Archives and Democracies in Transition  
Conference of the SPP/ICA  
Vilnius (Lithuania), 6-7 October 2011

Annual Meeting of the SPP/ICA Plenary Assembly  
Vilnius (Lithuania), 7 October 2011

Agenda

5 October 2011
18.00 – 20.00 Meeting of the SPP/ICA Steering Committee (see separate agenda)

6 October 2011
9.00 – 9.30 Registration
9.30 – 10.00 Welcome addresses
  • Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of Lithuania
  • President of SPP/ICA
  • Head of the Parliamentary Archives of the Seimas of Lithuania
10.00 – 12.30 Plenary Session I: Challenges of Analyzing, Developing, and Promoting Democracy
Keynotes:
  • Promoting Democracy as a Global Challenge
  • Democracies in Transition: a Comparative Perspective
  • Parliaments, Political Parties, and Civil Society in Transition: Old Concepts and New Media
  • Constitutional Engineering in the Mirror of Parliamentary and Political Party Archives
  • Promoting Democracy as a Task for Parliamentary and Political Party Archives
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (Seimas restaurant)
14.00 – 16.30 Plenary Session II: Paths to Democracy, to be Traced in the Archives
Keynotes:
  • Dissident and Opposition Movements in Dictatorial Systems – Where are the Sources?
  • Oral History as a New Means of Tracing the Path to Democracy
  • The “Other” Political Party Archives – the Role of the Archives of Former Single Political Parties
  • Parliaments in Transition – the Transfiguration of Parliaments at the Turn from Single to Multi Party Systems
  • Parliamentary and Political Party Archives at the Dawn of Democracy – a Flashback to the Situation in
Central Eastern Europe in the Mid-1990s

16.30 – 19.00 Guided tour of the Museum of Genocide Victims and the Lithuanian Special Archives
20.00 Dinner in the city

7 October 2011
9.00 – 10.15 Plenary Session IIIa: Archives and Democracy in Transition in Lithuania
   • Office of the Chief Archivist of Lithuania
   • Lithuanian Special Archives
   • Lithuanian Institute of History
10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break
10.30 – 12.30 Plenary Session IIIb: Parliamentary Archives and Democracies in Transition
   • Document Management Department of the Riigikogu of Estonia
   • Archives of the Parliament of Georgia
   • Archives of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
   • Archives of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament
   • Archives of the Parliament (Saeima) of Latvia
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (Seimas restaurant)
14.00 – 15.00 Guided tour of the Seimas and the Archives of the Seimas
15.00 – 16.15 Plenary Session IVa: Political Party Archives and Democracies in Transition
   • The Signatory of the Act of Independence of Lithuania
   • Social Democratic Party of Lithuania
   • The Hungarian Party Archives
   • Centre for Historical and Political Studies, National Political Institute, Supreme Council of Bulgarian Socialist Party
16.15 – 16.30 Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30 Plenary Session IVb: Political Party Archives and Democracies in Transition
   • Archives of the Christian Democratic Party of Lithuania
   • Archives of Political History and of Trade Union of Hungary
   • KDU-CSL Archives of Czech Republic
   • The HOPE Project – A Portal to the History of the European Labour Movement
17.30 – 18.00 Final Discussion
18.00 – 19.00 Annual Meeting of the SPP/ICA Plenary Assembly (see separate agenda)
20.00 Dinner in the city

8 October 2011
10.00 – 16.00 Sightseeing tour of Vilnius and Trakai