



International Symposium

Trafficking in Human Beings – A Multidisciplinary Perspective

“The strongest argument for addressing issues from a multidisciplinary perspective is the very fact that life is not divided into disciplines” – **J. Moffett**

From the 14th to the 18th of October 2013 took place in Arad, the 3rd edition of the international symposium “**Trafficking in Human Beings – A Multidisciplinary Perspective**”.



The event was hosted by the Pro Prietenia Foundation Arad in partnership with Pointman Leadership Institute, National Agency against Human Trafficking, Regional Center Timisoara and Arad County Police in collaboration with the City Hall Arad, Arad County Council, West University “Vasile Goldis” Arad and MATOO.

The symposium is a continuation of the approach initiated by organizers in December 2011 in Arad – the International Symposium "Preventing Human Trafficking – With special regard to the cooperation between civil society and governmental specialized agency" seminar which took place in three counties - Arad, Timis, Caras-Severin during April 2012 - entitled "institutional collaboration in the fight against human trafficking" and the International Symposium "Human trafficking - Form of Transnational Organized Crime", which took place in Arad during 23-26 October 2012.



However, this is a response to the call of the European Union to the European community, including regional and national institutions, non-governmental organizations and the EU institutions and agencies, both to counter the challenges posed by transnational crime and to provide a clear and comprehensive response policies towards multidisciplinary, coordinated efforts involving all relevant parties in the countries of origin, transit and destination in order to reduce the number of victims trafficked.

The symposium was organized with the **purpose** of developing and improving consistent practices designed to reduce the number of trafficked persons.

The **objectives** of the symposium were: Improvement of control strategies; the offering of prevention and assistance to victims of human trafficking; improvement of the work methods and collaboration/cooperation of the relevant legal entities; the transfer of ethical principles in the field of institutional and NGO leadership as well as the prevention and control of corruption, this being seen as the main source of the organized international crime cells; the experience exchange in controversial problems regarding the assistance and protection of the victims of trafficking; the creation of bridges between institutions, NGOs, and national and international specialists that have as their main activity is the control and prevention of trafficking in human beings.



In the opening speakers were : **Lazar MANOJLOVIC** - Consul General of the Serbian police; **commissioner Romulus UNGUREANU** - Director of National Agency against Trafficking in Human Beings, **Police Chief Commissioner BĂTRÂN Nicolae** - Deputy Chief Inspector of Police Inspectorate Arad County; **Police Chief Commissioner Marius ROMAN** - Head Combat Trafficking in Persons - Directorate for Combating Organized Crime; **Executive Director Erika STARK** - Development and Community Assistance Department, **Brian GREGORY** - President Friendship Foundation RO-UK; **police chief commissioner Mihaela TOMIȚĂ** - Timisoara Regional Office Director - Regional Center for Prevention, Evaluation and



Counselling Timișoara; **Michael BULZAN**, national representative of Pointman Leadership Institute, **Michael ASKEW** - Regional Director of Pointman Leadership Institute, **TARCEA Romeo Florea** - President of Proprietenia Arad Foundation.

Also, Mr. Police quaestor **Sorin OPREA** - Director of National Anti-Drug Agency through **Mrs. Mihaela TOMIȚĂ**, sent a message to participants on the role of leadership and the importance of multidisciplinary approach to issues that were to be discussed in the symposium.

Symposium moderators were: Police Chief Commissioner **Mihaela Tomiță** - Timisoara Regional Office Director - Regional Center for Prevention, Evaluation and Counselling Timișoara, and SJC **Adina MOISA** - Coordinator of the "Justice Department" of Pro Friendship Foundation Arad.

The symposium was attended by 183 representatives from 12 countries - Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Austria, England, Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, USA – from within 95 public institutions and NGOs, as follows:

1. Arad City Hall
2. Arad County Council
3. Consulate General of Serbia
4. Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
5. Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany



6. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Bucharest
7. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Regional Centre Oradea
8. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Regional Centre Craiova
9. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Regional Centre Timisoara
10. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Regional Centre Bacau
11. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Regional Centre Constanta
12. National Agency against Trafficking in Persons - Regional Centre Ploiesti
13. Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism Bacau
14. Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism Oradea
15. Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism Bistrita Nasaud
16. Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism Craiova
17. Arad Court Prosecutor's Office
18. Court Prahova
19. Timis Court
20. Oradea Court of Appeal
21. Probation Service - Court Arad
22. Probation Service - Prahova Court
23. Directorate for Combating Organized Crime



