

## Executive Board Meeting in Novi Sad



At the Executive Board meeting in Novi Sad, Serbia, the acting Prime Minister of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Mr Lódi G. Gábor, received the Executive Board for an exchange of ideas on the long-term care issues. It became clear at this meeting that in Serbia the expenditures for the social and health care have increased considerably in recent years and that the government is constantly trying to improve quality in this area. It also became clear during the talks that the institutions for health care receive greater financial

support and, therefore, the Serbian colleagues, directors of homes for elderly people urgently demanded more support for the care area. Another topic was the training of directors and the staff in the homes for elderly people (gerontological centres); possibilities for cooperation in this area have been discussed. At the end Wilfried Schlüter, the president of the E.D.E. (European Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly) emphasized that the E.D.E will, within the bounds of its possibilities, support and advise both the colleagues present and the government.

The Executive Board met at the invitation of the Head of Association of Directors of Homes for Elderly "Association of Employers of the Institutions of Social Protection of Elderly Persons and Adults of Vojvodina," located in Novi Sad, and dealt with the working and living situation in Vojvodina. As part of the meeting, the Executive Board visited a gerontological centre. The people there seemed satisfied with their living conditions, although from the Western European point of view, it was visible that both, the structure and the conception should be improved. In the evening, the members of the Executive Board had talks with representatives of another Serbian Association of Directors of Homes for Elderly (located in Belgrade). The decision about the membership could be made on November 13th, 2007 at the general meeting of the E.D.E. before the beginning of the 1st World Congress in Berlin.

The Executive Board has introduced the module "E-Qalin" for the E.D.E., developed for the training of home directors that must be obligatorily integrated in all systems for further education (duration: 8-16 teaching units). This is another milestone in the area of quality. Another topic was the further professionalization of The European Association of Directors of Homes for Elderly and lobbying in Brussels.



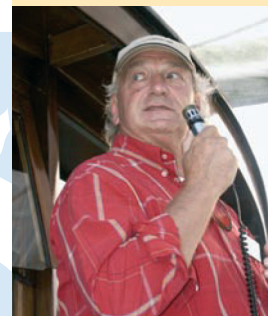
### EDE VISION 6

This is the 6th 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.

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# Participation in the EDE-Award by August 20th 2007

This month is the closing date for participation in the EDE-Award. Entries must be submitted by August 20th.

This is also the last opportunity for EDE-members to propose their favourite politicians. To which of the 17 participating countries will the prize be awarded? If you still need information, please go to [www.ede-eu.org](http://www.ede-eu.org).

## EDE grows fast

The fast expansion of the EDE provides considerable additional work and can also cause uncertainties.



**Boris Koprivnikar**

On the request of Boris Koprivnikar, a working group that will deal with the consequences of this fast growth is currently being formed. Therefore it is of great importance that new members are well informed.

The Executive Board must also permanently evaluate whether the work has been carried out according to the basic principles. The demands on the individual representatives of the EDE-member countries are becoming increasingly higher.

## Congress - streaming during the World Congress

During the World Congress in Berlin in November, all the main lectures (presentations) will be recorded in full, both in sound and video. The organizers of the Congress have signed a contract with the Streamcast media company.

The participants of the Congress can also watch the lectures later via the Internet when they are back at work in their own country.

All the participants who like to make notes during the presentations will be well supported. More information? [Wwww.streamcastmedia.de](http://www.streamcastmedia.de)

## Angela Cluzel - already retired but still active

FNADEPA-representative Angela Cluzel has retired this year.

She was the secretary of the Executive Board for many years and represents both the EDE and AGE.

She also appears regularly at the meetings of the General Executive Board in the role of interpreter. Our editorial staff have not heard that she intends to stop her efforts for the EDE.

We wish her enjoyment in her life as a pensioner and also a lot of energy for the EDE.



**Angela Cluzel**

## EDE-European Congress (European Congress of the Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly) in 2009 in Luxembourg

In 2009, when the EDE celebrates its 20th anniversary, the 11th Congress will take place in Luxembourg. The General Executive Board made this decision during the meeting in Luxembourg. Luxembourg is one of the founders of the EDE and the European Association for the Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly is also registered in Diekirch. Jean Bohler, who replaces George Dahm, is already dealing with the preparations quite substantially. You can familiarise yourself with the Luxembourg products during the reception.



**Jean Bohler together with his Bourgemestre de Ville de Remich, Jeannot Belling the reception of the 1st World Congress in Berlin**