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Re: Report of the Austrian Association OEDV

Dear Colleagues!

The president, Mrs. Susanne Skale, sends her regards to the Board and the Delegates. She wanted to attend the meeting herself but now personal reasons do not allow her to come to Oslo. She deeply regrets this. The president and the members of the Austrian Association send their best for a peaceful and successful meeting.

The Austrian Association wants to thank the Board sending Toni Imossi to our 2003 General Assembly, where we had a chance to discuss the problem with the "grandfather's rule" and hear a different opinion as well as suggestions how to get along with it.

In August 2003 the Austrian Association's members together did security services for an open-air event. As the event's net proceed was for local flood victims, most of the people involved in organisation, public relations, marketing, stage, light&sound, the actors, a.s.o. participated either pro bono or donated their salaries. So did the OEDV. 24 colleagues throughout Austria and an Association's member from Switzerland, who came with his son and an employee all the way from Zuerich to that small town near Vienna, did the work pro bono. It was not a hard job as we always expected the unexpected. So even sightseeing flights open to the public after a scheduled helicopter landing of VIP's were more routine than work. We have been thanked more than once for doing our job, but this is not the reason for mentioning it. We had a chance to present the organisation and the profession and in return we got public relation stories and pictures in newspapers as well as a positive feedback from the police, companies and organisations. The participating PI's had a chance to meet each other on a professional, case oriented level, to work together and discuss both business and private matters on a different level than at any General Assembly or other Association's events. This "get together" was a good experience for all of us – even those who did not or could not participate.

The Association's periodical magazine "Der Detektiv", web: www.detektiv-online.at has been outsourced to one of our members. It became unprofitable for the OEDV to give the financial background while the quality increased but a distribution to a larger audience was not possible. The magazine is now open to the public and currently has 250 subscribers. All topics concerning the Association are distributed seperately as a newsletter, sent whenever it is necessary. Informations on congresses and events of our and other Associations can be found in a calendar on www.detektiv-online.at/events.html

If you have an event on schedule feel free to mail to: international@detektiv-online.at

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We are renewing our homepage www.oedv.at and it will become an information platform for both members and the public.

At our 2003 General Assembly we passed ethical guidelines and a new disciplinary code for our members which were the basic steps to the idea of establishing a quality seal in order to contrast OEDV members from other PI's in Austria. This will be an additional reason to attract people to join the OEDV. The latter goal is to increase the level in the PI business in Austria.

Along with that we started talks with the Chamber of Commerce's Institute of Business Promotions to install a training and education academy for Austrian PI's and their employees. Though Austria has a very strict licensing, we do not have any regulations for PI education and training. The initial talks with the Institute in Salzburg led to controversial and dissenting opinions and failed, but we found a partner in Vienna's Chamber of Commerce. The conception is finished and the schedule is to start by the end of October. Instructors from Vienna's University Law Division, lawyers, experts from private companies, government officials as well as Private Investigators will teach the audience.

Besides that we sought more assistance from Vienna's University Law Division. If the Instructors and the Dean of the Faculty agree lectures on criminology for PI's can be joined by every Austrian PI at the Institute of Penal Law and Criminology.

We organized several seminars open to people within the security industry with topics such as the applicability of illegally obtained evidence in a criminal/civil case, everybody's law under the aspects of PI work, the GSM tracking system e-guard www.eguard.at developed by one of our members (e-guard basically uses GSM cell informations and cross bearings) and a workshop for selling PI services.

We initiated a case study on "The Field and Practices of Private Investigations under the Aspects and Articles of Austrian and EC-Laws" at the University Salzburg. We had throwbacks as well as headaways. The current status is progressing, but the presentation will not be before 2006.

We had talks with German and Hungarian Associations and the other Austrian Associations or at least members of them. It is our believe that only a strong Austrian Association combining the majority of PI's working in Austria can move things forward. Manpower is one argument, a stable financial budget another angle. We were able to recruit newly licensed people though we are sorry to say that till now we are no further than just talking with established investigators who are outside the OEDV. But at least some of these promote, assist, support or participate in the education program.

Our General Assembly in 2005, which will be the 55th, will take place in Vienna. The OEDV has decided to invite other organizations to have a meeting with us. Maybe the IKD could think of the idea to join us with a midterm-meeting.

Regards

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