24. Organised Crime Squad Alba Iulia
25. Service for Combating Organised Crime Arad
26. Organised Crime Squad Oradea
27. Organised Crime Squad Cluj Napoca
28. Organised Crime Squad Bacau
29. Organised Crime Squad Constanta
30. Service for Combating Organised Crime Caras Severin
31. Service for Combating Organised Crime Bistrita Nasaud
32. Organised Crime Squad Timisoara
33. Arad County Police Inspectorate
34. Alba County Police Inspectorate
35. Dolj County Police Inspectorate
36. Bihor County Police Inspectorate
37. Timis County Police Inspectorate
38. Satu Mare County Police Inspectorate
39. Caras Severin County Police Inspectorate
40. Maramures County Police Inspectorate
41. County Police Inspectorate Mehedinti
42. Police Inspectorate Vidin - Bulgaria
43. Police Inspectorate Zrenjanin - Serbia
44. Police Inspectorate Bekescsaba - Hungary
45. Police Inspectorate Csongrad - Hungary
46. Swiss Federal Police
47. Arad Local Police
48. Gendarmerie Inspectorate Arad
49. Timis County Gendarmerie Inspectorate
50. Inspectorate of the Border Police Timis
51. Inspectorate of the Border Police Arad
52. Arad Penitentiary
53. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Alba
54. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Prahova
55. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Constanta
56. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Arad
57. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Bihar
58. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Bacau
59. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Cluj
60. General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Dolj
61. Development and Community Assistance Department
62. Arad Penitentiary
63. Center for Prevention and Counseling Evaluation Arad
64. Center for Prevention and Counseling Evaluation Timisoara
65. Center for Prevention and Counseling Evaluation Caras Severin
66. Department of Public Health
67. West University of Timisoara
68. West University "Vasile Goldis" Arad



69. Romanian Employers
70. Arad Chamber of Commerce
71. Pointman Leadership Institute - South Africa
72. Pointman Leadership Institute - UK
73. Pointman Leadership Institute - Romania
74. Dream of a Child Foundation
75. Open Heart Association - Suceava
76. European Association for Europe
77. Association of Young Generation
78. Kerk in Actie Association (Utrecht) and Scharlaken Koord (Amsterdam) Netherlands
79. Centre County Resources and Educational Assistance - Delhi
80. Bishop Melchizedek Foundation
81. Organization Mattoo
82. Rotary Club Arad
83. Good Samaritan Association
84. Organization City Hearts U.K.
85. European Central News - Austria
86. Dignity Organization Instiute - Denmark
87. Maranatha Charity Association
88. GEM Inetrnational College of Business - Australia
89. Save the Children
90. Organization Epiphany Trust
91. The Friendship Foundation UK - Romania
92. Association of Anti - Discrimination
93. Society For Parents and Children
94. Ratiu Foundation for Democracy
95. Law Offices

The topics presented during the 5 days symposium was structured according to the following schedule:

Day 1 – Monday, 10/14/2013

Seminar on **leadership based on principles in the fight against human trafficking**, supported by Michael Craig ASKEW and Smit Quintus. It focused on personality development for leaders based on principles tested over time and which's' application is intended to "equip" leaders with wisdom, conviction and character to help them develop those who follow them and depend on them.

The eight character traits that were discussed were: **integrity, courage, discipline, loyalty, diligence, humility, optimism and conviction.**



Day 2 – Tuesday, 10/15/2013

During the “A multidisciplinary approach to the issue of trafficking” seminar, the following themes were discussed:

1. *The need for multidisciplinary approach to prevent and combat trafficking in persons* - Michael Craig ASKEW - Pointman Leadership Institute;
2. *Fighting human trafficking from a multidisciplinary approach* - Marius ROMAN - Directorate for Combating Organized Crime;
3. *Prevention of trafficking from a multidisciplinary perspective* - Laurențiu DINCĂ - National Agency against Trafficking in Persons, and Claudia SÂRBESCU, Save the Children;
4. *Human trafficking and drug trafficking - An easy alliance?* – Mihaela TOMIȚĂ – Regional Center for Prevention, Evaluation and Counselling Timișoara.



