



## **DEVELOPING VICTIM SUPPORT ACROSS EUROPE** **Quality, Standards, Capacity Building**

**VSE Annual Conference & General Meeting**

**14-17 May 2014**

**Sheraton Hotel, Warsaw, Poland**

### **PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION**

#### **WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY**

14h00 – 16h00 **Victim Support Site Visits** (*Please see separate programme on website*)

19h00 **Welcome Reception hosted by the Warsaw Municipal Council** (*Location tbc: Palace of Science and Culture*)

#### **THURSDAY, 15 MAY**

08h00 – 09h00 **Registration** (*Sheraton Hotel*)

09h00 **Welcome and Opening Ceremony** (*Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom*)

*Chair João Lázaro, President of APAV and Vice-President of VSE*

*Tomasz Piechowiak*  
**President of Subvenia Victima**

*Marek Biernacki*  
**Justice Minister of Poland**

*Charalampos Athanasiou*  
**Justice Minister of Greece**

*Lotte Knudsen*  
**Director for Justice, DG Justice, European Commission**

*David McKenna*  
**President of Victim Support Europe**

10h30 Refreshments

11h00 **Plenary Session – European Perspective on Rights for Victims of Crime**  
(*Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom*)

*Chair Sabrina Bellucci, Executive Director of INAVEM and VSE Board Member*

*Ioannis Androulakis, Law Professor at the University of Athens*  
**Greek EU Presidency**

*Olimpia Monaco, Prosecutor*  
**Italian EU Presidency (July-December 2014)**

*Oldřich Martinů*  
**Deputy Director of Europol**

*Hans G. Nilsson*  
**Head of Division of Fundamental Rights & Criminal Justice of the Council  
of the European Union**

12h00 Lunch

13h00 **Workshop Session 1 – Quality and Standards in Victim Support** (*Please see  
separate workshops programme on website*)

14h30 Refreshments

15h00 **Workshop Session 2 – Best Practices in Implementation of EU Victims' Directive**  
(*Please see separate workshops programme on website*)

16h30 **Plenary Session – Children and Violence: Victims in the Media** (*Sheraton Hotel,  
Grand Ballroom*)

*Chair Tiina Rantanen, Regional Director Victim Support Finland and VSE Board  
Member*

*Gisela Mayer*  
**Director of Foundation against Violence in Schools**

*Maatu Arkio-Lampinen*  
**Victim Support Finland, NUORIKU Project**

*Joshua Rozenberg*  
**Commentator in Legal Matters and Journalist**

17h15 Close of day one

19h00 **Dinner hosted by the Minister of Justice** (*Location: Museum of the History of  
Polish Jews*)

**FRIDAY, 16 MAY**

09h00 **Plenary Session – The Rights of Victims: Legal and Political Leaders’ Perspectives**  
(*Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom*)

*Chair Victor Jammers, Policy Director of Slachtofferhulp and VSE Board Member*

*Albin Dearing*  
**Fundamental Rights Agency**

*Jago Russell*  
**Chief Executive of Fair Trials International**

*Wojciech Węgrzyn*  
**Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Poland**

10h00 Refreshments

10h30 **Workshop Session 3 – Capacity Building: Developing Resources** (*Please see separate workshops programme on website*)

12h00 Lunch

13h00 **Workshop Session 4 – Capacity Building: Developing New Services** (*Please see separate workshops programme on website*)

14h30 Refreshments

15h00 **Plenary Session – Drawing Conclusions** (*Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom*)

*Chair Helgard Van Hüllen, Vice-President of Weisser Ring Germany and Vice-President of VSE*

*Jerzy Buzek*  
**MEP, former President of the European Parliament and former Prime Minister of Poland** (*tbc*)

*Victor Jammers*  
**Policy Director of Slachtofferhulp and VSE Board Member**

*Sabrina Bellucci*  
**Executive Director of INAVEM and VSE Board Member**

*Leena-Kaisa Åberg*  
**Executive Director of Victim Support Finland**

**Into the Future, David McKenna**  
**President of Victim Support Europe**

16h55 **Closing Remarks**

*Tomasz Piechowiak, President of Subvenia Victima*

19h00 **Conference Dinner** (*Location tbc*)

**SATURDAY, 17 MAY**

09h30-11h00 **Victim Support Europe General Meeting**  
(*Sheraton Hotel, Amsterdam/Athens room*)

11h00 Refreshments