

5th AXIA CONVENTION CONCLUSIONS
BARCELONA 10th – 11th November 2006

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT BOARD TOWARDS
HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE AND THE SCHOOL CLIMATE

The 5th Axia Convention was successful, with more than 200 people, mainly from primary and secondary school governing boards, registering. The different state administrations were also represented at the convention. It is a measure of the event's importance that the opening speech was given by the Autonomous Government of Catalonia's Minister of Education.

The general theme of the sessions, which achieved a high level of excellence thanks to the quality of the rapporteurs, was health and safety in the workplace and the school climate. Other subjects discussed included expectations (sometimes contrasting) about the effects of the new education law (Organic Education Act).

The main contributions were:

- Presentations on the Flemish, Danish and German Education Systems, and how they deal with the issue of health in the workplace, enriching the understanding of the Catalan school board members.
- A precise presentation of the functioning and analyses of the responsibility of management boards regarding the Law on Health and Safety in the Workplace Act and School "Co-existence" Plans.
- Catalan and State educational authorities' proposals and actions in relation to ensuring health and safety in the workplace and improving the general climate at schools.
- Presentations of the leading trade unions' views on the projects of the Catalan Government's Department of Education with regard to conditions in the workplace, mobbing and bullying
- A presentation on Axia activities.