

# Assistance Dogs Europe

## Board Report 2008-2009

Activities undertaken by the Board since the conference in Frankfurt 2007

### Access

- Active role in setting a definition for European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).
- Supported development of legislation in several countries.
- Added European dimension to ADI Lawbook.
- Active role in supporting amendments to EC Equal Treatment Directive– significant long term effect.
- Took part in the European Pet Night – March 2009
- Developed a European access card for clients travelling to all countries.
- Several country access campaigns supported with information.
- Active role in the European Guide Dog federation (EGDF).

### Networking

- Organised Croatia Conference.
- Set up two trainer workshops – multi-species training in Spain.
- Set up trainer’s workshop in Netherlands.
- Production of a regular European newsletter and contributions to international one.
- Organised the international ADI conference in London with IGDF.

### Accreditation

- Set up the European Accreditation Review Committee.
- Active representation of Europe on the ADI Accreditation Committee.
- Trained 4 new assessors to undertake accreditation.
- Accredited 6 programmes with a number signed up for accreditation.
- Worked on the European accreditation process to ensure European dimension to ADI accreditation.

### Website

- Developed ADI website to ensure regions adequately represented.
- Took over as webmaster of ADI website.
- Continued to develop ADEu website.

### AAI

- European programs and Board active in AAI Working group.
- Board setting up an opportunity for programs active in AAI in Europe to come together in October 2009.

**Membership**

- Work on ensuring European dimension to international agreement on post 2010 membership structure – members and candidates.
- Ongoing enquiries dealt with.

**Finance**

- Developed finance protocols between regional and international boards.
- 2008 accounts produced.
- 2009/10 budgets produced.
- 2008 and 2009 membership fees processed.

**Development**

- Board active in negotiations to secure funds from Eukanuba.
- Discussions with EGDF on potential to develop a European training school.
- Active involvement in proposing changes to ADI Bylaws to be discussed and voted on at the ADI international in Toronto – June 2010.

**Membership**

- Processed a number of membership applications.

**Areas still to work on**

- Developing mentorship opportunities for members.
- Developing trainings schools for assistance dog trainers together with IGDF
- Developing opportunities with Eukanuba in Europe.