

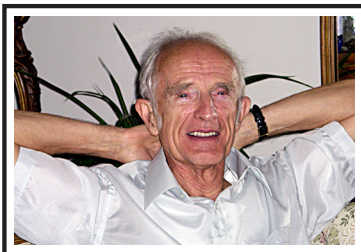
The Congress of the European Peoples Party (EPP), at the end of April 2009 in Warsaw, **has prepared for the European Parliament Elections**. The EPP is comprised of 74 parties in 38 European countries, 20 heads of governments, 9 EU Commissioners and the parliament president with Prof. Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering. The election programme was unanimously approved. The aim of the campaign is to ensure that the EPP remains the strongest parliamentary faction as a result of the elections held in early June 2009 (on 7th of June 2009 in most member states). (Also see EPP EU Elections Portal 2009: <http://www.epp-ed.eu/home/en/default.asp?lg1=en>)

An ESCU motion **has been unanimously approved** by the delegates of the Warsaw Congress requesting all EPP member parties to establish senior citizen associations. Approximately half of them have so far fulfilled this urgent motion. Representatives of the European Senior Citizens Union contributed at the **Congress as delegates, guests and participants in committees and forums, including democratisation in Belarus**.

The information stand, with politicians from numerous countries available for discussion was very popular. Four TV stations conducted interviews on the ESCU objectives and the current situation of the elderly generation. (2nd from right ESCU President Dr. Bernhard Worms)



Rezső Fuszek (Hungary) passed away. The notice of the sudden death of the long-standing ESCU companion and president of the MDF pensioners section on 27th of April reached the ESCU President in Warsaw. Dr. Worms expressed his grief over the loss for our association. Fuszek was taken from us at the age of 83 during the preparations for a member meeting of his organisation, said Zoltan Prenghy, his fellow and deputy. Many of his friends and fellows paid him their last respects in Budapest. Dr. Worms expressed his condolences to his widow, Ms. Fuszek-Rezsőne. The ESCU commemorates him with respect and gratitude.



The honorary commitment of the older generation also secures **the future of Europe**. This approach has been deepened during the regional conference "East" in May in Dresden. Professional expertise, lifetime experience and political wisdom have their place in the process of forming society. This is also true regarding the host city of Dresden, which is a World Heritage site. The City President of Oświęcim, a survivor of the Concentration Camp Auschwitz, and a scientist and politician from Dresden remember the dark chapter of European history. Participants bowed with reverence at the memorials for Jewish victims of National Socialism and the Dresden bombing victims of February 1945. Candidates for the European Parliament were presented. (Also see the ESCU website)

The ESCU Board and Executive Committee meet in Brussels on 11th of June 2009. The steering bodies will analyse the activities in the first half of the year and make decisions on further incentives. The PR should become quantifiable through information regularly received from the ESCU member states. Currently, "Senior International" is being translated and distributed within honourable and voluntary activities in the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Slovenia and Greece. Will anyone join in? (Copies are most welcome)