



PRESS RELEASE

World Congress on Adult Guardianship: President is in the German Ethics Council

Volker Lipp appointed to the German Ethics Council. International Congress against Incapacitation from 14-17 September 2016 near Berlin

Bochum/Erkner (Berlin), 19 May 2016 This spring, Prof. Dr. Volker Lipp was appointed as a new member to the German Ethics Council by the President of the German Bundestag, Norbert Lammert. Born in 1962, the law professor from the University of Göttingen is the vice chairman of the German Association for Betreuung and president of the 4th World Congress on Adult Guardianship. His appointment acknowledges his expert competence and his professional as well as honorary commitment. In the four years lying ahead, Volker Lipp will contribute his expertise in the areas of the German Law of “Betreuung” and legal protection of adults, patient autonomy, involuntary medical measures, euthanasia and provisional orders to the German Ethics Council.

These are also the themes of the 4th World Congress on Adult Guardianship from September 14-17, 2016 in Erkner near Berlin. 560 international practitioners, scientists, politicians, persons affected and other experts for the legal protection of adults will engage in a specialised discussion on the global abolition of incapacitation.

“It is an indisputable fact that our societies are progressively ageing. This presents us – states and societies all over the world – with new challenges. It means we now need to deal with the question of how older persons can live a self-determined life,” Prof. Lipp explains. The World Congress 2016 on Adult Guardianship had clear goals. Lipp continues: “In September we want to call for a worldwide abolition of incapacitation and patronisation, to be substituted by a support system within the meaning of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. To achieve this, we want to develop international guidelines and discuss strategies for their implementation.”

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.

Further information: www.wcag2016.de

On request we are happy to provide you with examples from the everyday practice of legal representation as well as a photo of Volker Lipp.

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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