



17th CEI Dubrovnik Diplomatic Forum
'Diplomacy and Diplomatic Training: New Approaches to Diplomatic Practice'
Dubrovnik, Croatia, 14-16 May 2015

Programme

Day 1: Thursday, 14 May 2015

(07:30 – 08:45

Breakfast – at the Sesame Restaurant

08:45 – 09:15

Registration - CAAS, Don Frana Bulića 4

09:15 – 10:30

Opening Session of the 2015 Dubrovnik Diplomatic Forum

Welcome Addresses:

- Ms Vlasta Brunsko, MA, Head of the CAAS Office, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- HE Mladen Andrić, PhD, Director for Diplomatic, European and Pre-deployment Training, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MFEA), Zagreb, Croatia
- Professor Joseph Mifsud, Director of the London Academy of Diplomacy (LAD), University of Stirling, London, UK
- Mr Željko Raguž, Deputy Mayor of the City of Dubrovnik, Croatia
- High Representative of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Special Address:

- *HE Gianni Pittella, PhD, MEP, European Parliament, Brussels/Strasbourg – Videolink*

Opening Addresses:

- Mr Erik Csernovitz, CEI Deputy Secretary General, Trieste
- HE Hrvoje Marušić, MA, Assistant Minister for European Affairs, MFEA, Zagreb, Croatia

10:30 – 11:00 *Family Photo & Coffee Break*

11:00 – 13:30 1st PLENARY SESSION

11:00 – 12:15 PANEL 1: Diplomacy and Diplomatic Training: Trends and Issues

11:00 – 11:15 Keynote: *Diplomatic Training and Education: Developments and Innovations*
Professor Joseph Mifsud, PhD, Director, LAD, London

Ms Nadia El Hnot, Director Ad Interim, Moroccan Academy for Diplomatic Studies, MFAC, Rabat

Ms Natali Lulić Grozdanoski, Director, MFEA, Zagreb *Croatia's Concept of Development Cooperation and Diplomatic Training*

Ms Justyna Odymala, Head of the Unit, Polish Institute of Diplomacy, MFA, Warsaw *Training Young Diplomats in a Modern World - Polish Perspective*

Chair: HE Mladen Andrić, PhD, Director, MFEA, Zagreb

11:55 – 12:15 *Comments and discussion*

12:15 – 13:30 PANEL 2: Diplomacy, Diplomatic and Academic Training

12:15 – 12:30 Keynote: *Nurturing Diplomats of the Future. A Comparative Analysis of International Studies Curricula, 2014-2015.*

Ms Daniela Zacharia, PhD, Institute for Diplomatic Studies, University of Bucharest

Ms Satka Hajdarpašić, Director, Diplomatic Academy, MFAEI, Podgorica

Professor Tvrtko Jakovina, Head of the Postgraduate University Studies in Diplomacy, University of Zagreb and MFAE, Zagreb *Academic Knowledge as an Asset in Diplomatic Training*

HE Mykola Kulinich, PhD, Rector, Diplomatic Academy, MFA, Kyiv *New Concept of Diplomatic Training*

Professor Joseph Mifsud & Professor Holger Nehring, LAD, University of Stirling *New International Degree in Doctor of Diplomacy*

Chair: HE Charles Crawford, Visiting Professor, LAD, London *Future of Diplomacy*

13:10 – 13:30 *Comments and discussion*

13:45 – 15:00 *Lunch – at the Sesame Restaurant*

15:00 – 17:00 Diplomatic Workshop for Junior Diplomats: 'Conceptualizing Public Diplomacy Policy'

Moderator: *Ms Jasna Jelisić, PhD, International Public Diplomacy Expert, Sarajevo*

17:30 – 19:30 *Sightseeing of Dubrovnik – Guided Tour*

**20:00 – 21:00 Welcome Reception hosted by the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
HE Vesna Pusić – at the Rectors's Palace**

Day 2: Friday, 15 May 2015

08:00 – 09:30 *Breakfast – at the Sesame Restaurant*

09:30 – 12:30 **2nd PLENARY SESSION**

09:30 – 10:45 **PANEL 3: Diplomacy, History and Diplomatic Networking**

09:30 – 09:45 *Keynote: **The Uses (and Abuses) of History in Diplomacy: Some Thoughts***
Professor Holger Nehring, PhD, University of Stirling

