



European Spas Association (ESPA)
Europäischer Heilbäderverband (EHV)
Association Européenne du Thermalisme et du Climatisme (AETC)
Asociación Nacional de Balnearios (ANBAL)
Associazione Europea del Termalismo e Climatismo (AETC)

International Academy

As formation and continuous formation is absolutely necessary for a good quality in the European spas, the delegates in the General Assembly on 14th May 2009 in Birštonas (LT) voted unanimously under point 12b to found an International Academy. (see the document below). The General Secretariat took over the duty to define the needs and to make proposals for the realization.

The University Fresenius (D) and the University of Breda (NL) agreed to cooperate with the ESPA. It is now up to the members of the ESPA to find out, in which matters courses for continuous formation should be offered.

In Congress part 2 the basic data for the Academy have been presented. To continue the preparation it is necessary, to know how many members will engage in this Academy and which proposals for classes or courses will be presented.

The University Fresenius will include other interested schools and institutes for the courses. These can take place in all the member countries.

As an enclosure a form is added. Please fill it in and send it back to the ESPA's office.

Foundation of an international academy of the ESPA („ESPA Academy“)

Education and continuous formation are especially in times of economical crisis important instruments for the qualification of personnel.

Inside the EU, there are formation and training guidelines. These guidelines contain comparable rules for each member state. Also the specific formation in spas and health resorts are subjected to these guidelines.

In front of this fact, numerous members of the ESPA acknowledge the necessity concerning education and formation in the relevant domains, giving them a higher priority, including physiotherapists, masseurs, balneotechnicians and authorized representatives of quality management. The Managing Board followed this evaluation since the meeting in October 2008.

The General Assembly decides to install the ESPA Academy. Thereby, the following aspects have to be taken in account:

1. Leded by a partner who will be appointed by the ESPA
2. Listing of the existing different education systems
3. Check-up concerning the market of further education
4. Definition of the field of activity of the ESPA-Academy
5. Decision concerning the competencies in different member associations
6. Planning of the basis of the different actions

A possible co-financing by the EU shall be checked separately from the ESPA's initiative. Before the decision about the leadership, the General Secretariat shall elaborate a status of the actual situation and define the needs.

Brussels, 2009-04-19

Dr. Sigrun Lang

President

ESPA – Academy

Declaration

We support the activities in founding the Academy for formation in the spa sector:

Name:.....

Address:.....

We would like to integrate the following Institute in our country

Name:.....

We are interested in the following topics (please fill in)

- 1. Language classes**
- 2. Therapists**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**

For the installation of the Academy the ESPA will have to pay additional costs. These costs must be covered by a share for 2 years, because the budget is not sufficient. We calculate a sum of 1.500,00 € per member.

Baile Felix, 06 May 2010

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