



Program of the International Conference *Ways to Consider Communism*

15 November 2007

House of Parliament, Bucharest, Romania

10.30-11.00 Registration of the participants

11.00-11.30 Opening of the Conference

11.30-12.30 First session: considerations on the criminal character of communist regimes as well as on the necessity of condemning communist crimes
Chair: Dr. Radu Ioanid, historian, Washington D.C., USA

11.30-11.45 **“Communism: the Same Disaster Whenever and Wherever”**. Lecture by **Mr. Göran Lindblad**, Member of the Swedish Parliament and member of the Political Affairs Committee of the Permanent Assembly of the Council of Europe

11.45-12.00 **“Anti-Communists of the World, Unite!”**. Lecture by **Mr. Pedro J. Fuentes-Cid**, *Presidio Politico Cubano* - Cuban Former Political Prisoners' Organization, USA

12.00-12.15 **“The Crimes Committed by the Secret Police Services of Eastern Europe against American Citizens and Institutions”**. Lecture by **Dr. Radu Ioanid**, historian, Washington D.C., USA

12.15-12.30 **“Coming to Terms with the Stalinist Legacy”**. Lecture by **Prof. Mark Kramer**, director, Cold War Studies Center, Harvard, USA

12.30-13.00 Questions from the press

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Second session: considerations on the criminal character of communist regimes as well as on the necessity of condemning communist crimes

Chair: Dr. Marius Oprea, President of the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes in Romania



- 14.00-14.15 **“The Past Must Be Acknowledged... ”**. Lecture by **Dr. Mária Schmidt**, director general of Terror Haza, Budapest, Hungary
- 14.15-14.30 **“Disclosing of the Documents of Communist Security Authorities in the Czech Republic and the Role of the New Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes”**. Lecture by **Dr. Pavel Žáček**, director of The Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague, Czech Republic
- 14.30-14.45 **“The Wrath of the Chief Architect: Ceaușescu’s War against Radio Free Europe”**. Lecture by **Mr. Richard H. Cummings**, Former Director of Security, Radio Free Europe, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 14.45-15.00 **“The New Commission for Declassification of the Documents and for Declaring Bulgarian Citizens' Affiliation to the State Security and to the Intelligence Services of the Bulgarian People’s Army”**. Lecture by **Dr. Valeri Katzunov**, Member of the Commission for Declassification of the Documents and for Declaring Bulgarian Citizens' Affiliation to the State Security and to the Intelligence Services of the State People's Army, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 15.15-15.30 **“Confronting the Communist Past in Poland: The Experience of the Institute of National Remembrance”**. Lecture by **Dr. Krzysztof Persak**, senior expert of Public Education Office, Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw, Poland
- 15.30-15.45 **“Controversies on a Communist Model Pupil. Considerations on Reflections about Liberation from the East-German Communist Experience”**. Lecture by **Dr. Bernd Florath**, project coordinator, Department for Research and Education, the Federal Commission for the Records of the State Security Service of the Former GDR, Berlin, Germany
- 15.45-16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00-17.30 Discussions
- 17.30-18.30 Cocktail