

Lobby Committee to prepare EAHSA strategy and positions

The Board of EAHSA has installed a dedicated Lobby Committee to prepare EAHSA positions and strategies. The Committee is chaired by the EAHSA President.

As a sub-ordered committee of the Board, the Lobby Committee will discuss and present proposals for positions and statements to the Board. Apart from the President, the Committee is composed of Jean-Christophe Vanderhaegen (Vice-President), Serge De Kerf (Treasurer) and Freek Lapre.

The Lobby Committee will be counseled by Marcel Smeets, a Brussels-based lobby-expert in the field of health and social care. Marcel Smeets has been contracted as a Board counsel and will be EAHSA's EU representative in Brussels. Marcel Smeets can be reached via m.smeets@eahsa.eu.

EAHSA present in Perth for 11th IAHSA Conference

EAHSA's President Aad Koster and Board members Serge de Kerf, Freek Lapre and Christa Merzeder have participated in the 11th bi-annual IAHSA conference in Perth, Australia. The conference, co-hosted with ACSA, convened around the theme of "Global Communities Coming Together".

Over 800 delegates from around the world converged on Perth to discuss challenges and opportunities in care for older people. EAHSA's Board members were invited as a speaker or as a panellist and took actively part in the discussions.

Aad Koster says: "It was a unique opportunity to meet so many experts and to get inspired by so many best practices. It is clear that our industry is playing a pivotal role in developing and providing adapted services to older people all over the world."



MEMBERS' CORNER EAHSA welcomes new members

EAHSA has welcomed two new members. The Czech Association of Social Care Provision (APSSCR) is the biggest professional organization uniting providers of social services in the Czech Republic. It was established in 1991, gathers more than 983 organizations and 2353 registered services and has 10 employees.

Apart from APSSCR, EAHSA is also welcoming the Russian Azbuka Zhizni Avatar Invest. Azbuka Zhizni is a group of companies working in the Russian ageing sector. The group consists of Azbuka Zhizni (management company providing housing, services and care for older persons. The company is also managing the construction projects in this sphere), Azbuka Zhizni (media, publisher of the specialized magazine for older adults in Russia, and Azbuka Zhizni Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation aimed to support older persons and make their life better in Russia.

FNAQPA prepares 2016 EAHSA bi-annual conference in Lyon

EAHSA member FNAQPA is hosting and organizing the bi-annual EAHSA conference on 22-23 September 2016 in Lyon.

« THINK EUROPEAN – ACT LOCALLY : new business models and success stories in the provision of care, housing and services for the elderly » is the title of the two-day conference. A dedicated EAHSA task-force is currently working on the programme and the list of speakers. The task-force is chaired by Dale Stevenson, EAHSA Board member.

AAD KOSTER NEW EAHSA PRESIDENT

The Executive Board of the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA) has elected Mr Aad Koster as its new President.

Aad Koster (NL, 1960) is CEO of ActiZ, the Dutch association for residential and home care organizations and infant and child health clinics. Aad Koster was already member of the Board of EAHSA. One of his main involvements was the hosting and the organisation of EAHSA's European conference on 'Innovation in Ageing Service: Pathways to the future', which was held in Amsterdam between in September 2014.



Aad Koster: "My goal with EAHSA is to unite more and more providers for the ageing sector in Europe. The number of older people is growing strongly. That's why we have to learn from each other, to cooperate with other stakeholders and we have to advocate for good conditions for providers to do their important work." Aad Koster is the successor to Ms Natalie Briffa Farrugia,

who has been President of EAHSA for many years. His ambition is to continue her strategy and to foster EAHSA's position in the EU arenas. "We need to be present, to participate and to influence at an EU level and make sure that the interests of the EAHSA membership are taken into account", he says. Aad can be contacted via president@eahsa.eu.

CALENDAR

Events, seminars and conferences

Name	Date, place	Organiser
Integrated Care Summit 2015	13 Oct 2015, London (UK)	King's Fund
Health in Europe: From Global to Local Policies, Methods and Practices	14-17 Oct 2015, Milan (IT)	EUPHA
Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Network meeting	14-15 Oct 2015, Prague (CZ)	DECCB
Conference on Increasing Person Centeredness of Care for the Frail Elderly	22-23 Oct 2015, Madrid (ES)	PCH UK
20th WONCA Europe Conference	22-25 Oct 2015, Istanbul (TR)	WONCA
Improving Housing Support for Older and Vulnerable People: The Next Steps	4 Nov 2015, London (UK)	Public Policy Exchange
Global Healthcare Summit	9-11 Nov 2015, Dubai (UAE)	OMICS
12th Health and Aging Conference - Insuring Health Care for the Elderly	16-17 Nov 2015, Singapore (SP)	Geneva Assoc.
3rd World Congress on Integrated Care	19-21 Nov 2015, Mexico City (ME)	Integrated Care Found.
The EU role in protecting older citizen's social and economic rights, AGE Annual Conference 2015	20 Nov 2015, Brussels (BE)	Age Platform
EAHSA General Assembly	7 Dec 2015, Brussels (BE)	EAHSA
EAHSA Bi-annual conference	22-23 Sep 2016, Lyon (FR)	FNAQPA

EAHSA works on EU Arena and Issues Plan

The EAHSA Secretariat is working on an inventory of relevant issues and contacts at EU level in order to better anticipate and influence EU policies and to monitor progress in EU Affairs management.

EAHSA eyes conference under NL EU Presidency

EAHSA is planning to organise a high-level event under the upcoming Dutch EU Presidency, from January to July 2016. EAHSA will seek co-operation with other EU stakeholders to jointly organise a conference.

New EAHSA President to meet with stakeholders

Aad Koster, EAHSA President is planning meetings in November with relevant EU stakeholders in the field of ageing, healthcare and social protection to present EAHSA and its vision and positions.

EAHSA to publish new position papers

The EAHSA Secretariat is drafting new position papers on Health workforce, Health and social care as an investment, and Adequate housing for older people. EAHSA Members will be informed soon.



EESC Study group presents opinion De-institutionalisation

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) has prepared an [exploratory opinion on LTC and de-institutionalisation \(DI\)](#). The exploratory opinion was requested by the Latvian EU Presidency and fed into a conference organized in June.

Although the EESC sees DI as a human rights issue and a money-saver, it recognizes that older persons form a category in their own and that LTC institutions for older persons and accompanying arrangements should not be considered as a cost but an investment, as EAHSA has called for.

EAHSA responds to public consultation Circular economy

EAHSA has responded to the [consultation of the European Commission on the circular economy](#). EAHSA's membership is directly involved in the discussions about the circular economy. Construction, food and beverages and hospitality are key activities and waste is an ever recurring issue. Waste in the health and social services sector can often be explained by referring to quality and safety regulations, e.g. single and multi-use regulations for drugs, medical devices and for food and beverages. The European Commission will present a new circular economy strategy and related Action Plan in late 2015 on the basis of the input from the public consultation.