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## Germany

Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive (BDD) e.V. in English spelling: Federal Association of German Private Investigators BDD Delegates Report

In the period from September 2011 till now, following significant events took place:

1. Annual seminars in November 2011 and November 2012.

These seminars took two days each and are conducted by faculty civilian educational institutions such as universities and industry representatives. We also have representatives of police training institutes as speakers. Well-educated members of our association share their knowledge as seminar trainer as well.

These events are free of charge for all members. They are also opened for professional Associations in our industries and non-organized colleagues. Colleagues from Romania, Austria, Switzerland and the Netherlands regularly visit these events.

- Meetings of the Board of the Association are regularly held in connection with the training sessions.
- 2. Annual General Meeting in May 2012 connected with the election of Board and committees. Our former president, Mrs. Eveline Wippermann was reelected for the third term. The re-election of President represents a continuation of previous association policy

Participation in this event was huge. Nearly 50% of our members were present.

The BDD is a shareholder of "Zentralstelle für die Ausbildung im Detektivgewerbe" (ZAD), a Corporation for training in the Private Investigator Industry. This is School for education of newcomer and further education carried by seven national Associations from Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Mr. Andreas Heim (member BID / Germany) is Managing Director. Between this Education Body and the BDD exist a good working relationships.



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Does URL have a membership directory? YES Is it linked to IKD? YES

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## Association Membership Criteria:

Based on the Statutes of the BDD, the following criteria for membership have to be met:

- Minimum age of 24 years
- Well ordered personal and economic conditions
- No restrictions in full legal competence
- No previous convictions concluding to inferior cast of mind or which may raise questions about personal reliability
- A minimum practice of two years as independent private investigator
- Participation in at least one BDD Continuing Education Seminar
- Achieving the required credits in the BDD professional skills examination as laid down in the BDD Examination procedures

## Comments on Association Activities, if any:

It represents the professional interests of its members to the federal parliament, the legislative bodies of federal states and municipalities.

Among the ministries, agencies of the Federal Republic and her states the BDD is the mediator for all the detective business related issues

The BDD is also a member of the Association for Economic Security Association (ASW), Berlin.

Total No. of Members: 147

Is there a Government License? : NO

If yes, under what authority? :

Name of Licensing Regulator: NO If no, is regulation proposed? : NO

## Comments on Regulation, if any:

The work of the IP is based on the basis of applicable law. PI work on the basis of so called "everyone's right". There are no special rights. In addition that a permit is subject to commercial law, PI are obliged to respect the applicable Data Protection Law.

The main effort of the BDD is directed to improve the public image of German Investigators, higher level of professional qualification and a high standard of morale within the profession. In Germany Private Investigator (also Detective) is not recognized as a regulated profession within its own rights.

All members have to respect the Code of Professional Ethics as developed by the BDD. This code is also accepted to a further Germany Association (BID).