

Aim of this conference

This 2nd EMA conference aims to provide a platform for discussion, networking and collaboration between countries and midwifery organisations and address the implications of freedom of movement for midwifery education and practice in Europe.

Over the two days of conference, delegates will hear presentations from expert speakers on the current standards of midwifery education and practice in a range of European countries.

During the conference delegates will have the opportunity to

- examine the standards of midwifery practice
- debate the significance of the Bologna process for midwifery education
- have an opportunity to establish Tuning projects between the countries
- examine current processes for free movement of midwives within the EU
- discuss opportunities for developing shared learning between countries
- learn about new aspects of midwifery programmes

Background

The first EMA education conference, in Stockholm in 2004, created an invaluable arena for midwives and midwife educators to discuss midwifery education in Europe.

Three years later there is still a need of improvement in midwifery education programmes in many countries. New and rapidly changing challenges in the health care sector demand that the education of midwives is continuously reviewed. With the enlargement of the EU it is important to understand the various levels and standards of midwifery education within the EU. With free movement of midwives within the EU it is vital to provide an opportunity for discussion, networking and collaboration between different organisations and countries.

Who should attend

Midwives and midwife educators interested in present and future curriculum development and its European dimension

Organiser of conference

European Midwives Association EMA together with Bund Deutscher Hebammen BDH

Further details and the conference programme will be issued soon.

If you have any further questions please contact EMA at ema@knov.nl or one of the planning committee midwives:
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Travel information

Conference venue:

Melia Hotel Berlin • Friedrichstrasse 103
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www.meliaberlin.com

Very close to the hotel (2 minutes) you will find the train station "Friedrichstrasse" which connects you to all parts of the city including all airports.



International Airport Berlin Schönefeld: S-Bahn (suburban train) line S9 (every 10 minutes) and AirportExpress trains (every half hour). Traveling time S9 45 minutes, Airport express 25 min. Final destination "Friedrichstrasse". Ticket 2.10 €. / Taxi ca. 35 €

International Airport Berlin Tegel: Bus Shuttle JetExpressBus TXL links to the city center every 10 minutes. Final destination "Unter den Linden". Ticket 2,00 €. / Taxi 20 €

Airport Berlin-Tempelhof: U-Bahn (underground) line U6 from stop „Platz der Luftbrücke“ (direction Alt Tegel). Final destination "Friedrichstrasse". Ticket 2,10 €. / Taxi ca. 13 €

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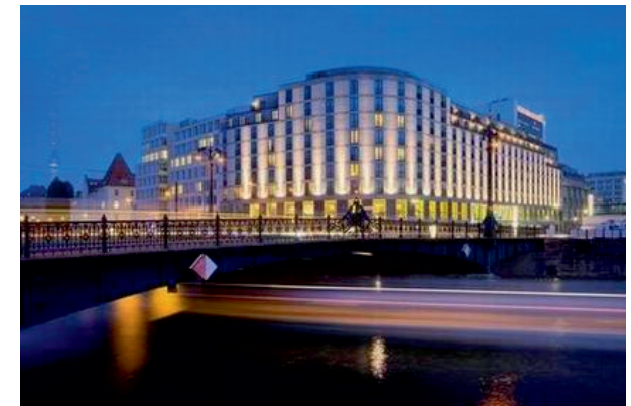


The European Midwives Association (EMA)
and the Bund Deutscher Hebammen (BDH e.V.)
invite you to
the 2nd EMA Education conference:

The Education of Midwives
in Europe
Reconciling the Standards

7 – 8 December 2007

Berlin, Germany, Hotel MELIA



European Midwives Association (EMA) Bund Deutscher Hebammen (BDH e.V.) Friday 7th December 2007		
10.00-10.45	Registration and coffee	
11.00-11.15	Chairperson's welcome Introduction to conference	Helga Albrecht BDH President Deirdre Daly, EMA President
11.15-12md	Key note: Midwives in the European Union	Ms Pamela Brumter-Coret, Head of EU Unit for Regulated Professions
12md-12.45	Improving women's health in Europe - through common midwifery competencies?	Prof. Friederike zu Sayn-Wittgenstein Jessica Pehlke-Milde
12.45-13.00	Questions and discussion	
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Midwifery education: perspectives from six countries	
	· Sweden	· Country from South Europe
	· Slovenia	· Germany
	· Austria	· Switzerland
15.30-16.15	Midwifery students' voices:	
	· Netherlands: Perspectives on international placements	
	· Belgium : Perspectives on international placements	
	· Germany: Practical Education Training	
16.15-16.45	Coffee	
16.45-17.45	Workshops	
	1. International practice placements: worthwhile or worthless? Joeri Vermeulen	2. Certificate, diploma, degree of master: does it matter to the quality of midwifery care? Marian van Huis
	3. Assessment of theory and practice: who does it? N.N	4. EU Directives: more meaningful now than ever? Kerstin Belfrage
17.45-18.30	Feedback from workshops: five key points	
18.30	Chairperson's Closing Remarks	
20:00	Dinner	

European Midwives Association (EMA) Bund Deutscher Hebammen (BDH e.V.) Saturday 8th December 2007		
9.00-9.15	Chairperson's welcome Introduction to conference day 2	
9.15-10.00	Joint education in Europe - A European Master programme for midwifery	Prof. Valerie Fleming
10.00-10.45	Regulation of Midwifery in Europe	Dr. Susan Way
10.45-11.15	Coffee	
11.15-12md	Challenges of Bologna – the Tuning project. Development, coordination and outcome	Grace Jaccarini
12md-12.30	Transnational accreditation of midwifery education	Katelijne de Koster
12.30-13.00	Questions and discussion	
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Challenges for the education – Midwives intrapartum risk perception – A European Study	Dr. Marianne Mead
15.00-15.30	Conference evaluation: Where to from here? Actions for the future.	
15.30-15.45	Closing remarks Deirdre Daly, EMA President	

Conference Registration

Venue

The conference will be held at the MELIA Hotel Berlin which is situated right in the heart of Berlin and runs along the banks of river Spree:

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Conference fees per person
All conference fees will include lunch, coffee, mineral water for two days and the dinner on 07 December 2007.

Single room in the hotel 320 Euro
Double room in the hotel 265 Euro
without accommodation in the hotel 190 Euro

Payments should be made in Euro to the headquarter of BDH. If you want to stay an extra night please contact the hotel directly.

Please send your registration **before 15 September 2007** by e-mail to info@bdh.de
 code: EMA conference or by fax +49 721 9818920
 For any further questions please contact Ellen Grünberg
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Name _____

First name _____

Address _____

Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone home _____ work _____

Profession (midwife/teacher/governmental officer)

- Yes I am able to attend and I need (please mark)
- Single room
- Double room [Please note that for this option you have to name us a colleague with whom you are going to share the room] Name of colleague: _____
- without accommodation

The conference fee is _____ Euro
 and will be paid to
 Bund Deutscher Hebammen e.V.

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