

Hospitable North Rhine-Westphalia

From 24 to 26 October the town of Recklinghausen will be the venue of the Assembly of Delegates (of the election Congress) of the Christian Democratic Union Senior Citizens' Union, and the VII Congress of the European Senior Citizens' Union will be held from 2 to 4 November – as reported – in Bad Honnef / Rhine. Both cities are located in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). The Christian Democratic Union Senior Citizens' Union was founded in 1988 for West Germany. In December 1990, the overall German union was formed with the accession of the former eastern states (from the former GDR). Prof. Dr. Otto Wulff has led the 57,000-member association since 2002. In 2010 the European Senior Citizens' Union can look back over 15 years.

Dr. Laszlo Harsanyi deceased

President Dr. Worms sent deep condolences to his widow.

The Hungarian politician will always be remembered in the European Senior Citizens' Union, he wrote. Harsanyi represented the senior citizens of the Hungarian Democratic Forum (MDF) in the Executive Committee, where he earned great respect. He had always longed for the victory of the conservative forces in the parliamentary elections, but unfortunately did not live to see it.



Malta: The elderly are accepted

Of this there was no doubt at the ESCU Regional Conference in Malta organized by APAN and EPP at the beginning of May, at least for the host country. Thanks to purposeful state policy since 1987 the previously discriminatory image of old age in Malta has improved in favour of moral and social recognition; life achievements are acknowledged, experience is in demand. The former President Dr. Edward Fenech Adami, the current prime minister and chairman of the Christian Conservative Nationalist Party (PN) Dr. Lawrence Gonzi, health and senior citizens minister and other figures from the state and party leadership appeared at the conference. APAN chairman Alfred Scerri welcomed a strong senior delegation from Cyprus under its new chairman, Michael Thanos. Talks were held amongst others by the European Senior Citizens' Union Vice Presidents Maria Mantziafou-Kanellopoulou (GR) and Carlo Fatuzzo (I). The Cyprus issue still unsettled since 1974 was also addressed. (See: www.eu-seniorunion.info/mainmenu_en.html).

In the Swedish election campaign

the non-socialist 'alliance' Christian Democrats and their senior citizens are participating with demands for adequate and secure pensions, high standards for hospital services and guarantees for an independent life for all generations.

Germany: Many Old-Young projects

are evidencing mutual aid beyond the family, including sponsorships for children and young people from immigrant families. In Germany, two out of every three care cases are looked after by relatives at home. To assist in the training – for example of the children and grandchildren – billions of Euros are transferred between the generations. This information was released by "BAGSO" (consortium of over 100 German senior citizens' organizations) for the second European Day of Solidarity between Generations on 29 April.

As the "60th Birthday of the EU"

is how the magazine of the Austrian Federal seniors "SIS" described "Europe Day" held on 9 May. It recalls the French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, who presented his vision of the integration of Europe on 05/09/1950. In Austria, EU accession 15 years ago is also remembered on "Europe Day", which has brought the country growth and 14,000 jobs per year. (Source: SIS / Courier)

Congratulations

Polish Premier D. Tusk for the International "Charlemagne Prize" (awarded in Aachen).

Sylvia Vlachova (CZ) turned 85 on 10th of January, Vice-President Prof. Dr. Nicolas Estgen (L) turned 80 on 28th of February and Dr. Eva Perman (SLO) on 27th of March. Dr. Yuri Zander (LV) turned 75 on 28th of March and Vice-President Leif Hallberg (S) turned 70 on 16th of May; Congratulations!

In brief. Due to the early general elections in Belgium, the third Regional Conference "Centre" has been moved from 18 June to the autumn. The Eurofedop organization has given up its status as an ESU-observer.