



European Health Forum Gastein Was a Complete Success

- **New attendance record with significantly more than 600 participants**
- **Venue for the elite among European health policymakers**
- **EHFG has established itself as one of Austria's most respected congresses**

The European Health Forum Gastein, which took place for the 8th time 5-8 October this year, was in every respect a complete success. With 630 participants from 61 countries, last year's attendance figures were exceeded by a solid 20 percent and a new record achieved.

In addition to sheer growth, the EHFG also achieved an enormous leap in quality this year. Having definitively established itself as the most important health policy event in the EU, this time the congress truly brought the crème de la crème among European health policymakers together 15 ministers and undersecretaries, overwhelmingly from EU member and candidate states, as well as EU Commissioner of Health Markos Kyprianou visited the four-day forum, making it into an "inofficial" EU health summit.

Not only is the European Health Forum Gastein by far the most important congress in the Gasteinertal today, but one of the most internationally respected congresses anywhere in Austria," says EHFG President Günther Leiner with satisfaction. "We have chosen an entirely independent approach, assuring virtual uniqueness and making it into a venue for leading experts from all health-related industries."

The EHFG has also become an important economic factor for the tourist communities in the Gasteinertal. More than 2000 overnight stays as a result of congress participants and their guests provided full capacities in the normally slow season during October in Bad Gastein and Bad Hofgastein.

Moreover, the preparatory work for the 9th European Health Forum Gastein has already begun. Next year the EHFG will take place in Bad Hofgastein. The date will be 4-7 October, 2006.

EHFG 2005 – Information & Facts

Date:	5-8 October, 2005
Location:	Congress Center Bad Gastein
Number of attendees:	630
Number of lectures:	20
Number of speakers:	120
Structure of participants:	32 % politics and administration, 27 % business, 22 % science 7 % media
Country of origin:	630 participants from 61 countries

Further information:

EHFG-Pressoffice: mail: ehfg@mbdialog.at, +43 676 542 39 09, www.ehfg.org