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CERTIFICATE

The Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs was established on 23rd September 2003 by a Decree of the Council of Ministers with the primary objective of implementing policies and conducting activities which enhance the knowledge and skills of diplomatic officials and all representatives of the public administration, involved in the shaping and implementation of Bulgarian foreign policy.

The mandate and functions of the Institute are laid down in the Diplomatic Service Act, adopted by the National Assembly on 13th September 2007.

The Institute is called upon to introduce and promote the application of common effective standards in the diplomatic profession, designed to meet the training needs of junior and senior members of MFA staff. Introducing a modern and systemic approach to professional training, the Institute fosters continuity and promotes the transfer of experience between generations of specialists, enabling a consistent career development path to be followed within the diplomatic service. Further to discharging its functions as a professional training structure, the Institute conducts studies in the area of international relations, thus facilitating the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other executive government agencies in their work.

This policy is designed to ensure the tangible contribution to the Institute towards the capability of the Bulgarian diplomatic service, now a member of the big family of European Atlantic diplomacy, to meet the stringent requirements and high professional expectations arising from Bulgaria's membership of the European Union and NATO.



Official opening of the Diplomatic Institute activity with a public lecture of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Simeon Saxe Coburg-Gotha on the subject „The Mission of the Bulgarian Diplomacy in the 21st Century“ before the Bulgarian and foreign diplomatic corps



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HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD



Denis Macshane, Deputy in the Chamber of Representatives to the British Parliament, Minister on the European Issues of United Kingdom (2002-2005)



Colin Powell, Secretary of State of the USA (2001-2005)



Igor Ivanov, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation (1998-2004)



Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania (2002 - 2007)



Catherine Lalumiere, President of Maison de l'Europe - Paris, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (1989-1994); Vice-president of the European Parliament (2001- 2004)



Jan Petersen, Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission of Defense in the Parliament of Norway, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Norway (2001-2005)



Abdullah Gul, President of the Republic of Turkey, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey (2003- 2007)



Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Foreign Affairs Minister of Federal Republic of Germany (1974-1982)



Maarti Ahtisaari, President of the Republic of Finland (1994-2000)



Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia (2005- 2008)



Prof. Dr. Alfred van Staden, Director of the Netherlands' Institute for International Relations "Clingendael" (1995-2005)

TRAINING POLICY

The training programme is designed to meet the needs of diplomatic employees and public administration representatives working in the field of planning and implementation of Bulgaria's foreign policy. The primary objective of this function is to improve the competitiveness of Bulgarian diplomatic personal vis-a-vis the requirements and responsibilities arising from Bulgaria's membership of the European Union and NATO and its multifaced and tangible presence on the international arena.

BASIC DIPLOMACY FOR JUNIOR MFA EMPLOYEES

The objective of the course is to augment the knowledge of participants and provide them tools to develop necessary practical skills of immediate relevance to their operational diplomatic practice. The training course is structured in lectures and interactive exercises.



Graduation of the Sixth Basic Diplomatic Course

Main training modules:

- Bulgarian foreign policy - history and priorities
- International law and conducting negotiations
- European Union
- Diplomacy and Security policy
- Bilateral diplomacy
- Multilateral diplomacy and diplomatic protocol
- Public diplomacy and cultural diplomacy
- Diplomacy in South Eastern Europe
- Consular Relations

The course is delivered by trainers drawn from the ranks of senior MFA diplomats, members of the academic community, researchers from the non-governmental sector, representatives of foreign diplomatic missions posted in Sofia as well as lecturers who participate in the International Cooperation Network of the Institute.

At the end of the course trainees are required to prepare a report on a topical foreign policy issue and defend it before a Commission composed of MFA experts.

Duration: 14 weeks.



