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III South, East and Central Europe Investigative Journalism Days

23-25 May 2012 - Chisinau, Moldova

Conference languages: Romanian, Russian and English

Conference venue: Codru Conference Halls:

<http://codru.md/en/sali-de-conferinte/>

Accommodation: Hotel Dacia, 135, 31 August 1989 str.
Republic of Moldova, 2012 Chisinau

23 May 2012

Arriving of participants

16-18.00 Registration

18.00 Welcome by

- Oliver Vujovic, SEEMO Secretary General
- Karol Cioma, Circom
- Boris Bergant, EBU -SAP
- Alina Radu, ZDG newspaper, Chisinau
- Claudio Cappon, EBU Vice-President
- Gerhard Schaumberger, Austrian Development Agency, Chisinau

18.30 Opening by Prime Minister of Moldova H.E. Vlad Filat

19.00 Welcome Panel / Presentation - Investigative Reporting in Moldova by Alina Radu, Chisinau

Aneta Grosu, ZdG

Dumitru Lazur, investigative journalist, SCOOP

Vitalie Dogaru, Publika TV, investigative journalist

Constantin Marin, director, Moldova1

20.00 Welcome Reception

24 May 2012

9.30 Technology and Advanced Investigative Techniques Against Corruption and Organized Crime by Paul Cristian Radu, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, Romania, Bucharest

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 Follow up: Technology and Advanced Investigative Techniques Against Corruption and Organized Crime by Paul Cristian Radu, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, Romania, Bucharest

13.30 Working Lunch

14.30 Approaching investigative journalism within a current affairs programme series – the editorial decisions you have to make, the issues you cover and the style of programming by Tony O’Shaughnessy, Former BBC Wales Current Affairs Editor, London

16.00 Coffee Break

16.15. Follow up: Approaching investigative journalism within a current affairs programme series – the editorial decisions you have to make, the issues you cover

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17.15 Coffee Break

17.30 Investigative Reporting in Public RTV by Marek Wollner, Czech public RTV, Czech Republic, Praha

25 May 2012

9.30 My Investigation - Case of Patria and Smuggling of Weapons in the Former Yugoslav countries, by Blaz Zgaga, freelancer and book author, Slovenia, Ljubljana

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 Follow up: My Investigation - Case of Patria and Smuggling of Weapons , by Blaz Zgaga, freelancer and book author, Slovenia, Ljubljana

12.30 Conclusions of the workshop

13.00 End of the Workshop / Departure

CV of Main Presenters / Speakers:

1. Paul Cristian Radu:

Paul Radu is the executive director of the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project www.reportingproject.net and a co-creator of the Investigative Dashboard concept www.datatracker.org. He has held a number of fellowships, including the Alfred Friendly Press Fellowship in 2001, the Milena Jesenska Press Fellowship in 2002, the Rosalyn Carter Fellowship for Mental Health Journalism in 2007, the 2008 Knight International Journalism fellowship with the International Center for Journalists as well as a 2009-2010 Stanford Knight Journalism Fellowship. He is the recipient of numerous awards including in 2004, the Knight International Journalism Award and the Investigative Reporters and Editors Award, in 2007, the Global Shining Light Award, the Tom Renner Investigative Reporters and Editors Award and in 2011 the Daniel Pearl Award for Outstanding International Investigative Reporting. He is SEEMO member. Working activities:

Nov-Dec 2005 -Visiting editor with the Center for Investigative Journalism in Bosnia-Herzegovina

2003-2004 -Head of the investigative section for "Jurnalul National", newspaper based in Bucharest, Romania

2003-(to present) -Member of the "International Consortium of Investigative Journalists"(www.icij.org), an organization under the Center for Public Integrity, based in Washington D.C., USA; worked on Centre for Public Integrity projects(see link:

<http://www.publicintegrity.org/oil/report.aspx?aid=598&sid=100>)

- Investigative journalism trainer in the Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Azerbaidjan, Georgia, Nepal, Indonesia. Denmark etc.

2001-(to present) Member of the “Romanian Center for Investigative Journalism”(www.crii.org) and coordinator of cross-border investigative projects

2002-2003 -coordinator of various investigative projects for the “Institute for War and Peace Reporting” London, UK (www.iwpr.net); the projects involved journalists from 8 countries in the Balkans. I coordinated this team on a project regarding the trafficking in human beings in the Balkans. These projects are a co-operation between IWPR and the Romanian Center for Investigative Journalism. These reports were published in newspapers and magazines all across Europe and featured on the British Channel 4/ITN network and on the BBC World.

March 2002-Jan 2003 Head of the Investigative Department at “Evenimentul Zilei”, leading national newspaper based in Bucharest, Romania

January-April 2002 Researcher at the “Institute for Human Sciences” in Vienna, Austria on a project regarding the Central and Eastern European Organized Crime networks.

