

E-Qalin GmbH founded in Vienna

In the first quarter of this year the nonprofit organization E-Qalin was founded as a European organization for the development of the quality management system „E-Qalin“. The E.D.E. (European Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly) and the Austrian umbrella association became associates. The both associations were already important partners in the E-Qalin project during the three-year pilot phase and they developed, tested and evaluated successfully a branch-specific quality management system for the residential care homes for the elderly together with many other European partners from Austria, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovenia and Germany. During the pilot phase, the IBG (Institut für Bildung im Gesundheitswesen - Institute for Education in the Healthcare System - Bad Schallerbach) had the overall responsibility for this project under the direction of Ms Mag. Adelheid Bruckmüller and her team.



The purpose of the nonprofit E-Qalin GmbH is the promoting, the developing and the spreading of the quality management in the sector of long-term care for old people as well as in the healthcare and social sector. Precisely, the company will address itself, among other, to the following tasks:

training and advanced training, consulting, certification, development of instruments and services in support of quality management, research and development as well as the initiation of national and international projects. A first important step of the company

is the spread of this quality management system throughout Europe. For this purpose, there is a new project application which plans the introduction of E-Qalin in France and Great Britain. The project is expected to start in autumn 2008.

For further information about E-Qalin please visit www.e-qalin.net

Congress of the E.D.E. in 2009 in Luxembourg

The 11th Congress of the E.D.E. will take place in Luxembourg from the 24th to the 26th of September 2009 in collaboration with the GRIPA.

The members of the organization working group are:

- Jean Bohler; Luxembourg
- Boris Koprivnikar; Slovenia
- Martin Birkholz; Germany
- Carlos Marty; Switzerland
- Wim Schepers; Netherlands



Jean Bohler & Jeannot Belling

Two new faces...

We saw two new faces at the meeting of the General Board in Borås: Jiry Horecky, the president of the Czech association who came to Borås together with Martin Dürrer, and the new president of VDOR Belgium, Jan de Moor.



Jiry Horecky & Martin Dürrer



Jan de Moor

The future of the E.D.E.

Missions and strategic directions of the E.D.E.

You can find this proposal on our website.

Please send your feedback to info@ede-eu.org until the 30th of June 2008.

Congress of the E.D.E. in 2011 in Prague

During the meeting in Borås, the General Board decided about the venue of the congress which will be held in 2011. The members could choose between Tartu in Estonia, Bologna in Italy and Prague in the Czech Republic. The majority of members voted for Czech capital Prague.



Our hosts in Prague, Jiri Horecky (President of the Czech association for home directors) and Martin Dürrer (member of the Executive Board of the E.D.E.)