Junior MFA course participants visiting the Parliament



SPECIALIZED DIPLOMACY

The duration of this course, specifically tailored to the training needs of MFA diplomats, is one year with the structure of training involving several short-term thematic modules. The objective is to offer diplomats an opportunity to participate in a series of modules focusing on topical issues in the foreign policy domain. Over the annual training period, one to three short-term training workshops are held, highlighting and examining issues related to the foreign policy priorities of Bulgaria as well as issues in the domain of research conducted by the Institute:



Debate in the Basic course

- Prevention and management of crises
- Comparative political studies/European political systems
- Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union
- Energy diplomacy
- Public diplomacy
- Development policy
- Regional policy
- Terrorism - a challenge and threat to the system of international relations
- Intercultural communication

CONSULAR DIPLOMACY



Course of Consular Diplomacy

This module is a standing, mandatory component of the improving knowledge and skills training policy of the Institute and is organized twice a year - in the spring and autumn. The course addresses the training needs of public administration employees whose work bears on various aspects of consular affairs. During the course, trainees become familiar with basic international and national legal documents - the Vienna Conventions on Consular Affairs, the Schengen Acquis, The Foreign Nationals in Bulgaria Act, and the comprehensive body of visa practice, refugee and migrant issues, public document legal-

ization requirements, illegal trafficking, etc. Within the course, trainees participate in practical exercises at the MFA Visa Centre.

The trainers are selected from the public institutions - the Consular Affairs Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the State Agency for Bulgarian Citizens Abroad, senior diplomats - consular affairs specialists from the embassies of EU and NATO Member States etc.

Duration: 1 month

DEFENCE DIPLOMACY

The course is organized jointly with G. S. Rakovsky Defence College as a full-time one-month training initiative, held twice a year (in the spring and autumn). Building on experience accumulated to date, the Institute pursues the objective of making the course a mandatory element of the training of Bulgarian military attaches prior to the commencement of diplomatic mandates overseas. A number of international partner organisations of the Diplomatic Institute and the Defence College have expressed interest in the training programme, which has necessitated a requirement to design and deliver the course in English in the future.



Course of Defense Diplomacy

Main training modules:

- General principles and essence of military diplomacy
- Legal framework of military diplomacy
- Conducting negotiations
- International security organisations
- The role of the European Union as a factor for security on the Balkans
- Public diplomacy.

Duration: 1 month

INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF DIPLOMACY FOR MFA GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-DIPLOMATIC) STAFF

As the Main Diplomatic Course is open to members of the specialist administration of MFA only, this training course meet the training needs of the members of the general administration of MFA. Its primary objective is to enhance the general awareness of administrative staff on topical foreign policy issues, improve their correspondence and protocol skills, etc.



Lecture of Mr. Lubomir Kutchukov, Deputy Foreign Minister in the Basic course

Main modules:

- Bulgarian foreign policy - current trends, foreign policy priorities, institutional coordination
- Key issues in the area of European integration
- The role of Bulgaria in the Balkan region
- Participation of Bulgaria in international organisations
- Consular relations
- Diplomatic protocol
- Correspondence
- Access to information.

Duration: 2 weeks



Training of civil servants in Germany

DIPLOMACY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES

The Diplomatic Institute has been delegated responsibility to deliver specialized diplomatic training for public administration officials whose work has relevance to the implementation of Bulgarian foreign policy. Under this increased knowledge and skills programme the Institute organizes courses for representatives of individual ministries and other high-level government agencies with the prime objective of raising the level of their foreign policy and diplomatic competence.

Main modules:

- Multilateral diplomacy
- Bilateral relations of Bulgaria with countries in the region and EU Member States
- Acquis communautaire
- The participation of Bulgaria in EU institutions
- Negotiating in the European Union
- Leading international organisations
- Diplomatic protocol.

Duration: 1 to 2 weeks.

PREPARATION OF CANDIDATES FOR WORK IN EU INSTITUTIONS

The course is organized jointly with CEFEC, a European training centre headquartered in Brussels. The course is open not only to members of the administration but to the general public and citizens wishing to participate in the open competitions organized by the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO).

The course covers all topics covered by job competitions for work in EU institutions as well as the specific forms of tests, which the candidates will encounter during the examination.

The trainers are selected from EU institutions, NGOs and consultancy companies in Brussels. The course is delivered in English.

Duration: 3 to 5 days

In 2008 a new joint training initiative of the Diplomatic Institute and CEFEC open to Bulgarian citizens was launched - preparation for application under EU funding programmes and lobbying techniques.



Training for successfully applying for work in the European administration



Course for Afghan diplomats

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TRAINING PROGRAMME

Since 2005 the Institute has been delivering a tailored foreign diplomats training programme. Training curricula is coordinated with the ministries of foreign affairs of the respective countries sending trainees to participate in the programme, which further select the areas and topics of interest to be covered during the training. The objective of the programme is to facilitate the exchange of Bulgaria's diplomatic experience in conducting EU and NATO membership negotia-

tions, its participation in the UN Security Council and the OECD presidency, as well as in relation to the process of regional cooperation in Southeastern Europe. The training programme covers relevant topics in the fields of international law, international organisations, international security and diplomatic practice.

