

Dear colleagues,

Sixth International Seminar on democracy and human rights in multiethnic societies in Konjic is behind us. Participants from 31 countries took part or attended the event, while inquiries and interests to take part came from 57 countries. Many participants from this year event vowed to come again. Such a growing interest encourages us to continue with our friendly and fruitful gathering.

I hereby invite you to announce your participation and call to submit papers at the Seventh International Seminar "Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies", which is to be held from 12-17 July, 2004, in Konjic, B&H.

Seminar is organized in co-operation with Department of Comparative Politics and Rokkan Centre, University of Bergen, Norway, and supported by the Project "The Politics of Democratic and Welfare Development in South Eastern Europe: a Network for Research and Education", backed by the Center for International University Cooperation and Norwegian Research Council, Oslo.

I kindly request you to ensure the announcement of your participation immediately, as well as your co-ordinates (institution, city, country). Working titles of presentations are welcome at this stage. Participants are encouraged to propose and organize workshops and panels. Any other initiative on your part will be highly appreciated.

Students, women, members of minority groups, as well as disabled persons are encouraged to participate.

A number of grants for travel and accommodation for participants from Albania, Belorussia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia/Montenegro and Ukraine, are available owing to the support already provided by the sponsors. Application deadline: November 1, 2003

Organizers hope to ensure additional grants for participants from Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, and are undertaking necessary moves to provide it timely. This can also be considered as an invitation to foundations and other sponsors which were reluctant so far, to shore our endeavor up. I myself am sure that the Andrew`s Participant to Participant Fund will go on to function this time as well. Andrew himself promised to come again.

Please also feel free to re-transmit this note to whomever might be interested.

Sincerely, Dzermal Sokolovic,
Director of the Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia