

Dear,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate at the **First annual conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia - *Victim's rights and the EU: the challenges of providing victim support***, which will be organized in The Palace Hotel Belgrade, on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2010.

This conference aims to bring together experts and researchers that are dealing with victim's rights and support to victims of violence and other types of crime, and provide a comprehensive exchange of experiences and knowledge. Also, the goal of the conference is to examine the position of the Republic of Serbia in relation to the legal framework of the European Union, as well as to point out possible directions for further harmonization of national legislation regarding victims. The Conference should thus contribute to further improvement of legislation and practice with regard to the provision of victim assistance, support and protection.

The conference will be organized through:

- Plenary sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Workshops.

Plenary sessions will be devoted to the following key issues: ***The rights of victims and the EU*** and ***The challenges of providing victim support***. **Presenters at the plenary sessions** will be:

- **Dr Antony Pemberton**, Senior researcher and research coordinator at the International Victimology Institute INTERVICT (University of Tilburg, the Netherlands) and **Carmen Rasquete**, Adviser and international liaison officer in APAV – Portuguese Association for Victim Support: *Victims' rights and the EU Framework Decision on the standing of victims in the criminal proceedings: an overview of the research results*
- **Mr Sanja Čopić**, Research assistant at the Institute for Criminological and Sociological Research in Belgrade and a researcher and the president of the Executive Board of the Victimology Society of Serbia: *Protection of victims' rights in Serbia and the EU: an overview of the research results of the Victimology Society of Serbia*
- **Dr Mirjana Dokmanović**, Associate professor at the Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies, University Singidunum: *International and European standards on victims of gender based violence and the compliance of Serbian legislation with them*
- **Prof. dr Nevena Petrušić**, Professor at the Law Faculty, University of Niš, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality and vice president of the Government's Council for Gender Equality and **Dr Ivana Stevanović**, Research Associate at the Institute for Criminological and Sociological Research in Belgrade, president of the Child Rights Center and member of the Government's Council for Children Rights: *Legal protection of children in Serbia and international standards*
- **Prof. dr Nevenka Žegarac**, Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade: *Victim support and the reform of the social welfare system in Serbia*
- **Radmila Dragičević-Dičić**, President of the Appellate Court in Belgrade: *Support and protection of victims in the criminal proceedings in Serbia*
- **Prof. dr Slobodan Savić**, Professor and vice dean at the Medical Faculty, University of Belgrade and president of the Victimology Society of Serbia: *Victim support and the health care system in Serbia*

- **Dr Magnus Lindgren**, Secretary general of the Tryggare Sverige (Safe Sweden) and ombudsman for victims of crime: *Victim support and the police reform in EU: the Swedish experience*
- **Prof. dr Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović**, Professor at the Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Belgrade, director of the Victimology Society of Serbia and member of the Executive Board of the World Society of Victimology and Victim Support Europe: *Challenges of supporting victims in Serbia in the context of the European integration*
- **Suzana Paunović**, Assistant Minister of Labor and Social Affairs of Serbia and the member of the Government's Council for the Children Rights: *Challenges and problems of supporting child victims in practice in Serbia*

If you wish to participate at the conference, **please complete the registration form and send it with a proof of payment of the registration fee to the E-mail: [vds@eunet.rs](mailto:vds@eunet.rs), the address of the Victimology Society of Serbia, Dositejeva 1a, Belgrade 11000, Serbia, or fax number: +381 11-3034 232.**

**If you want to present your paper at the conference, we invite you to submit an abstract of that paper.**

Please find attached the **registration form, the call for submission of abstracts and information regarding the registration fee and other charges.**

For any additional information about the Conference, please contact Sanja Čopić or Nikola Petrović through the telephone +381 11 3034 232 or via the E-mail [vds@eunet.rs](mailto:vds@eunet.rs).

Sincerely yours,

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