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Dear CAM – supporters,

This summer new postings were allocated: Dr. Susanne Keitel, from the German **BfArM** (soon to be renamed **DAMA**), is transferring to **EDQM** (European Directorate of the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare) and the German **Paul-Ehrlich-Institut** is sending Dr. Christian Schneider to the European Committee for Human Medicine (CHMP) at **EMEA**.

The **EWSA** (European Economic and Social Committee) has made globalization the primary topic for this year's committee meeting. In order to debate the efficient structuring of the **Lisbon-Strategy**, representatives of the BDI (Bundesverband der German Industry / Federal Association of German Industry), the DGB (Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund / German Federation of Trade & Labor Unions), the German Red Cross, the BFB (Bundesverband Freier Berufe / Federal Association of Free Trade), and others, met at the EWSA.

A lack of integration into society is seen to be the primary problem. The halfhearted proceedings of the **Service Directive** is a clear example of this. Further points for discussion were: an equalization of requirements for all "Market Members", quality, safety and transparency in the services offered by free trade professionals, as well as social and civil dialogue.

The acting Vice President of EWSA, Jillian van Turnhout, emphasized that the time has come for EWSA, its members, and the other European institutions to listen! The voice of the citizens of the EU should be heard, for "together we can make a difference", he said.

Commentary:

The official position points towards a need for populism. This should be taken advantage of, however its conversion into practice is proving to be difficult. Given the opportunity for direct dialogue, oftentimes a lack of finding anyone in a position of responsibility or short deadlines in which to make statements or to file petitions are sited as problems. Legal jargon and the financially strong lobby work of certain groups blocks additional opportunities for a populist **Lisbon-Strategy** that calls for a "mutual learning from one another".

For those who are interested: www.lobbycontrol.de, www.worstlobby.eu, www.alter-eu.org

Best wishes from Schoeneck

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