

DGWF History

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftliche Weiterbildung und Fernstudium (e.V.)

Founded in 1970 as working committee of university continuing education, Arbeitskreis Universitäre Erwachsenenbildung (AUE) in Hannover

German Association for University Continuing and Distance Education, Deutsche Gesellschaft für wissenschaftliche Weiterbildung und Fernstudium (DGWF) since the general assembly in 2003 in Dresden

Currently, 260 members, 130 institutions and 130 individuals

Priorities of the DGWF

Within the first 15 years: association policy and projects: development stage of university continuing education in Germany

Since the mid-80s and the end of the project stage activities were shifted to the developing sections and regional groups

Multifarious and partly autonomous work in the whole association, in three sections, three regional groups and in the advisory board with representatives from business, science and politics

Executive Bodies

Steering Committee

- Prof. Dr. [Peter Faulstich](#), Universität Hamburg, chairperson
- Dr. [Martin Beyersdorf](#), Universität Hannover, deputy chairperson
- Acad. Director [Helmut Vogt](#), Universität Hamburg, deputy chairperson

Assessors of the Steering Committee

- [Ina Grieb](#), Universität Oldenburg
- Dr. [Beate Hörr](#), Universität Mainz
- Dipl.-Päd. [Ulrike Strate](#), Vice President of Technische Universität Berlin
- Dr. [Annette Strauß](#), Agency for UCE and knowledge transfer (AWW) Brandenburg

Sections and federal state groups of the DGWF

Work group of centres for continuing education at universities (AG-E)

Spokesperson: Dipl.-Ing. Bernhard Christmann, Universität Bochum

Work group for distance education at universities (AG-F)

Spokesperson: Dr. Burkhard Lehmann, Technische Universität Kaiserslautern

National work group for university continuing education for the elderly (BAG WiWA)

Spokesperson: Dr. Felizitas Sagebiel, Bergische Universität Wuppertal

Work group for Berlin and Brandenburg

Spokesperson: Dipl.-Ing. Peer-Olaf Kalis, Technische Universität Berlin

Work group for Northrhine-Westfalia

Spokesperson: Dipl.-Ing. Bernhard Christmann, Universität Bochum

Work group for North Germany

Spokesperson: Dr. Martin Beyersdorf, Universität Hannover

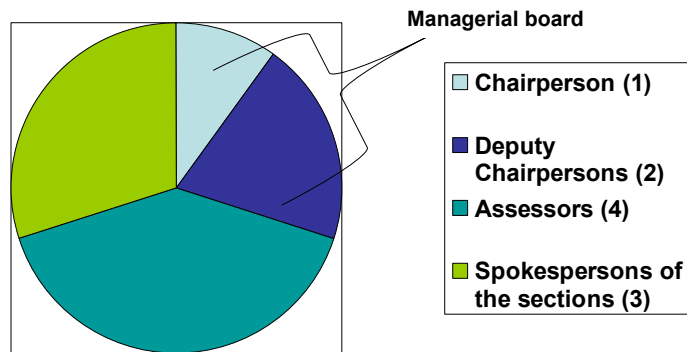
Advisory Board #1

- Prof. (H) Dr. Heribert Hinzen, Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V. (German Confederacy of Volkshochschulen)
- Prof. Dr.-Ing. Helmut Hoyer, FernUniversität Hagen; für das Präsidium der Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (Association of Universities and other Higher Education Institutions in Germany)
- Gerd Köhler, Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft, für den Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbund (German Confederacy of Trade Unions)
- MinDir Dr. Peter Krug, Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Weiterbildung, Forschung und Kultur des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz; für den Sachausschuss Weiterbildung der Kultusministerkonferenz (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany)

Advisory Board #2

- MinDir Josef Mentges, Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Weiterbildung, Forschung und Kultur des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz; für den Sachausschuss Hochschulen der Kultusministerkonferenz (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Ekkehard Nussli von Rein, Deutsches Institut für Erwachsenenbildung (German Institute for Adult Education) and University Duisburg-Essen
- Dr. Rolf Reinert, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (Federal Ministry of Education and Research)
- Dr. Irene Seling, Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände (Confederacy of German Employers Association)
- Prof. Dr. André Wolter, Technische Universität Dresden

Structure of the DGWF, Steering committee



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Aims

According to its statutes, the aim of this registered non-profit association is the promotion, co-ordination and representation of continuing and distance education sustained by universities and other institutions of the higher education system.

Part of this is also the promotion of research and lecturing in this field.

The DGWF is recently paying increased attention to the role new media in its fields.

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Working structure

The DGWF is not only an association representing its members.

It is also a working group, exercising manifold public tasks, especially in the field of information and counselling.

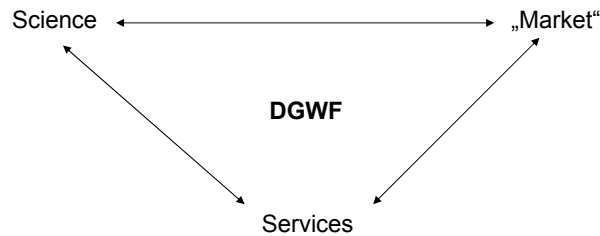
Part of this is, of course, an engagement in the further extension and improvement of the continuing education facilities of its members, and also the attempt to influence processes of decisions in the field of educational politics in the direction of better general conditions for a further development of the supply of university continuing education.

Activities

The DGWF tries to achieve these aims by

- editing publications (information and documentation)
- organizing conferences, workshops, meetings and symposia
- offering advice to institutions and individuals
- providing recommendations and comments
- carrying out investigations and projectwork

DGWF – in a triangle of



Annual conferences

- 2000 Augsburg** UCE Future Forum – UCE Market
- 2001 Leipzig** Learning throughout a lifetime – contributions of UCE
- 2002 Kaiserslautern** UCE management and university development – forming the future
- 2003 Dresden** Profile and quality of UCE between profitability and science
- 2004 Hannover** Changes in university culture? UCE between culture and commerce
- 2005 Wien** CE in Europe's higher education area
- 2006 Karlsruhe** Knowledge transfer and UCE
- 2007 Bern** Education as commodity? – Bologna and GATS
- 2008 Bochum** Future of labour – future of UCE

Affiliate and full Membership

- EUCEN – European University Continuing Education Network
- Forum Distanc(E)learning
- DIE – Deutsches Institut für Erwachsenenbildung
- AHD – Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Hochschuldidaktik

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