

## Report to the EOA congress in Lviv 2011



Organization: Deutsche ILCO (German Ostomy and Colorectal Cancer Association)

Number of members (2011/02/01): **8.340**

**- people with all types of ostomies (because of different diseases or other reasons) and**

**people with colorectal cancer with or without an ostomy (6.988)**

**- relatives (398)**

**- supporting members (954)**

National Board: max. 8 persons (ostomates or people with colorectal cancer), all volunteers

Number of employees: 3 full time, 4 part time (only in the national office)

Appliance-situation: Good, lots of different products available / problem: poor independent consultation possible, most consultations are given by those who sell or distribute appliances

Type of reimbursement:

Products are paid by the Health Insurances except 10% but at the most 10 EUR per month (120 EUR per year).

If you need more than a - by the health insurances – defined quantity of appliances per month (average consumption) the necessity must be checked and justified by a doctor (and/or a stoma nurse). Otherwise the ostomate has to pay the quantity over the average consumption by himself. Health insurances can check if the explanations of stoma nurses and doctors are correct.

Activities:

- 297 local groups organized in 91 regions, 8 associations on state level (coordination of visiting service, information, exchange of experiences, organisation of regional events)

National level:

- National Delegates Meetings every 3 years (next June 2011) -> responsible for the election of the national board, for changes of the association's constitution, for decisions touching the general direction of the association

- Issue of own brochures, leaflets and other information, Internet home-page

- Journal "ILCO PRAXIS" published 4 times a year

- Seminars/trainings/meetings for the volunteers in different tasks

- Public information meetings

- Advocacy work in different gremia (f.e. social and health politics, health care system, treatment guidelines, cooperation with colon cancer centers, National Cancer Plan)

- October 2010 organisation of a first meeting of all chapter leaders for training and exchange of experience (participants about 150 persons) – this weekend had been financed by the German cancer organisation "Deutsche Krebshilfe"

- In 2012 Deutsche ILCO will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event will take place in Munich.