

## **TCeurope: New board, new publication, new member organisation**

The day before the colloquium, on 13 March, delegates of the eight member organisations met in Brussels for the Annual General Meeting. They discussed current projects and plans for future activities.

On this occasion, the board members for the three years to come were elected. Hanna Risku (tekomp) was confirmed in her office as President; likewise Alan Fisk (ISTC) as Secretary and Tarja Tolvanen (STD) as Treasurer. New on the board is Leo Adank (STIC) as Vice-Treasurer.

The European umbrella organisation will soon publish a second document that was developed jointly within a European project. After the "SecureDoc" guideline (published in 2004), a European guideline for professional education and training of technical communicators will be released. The document will be available for download in PDF format on this site from mid-April. For the time being, the document is only available in English, but there may be translations into other languages.

Apart from a description of the current state of education, training and qualification of technical communicators in Europe, the guideline gives a detailed and comprehensive list of the core competencies and personal aptitudes at different levels: entry level, professional level and expert level. This information is useful for students, employers, educational institutions, professional associations, organisers of certification systems and public services that deal with educational matters. The guideline provides a basis for job descriptions, the development of study and training courses and certification schemes.

At the AGM in Brussels, there was also a delegate of the new Spanish society ACOMTEC that will be founded on 26 April in Barcelona. The delegate was admitted with observer status this time, but ACOMTEC is planning to apply for membership before the next AGM. ACOMTEC will go on organising information events in Spain. ACOMTEC is based in Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, the most industrialised region in Spain. For further information, contact either [rjosephi@vaw-online.com](mailto:rjosephi@vaw-online.com) or [u.wirtz@tekomp.de](mailto:u.wirtz@tekomp.de)