

Re International Forum for co-operation against Crime - Inspectorate of Police in Suceava 3rd - 6th May 2009

I would firstly like to thank The General Inspectorate of Police in Suceava, Romania (headed by Chief Commissar Ioan-Nicusor Todirut) for their hospitality shown to all delegates at the International Forum for co-operation against Crime including Stichting RCHF members from The Netherlands and Romania.

The inspectorate of Police Suceava proved worthy hosts and provided a interesting and varied program for all delegates, which included pick up of delegates from Suceava airport, excellent accommodation including meals, a visit to Suceava Police headquarters were a round table meeting was held followed by a brief press conference, plus time was awarded to NGOs to speak and discuss various proposals of collaboration.

Visits were arranged to Suceava town council offices and the Mayors office, a visit to a domestic violence and old people's center in Vatra Dornie town and a visit to a day school for children with learning difficulties. There was also a well organized visit to a Roma village were Roma musicians entertained delegates with their traditional music.

Many new avenues of co-operation were natured and will be followed upon especially by Stichting RCHF from this visit to Suceava and this bears well for future co-operation on crime issues including narcotic abuse.

Stichting RCHF in Romania has already agreed to co-operate with Suceava Police Inspectorate in the domain of Trafficking of persons and Drug abuse issues. Brian Douglas of Stichting RCHF in Iasi County is less than 2 hours away from Suceava, so this is a very viable and worthy program to collaborate in as both subjects include young people. The role of RCHF will be an educational one.

Prevention of Crime is strongly supported by The Romanian Police and we fully approve of their program in prevention.

EURAD raised concerns, which are shared by Stichting RCHF about the newly opened cafes in Romania that are selling hallucination plants which we see as drugs and strongly advised that these products should be excluded from sale for human consumption. Brian Douglas of Stichting RCHF also calls for a ban on such products being sold in The Netherlands too, on the same grounds adding that if the Dutch authorities are weak on this issue then it gives no incentive for other Countries to follow with other measures.

Stichting RCHF promoted its children's Hygiene book to several delegates within the conference time with interest shown by all who saw the health education book for children. EURAD showed great interest purchased copies of the children's Hygiene book and it is hoped will promote the book further amongst NGOs in the future.

For Stichting RCHF it was an honour to be invited to this international forum and we thank again our hosts Suceava Police Inspectorate.

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