

## Minutes of the International Conference on Security of Children and Families

14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Budapest / Hungary

**The conference on security of children and families was held in Budapest between 14 – 15 September 2006 with the participation of several international organisations. The idea came from Prof. George POPPER – President of the International Union of Family Organisations (CIP-UIOF), who regularly deals with this issue in his other kind of positions.**

**The main purpose of this conference was to introduce the different international organisations – which work for the same goal and their activities closely relate – and also to start close cooperation between the host and invited organisations.**

The Chairman of the Organising Committee – Dr. László BARÁTH officially opened the first International Conference on security of children and families and reported briefly about the goals of this event.

**Prof. George POPPER** – President of IBSSA, President of the General Council of CIP-UIOF, and Minister of the International Parliament for Safety and Peace (IPSP) welcomed the participants, guests and introduced the patrons, supporters of the conference. He also read the Greeting letter of **dr. Katalin SZILI** – President of the Hungarian Parliament, who was the Main Patron of this international event.

Then Prof. Popper called upon the leaders of the following international organisations to hold their welcoming speeches:

- **H.E. Count Sir José M. COSMELLI (Portugal)** – Regent of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, F.A.P.
- **H.E. Lady Maria Teresa da Costa MACEDO (Portugal)** – President of “Mission Europa”, Honorary President of CIP-UIOF, former State Secretary in Family Affairs of the Portugal Government, Counsellor of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Vatican
- **Lady Marise Goldsmith-DANSAERT (France)** – General Secretary of “Mission Europa”, President of the Mediterranean Women’s Confederation, representative of the French Senate in Social Affairs

Also some high-ranking leaders sent their greeting letters to the conference, who were unable to attend the event due to their engagements:

- **Dr. Rony KLUGER (Israel)** – President of Karate Do International, Rector of the International Budo Academy (IBA)
- **Dr. Eriks GRINBERGS (Latvia)** – President of the Baltic Federation of Family Organisations, Counsellor of the Latvian Government in Social Affairs
- **Dr. Marko NICOVIC (Serbia)** – President of World Karate Confederation (WKC), Board member of the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA), Board member of the International Federation of Police Officers

*The following speeches were held during the Conference:*

**Dr. Judit Asbót THORMA (Hungary)** – President of the Hungarian Women Association  
- gave brief report about the foundation and also present activities, results of the association

**Dr. Eric Van de WALL (Netherlands)** – Minister of Humanitarian Affairs of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta F.A.P.  
- reported about drug prevention with special regard to school children  
- the role of civil security organisations in the above mentioned themes and in the fields of environment and security; stalking, domestic violence  
- close cooperation of the host and invited organisations in the future concerning the theme of this event

**Dr. Maria Teresa da Costa da MACEDO** – President of Mission Europa, Honorary President of CIP-UIOF  
- gave information about the current work, plans and goals of “Mission Europa”

**Mrs. Daniele MÜLLER (Switzerland)** – Permanent representative of “Mission Europa” in Council of Europe  
- also as chairman of an organisation dealing with harmful activities of sects, Mrs. Müller held a speech on how harmful it is when certain sects tear children from their families.

**Dr. Marise Goldsmith-DANSAERT** – General Secretary of Mission Europa, President of the Mediterranean Women’s Confederation, representative of the French Senate in Social Affairs

- the "Mission Europa" includes the different international organisations like the International Olympic Committee, the European Council of Police Trade Unions and others. They send their ideas and experience of Budapest through their own channels.

**H.E. Count Sir José M. COSMELLI** – Regent of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta F.A.P.

- the event was also supported by the "Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, F.A.P." since the knights of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century take also significant part in solving the problems of this special theme

**H.E. Prof. George Popper** – President of IBSSA, President of the General Council of CIP-UIOF

- summarised the speeches and gave a brief conclusion

On the 15<sup>th</sup> September Prof. George POPPER opened the second day of the conference. He gave a brief summary about the previous day's discussions and decisions and he also reported that the leaders of CIP-UIOF had a Board meeting the day before.

Prof. Popper called upon Dr. Maria Teresa da Costa da MACEDO to tell more about this meeting, to delineate the amendments of the Statutes and to report about the new appointments and officials of CIP-UIOF. During this meeting the General Assembly of CIP-UIOF (International Project Centre) took place and also the statutory meeting of IFFO (International Federation of Family Organisations) was held, which organisation seceded from CIP-UIOF and became independent.

Dr. György KISS remained the member of the Board of CIP-UIOF, and Prof. George POPPER still holds the position of President of the General Council of CIP-UIOF. Mr. Szilveszter BARÁTH became responsible for the media affairs and Ms. Erika MACSÁRI was appointed to Secretary of the General Council of CIP-UIOF. Mrs. Erzsébet FORGÓ – State Secretary of the Ministry of Social and Labour Affairs – was elected as a member of CIP-UIOF Honour Committee. Such well-known personalities have already held seats in this committee like the Queen of Jordan, or Dr. Boutros-Boutros GALI, the former Secretary-General of the UN.

IFFO seceded from the common organisation (CIP-UIOF), where they had worked together with the International Project Centre. Dr. Anna Földes POPPER was elected the President of the new independent organisation, the IFFO, and a Vice-President position was offered to Mrs. Forgó, State Secretary. Mr. György B. RÓZSA was elected chairman of the media department of IFFO.

*The following speeches were held during the second day:*

**Prof. Abel de Lacerda BOTELHO (Portugal)** – President of Lusitanian Foundation, international lawyer

- reviewed the new organisational structure of CIP

**Dr. Constantin BUZATU (Romania)** – Counsellor of the Minister of European Integration in Romania

- gave thorough information about those Romanian organisations, which helps to create the security of children and families

**Dr. Frank PHILIPOOM (Netherlands)** – President of the Foundation for Violence Aid Care Services

- reported about the role of sport in preventing the spread of drugs

**Dr. Zsuzsanna Kormos DEBRECENI (Hungary)** – Social policy director of the Hungarian National Association of Large Families (NALF)

- gave information about the foundation, members and also the activities of NALF

Its main objectives are:

- by promoting the values of family life, influencing public feeling towards a family-friendly society
- representing the interests of families in Hungary with a particular concern for large families
- establishing communities and organising ways to help each other

**Dr. Péter FÁBIÁN (Hungary)** – State Secretary of Sports and Addictions Prevention of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, F.A.P.

- held a gripping lecture on the program of youth protection and drug prevention

(examining the background, responsibility and all other aspects, which can lead to drug abuse)

**Mr. Michel MÜLLER (Switzerland)** – Vice President of Mission Europa, and Permanent representative of Mission Europa in Council of Europe (CoE)

- delineated the work of Mission Europa, the activities of the Council of Europe in the EU

- why an association like "Mission Europa" has to be in CoE with the Participatory status?

**H.E. Prof. George Popper** – President of IBSSA, President of the General Council of CIP-UIOF

- summarised the speeches, discussions and decisions and officially closed the conference

The participants of the conference made the following decisions:

- ***the year 2007 will be dedicated to the security of children and families***
- ***call other international and national governmental and civil organisations for a large cooperation on this subject***
- ***in 2007 the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference on security of children and families will be organised***

The conference of Budapest relied on the activities of numerous international organisations. IBSSA reported on its continuous work regarding crime prevention, drug prevention and prevention of other harmful addictions. CIP-UJOF among others deals with bringing up children with special needs and preventing the violence in families.

The leaders of different organisations meet again next year in order to report on what measures they have taken in each country for the security of the family, the basis of the society and of children, the pledge of our future within that.

20<sup>th</sup> October 2006

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Chairman of the Conference