

Courts of Ultimate Appeal

Second International Judicial Conference

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Conference Materials

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Palais de l'Europe, Room 10

Sunday, October 23

- 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 and The Center for Democracy (Hilton Hotel)

Monday, October 24

- 8.15 Bus Departure to the Palais de l'Europe
- 9.00 Welcoming Comments:
Frederick P. Furth, Chairman, The Furth Family Foundation
- 9.10 Introduction of Secretary General Tarschys, Justice Arnold, Justice Weitzel:
Allen Weinstein, President, The Center for Democracy
- 9.15 Opening Remarks:
Daniel Tarschys, Secretary General, Council of Europe
Morris Arnold, Justice, U.S. Court of Appeals
Albert Weitzel, President of the First Chamber,
European Commission of Human Rights
- 10.00 **Panel One – Protection of Judicial Independence: Developing practical procedures for guaranteeing autonomy; financing the courts; ensuring the safety of judges**
Moderator: Morris Arnold, Justice, U.S. Court of Appeals
- Panelists:
Horst Hagen, Senior Justice, Federal Supreme Court, Germany
Miguel Rodriguez-Piñero y Bravo-Ferrer, President, Constitutional Court, Spain*
Ivan Grigorov, President, Supreme Court, Bulgaria
Antonio Baldassare, Justice, Constitutional Court, Italy
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.15 General Discussion
- 12.15 Buffet Luncheon

- 14.30 **Panel Two – Court Personnel: Appointing and dismissing judges; censuring judges for professional negligence; disciplining attorneys and defendants for misconduct**
Moderator: Heiner Klebes, Clerk, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe
- Panelists:
Veniamin Yakovlev, Chairman, High Arbitration Court, Russia
Niels Pontoppidan, President, Supreme Court, Denmark
Shavkat Urazaev, Chairman, Constitutional Court, Uzbekistan
Andrzej Murzynowski, President, Penal Chamber, Supreme Court, Poland
- 15.15 General Discussion
- 16.15 Coffee Break
- 16.45 **Panel Three – Judicial Training: Issues and techniques for training judges and court personnel**
Moderator: Hans Christian Krüger, Secretary to the European Commission of Human Rights
- Panelists:
Jean-Francois Egli, President, Tribunal Federal, Switzerland
Rait Maruste, Chairman, National Court, Estonia
Murat Baimakhanov, Chairman Constitutional Court, Kazakhstan*
Petro Shevchuk, Deputy Chairman, Supreme Court, Ukraine*
- 17.30 General Discussion
- 18.30 Close of session
- 19.00 Buffet dinner hosted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Commission of Human Rights and European Court of Human Rights
- 21.00 Departure from the Palais de l'Europe to the Hilton Hotel

Tuesday, October 25

- 8.15 Bus Departure to the Palais de l'Europe
- 9.00 **Panel Four – Competencies of Judicial Bodies: Division of authority among highest courts; relations between court system and Ministry of Justice**
Moderator: Rudolf Machacek, Justice, Constitutional Court, Austria
- Panelists:
Pal Solt, President, Supreme Court, Hungary*
Cholpon Baekova, Chairman, Constitutional Court, Kyrgyzstan
Staffan Magnusson, Justice, Supreme Court, Sweden
Franc Jakova, Justice, Constitutional Court, Albania

- 9.45 General Discussion
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.15 **Panel Five – Judicial Proceedings across State borders: Extradition of criminals; implementation of court decisions involving foreign countries**
Moderator: Jacques Robert, Justice, Constitutional Court, France
- Panelists:
Otakar Motejl, President, Supreme Court, Czech Republic
Hanlar Gadzhiev, Chairman, Supreme Court, Azerbaijan
Stefanos Matthias, Judge, Supreme Court, Greece*
Vladimir Karavai, Chairman, Supreme Court, Belarus
- 12.00 General Discussion
- 13.00 Buffet Lunch
- 14.30 **Panel Six – Human Rights and the Court: Timely and equal access to court for all citizens; treatment of minors; practice of capital punishment**
Moderator: Albert Weitzel, President of the First Chamber,
European Commission of Human Rights
- Panelists:
Dimitrios Stylianides, President, Supreme Court, Cyprus
Mindia Ugrekhelidze, Chairman, Supreme Court, Georgia
Liv Gjoelstad, Justice, Supreme Court, Norway
Janez Slibar, Justice, Supreme Court, Slovenia
- 15.15 General Discussion
- 16.15 Coffee Break
- 16.30 Closing Comments
- 17.00 End of Conference/ Meeting with the Press

* pending confirmation for panel