



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 Workshop Programme on website*)

14h30 Refreshments

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

12h00 Lunch

13h00 **Workshop Session 4 – Capacity Building: Developing New Services** (*Please see separate Workshop 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