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Berlin office begins its operations

Dear Members,

On March 1st, 2008 our office in Berlin began its operations. On behalf of E.D.E. I would like to welcome Mrs. Hartmann and wish her and E.D.E. successful cooperation in the future. Mrs. Hartmann can be contacted from Monday until Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The address is as follows:

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Together we will continue to improve E.D.E and create the future.

Yours sincerely,

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

Gabriele Hartmann introduces herself...



I have pleasure in informing you that as from the 1st March 2008 I am working in the new E.D.E. office in Berlin. From 1993 to 2006 I was working in the new department of a Federal Administration with the functions of translations and organisation. Following this I have been working voluntarily for the last two years in a Berlin junior school. I have given help to children from social disadvantaged families in their schooling and given support to their parents in different ways. This because for a long time I was getting more and more interested in social questions and the development of our modern society.

You, as members of E.D.E. and the National Associations, are striving for a better social and medical level of care for older persons. It will be a pleasure for me to help and support you as your newly recruited collaborator. I shall look forward to receiving your questions, your ideas or suggestions, by E-Mail (info@ede-eu.org) or by telephone 0049(0)3061681411. I speak German, French, English and Polish.

Your Gabriele Hartmann

Thank you very much Lucie Hoffsimmer,

I would like to thank Lucie Hoffsimmer and her employer – CBT in Cologne - for their long lasting voluntary work for E.D.E. Due to her hearty manner and her profound language skills, Mrs. Hoffsimmer was of invaluable support at our European meetings.

Altogether, we have been able to work together successfully for almost eight years. Mrs. Hoffsimmer will be officially seen off at the next meeting in May in Boras, Sweden.

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



Lucy Hoffsimmer

EDE VISION 10

This is the 10th 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



3rd Meeting of the E.D.E. Institutes of Education

On March 3rd, 2008 the 3rd Meeting of the E.D.E. Institutes of Education took place in the Hans-Weinberger-Akademie in Munich. The meeting focused on the presentation of new modules in the area of education for Directors of residential care homes (management, network management, E-Qalin?) and their implementation in each institute. The reports about the experiences of the education module for E-Qalin? were very especially pleasing. Furthermore, university education (Bachelor and Master) with the additional E.D.E. qualification in the area of health and care management was introduced. The result of the discussion was that hard work has to be carried out to increase awareness and motivate the target group of Directors of residential care homes for further education. The institutes of education, which have increasingly been competing with each other, have to look for new ways to cooperate and have to continually react to the demands of the market. Prof. Dr. Schlüter pointed out that cooperation with universities is an important perspective for E.D.E. The next meeting will take place on October 16th, 2009 in Vienna.



Prof. Dr. Schlüter, Edgar Führer, Martin Dürer and Gabriele Hartmann of the E.D.E. and Mr. Martin König of the umbrella organisation of residential homes for the elderly and nursing homes in Austria attended the meeting. The institutes of education in cooperation with E.D.E. were represented by Mag. Adelheid Bruckmüller (IBG Upper Austria), Dr. Christian Neubauer (ABS Upper Austria), Prof. Dr. Herbert Janig (FH Technikum Kärnten), Dr. Katharina Oleksiw (andragogik-konkret e.V.), Ursula Kiersten (VHS Oberbergischer Kreis), Dr. Birgit Hoppe (SPI, Berlin), and Volker-Fenchel (Hans-Weinberger-Akademie).

E.U. Elder Abuse Conference

On the 17.3.08 Angela Cluzel was one of the speakers during the conference of the European Commission about Protecting the dignity of older persons.

In the building Charlemagne in Brussels Vladimir Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities was opening this conference.

Angela Cluzel told the audience that E.D.E. for 18 years is trying to reverse the horrifying image of the residential care homes ("dying off").

E.D.E. started already in 1993 during the Maastricht Congress by writing the European Charter of the Rights and Freedoms of Older Persons Accommodated in Homes.

At the end Angela Cluzel promised the audience that E.D.E. will support all campaigns to condemn elder abuse and to bring awareness to its members that the candle of vigilance must never burn out.

Angela wanted to thank everybody who sent her information, but specially Lithuania, Hungary, Süd Tirol, Czech Rep. and Luxembourg.



Angela Cluzel

SEX IS OFF-LIMITS

In the scientific study "Sexualität im Alter/Altersheim" ("Sexuality in old age/homes for the elderly") the Austrian head of nursing, Hermine Bleiberger, observed a taboo: "The residents of many homes for the elderly basically do not talk about sexuality."

In addition, most of the residents do not want an existing relationship to become public knowledge in order to not to be looked at disapprovingly. According to Bleiberger, it is difficult to preserve privacy in homes for the elderly. Life in homes is formed by strong publicity. For unmarried couples in particular there is often no room for undisturbed time together as a general rule, as only married couples are allowed to share a room. Furthermore, the living rooms often cannot be locked. Ultimately, it depends on the staff and the nursing home to what extent the needs of the residents are met.

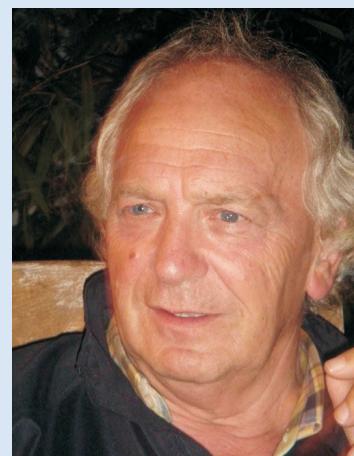
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