



# VISION

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## E.D.E. Accredits the First College in Germany

President of E.D.E., Mr. Wilfried Schlüter, Ph.D., had a great pleasure to accredit Zwickau College in west Saxony as an academic educational institution for E.D.E. directors. Mrs. Ute Rosenbaum, Ph.D. received the charter for accreditation in her capacity as the Dean of Science for Health and Social Care. She emphasized the importance of this accreditation for the college and graduates majoring in management of social care and medical services.

Already in 1993, at the fourth E.D.E. Congress in London, Prof. Schlüter was advocating for professionalisation and academization of the profession of care home directors. The German Association of Directors of Homes for the Elderly and the Disabled (DVLAB), which is a member of E.D.E., has recognized the necessity three years ago and is now making bigger efforts for the academization of our profession. E.D.E. welcomes such development and has on several occasions offered its support to DVLAB.

In future, joint efforts will be necessary; there will be thorough changes that could be proactively created by highly qualified persons, especially in the area of long-term care.



Mrs. Ute Rosenbaum, Ph.D.

## Preparations for the First World Congress

The final weeks of preparations for the first world congress and the tenth European E.D.E. Congress have arrived. The meetings of the Organizing Committee are therefore being carried out with this in mind.

Up until now, we had a strict agenda to adhere to; but now, however, the scenario is formulating the guidelines for the meetings in Berlin minute by minute.

The meetings led by Mr. Martin-Michael Birkholz, President of the German Association of Directors of Homes for the Elderly and the Disabled (DVLAB), are increasingly being characterised by marginal comments and sideline questions, the answers to which are again and again found by Mrs. Dagmar Klug who has shown herself to be an extraordinary office manager.

The team work of the members of the Organizing Committee comprising Wilfried Schlueter, Martin Birkholz, Carlos Marty, Jean Bohler, Alfred Hoffmann, and Wim Schepers, with the support of Dagmar Klug has truly been proceeding without a hitch.

A large number of applications provide an additional incentive for the Committee, and also requires greater levels of precision and control of the logistics. A veritable expert for the financial side of the preparations is Mr. Carlos Marty, even though it would seem from the photographs that Mr. Alfred Hoffmann is doubtful about that.....



Alfred Hoffmann & Carlos Marty

## EDE VISION 7

This is the 7th 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.



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Editorial: Wim Schepers



## Fly High with E-Qalin

After a three year period, the E-Qalin project (specific qualitative management system for social care for the elderly) which is supported by the EU, was successfully released for independent work. At the final seminar in Bremen, Germany, the entire project was rated and results of an accompanied survey implemented by the Zwickau College, from west Saxony, under the leadership of Mrs. Ute Rosenbaum, Ph.D., and Mr. Wilfried Schlüter, Ph.D., were presented. The research results can be summed up – research report has a total of 1,500 pages – with the following sentence: E-Qalin is a successful European project, which on the one hand increases the quality of care and satisfaction of residents and collaborators, and on the other evidently improves the management of the institutions.

E.D.E. supports the further expansion of QM in Europe, among other things, by having developed a concept for the E-Qalin award, which is awarded to the three best institutions in Europe. Best practice – is an important innovative step for care home directors in Europe, which can intensify networking for the benefit of all.

For now, an additional study E-Qalin is available in Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Luxembourg and Germany. There are already queries from other European countries. E.D.E. is available to the national associations of directors for social care for the elderly if they wish to establish such study in their own country.

For any additional information, please go to [www.e-qalin.net](http://www.e-qalin.net).

### THE INTERNET CAFÉ AT THE CONGRESS CENTRE

During the first world congress, you will have the benefit of using an Internet café located in the large exhibition space on the internal square.

This ensures the contact between the front part of the building and the working area.

### MUSIC, SNACKS, AND BEVERAGES DURING REGISTRATION

On Wednesday, 14 November, you can register for the congress after 6 p.m. at the URANIA Cultural and Congress Centre. This will make getting up early in the morning on Thursday, 15 November, unnecessary.

After 7.30 p.m., the ceremonious meeting entitled *Coming Together* will take place where you will have the opportunity to enjoy the snacks and beverages from Luxembourg, prepared for you by the hosts of the eleventh E.D.E. Congress 2009.

### THE EVENING GALA AT THE BERLIN HOTEL IN BERLIN WILL BE HELD IN TWO HALLS

Because of the large number of participants, the evening gala on 16 November will take place in two halls, with separate music groups performing and appearances being held in both. We cordially ask the guests to follow our desired dress code of Black Tie.



The Reichstag at night



Berliner Dom

Schloss Charlottenburg