award to a politician for socio-political, Europe-wide, forward-looking decisions and commitment.

Furthermore, from 2008 the organizations work will be supported by a professional working agency. We will be further occupied with this internal discussion about the future content, development, and the reorganization of E.D.E. for the whole year ahead. For this purpose, I am whole-heartedly extending this invitation to you, because only together can we implement our political ideas about the future of the directors of residential care homes for the elderly.

I wish you and your families peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy year 2008.

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



THE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MANAGERS WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY (BFA).

On 27 February, the Occupational Association was re-established and 30 managers have joined it in the meantime.

Since the re-establishment, our activities have been carried out without any financing from the Province of Bozen, which remains our goal for the future as well.

PROVINCIAL ACT : MEASURES ON THE CARE INSURANCE IN SOUTH TYROL

The South Tyrol Parliament passed the Care Insurance Act on 10 October 2007. All citizens of South Tyrol are now entitled to care. The new provisions will be applied as early as July 2008.

Care insurance is now regulated by law. In this matter, the emphasis is on home care, the amount of money paid is not measured according to income, and financing of the activity is ensured from the financial funds of the Provincial budget. Therefore, the citizens do not have to visit the Sick Fund.

The new Act imposes changes to numerous Provincial acts, that is, it adjusts them to the new system of care insurance; from July 2008 home care allowance will be abolished and replaced by the new nursing allowance.

The so-called classifying teams (founded in the beginning of November by the Department of Social Welfare), consisting of 54 care-givers and social welfare workers, shall divide the persons involved into 4 levels of care. Consequently, the nursing allowance amounts come to €510 (level 1), €900 (level 2), €1,350 (level 3) and €1,800 (level 4). The nursing allowance is paid to the person in need regardless of income and financial standing. According to the Act, senior citizen's homes and nursing homes will be given extra amounts. This detail is essential for the success of our Association. Article 14 also includes a special five-year programme of harmonizing care and daily expenses in senior citizen's homes and nursing homes.

The Provincial Department of Social Welfare estimates that in 2008 the number of persons in need of care will reach 11700,8000 of

whom are being provided with care at their homes. Classification for outpatient care begins on 1 January 2008, and the payment of nursing allowance on 1 July 2008. According to needs, payments of money or a combination of money and goods can be issued. Payments for persons in inpatient (hospital) care shall be postponed until 1 January 2009.

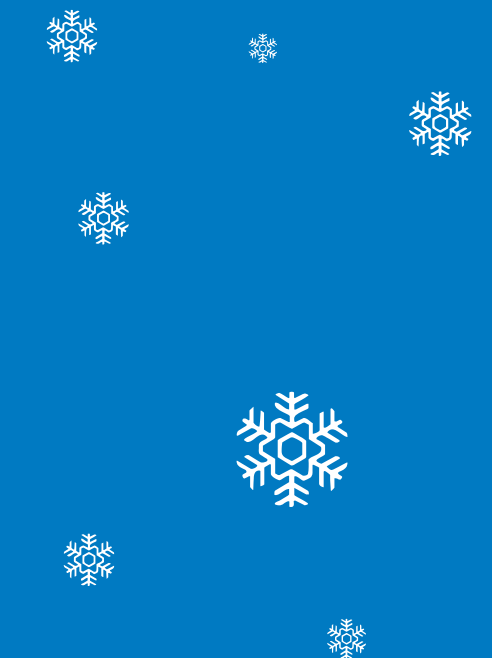
The Act was approved by different parties, and some claim it has been one of the most important social measures of this legislative period. In 2008, new elections for the South Tyrol Parliament will be held. Therefore, various regulations will be introduced in a great hurry.

The Act can be downloaded from: www.regione.taa.it/bu/2007/S2430701.pdf#page=54



Irene Morandell

President Wilfried Schlüter
and the General Board
wish you a very nice Christmas
and a happy 2008.



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for Care and Nursing Home Directors

A Lesson Taught by the Berlin Wall for Care and Nursing Home Directors: Creating Future by Overcoming Borders

Deutscher Verband der Leitungskräfte von Alten- und Behinderteneinrichtungen e. V. (DVLAB)

European Association For Directors Of Residential Care Homes For The Elderly

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