



## CARPATHIAN DIPLOMACY – ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ESZTERGOM

10–12th November 2017

### Mission:

"Christian diplomacy" or "Christian democratic foreign policy" are hard found these days. Only well-trained, committed Christian (democrat) diplomats, foreign and security policy experts as well as foreign policy makers who are self-conscious in their vocation and in their choice of values, can undertake in the hope of success with the support of the Hungarian Christian intelligentsia and communities of the Church in the Carpathian Basin.

There are a couple activities that could help in this renewal: the **strengthening and training of people serving in the area**, or rather the **priming and orientation of a future Christian (democratic) "foreign affairs generation"**. At the same time the initiation of a **two-and-a-half daylong conference-course** by the foreign policies' academy will provide such a meeting that serves as a **delightful experience** for the up and coming generation.

**Target audience:** 18–35-year-old Christians of good intellect, who are interested in foreign policy, i. e. students of universities/colleges, youngsters graduated from universities / colleges, civil servants, etc.

**Date:** 10–12th of November 2017 (Friday morning – Sunday lunchtime)

**Place:** Saint Adalbert Centre (Szent István tér 10, Esztergom, 2500)

### Patrons:

**Dr. Zsolt Semjén**, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of KDNP (Christian Democratic Peoples' Party)

**Dr. János Horváth**, Travelling Ambassador (acting) and Doyen (oldest member) of the Hungarian Parliament (2003–2014)

## PROGRAMME

### Friday 10th November

- 8.00 (Special bus service to Esztergom, leaving from the Flórián Mall's parking lot)
- 9.00-9.45 Registration, welcoming of participants, placing luggage in a room
- 10.00-10.10 **Worship with songs**
- 10.10-10.40 **Prayer, Bible reading, teaching, co-organising leaders' salutation**  
Moderator: **Noémi Szeli**, National Coordinator of "Szélrózsa" Meeting,  
Department of Mission, Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Hungary
- Péter Danku** (Chairman of KDNP Foreign Affairs Committee)  
**Johannes de Jong** (Director of Sallux Foundation)  
**Rev. Ákos Makláry** (Chairman of Federation of Christian Intellectuals)  
**Árpád Szécsi** (Chairman of Christian Democratic Forum)
- 10.40-11.30 **Plenary: Our Ideals in following Christ, Part I.**  
„Robert Schuman, a life of an European Christian statesman”  
**dr. László Surján**, Promoter of the Charta XXI. Reconciliation Movement,  
EP-deputy (2004–2014), Vice-president of the European Parliament  
(2012–2014), Minister of social wealthcare (1990-1994),  
President of KDNP (1990–1995)  
„Zoltán K. Kovács's life and work”  
**Miklós Gyorgyevics**, local counsellor (Budapest, District XI.)
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00-13.00 **Masterclasses: introduction, team building**  
**Mariann Ditzendyné Frank**, community developer, trainer
- 13.00-13.30 **ECPM / Sallux introduction. Warm up for the afternoon workshops**
- 13.30-15.00 Lunch
- 15.00-17.00 **Panel 1**  
Moderator: **Judit Balázs-Bóna**, editor and broadcaster of Radio KARC FM  
**WG 1A: The New Common Foreign and Defense Policy of the European Union**  
*Keynote speech:* **Péter Siklósi**, Deputy Minister of State for Security Policy  
*Discussant:* **Zoltán Pecze**, Deputy Head of Department of the Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ambassador of Hungary to  
Lithuania (2011-2015)  
**WG 1B: Persecution of Christians – Diplomacy of Religion; the Hungarian Way  
of helping**  
*Keynote speech:* **György Hölvényi**, Member of the European Parliament  
*Discussant:* **Zsolt Tari**, Head of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and  
Trade, State Secretariat of Security Policy and International Cooperation,  
Department of Religious Diplomacy

Schedule for Panel(s):

- 15.00-15.25 WG 1A topic introducing lecture (Keynote Speaker 1A)  
15.25-15.50 WG 1B topic introducing lecture (Keynote Speaker 1B)  
15.50-16.00 Technical break, separation to parallel WGs  
16.00-17.00 In both Working Groups (WGs):  
(1) Lecture (~15')  
(2) Mutual reflections (~5')  
(3) Questions & Answers, disputation (~40')
- 17.00-17.30 Coffee Break
- 17.30-19.30 **Panel 2** (in the same structure as above)
- WG 2A: Protecting the Country and the Nation – Challenges and Solutions**  
*Keynote speech: dr. György Bakondi*, Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister on Internal Security
- Discussant: dr. Károly Gyarak*i, Associate professor, ret. Chief Advisor of Government
- WG 2B: Christian Values and European Affairs**  
*Keynote speech: Leo van Doesburg*, Director of ECPM's European Affairs
- Discussant: Gyula Sümeghy*, Director of International Relations at KRE, Hungarian Ambassador of Hague (2011-2014)
- 19.30-20.30 Dinner
- 20.30-21.15 **Summary of each section** (with introduction of rapporteurs,  
10 minutes/section)
- 1A section: Eszter Párkányi**, Spokesperson of Fidelitas  
**1B section: Johannes de Jong**, Director of Sallux  
**2A section: Tamás Szirmai**, Secretary-Coordinator of KDNP Foreign Affairs Committee  
**2B section: Szabolcs Vörös**, publicist (*Heti Válasz*),  
editor and broadcaster of Hungarian Catholic Radio

