

ECPD International Conference

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE
IN THE BALKANS**

- RECONCILIATION AND HUMAN SECURITY -

Belgrade, October 27-28, 2006

*Belgrade City Hall
Dragoslava Jovanovića Street N° 2*

AGENDA

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Afternoon Arrival of participants

17:00 – 20:00 **ECPD International Permanent Study Group** session, ECPD Headquarters, Terazije 41:

- Study Group activities: an overview;
- Preparation of the Report/Statement for the Conference
- Definition of Tentative Study Group Programme of Work in 2007

20:30 – 22:00 **Joint Working Dinner at Restaurant “Madera”**

Friday, October 27, 2006

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 – 10:00 **Opening Ceremony**

Introduction: *Academician Branislav ŠOŠKIĆ,*

Rector of ECPD International Postgraduate Studies

Welcome Speech Chairman: *H.E. Takehiro TOGO*, President of the ECPD Council

Steering Committee:

- *H.E. Yasushi AKASHI*, Former UN Secretary-General Envoy to Former Yugoslavia, Japan;
- *Sir James MANCHAM*, President, Global Peace Council of Universal Peace Federation (UPF); Founding President of Seychelles, Seychelles;
- *Academician Vladimir STIPETIĆ*, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Croatia;
- *Academician Boris SHMELEV*, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation;
- *Dr. Christine SAMANDARI-HAKIM*, Communauté Internationale Baha'ie, Paris, France;
- *Valentin YAKUSHIK*, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine;
- *Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE*, Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna; Austria;
- *Ambassador Tadashi NAGAI*, Ambassador of Japan to Serbia and Montenegro;
- *Dr. Yong Cheol SONG*, Chairman of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Europe;
- *Ambassador Peter BAS-BACKER*, Senior Deputy High Representative, OHR, B&H;

Introductory speech:

- *H.E. Takehiro TOGO*, President of the ECPD Academic Council

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 **First working session:**

BALKAN PROBLEMS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Discussion Leader: *Sir James MANCHAM*

Speakers:

- H.E. Yasushi AKASHI;
- Prof. Dr Samir BANOOB, Professor, Johns Hopkins University, South Florida & NY, USA - **"Preserving Human Rights in Peace and Complex Emergencies: Strategies for the Balkans"**;
- Dr. Branislav GOŠOVIĆ, South Commission, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE;
- Milomir Mihaljević, Advisor of the Prime Minister of Montenegro;

Open discussion:

- Prof. Dr. Valentin YAKUSHIK;
- Dr. Branislav GOŠOVIĆ;
- Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE;
- Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ, Professor, UN Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva;
- Svetozar STOJANOVIĆ, Serbian-American Society, Belgrade, Serbia;
- Prof. Dr Slobodan LANG, University of Zagreb, Croatia;
- H.E. Yasushi AKASHI;
- Prof. Dr. Yves-Rastimir NEDELJKOVIĆ, Professor, ECPD Postgraduate Studies;

11:45 – 14:30

Second working session:

LESSONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE FINAL DEMISE OF YUGOSLAVIA

Discussion Leader: Prof. Dr. Charles INGRAO, Professor, University of Purdue, USA
– **"Democracy & Dissolution"**;

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. H. James BURGWIN, Professor, West Chester University, Philadelphia, USA
"Roots of Modern Conflict in the Western Balkans: World War II";
- Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN, Professor, University of Sarajevo, B&H
"Institutional vacuum and rule of law";
- Prof. Dr. Vern REDEKOP, Professor, University of Saint Paul, Canada
"Lessons Learned: Reconciliation of Past Conflict May Prevent the Next";
- Azem VLLASI, Lawyer, Priština – **"Solving of Status of Kosovo as a Precondition for the Normalization of Serbian – Albanian Relations"**;

Open discussion:

- Darko TANASKOVIĆ, Ambassador of Serbia to the Holy See;
- Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ;
- Prof. Dr. Jeffrey LEVETT, National School of Health, Athens, Greece;