The Diplomatic Institute has already gained practical experience in the organisation of course for diplomats from Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Georgia and Kosovo.

The Institute has the potential to organize short-term courses for junior diplomats from **Macedonia, Moldova, Ukraine, Montenegro, Palestine, Iraq, and Korea** - countries, which have already expressed interest in the training programmes organized by the Diplomatic Institute.

Duration: 2 weeks

WINTER SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY

Since 2006 the Diplomatic Institute, jointly with Hanns Seidel Foundation, has been organizing a Winter School of Diplomacy, in which young diplomats from the Balkans and the Black Sea region participate - Albania, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, the Ukraine, Croatia, Turkey, Greece and Russia.

The institutionalization of the Winter School of Diplomacy as an annual forum for dialogue between young diplomats from two regions considered of strategic importance by the European Union is an essential aspect of the training policy of the Diplomatic Institute in the area of regional cooperation.

Some of the permanent highlights amongst the topics discussed during the Winter School are regional security and the EU policy towards the countries in the Western Balkans and the Black Sea region.

Duration: 1 week



Winter School of Diplomacy, Sandanski

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Diplomatic Institute annually offers MFA employees the opportunity to participate in foreign language courses at beginner and advanced learner level in 6 languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Russian, held between September and June. Foreign language courses are delivered in cooperation with the Cultural and Information Centres to the respective foreign diplomatic missions in Bulgaria:

- FULBRIGHT - the Bulgarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange
- The French Cultural Institute
- Goethe Institute
- The Italian Cultural Institute
- The Russian Cultural and Information
- The Foreign Language Teaching Department to Saint Clement Ohridski University, Sofia.

Over the course of the annual training programme special language skills are taught, designed to develop communication skills and enhance knowledge of special terminology in the area of European integration etc. Depending on expressed interest, the Diplomatic Institute offers training programmes in other languages - Greek, Portuguese, Czech, Polish, Romanian, Slovakian, Slovenian, Serbian, Croatian etc.



Foreign language training

Foreign language courses at the Diplomatic Institute are taught at 6 levels (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) in accordance with the European Language Framework - the principal tool used by the Council of Europe to regulate levels of foreign language proficiency.



RESEARCH POLICY

Research activities at the Diplomatic Institute are a function of the foreign policy interests of Bulgaria and the ally policy it pursues as a NATO and EU Member State.



Balkan Meeting of research centers and institutes in Sofia

Within the Institute this policy is developed and implemented by a Research Department. The department follows approaches that are fully aligned with international good practices adopted by leading international schools of research. It builds on both in-house expert research capacity as well as on a system enabling interaction with a wide range of national and international partners. Amongst these, there are other public administration agencies working in similar fields, with special focus being placed on cultivating the practice of close cooperation with the academic community and a host of non-governmental organisations. Research methods include the setting up of think tank groups, holding brainstorming events, round tables and workshops, participation in meetings organized by similar organisations and partners, national and international conferences and the application of mod-

ern analytical techniques.

The research activity outputs - strategic reports, forecast outlooks, analytical works on individual issues and applied research are submitted to key stakeholders at executive government level (President, Council of Ministers, Parliament) and senior MFA officials.

The publishing programme places a focus on several key areas:

1. Western Balkans
2. Black Sea and Caucasian region
3. European Union - defining common policies and the participation of Bulgaria
4. European Union and Turkey
5. Middle East
6. In line with the development and cooperation policy and the energy security policy, the Department is beginning to place increased focus on Caucasasia, Central Asia and Africa.

Committed to delivering on the commitments arising from EU membership, the Institute makes determined efforts to develop research and analysis capabilities allowing for the study of the specific role of Bulgaria in areas at supranational European level. The Diplomatic Institute works on a number of functional problems, inter alia, regional and international security, energy and energy security, ecology, public opinion, culture and a number of other areas of public life seen through the perspective of the role of diplomacy in them.

The intensive partner network contacts established with organisations from the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, UK, Greece, Turkey and Romania have been enhanced and expanded by new forms of cooperation with similar institutes from Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Israel, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, etc.



