

EAHSA adopts CES strategy

On 7 December, the EAHSA Board and General Assembly have adopted the proposed Central European Strategy (CES). Board members Dale Stevenson and Jiri Horecky, who drive this initiative, will now prepare a specific Action plan and present it to the next Board meeting.

In the context of EAHSA's policy objective of broadening the organisation's geographic base and membership within Europe, EAHSA has initiated a Central European Strategy (CES) as an element of its current Triennial Strategic Plan. This is set in EAHSA's vision of a broader European community.

The CES aims to create a strong EAHSA network base in Central Europe as part of the broader Europe-wide EAHSA community and to facilitate the development and growth of a strong NGO sector and eventually a viable ageing sector in Central European countries. The key components of the Initial CES Action Plan are to establish a network of stakeholders in Central European countries, to facilitate the sharing of information, issues, and support among network members and to provide a means of promoting EAHSA as a pan-European organisation and connect to potential partners.

EAHSA Board simulates ageing

At the occasion of the 2015 Annual General Meeting on 7 December, the EAHSA Board and members simulated ageing and underwent the difficulties and restrictions of getting older personally. FNAQPA GERONFOR's Anne-Marie Jarnieux and Sebastien Bourbon facilitated the simulation session at the EAHSA AGM in Brussels and successfully turned the EAHSA members in older persons themselves.

'EAHSA and its members are committed to create a pleasant and foremost a supportive environment for older people', says Aad Koster, EAHSA President. 'To better understand the needs and difficulties encountered when aging, we better put ourselves in the shoes of the people we serve.' At the occasion of this simulation session, EAHSA has published a [special report](#).



MEMBERS' CORNER

ActiZ names Jan de Vries as CEO

ActiZ has named Jan de Vries as its new CEO as from 1 January 2016. Jan de Vries has been a Member of Dutch Parliament for eight years and a Speaker of the Parliament's Health Committee. The Dutch ActiZ is one of EAHSA's founding members.

Jan succeeds to Aad Koster, current EAHSA President. Aad has been at the helm of ActiZ for ten years. At his farewell reception, Aad was honored with a Royal order and a tulip named after him. As a tribute to the innovative developments in the Dutch care for older persons, Aad has produced [a film highlighting the innovations and best-practices today](#) (in Dutch).

EAHSA confirms new Board

The EAHSA General Assembly has confirmed the new Board of EAHSA. The election of Aad Koster as a new President and the Board membership of Jiri Horecky have now been formalised by the Annual General Meeting.

On 7 December, the 2015 Annual general Meeting of the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA) took place. Although the terrorist alert level remains high for Brussels, the AGM attracted many members. Apart from formal agenda topics, the presentation of various Activity reports and new initiatives, the AGM also offered an attractive informal programme.

Membership fees

The AGM also adopted a proposal to maintain the current levels of contributions. Having seen the financial situation and the positive perspectives, the Board has proposed not to change the levels of membership fees for 2016.



CALENDAR

Events, seminars and conferences

| Name | Date, place | Organiser |
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| 3rd Joint Action Planning & Educating Health Workforce without Borders | 18-19 Feb 2016, Varna (BU) | JAWHF |
| Med-e-Tel Conference | 6-8 April 2016 Luxemburg (LU) | ISfTeH |
| EAHSA Bi-annual conference | 22-23 Sep 2016, Lyon (FR) | FNAQPA |
| LeadingAge 2016 Annual Meeting | 30Oct–2 Nov 2016, Indianapolis (US) | Leading Age |

LeadingAge USA welcomes session proposals for its 2016 Annual Meeting

IAHSA's US Chapter, [LeadingAge](#), is now accepting session proposals for its 2016 Annual Meeting. The LeadingAge Annual Meeting is the largest annual gathering of aging services providers in the United States, featuring hundreds of education sessions and experts in the field. The 2016 Annual Meeting and EXPO will take place on 30 October– 2 November 2016 in Indianapolis, USA.

[LeadingAge welcomes your international community to submit your proposal](#). It is seeking original, thought-provoking education sessions that enable its members to hear about creative approaches, new ideas, innovative models and emerging trends as well as topics that address the pressing issues facing aging services providers worldwide.

New handbook Health Workforce Planning in the EU

The Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning & Forecasting (JAHWF) has published its [Handbook Health workforce planning methodologies across the EU](#). The focus is on planning experiences concretely realized and currently working. The Handbook describes and analyzes the planning practices developed in selected EU countries. As such, planning systems developed in Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, Norway, Spain and the Netherlands have been analyzed through a grid of five elements as the five key elements of the planning system.



EAHSA invited by ENHA to talk about prevention of malnutrition

EAHSA's President Aad Koster has been invited by the [European Nutrition for Health Alliance \(ENHA\)](#) to present the association and to discuss the prevention of mal- and undernutrition in older persons. The recently adopted position statement on preventing malnutrition and food waste was the basis of his presentation.

ENHA is a multi-stakeholder platform of geriatrists, dietitians, hospitals funders a.o. and is currently driving the EU-wide [ONCA-campaign](#). EAHSA is seen as a welcome partner to contribute to and to share knowledge in prevention and good hospitality. EAHSA will consult its members to define a framework for possible cooperation.

Consultation Balance between caring and profession

The European Commission has launched [a consultation on how to improve work-life balance](#). It will seek a.o. to enable a better balance between caring and professional responsibilities for working parents and people with dependent relatives. In August 2015 the Commission published a [Roadmap](#) for the initiative 'A new start to address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working families', which will replace the 2008 Commission proposal to amend the Maternity Leave Directive.



European Commission adopts new plan for Circular economy

The European Commission has adopted the Circular Economy Package aimed at the transition to a stronger and more circular economy where resources are used in a more sustainable way. The actions will contribute to "closing the loop" of product life cycles through greater recycling and re-use, and bring benefits for both the environment and the economy. The proposals cover the full lifecycle: from production and consumption to waste management and the market for secondary raw materials. The transition will be supported financially by ESIF funding, €650 mln from Horizon 2020 (the EU funding programme for research and innovation), €5.5 bln from structural funds for waste management, and investments in the circular economy at national level.