I SOUTH EAST EUROPE MEDIA FORUM
ZAGREB, CROATIA

Meeting between publishers, media executives, editors-in-chief and leading journalists from South East Europe (SEE)

Media and Democracy in South East Europe: Developments and Future

27 June – 28 June 2007, Zagreb

under the Patronage of the President of Croatia H.E. Stjepan Mesic

WAZ Mediengruppe
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO) - affiliate of the International Press Institute (IPI)

with local partners

Europapress Holding (EPH), HINA, HRT, Mediaservis, Obiteljski radio and NCL Media Group

Conference languages:

English, German and Croatian (with translation)

Conference venue:

Croatian Journalists’ Association (HND), Perkovceva 2, 10000 Zagreb
Wednesday, 27 June 2007

Arrival of participants

13.00 Opening of the registration in Hotel Panorama Four Points, Zagreb and Hotel Westin, Zagreb – SEEMO registration desk (for guests in these two hotels the registration is in the hotel)

16.10 Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Panorama Four Points for participants accommodated in this hotel (local SEEMO staff will wait in the lobby at the meeting point)

16.20 Bus transfer from the Hotel Panorama Four Points to the conference venue

16.25 Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Westin for participants accommodated in this hotel (local SEEMO staff will wait in the lobby at the meeting point)

16.30 Bus transfer from the Hotel Westin to the conference venue

16.45 Registration of Participants (participants from Zagreb and for guests in hotel Laguna) and welcome drink at the Croatian Journalists’ Association (HND), Perkovceva 2, 10000 Zagreb

17.15 Opening ceremony

Oliver Vujovic, Secretary General, SEEMO, Vienna (Chairperson)

Ante Gavranovic, SEEMO Croatia President and former President of the Croatian Journalists’ Association, Zagreb

17.30 Welcome speech by the President of Croatia H.E. Stjepan Mesic

Short Interview with the President

Nadezda Gace, President, Independent Journalist Association of Serbia, NUNS, Belgrade (5 minutes)

Jorgos Papadakis, Journalist, Athens (5 minutes)

18.00 Welcome Statements and Introductions

Stephan Holthoff-Pförtner, WAZ Media Group, Representative of the proprietors of the Funke family-owned company, Essen

Christian Schmitz, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Director for Croatia and Slovenia

Dirk Förger, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Director of the Project Media and Democracy South East Europe, Sofia

Ivo Pukanic, CEO, NCL Media Group, Zagreb

18.40 Welcome Discussion: Economic Position of Print Media in Croatia

19.30 Education of Journalists – WAZ Model:
Presentation by Lutz Niethammer, University of Jena

20.00 Bus transfer from HND to the Reception hosted by the President of Croatia H.E. Stjepan Mesic (for security reasons only participants with the SEEMF ID cards may enter the bus.)
Reception hosted by the President of Croatia H.E. Stjepan Mesic – Welcome by Budimir Loncar, Advisor to Croatian President Stjepan Mesic

Bus transfers to hotels

Thursday, 28 June 2007

Meeting in the lobby of the Four Points Panorama Hotel for participants accommodated in this hotel (local SEEMO staff will wait in the lobby at the meeting point)

Bus transfer from the Four Points Panorama Hotel to the conference venue

Meeting in the lobby of the Hotel Westin for participants accommodated in this hotel (local SEEMO staff will wait in the lobby at the meeting point)

Bus transfer from the Hotel Westin to the conference venue

Panel I – Economics and Media

Chairperson: Boris Bergant, Deputy Director RTV Slovenia, Ljubljana and EBU Vice President

Panellists:
Ellen Mickiewicz, Duke University Director, DeWitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy, Duke University, Durham, USA
Agron Bajrami, Editor-in-Chief, Koha Ditore daily, Pristina
Marie-Helene Magenschab, CEO, Vip-net, Zagreb
Risto Popovski, Director and owner, Makfax news agency, Skopje
Judit Kazmer, Director, Pannon Lapok Társaságot, Budapest
Samra Luckin, Director, Boram Network and IAA BiH President, Sarajevo
Nicolas Chatara-Morse, VP Development, Project Syndicate, Prague

Break

Follow up of the I Panel: Discussion: Q & A

Working Lunch

WAZ-SEEMO Award Ceremony

Panel II – Politics and Media

Chairpersons: Mitja Mersol, Former Editor-in-Chief, Delo daily, Ljubljana and Marta Palic, Editor, Radio Novi Sad, Novi Sad.

Session A

Panellists:
Erhard Busek, Special Co-ordinator, Stability Pact for SEE, Brussels
Bodo Hombach, Managing Director, WAZ Media Group, Essen
Discussion: Q & A

14.30
Session B
Panellists:
Otto Altendorfer, Hochschule Mittweida, Mittweida
Gordana Susa, Editor-in-Chief, VIN production, Belgrade
Drago Hedl, Investigative Reporter, Feral Tribune weekly, Split / Osijek
David Hencke, Westminster Correspondent, Guardian daily, London
Berislav Jelinic, Investigative Reporter, NCL Media Group, Zagreb

Discussion: Q & A

15.45
Coffee Break (drinks will be served in the conference room)

16.00
Panel III – European Standards: Media Freedom and Responsibility

Chairperson: David Dadge, Legal Expert and Editor-in-Chief, World Press Freedom Review, Vienna
Panellists:
Dejan Anastasijevic, Editor, Vreme magazine, Belgrade
Venelina Gotscheva, Editor-in-Chief, 24 Hours daily, Sofia
Victor Roncea, Foreign Policy Editor, Ziua daily, Bucharest
Jim Boumelha, President, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Brussels
Vesna Alaburic, Attorney at Law, Zagreb
Werner Herics, Director, Politika, Belgrade

Discussion: Q & A

17.15
Chairperson: Radomir Licina, Danas daily Belgrade
and SEEMO Board member
Panellists:
Bettina Burkart, Editor, Deutsche Welle Radio, Bonn
Veran Matic, Editor-in-Chief, RTV B92, Belgrade
Dragutin Lucic Luce, President of the Croatian Journalists' Association, Zagreb
Abdulhalim Dede, Owner of minority media, Greece
Frrok Cupi, Director and owner, Politika weekly, Tirana
Goran Mihajlovski, Editor-in-Chief, Vest daily, Skopje

Discussion: Q & A

18.30
Closing Presentation: Media Freedom and Responsibility: Ethics and Professional Codes of Quality Journalism by Johann Fritz, Director, International Press Institute (IPI), Vienna

18.45
Closing Statement

Andreas Rudas, WAZ South East Europe, Vienna
Srgjan Kerim, WAZ South East Europe, Vienna and President of the UN General Assembly, New York
19.15  Bus transfer to hotels
20.35  Meeting in the lobby of the Panorama Hotel / Hotel Westin
20.45  Bus transfer from the Panorama Zagreb Hotel to the Dinner
20.50  Bus transfer from the Hotel Westin to the Dinner
21.00  Farewell Dinner

Address: Kulturni klub "Kod Drageca", Trg Marsala Tita 10 (Muzej za umjetnost i obrt)

23.30  Bus transfer to the hotels

Friday, 29 June 2007

Departure of participants