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## **Germany:**

## **Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive**

(Federal Association of German Private Investigators)

BDD Delegate's Report for 2017

The BDD is always endeavoured to train his members in an annual training seminar to guarantee a high qualification for all members for the benefit of the clients. In 2017 the seminar took place on November 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> at Potsdam/capital of Brandenburg, in the eastern part of Germany near Berlin and was held under the leadership of the chapter "EAST" of our organization.

Around 40 members and guests (the seminars are opened for guests of the BDD too) joined the seminar. The seminar was conducted by professional trainers from non-governmental organizations

Topics in this 2-days-seminar were

- Special legal situations for Investigators
- Data Protection, actual and the new data-protection-law after May 2018
- Discussion with the managing director of ASW Berlin, regarding the necessity of being member in an umbrella organization like ASW Germany –Allianz für Sicherheit in der Wirtschaft e.V.-
- Desinformation Fakenews a challenge in today's investigations
- Body language
- Profiling (parts 1 and 2)

These seminars are free of charge for all BDD-members. The seminars are also opened for professional associations (including IKD-members) and non-organized colleagues.

One of the main topics was an after-seminar discussion with leading members of

WAD	(World Association of Detectivs)	Mr. Willenbrink
IKD	(International Commission of Detectivs)	Mr. Hirtl
BID	(Bund Internationaler Detektive)	Mr. Moritz

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ZAD (Zentralstelle für die Ausbildung im Detektivgewerbe) Mr. Heim BDD (Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive) Mr. Classen

Subject was: "Private Investigators 2030 – the future of Private Investigators in Germany"

The discussion was presented by the president of BDD, Mr. Raoul Classen. All members of the topic agreed that in future PIs need to act more professional, need to have a much better education by the different associations who offer PI trainings.

The reason is and will be a much more professional requirement by national and international clients for PIs.

In May 2017 the Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place in Schorndorf, a smaller city, not so far from Stuttgart

Topics of the board meeting were

- Presenting the BDD in public by professional support
- How to make the BDD more attractive for new members
- Renewing the INTERNET presentation of the BDD
- Important cases dealt by the Internal Arbitration Service
- New European Data Protection Law and the transfer to new German Data Protection Law in May 2018
- Discussion of a number of formal, internal issues

The most important topic of the annual seminar was again networking with colleagues!

Organizational Informations:

As it is known, the BDD is divided into 6 chapters

- Chapter Bavaria (including Austrian Members of BDD)
- Chapter North (Hamburg, Bremen, Niedersachsen, Schleswig-Holstein)
- Chapter East (Berlin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt, Thüringen, Brandenburg)
- Chapter Middle (Hessen)
- Chapter Rheinland-Westfalen (Nordrhein-Westfalen)
- Chapter Southwest (Baden-Württemberg, Rheinland-Pfalz, including Swiss Members of BDD)

Chapter meetings are mostly held in spring and autumn to discuss new developments and informations communicated by the Board of the Association and to prepare topics for the Annual General Assembly.

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The board, the chapters, IKD-Delegate, Leader of training institution and the Secretary form the Gesamtpräsidium of the BDD (Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive).

One important decision was taken during the November meeting in Potsdam:

A delegation of BDD and BID will meet in January 2018 in Berlin to discuss future common trainings and possibilities of further common cooperations of both associations (BDD and BID) in public.

Heinrich Mager
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