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## **Press Release**

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## **IMA-Europe Lodging wins DA awards**

**HEIDELBERG, GE**—Installation Management Agency-Europe Lodging won three of the four Army Lodging Operation of the Year Awards for 2006. Winners were announced at the Annual Lodging Manager's Workshop in Norfolk, Va., on March 30.

The Lodging Operation of the Year Award competition recognizes outstanding lodging operations Army-wide. The annual competition is based on self-assessments submitted in nomination packets and an on-site evaluation of finalists by a visiting panel of competition judges. Judging is based on how well a facility meets Army Lodging standards for operations, services and facilities.

Each IMA Region can nominate up to three hotels. Competitive categories are set by the number of rooms in the operation.

Casa Toscana at USAG Livorno won the small operations category; Tower Inn at USAG Grafenwöhr won the medium category; and Ederle Inn at USAG Vicenza won the large category. Fort Sill, Okla., won the super category.

In addition to an award trophy, each winning operation receives a cash award to be used for lodging activity improvements in the hotel and a \$100 cash award for each employee.

Further information on Army Lodging in Europe is available at www.mwr-europe.com.

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The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Europe (IMA-E) is one of seven regional offices created Oct. 1, 2002, as part of an Army-wide initiative to focus management of Army installations around the world under one organization. IMA-E is responsible for all facets of support for U.S. Army Soldiers and families in Europe from drivers' licenses to child care to force protection. As the landlord for all U.S. Army facilities in Europe, IMA-E is responsible for infrastructure and continuing the Army's strong commitment to environmental protection. Its higher headquarters is located in Arlington, Va.