Think-tank at the Diplomatic Institute

COOPERATION POLICY

The planning and organisation of training and research activities at the Diplomatic Institute is inextricably linked with the development of a wide partner contact point network.



Annual world meeting of the directors of the Diplomatic Institutes

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Diplomatic Institute endeavours to adapt the best practices through borrowing and exchanging experience in the process of training programme development and recruitment of competent trainers.

The majority of international contacts were fostered through the increased intensity of the Institute's research functions and the development of its publishing function. Areas of cooperation are defined by a broad framework, with various priorities being given precedence depending on the area of activity and expert knowledge of partners in the training or in the domain of research and publication.

The parties engaged in partnership exchange most frequently find common areas of interest in:

- exchanging experience and jointly developing training programmes and modules;
- exchanging information and lecture material;
- jointly holding specialized training courses for career diplomats or public administration employees;
- participation in think-tank groups;
- exchanging experience in the organisation of library management techniques;
- providing opportunities for participation in conferences, symposia and round tables;
- facilitating the exchange of visits and the delivery of lectures by official guests;
- exchanging publications;

Meeting of the Board of the Diplomatic Institute with Prof. Jaap de Zwaan, Director of the Netherlands Institute for International Relations Clingendael



- conducting joint research projects.

Example of effective cooperation established by the Institute are the relations with the **Netherlands Institute of International Relations „Clingendael“**, the selected strategic partner of the Institute for the period 2008-2010.

The deployment of a partnership network at **regional level** has the primary objective of promoting the adoption of common standards in line with EU and NATO standards in the framework of training of diplomatic employees, capable of representing Southeastern European countries as a reliable and constructive partner.

In this aspect the Diplomatic Institute has signed cooperation memoranda with:

- The Diplomatic Institute to the MFA of Romania
- The Foreign Service Training Center to the MFA of Turkey
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Croatia
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Greece
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Serbia
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Montenegro

Prof. Milan Milanov, Director of the Diplomatic Institute is signing an agreement for cooperation with Bojin Nikolic, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Serbia



The Diplomatic Institute is an active participant in the sessions of the **European Regional Group** of diplomatic schools, as well as in the annual meetings of the directors and deans of the Diplomatic Institutes and Academies. The deepening and expanding of European cooperation is among the target priorities of the Institute, as it provides the exchange of experience in the organizing of training and research programs.

In this area the Diplomatic Institute maintains close cooperation relations with:

- The Geneva Center for Security Policy, Switzerland
- The National School of Administration (ENA), France
- The Royal Institute for International Relations of Belgium IRRI-KIIB
- The Norwegian Foreign Service Institute
- The College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium
- The Diplomatic Institute to the MFA of Italy
- The Pontifical Academy to the Holy See, the



Vatican

- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of the Russian Federation
- The Czech Diplomatic Academy
- The Institute of Public Administration in Dublin, Ireland
- The Federal Academy for Security Policy in Berlin
- The Federal Academy of Public Administration, Berlin
- The Diplomatic Academy of the Ukraine

Our Institute constantly strives for expanding its network of partnerships and to enlarge the geographic scope of its relations with:

- The Foreign Service Institute to the US State Department
- The Chinese University for International Relations to the MFA of China
- The Foreign Service Institute to the Ministry of External Affairs of India
- The Bureau for Personnel Training and Development to the MFA of Israel
- Galilee College, Israel
- The Institute for Diplomatic Studies to the MFA of Egypt
- The Diplomatic Academy „Andres Bello“ to the Ministry of External Relations of Chile
- The Diplomatic Academy „Rio Branco“ to the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil
- The Institute for Higher Diplomatic Studies „Pedro Gual“ “ to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Venezuela
- The Institute „Matias Romero“ to the Secretariat on External Relations of Mexico
- The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in the USA
- The Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of South Korea
- The Institute for Diplomatic Service to the Ministry of External Relations, International Commerce and Religions of Argentina
- The Training Centre to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia
- The Diplomatic Training Institute to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia
- The Centre for Strategic and Interregional Research to the President of Uzbekistan
- The World Economy and Diplomacy University of (WEDU) of Uzbekistan.



