



**Courts of Ultimate Appeal:
The Constitutional and Supreme Courts of the New Democracies
of Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union**

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Invitees: The Chairmen and other Justices of the Highest Courts of --

Albania	Finland	Liechtenstein	Slovakia
Armenia	France	Lithuania	Slovenia
Austria	Georgia	Luxembourg	Spain
Azerbaijan	Germany	Malta	Sweden
Belarus	Greece	Moldova	Switzerland
Belgium	Hungary	Netherlands	Tajikistan
Bulgaria	Iceland	Norway	Turkey
Canada	Ireland	Poland	Turkmenistan
Cyprus	Italy	Portugal	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Romania	United States
Denmark	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	United Kingdom
Estonia	Latvia	San Marino	Uzbekistan

**Plus Judges from the European Court of Human Rights
and European Commission of Human Rights
and Officials from the Council of Europe**

Conference Languages: English, French and Russian

Location: Hilton Hotel, Strasbourg, France

Dates: October 31 - November 2, 1993

Provisional Conference Program

Sunday, October 31, 1993

- All Day Arrival of Participants and Check-in at the Hilton Hotel
- 17.00-20.00 Registration in Hotel Lobby
- 20.00 Dinner Hosted by The Furth Family Foundation

Monday, November 1, 1993

- 7.00-8.45 Breakfast and Registration (Bartholdi Rooms B & C)
- 9.00 **Formal Opening of the Conference**
- Welcoming Remarks:
- Frederick P. Furth, Chairman, The Furth Family Foundation
- Rolv Ryssdal, President, European Court of Human Rights
- Stefan Trechsel, President of the Second Chamber,
 European Commission of Human Rights
- Allen Weinstein, President, The Center for Democracy
- 9.45 **Panel One: The Operation of Constitutional and Supreme Courts,
Defining the Rights of Appeal: Referral vs. Discretion?**
- Moderator:
- Walter Odersky, President, Supreme Court, Germany
- Panelists:
- Mindaugas Lošys, Chairman, Supreme Court, Lithuania
- Vasile Gionea, President, Constitutional Court, Romania
- Amanmurat Kakabayev, Chairman, Supreme Court, Turkmenistan
- Andrzej Murzynowski, President of the Criminal Chamber,
 Supreme Court, Poland*
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 General Discussion
- 12.00 Buffet Luncheon

14.00 **Panel Two: The Dilemma of Judicial Precedent in New Democracies**
Moderator:
Hans-Christian Krüger, Secretary to the European Commission
of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Panelists:
Ivan Grigorov, President, Supreme Court, Bulgaria
Tcholpon Baekova, Chairman, Constitutional Court, Kyrgyzstan
Veniamin Yakovlev, Chairman, High Arbitration Court, Russian Federation
Miguel Rodriguez-Piñero y Bravo-Ferrer, President,
Constitutional Court, Spain

14.45 General Discussion

15.45 Coffee Break

16.30 **Panel Three: Issuing Decisions and Publishing Majority and Minority Opinions**
Moderator:

Panelists:
Jean-François Egli, President, Supreme Court, Switzerland
Zef Brozi, Chairman, The Court of Cassation, Albania
Oscar Stranard, First President, The Court of Cassation, Belgium
Rait Maruste, Chairman, State Court, Estonia

17.15 General Discussion

19.00 Bus Departure for Reception

19.30 Reception hosted by Shirley Barnes, U.S. Consul General
and the Conference Sponsors

Tuesday, November 2, 1993

7.30 Breakfast at Hilton Hotel

8.30 **Panel Four: Relations between the Courts of Ultimate Appeal and Other Branches of Government**

Moderator:
Dimitar Gotchev, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Panelists:
Nikolai Vitruk, Acting Chairman, Constitutional Court, Russian Federation
Andreas Nicolas Loizou, Chairman, Supreme Court, Cyprus
& Judge, European Court of Human Rights
Karol Plank, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Slovakia
Shabrat Urazaev, Chairman, Constitutional Court, Uzbekistan