14:30 – 16:15 Lunch

16:15 – 17:45

Third working session:

RECONCILIATION: HOW TO AVOID THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND COUNTER-VIOLENCE IN THE BALKANS

Discussion Leader: Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE – **"How to Avoid Violence"**

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Jeffrey LEVETT, **"Health within the Framework of Human Security"**;
- Prof. Dr. Vitomir POPOVIĆ, Professor, University of Banja Luka, RS/B&H;
- Ambassador Peter Bas-BACKER, Senior Deputy High Representative, OHR, B&H
"Experience in Reconciliation and Tolerance in Bosnia & Herzegovina";
- Prof. Dr Slobodan LANG;
- Prof. Dr. Enes HAŠIĆ, Professor, University of Banja Luka, RS/B&H;
- Prof. Dr. Robert DONIA, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, USA - **"Reconciliation and Reintegration: Experiences and Prospects"**;

17:45 – 18:15 Coffee break

18:15 – 19:15 **Fourth working session:**
**CONTRIBUTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN
RECONCILING THE TWO OPPOSITE TENDENCIES: THE EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION AND THE BALKAN FRAGMENTATION**

• **Discussion Leader:** *Academician Boris SHMELEV*, Director, Center for Political, Research, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation;

Speakers:

- *Dr Yong Cheol Song*, Chairman of UPF Europe;
- *Prof. Dr. Islam YUSUFI*, Center for Policy Studies, Budapest, Hungary
"Progress in National Reconciliation in Macedonia";
- *Dr Srđan CVIJIC*, Stability Pact for SEE, - "The Stability Pact Contribution in SEE Reconciliation";
- *Prof. Dr. Valentin YAKUSHIK* – "Administrative Restructuring of Inter-Regional and Inter-ethnic Relations: Confronting Types of Solutions";
- *Prof. Dr. Melita RICHTER*, University of Trieste, Italy
"The Challenges of the EU Enlargement: New Frontiers – Old Fears";

Saturday, October 28, 2006

09:15 – 09:40 **Fourth working session, continuation:**

Speakers:

- *Prof. Dr. Alfonso OJEDA*, Professor, University of Madrid, Spain
"Immigration in the EU: Risks and Opportunities";
 - *Prof. Dr. Matilda CARLON*, Professor, Complutens University, Madrid, Spain
"Recent developments of the Spanish model of decentralization under the European framework";
- Open discussion
- *Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ*;

09:40 – 11:15 **Fifth working session:**

EDUCATION FOR PEACE AND TOLERANCE

Discussion Leader: *Academician Dragan VUKČEVIĆ*, Academy of Sciences and Arts of Montenegro

Speakers:

- *Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN*;
- *Prof. Dr. Yves-Rastimir NEDELJKOVIĆ*, "Education in View of Human Rights and Duties, Mutual Confidence and Word of Honour";
- *Sanja PAUNOVSKI*, PR Manager, Project "Primus", Skopje, Macedonia,
"Building bridges between ethnic groups in Macedonia";
- *Dr. Armand CLESSE*, Director, Institute for European and International Studies, Luxembourg - "Regional integration and reconciliation: the theory and practice";
- *Dr. Christine SAMANDARI-HAKIM*, Communauté Internationale Baha'ie, Paris,
"A Global Approach to Local Challenges";
- *Despina SYRRI*, Board member of Humanitarian Defence, South and East Research Center, Athens, Greece, "Migration, Education, and Development in South East Europe: An Overview of the Issues and Trends";

Open discussion

- *Prof. Dr. Vern REDEKOP*;
- *Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN*;

- Ambassador Peter Bas-BACKER;
- Sir James MANCHAM;
- H.E. Takehiro TOGO;
- Prof. Dr Pavle BUBANJA, University of Niš, Serbia;
- Prof. Dr. Melita RICHTER;
- Ambassador Wolfgang WOLTE;
- Dr. Armand CLESSE;
- Prof. Dr. Tihomir JOVANOVSKI, Professor, University of Skopje, Macedonia;
- Aleksandra Zirojević, Christian Cultural Centre, Belgrade, Serbia;
- Prof. Dr Samir BANOOB;
- Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav DOMLJAN;