Prof. Milan Milanov, Director of the Diplomatic Institute with Ambassador Fabio Migliorini, Secretary General of Societa Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale



Lecture of Prof. Milan Milanov at the Indian Diplomatic Institute in Delhi

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Priority areas:

Participation of lecturers in junior and foreign diplomat courses;
Study visits of Bulgarian diplomats;
Establishing joint organization and coordination vis-a-vis a special module on multilateral diplomacy.

- Security and Defense College of the European Union, Brussels
- Public Diplomacy Division, NATO, Brussels
- The UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- The Council of Europe, Strasbourg
- The Intergovernmental Agency of the Francophony
- The George Marshall Center, Germany.
- Partnership for Peace Consortium to the George Marshall Center.
- The Central European Initiative
- The College for European Security Policy and Defense in Brussels
- The European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris.

COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTERS, NGOS

Priority areas

Exchange of information and joint research projects.
Organizing seminars, round tables and other interactive forms of training and exchange of experience
Exchange of guest lecturers and organization of public lectures.

- The "Hanns Seidel" Foundation, Bavaria, Germany
- The Italian Society for International Organizations (SIOI), Italy
- "Robert Schuman" University, Strasbourg, France
- European Cultural Institute, Geneva
- The Center for International and European Economy Law (CIEEL), Greece
- The Center for Strategic Research (SAM) to the MFA of the Republic of Turkey
- Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Germany



Cooperation with Diplomatic Foundation - Geneva/Malta. Meeting with the Director Dr. Jovan Kurbalija

- Alliance "France - Bulgaria" in Paris, France
- The European Institute of the Mediterranean in Barcelona, Spain
- The European Center for the Development of the Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), Greece
- The "Moshe Dayan" Center for Middle East and African Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel
- The European Academy - Berlin, Germany
- The Institute for International Public Law and International Relations (IIPLIR) in Thessaloniki, Greece
- The Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS), France
- The French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), Paris, France
- Centre for the Study of Internal Relations (CERI), Paris, France



Cooperation with Galilee College, Israel. Prof. Milanov with Dr Joseph Shevel, President of the College

- The „Science and Politics“ Foundation in Berlin, Germany
- The Research Center for Southeastern Europe, Munich, Germany
- Institute for International Politics and Economy, Belgrade (IIPE)
- The Moscow State Institute for International Relations (MSIIR)



Agreement for cooperation with the Intergovernmental Agency of the Francophony-Paris

NATIONAL COOPERATION

In pursuing its mandated objectives, the Diplomatic Institute works to develop and enhance an international partnership network. It brings together governmental and non-governmental organisations working in the field of international relations and the policy of security.

- **Interinstitutional cooperation**
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of De-

fence participate in an established joint programme for cooperation in the area of training, raising the standard of professional skill and human resource development at the two ministries. The objectives of the agreement on the training of experts in the field of security are pursued jointly by the Diplomatic Institute and the Military Academy.



Meeting of Prof Milan Milanov with Dr. Alexander Panov, Rector of the Russian Diplomatic Academy, Moscow

The Diplomatic Institute is a party to a similar cooperation agreement with the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Public Administration Institute to the Ministry of Public Administration and Administrative Reform, for the purpose of conducting training programmes designed for public administration officials.

- **Leading Universities**
 - Saint Clement Ohridski University of Sofia (SU)
 - New Bulgarian University (NBU)
 - University of National and World Economy (UNWE)
 - Neophit Rilsky Southwestern University (SEU)
- **Non-governmental organisations** (foundations, research centres and other structures working in associative or public areas):
 - Centre for the Study of Democracy
 - Economic Policy Institute
 - Atlantic Club in Bulgaria
 - European Institute
 - International Information Centre for Balkan Research (IICBR)



Cooperation with Academia Sinica Europaea and China European International Business School (CEIBS) - Shanghai

- Black Sea - Adriatic Association
- Harvard Club
- Open Society Institute
- Balkan Political Club
- Centre for Southeastern European Research
- Slavyani Foundation
- Federation for Friendship with the Peoples of Russia and the Community of Independent States
- Bulgarian Diplomatic Society.



PUBLIC POLICY

The Diplomatic Institute has adopted a diverse public policy and organises diverse events aiming to promote its initiatives and reinforce its contribution to raising



Public lecture of the BDI at the Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“

the standard of knowledge and skills of diplomatic employees and conducting research in the field of international relations. These activities are designed to engage the interest of civil society on topical issues in the domain of international politics.

