



**The Villa Decius Association**

**NON-VIOLENT REVOLUTIONS**

**an international conference on the quest for freedom and the makings of dialogue**

**6-7 October 2005**

**Villa Decius, Krakow**

**honorary patronage:**

**Prof. Adam D. Rotfeld, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland**

The 25th anniversary of the foundation of the “Solidarity” offers the international community an opportunity for profound reflection on the conscious non-violent approach to empower the society and the state in its struggle against the authoritarian or totalitarian oppression. We would like this conference to emphasize the role of ethical values that give rise to human and civic dignity and calm courage.

**P R O G R A M M E**

**6 October 2005**

9.00 Welcome

**Danuta Glondys**, Director of the Villa Decius Association

9.15 Opening of the conference

**Prof. Jacek Woźniakowski**, President of the Villa Decius Association

**Prof. Bogusław Zaleski**, Deputy-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

9.45 **Sketches from Memory** – panel debate and discussion

**Moderator: Janina Paradowska**, *Polityka weekly*

**Bogdan Borusewicz**, Solidarity, Poland

**Erhard Busek**, Austrian supporter of democratic movements in Central Europe

**Jiří Dienstbier**, Velvet Revolution, the Czech Republic

**Martin Bútora**, Velvet Revolution, Slovakia

**László Rajk**, democratic opposition in Hungary



12.15 **Developments in Ukraine and their Meaning to the Former Soviet Union**

**Aubrey Carlson**, Political Counsellor, US Embassy Kiev, Ukraine

12.30 Opening of the exhibition of photography *Living for Peace* – in commemoration of the Centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Bertha von Suttner by **Erhard Busek Ph.D.** and **Ms Hermine Poppeller**, the Consul General of Austria in Krakow

13.00 **Conditioned to violence?** - panel debate and discussion

**Moderator: Jacek Patasiński**, TVN24

**Tom Königs**, Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid, Federal Foreign Ministry of Germany

**Lt. Gen. Mieczysław Bieniek**, Commander of Multinational Division S.C. in Iraq (2003/2004)

**Ziyad Raouf**, Plenipotentiary of the Kurdistan Regional Government to Poland

**Ales Mihalewich**, Deputy Chairman of the Belarus Popular Front Party\*

14.30 lunch

**15.30 Sergio Vieira de Mello Prize ceremony**

Welcome:

**H.E. Marcelo Andrade de Moraes Jardim**, Ambassador of Brazil to Poland

**Jaime Ruiz de Santiago**, UNHCR Chief Representative in Poland

Awarding the Prize:

**Prof. Andrzej Zoll**, Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection for Poland

17.15 **Young Generation and Revolution** - panel debate and discussion

**Moderator: John Vinocur**, *International Herald Tribune*

**Ana Dolidze**, Chairwoman of the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association

**Vladyslav Kaskiv**, Co-ordinator and key Leader of the Ukrainian *ПОПА!* Movement

**Srđa Popović**, Founding-Member of the Serbian *ОТПОР!* Movement

18.45 closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> part



**7 October 2005**

9.30 **Peaceful revolution – a construct or a model for future?** – panel debate and discussion

**Moderator: Michal Vašečka**, Comenius University, Slovakia

**Jaroslava David-Moserova**, former dissident, UNESCO, the Czech Republic

**Prof. Géza Jeszenszky**, former dissident and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

**Priest Prof. Grzegorz Ryś**, Pontifical Academy of Theology, Poland

**Myroslav Marynovich**, former dissident, Ukrainian Catholic University in Lvov, Ukraine

**Luigi Geninazzi**, political commentator *l'Avvenire*, Italy

11.30 coffee break

12.00 **Anti-politics and civil society** – panel debate and discussion

**Moderator: Prof. Andrzej Kapiszewski**, Jagiellonian University, Poland

**Prof. Michael Daxner**, Austrian Ministry of Science and Research, Salzburg Seminar

**Prof. Stanislau Shushkevich**, Belarussian Academy of Sciences, former Chairman of the Belarussian Parliament

**Petr Uhl**, former dissident and Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection for Czech Republic

**Mohammed Ihsan PH.D**, Minister for Human Rights, Kurdistan Regional Government

**Jan Piekło**, Director of the Polish-American-Ukrainian Cooperation Initiative

13.30 lunch

14.30 **Making the dialogue work** – panel debate and discussion

**Moderator: Jerzy Marek Nowakowski**, *Wprost weekly*

**Jan Kavan**, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, 2002/2003 Chairman of the General Assembly of UN

**Walid Salem**, representative of HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal, Jordan

**Piotr Nowina-Konopka**, Chairman of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Poland

16.00 coffee break

16.15 **Revolution and the media - from samizdat to independent media** - panel debate and discussion



**Moderator: Seweryn Blumsztajn**, *Gazeta Wyborcza*

**László Rajk**, *Magyar Televízió*, Hungary

**Orest Drul**, *Ukraine monthly*, Ukraine

**Karol Szyndzielorz**, Participant in the “Round Table” talks of 1989, Poland

**Milica Pešić**, Media Diversity Institute, Great Britain

**Tadeusz Konopka**, *ANSA*, Italy

17.45 **Conclusions by Björn Linnell**, President of the Swedish PEN Club, Sweden