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 **Sixth working session:**

TOLERANCE: RELIGIONS' FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES RELATED TO PEACE, TOLERANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE WAYS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

Discussion Leader: Darko TANASKOVIĆ, *"Religion and Politics in the Western Balkans"*;

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Radovan BIGOVIĆ, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Belgrade; President of Christian Cultural Centre, Belgrade, Serbia
"Orthodox Religion in United Europe";
- Stanislav Hočevar, Archbishop of Belgrade;
- Mufti Hadži Hamdija JUSUFSPAHIĆ, Islamic Religious Community Belgrade;
- Academician Vladeta JEROTIĆ, Professor, Faculty of Theology, Belgrade, Serbia;
- Prof. Dr. Nilgun SARP, Professor, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey
"Women in Islam";
- Prof. Dr Boško BOJOVIĆ, Professor, Faculty for Social Studies, Paris, France
"Confession, Identity, Modernity – Serbia and Challenges of Yugoslav Heritage in Transition";
- Prof. Dr. Radovan BIGOVIĆ;
- Mila ALEČKOVIĆ-NIKOLIĆ, Representative of Serbian Diaspora in France, Paris, France
"Spirituality in Modern Liberalism";

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:45 **Seventh working session:**

DEVELOPMENT AND RECONCILIATION

Discussion Leader: Academician Vladimir STIPETIĆ – *"Where we were and where we have come – 1970 – 2005"*

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Jonathan BRADLEY, Professor, University of West England, UK;
- Prof. Dr. Miroslav JOVANOVIĆ,
- *"How much European Union needs Serbia, how much Serbia needs European Union"*;
- Prof. Dr. Nano RUŽIN, Macedonian Ambassador to NATO,
"Macedonian experience, NATO and reconciliation";
- Academician Ljubiša ADAMOVIĆ, Professor, Florida State University, USA;
- Tomaž VUGA, Vice-Mayor of Nova Gorica, Slovenia - *"Two towns – one Space"* – presentation held by Melita ROGELJ, ECPD Branch Office Brussels;

- *Prof. Dr. Tihomir JOVANOVSKI*;
 - *Masao SHIKANO*, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Aid Coordination Adviser to Serbia and Montenegro „*The Project for Self Reliance of Residents of Srebrenica and Human Security*“;
 - *Prof. Dr Pavle BUBANJA* - „*Peace, Leading Idea of Human Kind*“;
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Presentation of the UPF Programme on Peace and Tolerance**
Leader of the Presentation: *Mark BRANN*, Secretary General of the European Chapter of the UPF (Universal Peace Federation);
- 17:00 – 17:45 **Final Discussion and Conclusions**
Chairman: *H.E. Takehiro TOGO*
Drawing up of the Concluding remarks
Elaboration of the Tentative programme of work of the ECPD International Permanent Study Group for the incoming period
Open discussion:
 - *Prof. Dr. Don Wallace Jr.*, Professor, Georgetown University Washington D.C., Chairman of the Board, International Law Institute (ILI);
 - *Prof. Dr. Radovan BIGOVIĆ*;
 - *Hadži Hamdija JUSUFSPAHIĆ*;
 - *Stanislav Hočevar*;
 - *Azem VLLASI*;
 - *Sir James MANCHAM*;
 - *Prof. Dr Samir BANOOB*;
 - *Prof. Dr. Momčilo Sakan*, Professor, ECPD;
 - *H.E. Takehiro TOGO*;
- 18:00 **Reception at City Hall, hosted by H.E. Takehiro TOGO, President of ECPD Council and Chairman of the Conference**

Working language: English and Serbian - official language of the ECPD host country, simultaneous translation service available

Technical facilities: Computer with MS office for Power Point presentations, video projector, slides projector