Day 3 – Wednesday, 10/16/2013

“Best practices in combating trafficking in persons” seminar, included the following topics:

1. *Best practices on Combating Human Trafficking in the UK* - Michael Craig ASKEW - Pointman Leadership Institute,



2. *Best practices on combating trafficking in Romania* - George IUGA - Service for Combating Trafficking Arad George Matu - brigade combat trafficking Timișoara
3. *Best practices on assistance to victims of trafficking* - Ana Maria CORDUN - National Agency against Trafficking in Persons,
4. *Best practices on combating and preventing trafficking in Switzerland* - Corinne ESTERMANN - Swiss Federal Police, Mariana PETERSEL - Young Generation,
5. *Best practices on the prevention of trafficking and assist victims in Britain* - Brian GREGORY - The Friendship Foundation (UK-RO), Cristina ENGLISH - City Hearts,
6. *Best practices model Romanian - Italian* – Marius GREC - West University "Vasile Goldis" Arad - Faculty of Humanities, Political and Administrative Sciences
7. *Best practices on the prevention of trafficking and assist victims in Netherlands* - Foka van BEEK - Kerk in Actie.



Day 4 – Thursday, 10/17/2013

The “**New Perspectives approach to trafficking in persons**” seminar had the following topics discussed:

1. *Fight against demand* – Philip OLOGEANU, Emanuel POPA – MATOO,
2. *Trafficking in light of new codes of criminal law and Criminal Procedure* – Tiberiu MEDEANU – West University - Faculty of Law and Administration,
3. *A new approach to prevention methods* – Graham GILES Europe for Europe Association.

At the end of the day the organizers have proposed a new method for preventing trafficking - through art.



The Premiere of “Anya17” opera:

The show “Anya17” was premiered Thursday, October 17, at 19:00 on Capitol Hall stage in Timișoara and was conducted by the Faculty of Music of the West University of Timișoara, lyrical artists in collaboration with members of the Banat Philharmonic Orchestra, instrumentalists from the Romanian National Opera and graduate of the Royal College of Music in Manchester. This show was held under the musical direction of Mrs. Silvia Mihaela Roșca, associate professor of the Faculty of Music and conductor of the Romanian National Opera in Timișoara.

Cast:

Anya **Andrea Tweedale**
Mila **Emese Sînmărtinean**
Carole **Corina Hamat**
Natalia **Monika Szirbik Szlahotka**
Uri/Gabriel **Traian Mișcu**
Viktor **Thomas David Hopkinson**
Elena **Amy Webber**
Dimitri **Agache Mario**

Musical preparation was ensured by: Lect. Univ. Phd. **Roxana Ardeleanu**, Prep. Univ. Drd. **Cezar Mihail Verlan** Project Coordinator Music Faculty: Lect. Univ. Phd. **Ortensia Rodica Miclea**.

Opera was written by **Briton Adam Gorby**, head of the composition department at the Royal College of Music in Manchester, and the premiere took place last year in Liverpool.

The libretto is signed by Ben Kaye who said the following about the song: *“Anya 17 is a mixture composed of some of the most horrific real events about human trafficking, which I discovered in my contact with charities and socials in the field. Although the story of Anya may seem fictitious or untrue the pattern of her life may seem real to anyone who knows the “trade”. Deceived by promises of love and a new life, Anya is trafficked and thrown into a secret world full of violence, manipulation and sexual slavery. Seeing her life out of control, and the others around her opting for drugs, alcohol and idealism Anya tries to hold on to reality and the hope of salvation. Since her prospect is becoming increasingly darker Anya has to give up. Could death be the last refuge?”*

The song was so named because Anya is the name of the main character - a victim of trafficking - and was number 17 on the “menu” of the brothel where she was exploited in.



Opera “Any17” tells the story of a teenage girl from Eastern Europe who recruited the lover boy technique, falls victim to human trafficking networks operating in the West and forced into prostitution.



Day 5 – Friday, 18/10/2013, Seminar on “*Preventing and Combating Corruption*” included the following topics: A global view on corruption, corruption characterization, why and how to eliminate corruption, integrity and professionalism Way – Michael Craig ASKEW and Smit QUINTUS.

