



PRESSEMITTEILUNG

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Save the date: World Congress against Incapacitation 14-17 September 2016 near Berlin

Bochum/Erkner (Berlin), 14 March 2016 560 lawyers, academics, politicians, affected persons, and other experts for the legal protection of adults are convening from September 14-17 of this year in Erkner close to Berlin. The World Congress on Adult Guardianship 2016 aims to achieve a worldwide abolition of incapacitation. The goal is to reach agreement on a support system within the meaning of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by the Federal Republic of Germany in 2009.

Background:

The “ageing society” presents new challenges to states and societies all over the world. There is a significant need for academic research regarding the question of how older persons can live a self-determined life. The World Congress on Adult Guardianship 2016 will further global exchange and pass international guidelines.

The experts raise the question of how senior citizens can act autonomously in legal matters. How can they be protected against exploitation and being determined by others? In what ways can the Law for the Protection of Adults but also the social system and the health system contribute to this?

The World Congress on Adult Guardianship 2016 will be held under the auspices of the German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection, Heiko Maas, and the Federal Minister for Family, Seniors, Women and Youth, Manuela Schwesig. It is hosted by the German Association for Betreuung in collaboration with the International Guardianship Network.

In the run-up to the World Congress, the German Association for Betreuung will provide information on the current status of the legal protection of adults in Germany and globally. Accompanying coverage would be appreciated.

World Congress on Adult Guardianship 2016, 14-17 September 2016 in Erkner near Berlin. Please save the date. For interviews, reports, as well as panel discussions and talk shows, we are happy to establish contacts with persons being legally represented, legal representatives/attorneys, lawyers, and academic experts.

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The World Congress on Adult Guardianship has been taking place every two years since 2010. Previous hosts were Japan (2010), Australia (2012) and USA (2014). This year's host is Germany. The 4th World Congress will be held from September 14-17, 2016 in Erkner near Berlin.

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