

6th AXIA CONVENTION CONCLUSIONS
BARCELONA 9th – 10th November 2007

DEALING WITH CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION: A PROFESSIONAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The 6th Axia Convention was successful, with more than 350 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, Ernest Maragall. ESHA President, Dr. Burkhard Mielke, and FEDADi deputy president, Vicent Bagetto, also attended the convention and addressed some words to the audience.

The general theme of the sessions, which achieved a high level of excellence thanks to the quality of the rapporteurs, was the professional management system.

The main contributions were:

- A presentation, by Solveig Dahl, on the Norwegian Education System, and how it deals with the issue of professional management, enriching the understanding of the Catalan school board members.
- A presentation, by University of Córdoba professor Luis Batanaz, on why there is no professional management system in Spain.
- A presentation, by ESADE professor Francesc Longo, on the need for professional staff to manage state schools.
- A presentation, by Basque Government school management programme director Névida Zaitegi, on the key issues concerning schools inspection and management.
- Presentations on experiences of management.
- Presentations of Catalan political parties' proposals on professional management and what would be the Catalan Education Act.
- A presentation on Axia's activities.