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9th International Judicial Conference

“Courts of Ultimate Appeal IX:
Issues of Judicial Independence”

Budapest, Hungary
May 24 – 26, 2001

Conference Program

Thursday, May 24

Participants Arrive at the Hotel Inter-Continental Budapest
Apáczai Csere Janos utca 12-14
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14:00-18:00 Conference Registration
Main Lobby

19:00 Welcoming Dinner Reception
Ballroom I, Second Floor

Friday, May 25

*Hotel Inter-Continental
Ballroom I-II*

9:00 **Opening Remarks**

- President Pál Solt, Supreme Court, Hungary
- President Janos Nemeth, Constitutional Court, Hungary
- Frederick P. Furth, Esq., Senior Partner, The Furth Firm, and Director, The Center for Democracy
- Hans Christian Krüger, Deputy Secretary General, The Council of Europe
- Professor Allen Weinstein, President and CEO, The Center for Democracy

9:30 **Panel One: Implementing International Legal Obligations: Dilemmas for National Constitutional Law**

Moderator: Professor Allen Weinstein, President and CEO, The Center for Democracy

Presenters:

- President Jan Mázák, Constitutional Court, Slovak Republic
- President Ludwig Adamovich, Constitutional Court, Austria
- Justice Viktor I. Kononenko, Supreme Court, Ukraine
- Chairman Aivars Endziņš, Constitutional Court, Latvia

- 10:15 General Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 General Discussion Continues
- 12:30 Lunch
Panorama II-IV
- 14:00 **Panel Two: The Most Controversial Decisions: Preparation and Promulgation**
Moderator: Frederick P. Furth, Esq., Senior Partner, The Furth Firm, and Director, The Center for Democracy
Presenters:
- Justice Teresa Flemming-Kulesza, Supreme Court, Poland
 - Justice Trond Dolva, Supreme Court, Norway
 - Justice Roger Beauvois, Court of Cassation, France
 - Senior Judge Loren A. Smith, Court of Federal Claims, United States
- 14:45 General Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 **The View from an Asian Democracy:**
Justice B. N. Kirpal, Supreme Court of India
- 16:15 **The View from a South American Democracy:**
President Carlos Velloso, Federal Supreme Tribunal, Brazil
(President Velloso will be represented by Justice José Paulo Sepúlveda Pertence)
- 16:30 **The View from an African Democracy:**
President Saliou Aboudou, Supreme Court, Benin
- 16:45 General Discussion
- 17:00 **Panel Three: Judicial Impartiality and Public Perception**
Moderator: President Pál Solt, Supreme Court, Hungary
Presenter: Chairman Vyacheslav Lebedev, Supreme Court, Russian Federation

(Panel Three continues on Saturday morning)
- 17:15 General Discussion
- 17:30 End of Session
- 19:15 Bus departs Hotel Inter-Continental
from exit on Apáczai Csere János utca
- 19:30 Dinner Reception at the Supreme Court of Hungary
Hosted by President Pál Solt
Markó u. 16

Saturday, May 26
Hotel Inter-Continental
Ballroom I-II

- 9:00 **Panel Three: Judicial Impartiality and Public Perception (continued)**
Moderator: President Pál Solt, Supreme Court, Hungary
Presenters:
- President Luzius Wildhaber, European Court of Human Rights
 - First President Stefanos Matthias, Supreme Civil and Penal Court, Greece
 - Justice František Duchon, Supreme Court, Czech Republic
 - President Sami Selçuk, Supreme Court of Appeals, Turkey
- 10:00 General Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Panel Four: Judicial Ethics and the Struggle Against Corruption**
Moderator: Professor Allen Weinstein, President and CEO, The Center for Democracy
Presenters:
- Chairman Veniamin Yakovlev, Supreme Arbitration Court, Russian Federation
 - Justice Arpad Erdei, Constitutional Court, Hungary
 - First President Andrea Vela, Supreme Court, Italy
(*First President Vela's presentation will be made by Justice Massimo Bonomo*)
- 12:15 General Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
Panorama II-IV
- 14:00 General Discussion continues
- 15:00 **Panel Five: National Versus International Legal Procedures:
The Extradition Issue**
Moderator: Hans Christian Krüger, Deputy Secretary General, The Council of Europe
Presenters:
- President Torkel Gregow, Supreme Court, Sweden
 - Justice Louis Theodor C. Harms, Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa
 - Justice Francis Murphy, Supreme Court, Republic of Ireland
 - Vice President Fernando Santosuosso, Constitutional Court, Italy
- 15:45 General Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 General Discussion continues

- 17:00 **Closing Comments**
Moderator: Professor Allen Weinstein, President and CEO, The Center for Democracy
- President Pál Solt, Supreme Court, Hungary
 - Frederick P. Furth, Esq., Senior Partner, The Furth Firm, and Director, The Center for Democracy
 - Hans Christian Krüger, Deputy Secretary General, The Council of Europe
- 17:30 End of session
- 18:30 Bus departs Hotel Inter-Continental
from exit on Apáczai Csere János utca
- 19:00 Closing Dinner, Vadrózsa Restaurant
Pentelei Molnár u. 15

Sunday, May 27

Participants depart