PUBLIC LECTURES

The objective of the annual series of public lectures is to highlight important and pertinent aspects of international relations.

The Diplomatic Institute will continue to invite prominent public figures, leading politicians and diplomats whose expert opinions and strategic vision on relevant topics could be regarded as a contribution to both Bulgarian and international political and diplomatic thought and practice.

In a chronological order, amongst the guest speakers who have delivered lectures organized by the Diplomatic Institute are:

2004

Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Prime Minister of Bulgaria

Dr. Willem van Eekelen, former General Secretary of the WEU

2005

Monsignor Justo Mullor Garcia, President of the Pon-



Lecture by Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the European Central Bank



Public lecture of Mr Srdjan Kerim, President of the 62nd session of UN General Assembly

tifical Ecclesiastical Academy of the Holy See
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia
2006

Jean Claude Trichet, President of the Central European Bank

Prof. David Gosset, Director of Academia Sinica Europaea- Shanghai

Mr. Willy Claes, Secretary General of NATO (1994-1995)

Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania

Catherine Lalumiere, President of the Maison de l'Europe, General Secretary of the Council of Europe (1989-1994)

Hashim Tachi, Head of the Democratic Party of Kosovo

Denis Macshane, Deputy in the Chamber of Representatives to the British Parliament, Minister on the European Issues of Great Britain (2002-2005)

Meglana Kuneva, Minister on European Affairs of Bulgaria
2007

Günter Beckstein, Vice Prime Minister and State Minister of Internal Affairs of Bavaria

Prof. Dusan Sidjanski, President of the European Cultural Centre-Geneva, Special Advisor to the President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Durao Barroso

Prof. Jaap Willem de Zwaan, Director of the Nether-





Franco - Bulgarian Symposium „The challenges of the membership: what will be the place of Bulgaria in Europe“, Paris

lands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael
Dr. Srgjan Kerim, President of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly
Academic Evgeni Primakov, Prime Minister (1998-1999) and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (1996-1998)
Paavo Lipponen, Prime Minister of Finland (1995-2003); Speaker of the Finnish Parliament (2003-2007)
2008

Prof. Jean Paul Jacque, Director of the Law office at the Council of Ministers of the European Community - Brussels
Allain Lamassoure, Member of the European Parliament, Minister on European Affairs of France (1993-1995)
Takekazu Kawamura, Ambassador of Japan to the European Union

FORUMS, CONFERENCES, ESSAY WRITING COMPETITIONS



Bulgarian-Russian Round Table „Bulgarian-Russian dialogue in the context of the European idea“, Sofia

The Diplomatic Institute organises and participates in the organisation of a number of **forums, conferences and round tables**:

- First annual conference of the Balkan Research Centres and Institutes Network - *Regional Development and the European Perspective of the Balkans*,

Sofia

- Fifth Euro-Chinese Forum held in Sofia, jointly with Academia Sinica Europaea
- Kosovo and Regional Security Round Table, Sofia
- German-Bulgarian Symposium „Outcomes of Bulgaria’s Membership of the EU for Germany“, held in Berlin
- Bulgarian-French Symposium „Challenges of the Membership: how will Bulgaria transform in Europe“, held in Paris
- Southeastern Europe - in road to Europe, lecture delivered by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,



Delivering of the book of essays on NATO to the NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

Mr. Lyubomir Kyuchukov before the Institute on European Affairs, Dublin

- Conference „The Lisbon Treaty - European Perspectives“, held in Sofia
- Bulgarian-Russian Dialogue in the Context of the European Idea Round Table, held in Sofia

The Diplomatic Institute maintains active contacts with universities and secondary schools. This facilitates the annual organisation of **national essay writing competitions**:

- *What will my mission be if I become Secretary General*



Winners in students competition „United Europe, One World: the Cultural Unity and Differences that Bring us Together“ with Prof. Dusan Sidjanski, Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission, Geneva



International conference „Security and defence policy: International and regional organizations and the new challenges for international security“, Rakovsky Defence College - Sofia

of NATO?, a collection of the 14 best essays has been published in English

- *The challenges and threats to security in 21st century: what should the role of NATO be?*, a collection of the 20 best essays has been published in English
- *The mission of UNESCO in 21st century*
- Student debate „If I were a Member of the European Parliament for Bulgaria...“
- *How to better understand the role of NATO*
- *United Europe, one world: the similarities and differences in the culture that brings us together*
- *Bulgaria in the European Union, the European Union in Bulgaria and my place amongst them*

RADIO PROGRAMMES

„Diplomat by Profession“ on Darik Radio

This joint weekly radio programme of the Diplomatic Institute and Darik Radio was launched in 2005 and was broadcast until the end of 2007.

