TEN YEARS BALKAN POLITICAL CLUB - XIII
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: BALKANS INTO EUROPE AND WORLD IN 21 CENTURY

Venue: 27-29 May 2011 Sofia, Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia hall
Working languages: English, Bulgarian

27 May 2011

Arrival and accommodation

19:30 Welcome reception hosted by President Zhelev

28 May 2011

09:00 – Registration

09:30 -10:30 Opening session
Opening speech by D.Sc. Zhelyu Zhelev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (1990-1997) and President of Balkan Political Club

President Gueorgi Parvanov
Prime minister Boyko Borissov
Peter-Andreas Bochmann, Project Director, South-East Division of Friedrich Nauman Foundation for Freedom
Greeting addresses

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Session I: EU’s initial steps, enlargement strategy, challenges of economic sustainability and balance in multinational and multicultural society. The role of sub-regional (Balkan) cooperation. Part A

Moderator: Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania (1996-2000)

Suleyman Demirel, 9th President of the Republic of Turkey
Ion Iliescu, President of Romania (2000-2004)
Zhelyu Zhelev, President of Bulgaria (1990-1997)
Mircea Snegur, President of Moldova (1990-1996)
12:00 - 12:30  
Debate

12:30 – 14:30  
Lunch

14:30 - 15:30  
Session I, Part B:  
Moderator: Yahya Tezel, Professor of economics

Mladen Ivanic, MP, Foreign Minister of BiH (2003 – 2007), Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Ljubisha Georgievski, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia in Belgrade  
Solomon Passy, Foreign Minister of Bulgaria (2001-2005)  
Vesna Pesic, MP, President of the Center for Peace and Democracy Development, Republic of Serbia

15:30 - 16:00  
Debate

16:00 – 16:30  
Coffee break

16:30 - 17:30  
Session I, Part C:  
Moderator: Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, President Biopolitics Int.

Tzvetan Tzvetanov, Minister of Interior Affaires of Bulgaria  
Hikmet Çetin, Former Speaker of the Turkish Parliament  
Veton Sourro, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Policy Club, Kosovo  
Akkan Suver, President of Marmara Group Foundation

17:30 - 18:00  
Debate

20:00  
Official dinner for the Members of the Balkan Political Club hosted by Dr. Zhelyu Zhelev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (1990-1997) and President of the Balkan Political Club, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of BPC

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09:30 - 10:30  
Session II – Balkans into European Union and NATO integration process – achievements and disappointments  
Moderator: Ivan Stancioff, Former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria

09:30 - 09:45  
George Ivanov, President of Macedonia, incumbent

09:45 - 10:00  
Vojin Dimitrievic, Director Belgrade Center for Human Rights

10:00 - 10:15  
Murat Karayalçın, Foreign Minister of Turkey (1993-1995)

10:30-11:00  Debate

11:00-11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00  Private session of the Balkan Political Club

13:00-14:30  Lunch

Free time and departure