XVI\textsuperscript{th} Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts 2014
guested by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria in Vienna from 12 to 14 May 2014

Programme

Saturday and Sunday, 10 and 11 May 2014:

Arrival of guests; welcome by staff members of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria at Vienna Airport (CECC information desk) and transfer to

\textit{HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL}

1030 Vienna, Johannesgasse 28
Tel. +43 (1) 711 22-0

Check-in (from 14:00) and distribution of Congress documents and/or registration at the CECC Info Point in the hotel lobby

Sunday, 11 May 2014:

18:30 Departure from Intercontinental Hotel for Schönbrunn Palace

Separate transfer (by minivan/limousine) provided for guests checking in at the hotel after 18:00

19:00 Welcome reception at the Orangerie of Schönbrunn Palace – UNESCO world heritage site (in the garden, weather permitting)

Welcome speech by Gerhart HOLZINGER, Chairman of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts and President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria*

20:00 Dinner hosted by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria at

\textit{ORANGERIE OF SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE}

1130 Vienna, Schlossstraße 47

approx. 22:30 Departure from Schönbrunn and return to Intercontinental Hotel

Bus transfer for all guests
Monday, 12 May 2014:

from 6:30  Buffet breakfast for all guests in the “Vier Jahreszeiten” and “Kaunitz” rooms on the ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel

8:15  Departure from Intercontinental Hotel for the Hofburg Vienna

Bus transfer for all participants of the Circle of Presidents

CONGRESS CENTRE, HOFBURG VIENNA
1014 Vienna, Heldenplatz
Tel. +43 (1) 587 36 66-0

from 8:30  Registration of late arrivals in the entrance hall of the Hofburg

Coffee available in the Seitengalerie of the Hofburg

9:00 to approx.  Circle of Presidents
10:30  First session of the Circle of Presidents of the XVIth Congress in the

Zeremoniensaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

– Welcome and opening of the first session
– Deliberations on the agenda items as adopted
– Decisions on the individual agenda items

followed by: Coffee break
in the Seitengalerie and the Hofburg Galerie

10:15  Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for the Hofburg

Bus transfer for all participants of the XVIth Congress of the CECC

11:00 to approx.  Solemn Opening Session of the XVIth Congress
12:30  in the

Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

W.A. Mozart, String Quartet in B major, KV 458 (allegro vivace assai)
quartetto di vienna

Opening session to be moderated by Onka TAKATS

Welcome by Gerhart HOLZINGER, Chairman of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts and President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria
Welcome addresses:

- President of the Constitutional Council of the Kingdom of Morocco
  Mohammed ACHARGUI on behalf of the Association of Constitutional Courts using the French Language (ACCPUF) and the Union of Arab Constitutional Courts and Councils (UACCC)

- President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia
  Gagik HARUTYUNYAN on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional Control Organs of Countries of New Democracy (CCCOCND)

- President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Angola
  Rui Constantino FERREIRA on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional Courts of Countries of Portuguese Language (CJCPLP)

- President of the Constitutional Council of the Democratic People’s Republic of Algeria
  Mourad MEDELCI on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA)

- President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Peru
  Óscar URVIOLA HANI on behalf of the Ibero-American Conference on Constitutional Justice (CIJC)

W.A. Mozart, String Quartet in B major, KV 458 (menuetto moderato)
quartetto di vienna

- President of the European Court of Human Rights
  Dean SPIELMANN

- President of the Court of Justice of the European Union
  Vassilios SKOURIS

- Federal Minister of Arts, Culture, Constitution and Public Service
  Josef OSTERMAYER

- Federal President of the Republic of Austria
  Heinz FISCHER

National anthem and European anthem
quartetto di vienna

12:30 to 14:15

Lunch for Congress participants served on the premises of the
HOFBURG VIENNA
Geheime Ratsstube, Marmorsaal, Antekammer

14:30 to 15:30

First session of the XVIth Congress
in the Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria
Presentation of the General Report on “The Co-operation of Constitutional Courts in Europe – Current Situation and Perspectives” and outline of the issues raised: Christoph GRABENWARTER, Member of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

Short contributions to introduce the discussion:

– Maria BERGER, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union
– Marzell BECK, President of the State Court of the Principality of Liechtenstein
– Pavel RYCHETSKÝ, President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

followed by: Plenary discussion

15:30 Coffee break in the Seiten galerie and the Hofburg Galerie

16:00 to

Second Session of the XVIth Congress

17:30 in the Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Péter PACZOLAY, President of the Constitutional Court of Hungary

Input papers on the sub-theme “Constitutional Courts between Constitutional Law and European Law”:

– Marta CARTABIA, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Italy
– Peter M. Huber, Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

followed by: Plenary discussion

approx. 17:30 Departure from the Hofburg and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all Congress participants

19:30 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for the City Hall
Bus transfer for all guests

20:00 Reception at the Vienna City Hall hosted by Michael HÄUPL, Mayor and Governor of Vienna (in the Arkadenhof, weather permitting, or the Wappensäle)

VIENNA CITY HALL
1010 Vienna, Rathausplatz 1
(Entrance from: Felderstraße, access: Feststiege 2)

Welcome address by Michael HÄUPL, Mayor and Governor of Vienna*
approx. 22:30 Departure from City Hall and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all guests

**Tuesday, 13 May 2014:**

**from 6:30** Buffet breakfast for all guests in the “Vier Jahreszeiten” and “Kaunitz” rooms on the ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel

**8:15** Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for the Hofburg
Bus transfer for all Congress participants

**8:30**Coffee available in the Seitengalerie of the Hofburg

**9:00 to 10:30** **Third Session of the XVIth Congress**
in the Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

**Chaired by:** Gaetano SILVESTRI, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Italy

Input papers on the sub-theme “Interaction between Constitutional Courts”:
– Guy CANIVET, Member of the Constitutional Council of the French Republic
– Stanislaw Biernat, Vice-President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland

followed by: Plenary discussion

**10:30**Coffee break in the Seitengalerie and the Hofburg Galerie

**11:00 to 12:30** **Fourth Session of the XVIth Congress**
in the Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

**Chaired by:** Andreas VOSSKUHLE, President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

Input papers on the sub-theme “Interactions between European Courts”:
– Pedro CRUZ VILLALÓN, First Advocate-General at the Court of Justice of the European Union
– Elisabeth STEINER, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

followed by: Plenary discussion
12:30 to 14:15

Lunch for Congress participants on the premises of the

HOBFURG VIENNA
Geheime Ratsstube, Marmorsaal, Antekammer

14:30 to 16:00

Closing Session of the XVIth Congress
in the Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

Summary of the results of the previous sessions:
Christoph GRABENWARTER, Member of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

Panel discussion with four panellists:
– Marianna MOCHNÁČOVÁ, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic
– Miroslav MOZETIČ, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia
– Adela ASUA BATARRITA, Vice-President of the Constitutional Tribunal of Spain
– Gilbert KOLLY, President of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court

followed by: Plenary discussion

approx. 16:00

Departure from the Hofburg to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all participants not attending the Circle of Presidents

16:00 to 18:30

Circle of Presidents
Second session of the Circle of Presidents of the XVIth Congress in the Zeremoniensaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

– Welcome and opening of the second session
– Deliberations on the agenda items as adopted
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approx. 16:30

Departure from the Hofburg and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all participants of the Circle of Presidents

18:30

Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for Musikverein
Bus transfer for all guests
19:00 Concert performance (ca. one hour) by the Philharmonics, an ensemble of musicians of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, at

**MUSIKVEREIN**  
1010 Vienna, Musikvereinsplatz 1  
(Brahms-Saal)

followed by:  
short transfer by bus to the Vienna State Opera

approx. 20:30 Closing reception hosted by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria at the  

**VIENNA STATE OPERA**  
1010 Vienna, Opernring 2  
(Gustav Mahler-Saal, Schwindfoyer and Loggia)

Welcome address by Dominique MEYER, Director of the Vienna State Opera*

approx. 23:00 Departure from State Opera and return to the Intercontinental Hotel  
Bus transfer for all guests

**Wednesday, 14 May 2014:**

from 6:30 Buffet breakfast for all guests in the “Vier Jahreszeiten” and “Kaunitz” rooms on the ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel

9:00 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for Burgenland

**Bus transfer: guests departing on the same day are requested to take their luggage on the bus**

10:00 Arrival in Eisenstadt, capital of Burgenland:  
Visit to  

**ESTERHÁZY PALACE**  
7000 Eisenstadt, Esterhazy Platz 1  
(Haydn-Saal)

Welcome by the President of the Provincial Parliament of Burgenland Gerhard STEIER in the presence of Executive Director Robert TAUBER*  
Brief introduction to the history of the Palace*
Short concert performance by the famous Haydn Quartet:

- Joseph Haydn, String Quartet G major, Op. 64/4
- Joseph Haydn, Kaiserquartett C major, Op. 76/3 (poco adagio)

followed by:

Champagne reception in the Garden Hall and on the Patio, hosted by Schloss Esterházy Kulturverwaltung GmbH

11:00  Departure from Eisenstadt for Rust

11:50  Guided walk through Rust (approx. 15 minutes) from the historical Kremayr building to the port near Seehotel Rust

All guests embark on boats Illmitz 2 and Illmitz 6

12:30  Boat trip on Lake Neusiedl (UNESCO world heritage site);
Lunch served on board

15:00  Arrival at Illmitz port

15:15 to 16:45  Horse carriage ride through Lake Neusiedl – Seewinkel National Park:
the steppe lake with its reed belt is a unique habitat for rare species of plants and animals

16:50  Arrival and short stop at Johannes-Zeche

17:20  Departure (by bus) from Johannes-Zeche for Vila Vita

17:30 to 20:00  Dinner hosted by the Governor of Burgenland Hans NIESSL

CSARDA of the
VILA VITA PANNONIA
7152 Pamhagen, Storchengasse 1

Welcome address by the Third President of the Provincial Parliament of Burgenland Manfred MOSER*

Pannonian specialties and regional wines are served in the Csarda in village-fair style, with tamburizza and brass band music

Individual transfer (by minivan) to the airport will be provided from 18:00 for delegations leaving earlier

approx. 20:00  Departure from Vila Vita and return to the Intercontinental Hotel for guests spending the night in Vienna
* Some of the welcome addresses and brief speeches will be delivered in English; speeches given in German will be interpreted consecutively into English. In addition, whispering interpretation into French and Russian will be provided.

**Thursday, 15 May 2014:**

**from 6:30** Buffet breakfast in the breakfast rooms of Intercontinental Hotel

**Departure**
Transfer from the hotel (main entrance) to Vienna International Airport according to information provided on flight departure times:

– Travellers from Schengen states are requested to be in the hotel lobby* **one hour and 15 minutes** before the departure of their flights;

– Travellers from non-Schengen states are requested to be in the hotel lobby* **one hour and 45 minutes** before the departure of their flights;

*Airport transfer drivers will be waiting there.

**Airport**

– Farewell desk for information (on 15 May 2014 only)
– Use of fast lanes (for check-in and security checks)*
– Use of the following lounges: Jet Lounge (gates B, C and D) // Schengen Sky Lounge // Non-Schengen Sky Lounge (gates F and G); all lounges are open daily from 05:30 to 22:00*

* You will be required to show your name badges to be admitted to the lounge.
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