The programme was created with the objective of presenting a comprehensive view of the diplomatic profession to a non-specialist audience.

Over 70 guests participated in the „Eminent Figures in Diplomacy“ slot.

The „Diplomatic Practice“ section welcomed over 60 guests. The „Consular Advice“ section was broadcast over this period as well, providing information from experts working for Consular Relations Directorate.

„Diplomatic Club“ on the Bulgarian National Radio, Hristo Botev Programme

Broadcasting began on 1st February 2008 with two programmes being broadcast monthly on Friday. The programme presents the initiatives of the Institute and its international guests, representatives of the senior management of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassadors accredited to Bulgaria and Bulgarian ambassadors abroad, directors of various units and directorates, and country referees on special occasions.

Diplomatic Club places an emphasis on specialist profile and thematic programmes on various aspects of diplomacy - bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, cultural diplomacy and other topical issues in the domain of foreign policy as well as on eminent figures in the political and social life during their visits to Bulgaria.

PUBLISHING

The Diplomatic Institute publishes an annual **Collection of Public Lectures** in Bulgarian, English and French. The collection contains the contents of the lectures delivered by the guest speakers before the audience of the Institute.

The **Representative Brochure** of the Diplomatic Institute which provides general details of annual activities is published in three languages - Bulgarian, English and French. It is intended for the Bulgarian and international partners of the Institute and a wide range of training and research organisations, the public administration, trainers and course participants.

The Institute publishes learning aides and brochures containing forum and conference contents. In partnership with other stakeholders, the Institute also publishes the **works of prominent Bulgarian diplomats and European leaders**.

In 2008, **Diplomacy** was launched - a bilingual (in Bulgarian and English) quarterly analytical magazine. It addresses a wide audience - MFA officials (including the Bulgarian diplomatic missions overseas) and other public institutions, partner organisations of the Diplomatic Institute - Bulgarian and international institutes, civil society and non-governmental organisations, scientific research centres, tertiary educational institutions, the media and individual representatives of public opinion.

The Diplomatic Institute maintains an ongoing relationship of cooperation with International Relations magazine, International Policy magazine, Bulgarian Diplomatic review magazine and each issue contains materials relevant to the activities of the Institute - public lectures and research works.



LIBRARY

For the purposes of promoting its activities and programmes the Diplomatic Institute maintains a publicly accessible library, which specializes, processes and provides specialist materials, references and literature on international relations, European integration, security issues, international organisations, diplomacy, law, history, sociology, political science, economy etc. The library has a collection of approximately 4000 titles, mainly in English, French, German, Russian and in other foreign languages.

The library has been equipped with a web-based **Elec-**



tronic Book Catalogue, which contains a record of all titles added to the library's collection since 2004 to date. In order to facilitate users, the database allows for basic searches, dictionary-based searches, advanced searches and simplified searches to be made http://diplom.ilib.primasoft.bg/index_bg.asp

The 2007 periodicals subscription includes 20 foreign-language and 19 Bulgarian titles, including the European Foreign Affairs Review, European Journal of International Relations, Foreign Affairs, Politique Etrangère, International Life (Международная жизнь) etc.

The library of the Institute provides access to the comprehensive textual online database EBSCO Host, which supports information in the humanitarian and social sciences domain. The collection includes eleven databases, inter alia Academic Search Premier, ERIC, MasterFILE Premier, Newspaper Source, Regional. The library publishes a monthly bulletin of new additions to the collection.

The Diplomatic Institute maintains contacts and relations with professional library and information services organisations, including the American Information Centre, Sofia, The Library of the National Statistical Institute, the Library of the New Bulgarian University, and the Library Studies, Scientific Information and Cultural Policy Department of Saint Clement Ohridski University of Sofia. The library is a member of the Union of Library and Information Services Providers (ULAI SP)

and the Bulgarian Information Consortium (BIC).