Also during the symposium there were workshops held on various topics to enable participants to engage in an interactive way in the ongoing activities.



THE LECTORS OF THE SYMPOSIUM:

1. **Michael Craig ASKEW** - Regional Director - *Pointman Leadership Institute*



2. **Foka Van BEEK** - Kerch in Actie, Holland



3. **Laurentiu DINCA** - Coordinator - *National Agency Against Human Trafficking*



4. **Cristina ENGLISH** - Specialist in Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking - *City Hearts, UK*



5. Corinne ESTERMANN – *Federal Police Switzerland* – Member of the Interinstitutional Working Group Against Human Trafficking Romania Switzerland

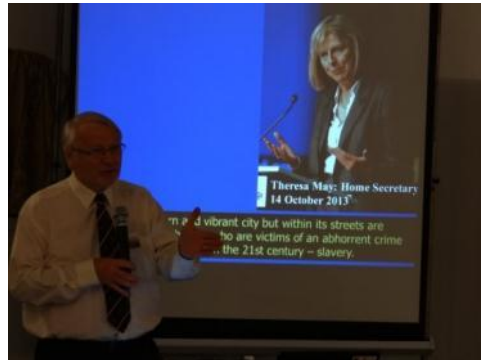


6. Marius GREC – Dean – *“Vasile Goldiș” Western University Arad, Faculty of Humanities, Political and Administrative Sciences*





7. **Brian GREGORY** – President – *The Friendship Foundation (UK – RO)*



8. **George IUGA** – *Service to Combat Organized Crime Arad*



9. **Tiberiu MEDEANU** – University Professor - *Western University of Timișoara, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences*





10. Filip OLOGEANU – Representative – *MATTOO*



11. Sorin Oprea – Director – *National Anti – Drug Agency*

12. Mariana PETERSEL – President - *Generație Tânără România*



13. Emanuel POPA – Representative – *MATTOO*



14. Cristian RAFAILĂ – Head of the service to combat human trafficking – *Brigade to Combat Organized Crime Timisoara*



15. Marius ROMAN – Head of the service to combat human trafficking – *Directorate to Combat Organized Crime*



16. Smit QUINTUS – Executive Director – *Pointman Leadership Institute, South Africa, Consultant on Human Rights and Human Trafficking issues*



17. Mihaela TOMIȚĂ – Associated Professor - *Western University of Timisoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Head of the Regional Center for Prevention, Evaluation and Anti - Drug Counselling Timisoara*





18. Romulus UNGUREANU – Director – *National Agency Against Human Trafficking*



Human trafficking is one of the most complex offenses in the sphere of organized cross-border crime, generating a number of negative consequences on macro and micro – social level. The deepening of the roots of this crime reflects the weaknesses and shortcomings of society in which it manifests. The mobility and flexibility of border criminal groups is directly proportional to the demand of the market and accurately reflects the ability of offenders to work in a team and exploit legal loopholes and differences between different legal systems they come in contact with.

Trafficking victims have a number of features compared with victims of other violent offenses, due to the complexity of this crime, which absorbs and incorporates a number of other offenses such as false imprisonment, assault, battery, rape, etc.

Due to this reason and the fact that most of the victims suffered both physical and mental long-time effects deeply affects both physical and mental health, so social reintegration of victims is, in many cases, an elusive goal. Therefore, it is not difficult to conclude that a sequential approach to this scourge doesn't have the ability to generate long-term effects, thus, a direct-proportional response internationally, based multidisciplinary, collaboration and cooperation is imperative.

Examination of different perspectives, using methods and knowledge provided by multiple disciplines has the potential to decant new practices and working hypotheses for each subject and, perhaps most importantly, an integrated picture of what is usually analyzed separately.

The multitude of institutions and non-governmental organizations represented at the event reflects awareness of the problem and the bending of governmental and nongovernmental sphere towards counteracting this phenomenon.

The openness to collaboration and the improvement of strategies used was met felt and evaluation questionnaires have revealed that this initiative has been well received.

Therefore a number of measurable outcomes are expected to occur and the organizers want to provide a lever to achieve this goal by facilitating communication and collaboration, the organization of such an



event annually and the publishing of new doctrinal works which will include participants' scientific communications better assimilate the information presented in the symposium, and to enable the presentation of scientific communications that were not exposed to plan seminars sites.



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