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CENTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF THE RA**

**PROGRAMME**

***OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE***

**on**

**"ROLE OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS  
TOWARDS ENSURING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS"**

**YEREVAN  
5 - 7 October 2006**

## **4-5 October**

Arrival of the participants of the Conference to Yerevan and their accommodation at the "Ani Plaza" hotel

### **Thursday, 5 October**

- 11.00-19.00 - Cultural program (Visit to Matenadaran, Holy See of Ejmiadzin, Zvartnotz)
- 13.00-14.00 - Lunch at the "Ani Plaza" Hotel
- 20.00 - Reception-meeting of participants of the Conference at the "Ani Plaza" Hotel

### **Friday, 6 October**

- 09.00-10.00 - Registration of the participants of the Conference
- 10.00 - 10.30 - Opening of the 11<sup>th</sup> Yerevan International Conference at the hall of the "Ani Plaza" Hotel

#### **Opening speeches**

by Mr. **Gagik Harutyunyan**

President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia,

by Mr. **Gianni Buquicchio**

Secretary General of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

#### **Greeting speeches**

by Mr. **Tigran Torossyan**

Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

by Mr. **Vladimir Pryakhin**

Ambassador, Head of the Yerevan Office of OSCE

by Ms. **Sonya Smith**

Country Director of the American Bar Association (ABA) Central European & Eurasian Law initiative (CEELI)

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting<sup>1</sup>**

**10.30-13.30**

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<sup>1</sup> 20 minutes is envisaged for the presentation of the reports, and 5 minutes - for statements.

Chaired by **Mr. G. Buquicchio** - Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

**Reports**

**Jacqueline de Guillenchmidt** – Member of the Constitutional Council of France “**Electoral disputes before the French constitutional judge**” (Fr.)

**Mindia Ugrekhelidze** – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

“**Prohibition of abuse of freedom of expression and relevant case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (electoral aspect)**”

**Jessie Pilgrim** - OSCE/ODIHR Expert

“**Evidentiary methods for Determining who won the elections and protection of Suffrage Rights**”

**Questions and discussion**

**11.30-12.00** -Coffee break

**12.00-13.30** -Continuation of presentations

**Barbara Jouan** –Member of the National Commission for Campaign Accounts and Political Finances

“**The control of financing of French political life by the National Commission for Campaign Accounts and Political Finances**” (Fr.)

**Nikolay Bondar** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation

“**Constitutional Court as an organ to solve electoral disputes**” (Russ.)

**Marian Grzybowski** – Justice of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland

“**Polish electoral regulations; their dilemmas in comparison to European standards**” (Eng.)

**Questions and discussion**

**13.30-15.00** - Lunch Break

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session**  
**15.00-17.00**

Chaired by **Ms. Jacqueline de Guillenchmidt** – Member of the Constitutional Council of France Discussion issue:

**Reports**

**Bernard Owen** – Expert of the Venice Commission

“**Equal suffrage in constitutional case-law**” (Eng.)

**Garegin Azaryan** – Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission

“**The role of electoral bodies in the organization of democratic elections**” (Arm.)

**Peter Kovacs** –Judge of the Constitutional Court of Hungary

“**Electoral law and constitutional jurisprudence in Hungary**” (Fr.)

**Questions and discussion**

17.00-19.00 - Free time  
19.00 - Official reception

**7 October  
(Saturday)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session  
09.00-13.00**

**Chaired by Mindia Ugrekhelidze** – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

**Reports**

**Martin Steinkuhler** – Judge at the Koblenz Administrative Court (Germany)

**“Scrutiny of elections under the German Constitution and role of the Federal Constitutional Court”** (Eng.)

**Felix Tokhyan** – Member of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

**“Constitutional control of national elections in Armenia”** (Russ.)

**Lubomir Dobrik** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic

**“The Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, its powers and decisions in electoral matters”** (Russ.)

**Valentin Shuklin** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus

**“The specialties of the activity of the Constitutional Court of Belarus in provision of democratic elections”** (Russ.)

**Questions and discussion**

10.30-11.00 -Coffee break  
11.00-13.00 -Continuation of reports

**Egidijus Jarasiunas** – Adviser to the President of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania

**“The protection of constitutional fundamentals of the institute of elections in the jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania”** (Fr.)

**Costas Pambalis** – President of District Court of Limassol (Cyprus)

**“The catalytic role of the supreme Court of Cyprus, functioning as Electoral Court, safeguarding democratic elections”** (Eng.)

**Questions and discussion**

13.00-14.30 - Lunch Break

**4<sup>th</sup> Session  
14.30 – 16.30**

**Chaired by Mr. G. Harutyunyan** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

**Reports**

**Emilia Drumeva** - Judge of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria

**“Constitutional Court and recent elections”** (Eng.)

**Dimitrios Scaltsounis** – Councilor of the Council of State of the Hellenic Republic  
“**The control of the elections in Greece**” (Fr.)

**Gabor Kozsokar** - Judge of the Constitutional Court of Romania

“**Role of the Romanian Constitutional Court in presidential elections**” (Eng.)

**Questions and discussion**

**Summarization of the results of discussions by the chairpersons**

**16.30-18.30**

- Free time

**19.00**

- Cultural programme (Yerevan Opera and Ballet academician theatre – Ballet “*Jizel*”)

**21.30**

-Dinner in the “Ani Plaza” hotel

**8 October  
(Sunday)**

**08.00-09.00**

- Breakfast

**09.00-18.00**

- Cultural programme