Professor Avraham Ben-Zvi, University of Haifa *Peace-Making Diplomacy in the Middle East: Lessons from History*

Mr Hrvoje Ćurko, MA, Diplomatic Academy, MFEA, Zagreb *The OIF Network Experiences*

Chair: Professor Gheorghe Vlad Nistor, University of Bucharest *Parliamentary Diplomacy in the Black Sea Area: the Case of PABSEC*

10:15 – 10:45 *Comments and discussion*

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 13:30 **PANEL 4: Diplomacy and Diplomatic Training: Some Experiences**

11:15 – 12:00 ***Special Address:** Mr Stefano Baldi, Director, Diplomatic Institute, MFA, Rome, **'Eight Unconventional Ideas to Train Diplomats on Soft Skills'** – [Videolink](#)*

12:00 – 12:15 *Keynote: **The IDFR Experience and Expertise in Diplomatic Training***
Dato' Dato' Hussin Nayan, Director General, IDFR, MFA, Kuala Lumpur

Mr Skender Durmishi, Director, Diplomatic Academy, MFA, Prishtina

Professor David Faraggi, Rector, University of Haifa *The Role of Higher Education in the 21st Century*

Ms Aleksandra Markić Boban, MA, Head of the Office, Hanns Seidel Foundation, Zagreb

Ms Adelina Marku, Director, Diplomatic Academy, MFA, Skopje

Mr Baba Zahyrov, Rector, Institute of International Relations, MFA, Ashgabat

Chair: Professor Mesut Ozcan, Director, Diplomatic Academy, MFA, Ankara

13:00 – 13:25 *Comments and discussion*

13:30 – 15:00 *Lunch - at the Sesame Restaurant*

15:00 – 16:30 **3rd PLENARY SESSION**

15:00 – 16:30 **PANEL 5: Soft Diplomacy Issues**

15:00 – 15:15 *Keynote: **Diplomacy is Not Just for Career Diplomats Anymore***
HE Cyril Svoboda, Director, Diplomatic Academy, Prague

HE Mladen Andrić, PhD, Director, MFEA, Zagreb *Public Diplomacy and Media*

Ms Indira Dužević Radić, MA, Diplomatic Academy, MFEA, Zagreb *Teaching Foreign Languages in Diplomacy*

Chair: Ms Tanya Mihaylova, PhD, Director, Diplomatic Institute, MFA, Sofia

16:00 – 16:30 *Comments and discussion*

17:00 – 18:30 Diplomatic Workshop for Junior Diplomats: ‘Dealing with the Media’

Moderator: **HE Charles Crawford, Visiting Professor, LAD, London**

20:00 - *Dinner – at the Sesame Restaurant*

Day 3: Saturday, 16 May, 2015

08:00 – 09:30 *Breakfast – at the Sesame Restaurant*

09:30 – 12:30 4th PLENARY SESSION

09:30 – 10:45 PANEL 6: Economic Diplomacy

09:30 – 09:45 Keynote: New Forms and Fields of Economic Diplomacy Training

Professor Raymond Saner, Director, CSEND/Diplomacy Dialogue, Geneva

Chair: Mr Dubravko Žirovčić, PhD, Head, Diplomatic Academy, Zagreb *Training Economic Diplomats*

10:25 – 10:45 *Comments and discussion*

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 12:30 Closing Session of the 2015 Dubrovnik Diplomatic Forum

Moderators: HE Mladen Andrić, Ms Vlasta Brunsko, Professor Joseph Mifsud

- (i) **Brief summaries** on the contents and findings of the Forum sessions, namely the panels, as well as the diplomatic workshops, presented by junior diplomats,
- (ii) **Final remarks** of the organisers, and additional comments of other participants,
- (iii) **The ceremony of presenting the Certificate of Attendance** to the junior diplomats who have participated at the 17th Dubrovnik Diplomatic Forum.

12:45 – 14:30 *Lunch – at the Sesame Restaurant*

(Free time)

Departure of the participants