INTERNSHIP AT THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE PROGRAMME

The Diplomatic Institute strives for instilling interest in international relations and diplomacy in Bulgarian students. This programme was introduced immediately when the Institute was established and aims to facilitate participants in gaining specific, practical skills and experience in a work environment. During the internship participants have an opportunity to gain hand-on experience of working at the Diplomatic Institute and are aided in the choice of a professional occupation. The internship programme of the Diplomatic Institute is open to students who have completed the second year of their university studies in any of the following academic disciplines: international relations, international law, political science, European studies, international economic relations and other humanitarian disciplines as well as to MA students pursuing similar lines of study.

The duration of the internship varies between 2 weeks to three months during any calendar year.

OPEN DOORS PROGRAMME

The Open Doors Programme has been designed for pupils and students. It aims to familiarise young people with the work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Institute. We hope to be able to facilitate the choice of young people of an education or career path to pursue and address any issues of interest they may have in the domain of foreign policy. Pupils and students attend meetings with senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Institute to discuss topical issues in relevance to Bulgaria's foreign policy.

WEBSITE

The Institute maintains a webpage in Bulgarian, English and French, which can be accessed at <http://bdi.mfa.government.bg>

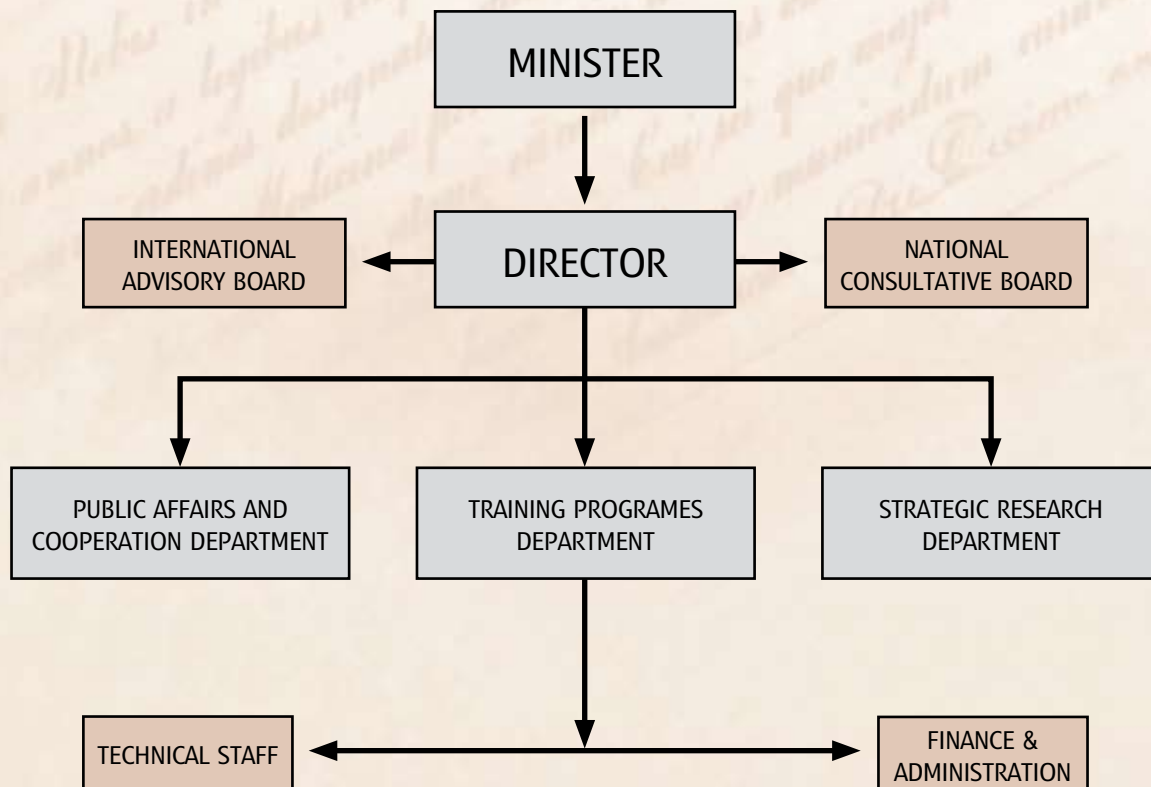


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