

ENGLISH ABSTRACT

1. A SHORT PRESENTATION

The Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) is the scholarship institution of the German Catholic Church for post-graduate students and scientists from (developing) countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, as well as Eastern and South Eastern Europe. The KAAD supports its scholars in form of scholarships and educational programs and offers spiritual and personal assistance in view of future multiplying functions students will have in their home countries. This is based on cooperation with partner committees and associations of ex-scholars in those countries and it aims at setting up (scientific) networks and at contributing to a holistic development, which includes the religious and inter-religious dimensions.

1.1 HISTORY AND LEGAL FORM

During the 1950s, when German Catholics opened themselves increasingly toward questions and concerns of the World Church, particularly organisations of Catholic laymen recognized the opportunities that could develop in this area from a dialogue with international students in Germany. On this background KAAD developed out of an initiative of the Catholic Congress in Fulda in 1954. Four years later it was formally registered in Bonn as a non-profit association.

Since its foundation in 1958, the KAAD has been able to support approximately 8000 individuals. A look back into history reveals that the KAAD is a unique institution in the Catholic world, due to its volume and strategic focus on lay people from developing countries and Eastern Europe.

In its *General Assembly* the directors of the large Church-sponsored relief organizations cooperate with representatives of the dioceses and of the campus ministry. A *President* heads the institution and the *Academic Council*, the body that selects scholars, and which is composed of internationally distinguished university professors. KAAD acts as a clearing institution of the German Bishop's Conference for all matters concerning foreign students and scientists in Germany.

2. KAAD ACTIVITIES IN 2009

In 2009 KAAD has consistently continued to preserve the impulse and enthusiasm the Anniversary Convention, the Wroclaw Conference, and other important events had generated during the anniversary year to strengthen its international community of scholarship holders and alumni. By now this community consists of 52 partner committees and 23 alumni associations. It is the best proof that our approach of promoting individuals through scholarships and pastoral assistance actually leads to long-lasting community- and institution-building.

2009 in short:

- During the year under review *the educational program of KAAD in Germany and abroad contained 62 events with 1,598 participants* (for further details, see chapter 3 and the overview under chapter 6.5).
- As in the years before, the Annual Convention was the most important KAAD event in 2009. It was attended by around 300 people who dealt with the issue of „water“ from interdisciplinary and interreligious points of view (see also chapter 3.3). The most important events abroad took place in Cusco (Peru), Indonesia and Sibiu (Rumania) (see also chapter 3.5).
- Cooperating in form of groups according to academic disciplines (for scholarship-holders as well as alumni) shall be extended. Our presence in the “Alumniportal Deutschland”, (of which KAAD is a strategic partner) is designed to offer a platform for cooperation and communication. The groups “Water” and “Religion in Dialogue” were the first two groups presented in 2009.
- Chapter 2 presents reports of the activities of the five continental departments. They include information on strategic considerations and focal points as well as summaries of visits to partner countries during the year under review. In total, 16 partner countries have been visited during 2009.
- In terms of publications 2009 has been again a productive year (see also chapter 4). Speeches and papers of the Annual Convention have been published only online for the first time, because most of them were scientific essays and presentations mainly loaded with statistical and empirical data. The KAAD website (www.kaad.de) has been restructured.

- In 2009 the KAAD was able to sponsor *a total of 508 fellows* (previous year: 538): 250 individuals in Scholarship Program I (251), 157 in Scholarship Program II (169) and 101 in the Eastern Europe-Program (118). The Bonn Office received 2,532 first application requests (2,628). However, the recent trend of sending these requests directly to our partner committees around the world clearly continues to increase. Also, many people just consult our webpage (www.kaad.de) without seeking any further contact (for more facts and numbers, see chapter 6).
- The total budget of around 5 million Euro came again mainly from church taxes (63% - Association of German Dioceses, VDD). Considerable contributions came also from Misereor, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Renovabis and the BMBF. Third-party funds that derived from cooperation with universities and dioceses are not as significant in terms of quantity, they, nevertheless, form an important part of our work (3%). Additionally we have Miscellaneous Revenues, which consist mainly of repayments of scholarship loans (see the overview under chapter 6.3).

In the year under review our Korean alumni contributed again the amount of Euro 10,000 to the KAAD budget. This gift will be used for fellowships to students from Myanmar. It is an encouraging sign of affection and solidarity and could serve as an example for other alumni groups.

- The *General Assembly of KAAD e. V.* met for its annual meeting on May 27. It dealt mainly with issues of the financial structure of the institution (increase of the scholarships), the balance of the anniversary year, and the results of the Future Conference. In this body the heads of the large relief organizations work together with representatives of the dioceses, the religious orders, and the university pastoral. In the year und review, Prelate *Dr. Klaus Krämer* was admitted to the General Assembly as representative of Missio (both Aachen and Munich).
- The *Academic Council*, staffed by distinguished scholars of numerous academic disciplines and by 2 Church representatives, meets twice a year. In 2009 the council members, who work on an honorary basis, decided upon 417 applications. *Prof. Dr. Claudia Stockinger-Martus*, professor for German Studies from Göttingen has been named as a new member of the Academic Council by the Conference of Catholic Bishops (see also the lists in the appendix regarding boards and Liaison).

- The KAAD-community grieves for *Prof. Dr. Aloys Hüttermann* who deceased after a long illness in September of 2009. Since 1996 Prof. Hüttermann had been KAAD-Liaison Professor at Göttingen University; in 1997 he became member of our Academic Council and served as an expert in the fields of forestry and agrarian science. We will truly miss Aloys Hüttermann.
- After the retirement of Ms. *Ursula Dolff*, our experienced colleague Ms. *Ute Baumgart* took over the position as Head of Administration in November of 2009. Ms. *Vera Neeten* became the new assistant of the Secretariat General. She graduated in communication science at Aachen University and gained a lot of professional experience during an extended stay in Chile. Her new responsibilities at KAAD will include the areas of public relations and editorial work.

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