July-December 2001 Investigative reporter at the “San Antonio Express-News” newspaper based in San Antonio, Texas

July 1998-June 2001 Investigative reporter of “Evenimentul Zilei” national newspaper based in Bucharest, Romania

1997-1998 Investigative journalist at the “Realitatea” newspaper based in Timisoara, Romania)

Member of the South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO)

January 2004 (to present) training in Nepal, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Azerbaijan, Georgia and many other countries for international organizations including:

- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe(OSCE);
- International Center for Journalists(www.icfj.org)
- The Center for Independent Journalism in Bucharest, Romania

2. **Marek Wollner**

Head and host of investigative program Reporteri CT, Public RTV Czech Republic, Praha. Marek Wollner has been working as a journalist since 1992. He graduated from Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Science with a degree in journalism. Reporter and editor for the nationwide Czech newspapers and magazines *Lidove noviny*, *Respekt*, and *Tyden*. He has been with public television Czech TV since 1999, and has published two novels (1997, 2008) as well as a collection of poetry (2005). Reporteri CT is leading investigative program in CR, since 2004 it has been discovering corruption in highest levels of Czech politics and society. The fall of CR cabinet during it's EU presidency was based on a story of this program. He is SEEMO member.

3. **Blaž Zgaga**

is a freelance journalist in Slovenia and one of the co-authors of the three-part investigative trilogy *In the Name of the State*, which is about arms smuggling into the Balkans during the conflicts of the 1990s. Zgaga is an expert in arms trafficking, the politics of security and defense. His work has appeared in Slovenia's main daily newspapers *Delo and Večer*. In addition, his work has also appeared in *The Guardian, The Observer, EUobserver, Jane's Defence Weekly, Jane's Intelligence Review, 100Reporters.com* and some other Slovene media. Zgaga's work has led to investigations by the Slovene police, and he was prosecuted by Slovene State Prosecutor and faced a maximum five year prison sentence for revealing military secrets and disclosing intelligence cooperation between Slovene and US intelligence services (DIA) against former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. He prevailed in the Higher Court of Ljubljana in 2003, when the court found that the intelligence cooperation was not in accordance to Slovene legislation. With colleague Matej Šurc he initiated a journalists petition against censorship in Slovenia, which was signed by 571 journalists in Fall 2007. In cross-border cooperation with the Finnish journalist Magnus Berglund (YLE) he revealed a gross corruption in Patria arms deal in September 2008. After publication a criminal investigation in Finland, Austria and Slovenia brought around 30 suspects to face justice at the court, including then Slovene Prime Minister Janez Janša. With co-author Matej Šurc he received CEI/SEEMO special diploma for investigative journalism in November 2011 for their first book of a trilogy about arms smuggling. He is a member of the South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and is a co-founder of the Center for Investigative Journalism, Slovenia.

4. Tony O'Shaughnessy

Tony O'Shaughnessy, a former BBC Journalist and Current Affairs Series Editor, started his career as a newspaper journalist before joining the BBC. He has produced hundreds of hours of live television news and been responsible for more than fifty documentaries for the BBC. He worked as Series Editor for *Week In Week Out*, a long-running BBC Wales current affairs TV programme. Tony has worked as a journalism and media trainer around the world for clients including the BBC World Service Trust, Cardiff University, the Soros Foundation, the British Foreign Office and the International Committee of the Red Cross. In recent years he has led Circom Regional's Video Journalism and documentary courses. He is a partner in his Cardiff based company Tower Media.

5. Alina Radu

Alina Radu is an award-winning investigative journalist and the director of the independent investigative newspaper *Ziarul de Garda* (The Guard newspaper). Through her research and reporting, she has been instrumental in bringing to light trafficking in human beings and organs, which is becoming a major problem in the Republic of Moldova. She has also assisted women victims of trafficking and pays great attention to the rights of women and children in her reports. She has gathered documentation on trafficking for the Council of Europe. Alina Radu was born in a Moldovan village and studied at the faculty of Journalism at Moldova University, graduating in 1989. From 1997 on, she has participated in courses organized by international media training associations in Bulgaria, USA, Albania, Greece, Slovakia, Finland, and Bosnia (1997-2004). She began her career working with the Moldova Estate Television. After the Republic of Moldova became independent

