

# Assistance Dogs Europe

## Board Report 2010-2011

Activities undertaken by the Board since the conference in Croatia

### Access

- Supported development of legislation in several countries.
- Continued work on Equal Treatment Directive and initial work on the EU Accessibility Act.
- Continued to play an active role in supporting amendments to EC Equal Treatment Directive– significant long term effect.
- Took part in the 2011 European Pet Night.
- Several country access campaigns supported with information.
- Active role in the European Guide Dog Federation (EGDF).

### Networking

- Organised Netherlands 2011 Conference.
- Supported trainers workshop on Seizure alert at Hachiko..
- Production of a regular European newsletter and contributions to international one.
- Planning work for International conference in Barcelona – October 2012

### Accreditation

- Assessors meeting in Salzburg to work on accreditation processes.
- Regular meetings of European Accreditation Review Committee.
- Active representation of Europe on the ADI Accreditation Committee.
- Trained new assessors to undertake accreditation.
- Assessed 16 programmes with a number signed up for accreditation in late 2011.
- Initial discussions and formed working group with ADI to look at unifying two accreditation processes – ADI and ADEu.
- Developed accreditation manual to aid clarity.
- Supported programmes that failed assessment with follow-up advice.
- Work on accreditation process and documentation for members.
- Visited programmes in East Europe to support their accreditation applications.

### Website

- Continued to develop ADEu website.

### AAI

- European programs and Board active in AAI Working group.
- Board active in talking with other therapy programmes about setting up Animal Assisted Intervention International (AAII)

## **Membership**

- Implemented new membership structure
- Ongoing enquiries dealt with.
- Processed a number of membership applications.

## **Finance**

- Developed finance protocols between regional and international boards.
- 2009 and 2010 accounts produced.
- 2010 and 2011 budgets produced.
- 2010 and 2011 membership fees processed.

## **Development**

- Created Bylaws for ADEu.
- Working on Memorandum of Understanding with ADI
- Secured Eukanuba sponsorship for ADEu Conference.
- Annual census information gathered.
- Continued to develop active links with EGDF.
- Negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with IGDF.
- Bought together programmes on diabetes alert for possible later sponsorship opportunity.
- Engaged with the European Guide Dog Mobility Standards project to look at how to maximize the potential of the assistance dog element. Submitted a response to the EGDMS Draft Business Plan.

**ADEu Board  
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