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Press Release

Birthday gift of “generations fund”

Fund named in honour of ÖSB Chairman, Prof. Andreas Khol

ESCU President, Dr. Worms: “A hopeful initiative for the poorest and a boost for cooperation between young and old”

Brussels (6th August 2011). High hopes were expressed by ESCU President, Dr. Bernhard Worms (D), for a “generations fund” which has been set up by the Austrian Senior Citizens’ Union (ÖSB) on the occasion of the 70th birthday of its Chairman, Prof. Andreas Khol (Vienna). “This is a superb gift from the birthday boy himself that we hope will be a complete success.” The initiative will serve the poorest in society and promote understanding and cooperation between young and old, thus providing a guarantee for the future, Worms added.

The generations fund which is named after Khol aims to provide both financial support and contributions in kind and to promote consultation.

The donations received will be spent on:

- supporting those in financial need
- promoting inter-generational community life
- extending mutual assistance between young and old, and
- creating better opportunities for all generations to be equally involved



Univ. Prof. Dr. Andreas Khol at the ESCU lectern

Donations are to be sent to trust account no. 000-11-394.368 with the NÖ-Wien [North East Vienna] branch of the Raiffeisenbank, bank sort code 32000.

As explained in a special edition of the ÖSB magazine, SIS, which celebrates Khol’s 70th birthday, an annual “Austrian Generations Award” is also to be presented which will recognise exemplary initiatives in inter-generational solidarity in everyday life and acknowledge academic research findings in the fields of gerontology, geriatrics, geragotics, sociology, care management and generational research.

On the occasion of his landmark birthday, Prof. Andreas Khol was accorded high honour in Vienna. At a reception held at the parliament building (Austrian National Council), his friend and fellow campaigner of many years, Dr. Bernhard Vogel (D), commended Prof. Khol’s work in his various roles as the former President of the National Council, the current Chairman of the country’s Seniors’ Council and the Chairman of the Austrian Senior Citizens’ Union, a close ally of the ESCU and one of its most active and numerous member associations.

In his opening address to the ESCU’s 2nd Summer Academy for leaders, ESCU President, Dr. Worms, congratulated Prof. Khol, who was unable to attend, on behalf of the organisation and thanked him for his close cooperation over many years. Khol – together with ÖSB Secretary General, Heinz Becker – is a member of the ESCU’s Executive Committee. Delegates to the VII Congress in Bad Honnef were able to experience the skills of this “born politician” at first hand when he chaired the event.

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