from the Soviet Union in 1991, she worked for the first independent Moldovan media. In recent years, together with a few women journalists from Moldova, she established the independent investigative newspaper Ziarul de Garda (The Guard Newspaper). "Corruption, bad economic conditions, poverty are the main causes for the rise in trafficking in human beings and organs in the Republic of Moldova", she says. In spite of threats from some traffickers who demand that she stop her investigations, Alina Radu forges ahead. "I am just trying to find out and to tell what is happening to people who have become victims of human trafficking. They are young girls, babies, orphans and other poor people without possibilities for a secure life and without good opportunities". She was the first person to investigate organ trafficking in Moldova. Despite the fact that Moldovan police and other authorities were saying that there are no victims of kidney trafficking, she found, from village to village, some 40 people who had been forced to sell or donate their organs. There were young men and women, some of them ill and very poor, without work and without hope, forced to give an organ for a small amount of money. She spread the information, and in a short time the Council of Europe made a report on organ trafficking in Europe, based on the Moldovan cases and Alina's investigations. Just after that, Moldovan authorities agreed that organ trafficking is an important issue for this country, and a plan of activities was established to stop criminal networks from bring people into this horrible market. "However, traffickers of kidneys have not been punished, so our attention is still on the topic", says Alina. For her many investigations on trafficking in women, Alina not only did research in her own country, one of the main Balkan sources of trafficked girls, but also went to Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Serbia to look for Moldovan victims. She investigated disappeared girls and women abused by peacekeeping soldiers and policemen, as well as networks of traffickers, reporting who they are and how they work, publishing her findings in articles and documentaries. Her reports on children's and women's issues have appeared in the Moldovan, French, English, German, USA, Serbian and Swedish media. Alina also investigated baby selling and illegal adoptions. Because she criticized the Government's permissive policies in this arena, legal actions were taken against her. "There are double obstacles in our work: Government pressure and criminals' threats. But we usually get great assistance from our NGOs, international organizations and our citizens", Alina says. Her work has been recognized by international and national organizations. She won important prizes for investigations on trafficking and women's issues, as well as for a big investigation on Moldovan pilots who disappeared in Africa. Her research helped their wives and children to look for their relatives and stand up for their rights. Among awards:

- prize for the documentary 'Waiting', TV Festival, Kosice, Slovakia (1996);
- prize for the documentary 'Doctor AIDS Accuses', TV Festival, Kosice, Slovakia (1997);
- grand prix for the documentary 'Gone with the Wind', TV Festival, Kosice Slovakia (1998);
- Prize for the best Social Issues Journalist, offered by the United Nations Development Program, Moldova (1999);
- prize for the best documentary on human rights, Festival Televest, Romania (2000);
- prize for the investigation of trafficking in women, awarded by the '10 plus' Club of woman journalists from Moldova (2002);

- prize for the best investigation on trafficking in women, awarded by the Independent Journalism Center, Moldova (2003).

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- **Local Host**

- Ziarul de Garda newspaper

- (www.zdg.md, www.reporterdegarda.md)

- Chisinau, Casa Presei, Puskin 22, of 324

- Director: Alina Radu, Phone: +373-79453910

- Assistant: Larisa Muntean, Phone: +373-68053176

- **TRAVEL DETAILS**

- **a. Airport Transfers:** Use Taxi from 14700 company; they have an operator at the Airport, in the Arrival hall, mob: [079881470](tel:079881470), but also – their cars could be outside, at the entrance. The price is about 90 MDL (about 6-7 Euros). You may use any other company, but it is good if they have company symbols on the car, and discuss the price before leaving and tell them from the beginning that you need a receipt.

- **b. Foreign Exchange and Currency:** The local currency is Moldovan Leu (MDL) – 14,5 MDL is equivalent to EUR 1. Foreign exchange bureaus are available at the hotel, and everywhere on the central streets (see on the attached map – a blue arrow – along Puskin street).

- **c. Hotel and Conference Room:** All guests stay at Dacia Hotel - str. “31 august 1989” nr.135. (See on the map – a red circle). The Conference hall is at Codru Hotel, same “31 August 1989” str, nr.127, one block away from Dacia, 5 minutes walking distance (see the star on the attached map, and also on www.codru.md).

- **d.What to Wear:** We prepared nice weather 25 C. Light clothes and don't forget an umbrella, just in case some short rain showers .

- **e. Computer and Internet Access:** The hotel has wi-fi internet both at the conference and hotel rooms. Also, you have free internet in the Park located just in front of the Codru Hotel – for those who wish exploring the virtual world sitting under trees and between flowers ☺

- **f. Transportation Service:** Taxi, public minivans, buses - cheap and accessible

- **g. Amenities:** On “31 August” street there are a few good restaurants (marked on the map): Symposium – with a good wine collection, Museum Café – with a nice outside garden, and Delice D’Ange – a coffee place with all possible cakes. Also, on Puskin street (see on map, cross with Bucarest street) there are 2 restaurants known for national Moldovan style of food and music (La Taifas and Vatra Neamului), and some cheaper fast-foods The Yellow Cafee – with a plenty of food served for a 5 eur lunch. On same Puskin street (the smile face on map) – is one of the newest and bigger shopping malls Sun City, and when you cross the nearby park – you find most of beer and wine places on Columna street.

The Central Market Place (an other smile on the map) is just a food market – with the sence of what Moldovans are selling and buying. Other restaurants on <http://www.tur.md/eng/facility/1/>

- The swimming pool is on the same 31 August street, as well as a few museums and other restaurants.
- Should you have any other questions – don't hesitate to ask us while in Moldova.
- **Have a safe trip and see you all soon in Chisinau**

