

## **ENoS Annual Report of the President, Edith Schwab**

May 2009 (Bern) to May 2010 (Bolzeno)

The constitutive ENoS-Meeting on May 16, 2009 in Bern, Switzerland was held after an already busy period of cooperation since the founding document of ENoS was signed in Berlin in the summer 2007. After that first Meeting the german VAMV designed the first draft of the statute, which was discussed in Barcelona in spring 2008, following an invitation of the catalan single parent organisation. The Statute was finally dismissed during the ENoS-Network-Meeting in Bern last year. There is a minute about that Meeting.

Being the first ENoS-President I promoted the founding and first activities (Open Letter to the Heads of The European Governments) of the network in relation to our campaign to fight child poverty. There was the International Conference of the german Association of Family Organisations (AGF) in the European Academy in September 2009 in Berlin. The documentation of this event just got ready in german and english language and we sent it out to the ENoS member organisations in April 2010.

Just one day before this AGF-Conference we had an informal ENoS meeting in The VAMV national bureau with several members and a guest from Ireland (Karen Kirnan from OneFamily) to discuss the strategy of our campaign against child poverty and to evaluate the national activities. We agreed to continue with our campaign. The idea was to find a sponsor for an Enos-Website and to install an online campaign in the different languages. The Spanish Single-Parent-Organisation "Isadora Duncan" declared to prepare a draft for this website. Unfortunately there are many language problems and we lost contact with Isadora Duncan during the year. So we have to think about how to go on during this meeting in Bolzano.

These were the main events on national and international level we were able to introduce ENoS to the public:

1. Barcelona, April 2009 (Liebisch)
2. Bern, May 2009 (Schwab, Liebisch, Priebe)
3. Berlin, September 2009 AGF (Schwab, Biehn, Liebisch)
4. Europäisches Netzwerk, September 2009 (Schwab)
5. National Anti Poverty Conference and European Anti Poverty Network, October 2009 (Liebisch)
6. New Years Reception of the German President Horst Köhler, January 2010 (Schwab)
7. Round Table with the Federal Minister of Family Kristina Schröder, March 2010 (Schwab, Liebisch)
8. Round table with German President Horst Köhler, April 2010 (Schwab)

There also have been several interviews in the German media, especially radio stations, where we mentioned the founding of ENoS.

Our Main Office kept contact to the ENoS-Members during the year. We claimed the fees fixed by the statute and most of the members payed their bill. France, Spain (Isadora Duncan) and Sweden did not yet pay the fee for 2009. We hope they will make good for it in the following weeks. The member fees we paid on a special account as you can see on the handout. There hasn't been spent anything of the money, so it is an easy financial overview.

The existing contacts to Ireland (OneFamily) and the UK (Gingerbread) were used to get some informations about their plans to join ENoS as members. Both said they would like to wait some more time. We haven't heard anything from the English organisation in Bristol.

On the European level we will try to install a working group on Single Parents in the EAPN, which will have their general assembly in June 2010. There also is a Best Practice Workshop of the European Commission on "supporting lone parents – how to integrate them into the labour market" on June 2, 2010, which we will join as a member of the COFACE, the Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union.

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