**Saturday 11th November**

- 7.00-7.45 Breakfast
- 8.00-8.30 **Saturday Ecumenical Devotions & Worship**
- 8.30-9.00 **„Spirituality, public life, ecumenism – prayers in the morning at home, and in the world”**  
**dr. Imre Vejkey**, Member of Parliament, President of the Justice Committee of the Parliament, deputy floor leader of KDNP Group in Parliament

- 9.00-10.30    **Masterclasses:**
- 1) Media appearances  
**Krisztina Mária Báder**, communication expert  
**dr. Sándor Suplicz**, psychologist
  - 2) Developing self-efficiency  
**Bálint Németh**, adviser of development
  - 3) Strategical planning and project management  
**Károly Arisztid Ditzendy**, community and organisation developer
  - 4) Negotiation skills  
**Zoltán Barna-Lázár** economist, adviser expert
- 10.30-11.00    **KDNP Foreign Affairs Committee cabinets** / introduction of working groups
- 11.00-11.30    Coffee break
- 11.30-13.30    **Panel 3** (same as above)
- WG 3A: “Visegrad Four” Cooperation, Hungarian Presidency (2017-2018)**
- Keynote speech:* **Dr. Iván Bába**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2014)
- Discussant:*        **Áron Sánta**, president of V4 Cooperation Cultural and Public Life Association
- WG 3B: “Hungarian Policy” in the Carpathian Basin and Minority Language Rights**
- Keynote speech:* **Ferenc András Kalmár**, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungary's Neighbourhood Policy
- Discussant:*        **Dr. Rózsa Hoffmann**, Member of Parliament (KDNP)
- 13.30-15.00    Lunch
- 15.00-17.00    **Panel 4** (same as above)
- WG 4A: International Development Policy and Humanitarian Aid**
- Keynote speech:* **Dr. Ferenc Dancs**, Deputy Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Discussant:*        **Dr. Lóránd Ujházi**, parochial administrator, scientific researcher at National University of Public Service
- WG 4B: Diplomacy for Economic and Trade Cooperation, Christian Social Values in the Economy**
- Keynote speech:* **Dr. Zsolt Becsey PhD**, former Member of the European Parliament, served as State Secretary for Foreign Economic Relations in the Ministry of National Economy (2010-2011), currently professor at Károli Calvinist University and lecturer at Andrassy Universität
- Discussant:*        **Dr. Sarolta Laura Baritz OP**, economist, teacher of Corvinus University Budapest

- 17.00-17.15 Coffee break
- 17.20-18.00 **Summary of each section** (with introduction of rapporteurs, 10 minutes/section)
- 3A section:** *Dóra A. Szűcs, Member of the Coordination Committee of the Hungarian V4 presidency (2017-2018), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade*
- 3B section:** *dr. Mihály Takaró Jr. Foreign Affairs Adviser in the Hungarian Parliament*
- 4A section:** *Péter Danku Diplomat, Consul, Leader of KDNP Foreign Affairs Committee, Vice-president of the Board of Sallux*
- 4B section:** *Annamária Fejes, Consultant of KETEG Foundation*
- 18.00-18.30 **„Voice of America” – Indiana from inside – Hoosier Diplomacy**  
*Béla Kocsy, Foreign Relations Director of the National Agrarian Chamber*  
*Diego Morales, political scientist, Republican candidate (Indiana),*  
*former Senior Advisor to US Vice President Mike Pence – via Skype*
- 18.00-19.30 Free time, preparing for the party
- 20.00-22.00 **Exclusive reception, wine tasting** at “Prímás Pince” Restaurant
- 22.00- **Free programme:** networking, dancing, R&R

### **Sunday 12th November**

- 7.00-8.30 Breakfast
- 9.00-10.00 **Protestant Service or Roman Catholic Holy Mass** (parallel prayers)
- 10.45-11.45 **Masterclasses:** speechwriting, protocol, diplomatic skills, project management
- 1) Speech writing  
**dr. Antal Birkás** political scientist, theologian
- 2) Protocol  
**Domonkos Andréka**, protocol leader of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2014-2015)
- 3) Strategical groupwork-organizing  
**Bálint Németh** development consultant
- 4) With heart and soul: health awareness and risks in public life, public services  
**dr. Győző Dani** cardiologist, chief medical officer
- 11.45-12.15 Coffee Break
- 12.15-13.00 **KDNP Foreign Affairs Committee summary** / cabinet workshops

13.00-14.00 **Plenary: Our Ideals in following Christ, Part II.**

Moderator: **Ms. Kata Stumpf**, editor-reporter (M2 Petőfi Television for the Youth)

“Protestant Confessors”

**Dr. Habil. Antal Birkás**, Evangelical-Lutheran theologian, political scientist

**Summary of Conference, Handing over Certificates of participation**

14.00- **Banquet**

16.00- Farewell