

## **Dresdner Seniorenakademie:**

### **Report regarding VECU Project As at March 2010**

**Subject: Culture of every-day-life, home décor and family life during the  
past 100 years**

Continuation of work:

After the meeting in Groningen in October 2009 we prepared ourselves for the Triple meeting in October 2009 in Dresden. The main task was to make a poster on the state of our work and also to prepare a joint poster of the triple Brno, Kiel and Dresden for the meeting in Brno in April 2010.

At present all the results of our work have been revised in written form and stored according to the structures.

The following subjects regarding home life style were chosen from the material

- games and plays in the families
- biographies of living conditions and life in cooperatives
- changes in telecommunication
- technical innovations which have changed living conditions and family life

A small selection of the numerous contributions will be translated into English, however, at the moment this has still to be solved.

In April 2010 each member of the working group will receive all the texts on a USB stick and thus can read and revise the texts and we can discuss it once more. There will not be new written texts. Now it is time to prepare the texts for the VECU homepage.

In June the results of the research will be presented in the monthly meeting of the "Förderverein".

### Intergenerational work

From October 2009 to January 2010 we met twice a month with students from the Protestant students' organization for talks. Subjects such as games and plays in the families in former times and today, how the students are living today and how they lived in former times, life in childhood and youth yesterday and today, if and how the technical development changes life and family life, were presented and discussed.

The methods used were talks, interviews and discussions. We made minutes from all the meetings.

Within the organization of the program during the winter holidays our working group organized an afternoon in a Youth Club in Dresden. In the monthly

program of this organization we were announced as follows: “In former times there existed no cell-phones. Oh God, how did they survive? Let yourself be transported into a world without cell-phones and internet.” For this afternoon we presented old typewriters and adding machines, slide-rules, old tube radios, tape recorders and telephones. The children of lower grades were very interested and tested everything. Children of the age-group 12 or more, however, were indifferent and not interested in the gadgets.

### Intercultural work

The triple meeting of the participants from Brno, Kiel and Dresden in November 2009 was a success, as you can see from the minutes. The result was the draft of a joint poster which will be finished by the group from Brno till the meeting in April.

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