



CONFERENCE

THE OMBUDSMAN IN AN OPEN AND PARTICIPATORY SOCIETY

General Assembly IOI-Europe

40th Anniversary of the IOI

20th Anniversary of the federal Ombudsman

PROGRAMME

BRUSSELS

1-2-3 | 10 | 2018

MONDAY 1 | 10 | 2018

10:00-11:45 Guided tour - Magritte Museum - Brussels

NB! Pre-registration required

13:15-14:00 Welcoming and registration of participants to the General Assembly

14:00-16:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IOI-EUROPE

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

Registration of participants to the 40th Anniversary Ceremony

17:00- 20:00 CEREMONY FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOI

Senate - Hemicycle and Presidential lounges

Speeches, reception and walking dinner

TUESDAY 2 | 10 | 2018

9:00- 9:30 Welcoming and registration of participants to the Conference

9:30-10:00 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome address by the Senate's Speaker, Ms Christine Defraigne
- Welcome speech by Mr Guido Herman, federal Ombudsman of Belgium
- Opening remarks by Mr Rafael Ribó, IOI-Europe President and Ombudsman of Catalonia

10:00-12:30 THE OMBUDSMAN IN HIS/HER RELATIONS TO ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND TO TRANSPARENCY

Chair : Peter Tyndall, Irish Ombudsman and President of the IOI

Summary report : Professor David Renders and Ms Pauline Abba (Catholic University of Louvain)

Presentation of three Ombudsmen's experiences :

- Ms Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman
- Mr Andreas Pottakis, Greek Ombudsman

- Ms Elisabeth Rynning, Chief Parliamentary Ombudsman of Sweden

11:00 -11:30 Coffee break

Remarks by Ms Ingrid Opdebeek, Professor of Administrative Law (University of Antwerp)

Questions / debate

12:30-14:00 Lunch and group photo

14:00-16:30 THE OMBUDSMAN AS A CATALYST FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Chair: Chris Field, Ombudsman Western Australia and Second Vice-President of the IOI

Summary report : Professor Didier Caluwaerts (VUBrussel)

Presentation of three Ombudsmen's experiences :

- Mr. Günther Kräuter, member of the Austrian Ombudsman Board,
- Ms. Ülle Madise, Chancellor of Justice of Estonia
- Mr Reinier Van Zutphen, National Ombudsman of the Netherlands

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

Remarks by Mr Min Reuchamps, Professor of Political Science (Catholic University of Louvain)

Questions / debate

16:30-16:45 SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AOM AND IOI

19:00-22:00 GALA DINNER

Egmont Palace - Brussels

NB! Pre-registration required

Speech by Mr Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, followed by the dinner.

Wednesday 3 | 10 | 2018

9:00 Welcoming

9:30-12:00 THE OMBUDSMAN AS A GUARANTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Chair : Ms Géraldine Mattioli-Zeltner, Advisor to the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Summary report : Professor David Renders and Mr Luca Ceci (Catholic University of Louvain)

Presentation of three Ombudsmen's experiences :

- Dr. Arman Tatoyan, Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia
- Mr Petri Jääskeläinen, Parliamentary Ombudsman of Finland
- Mr Jacques Toubon, Defender of Rights of France

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Remarks by Mr Paul Lemmens, judge at the European Court of Human Rights

Questions / debate

Closing remarks by Ms Catherine De Bruecker, federal Ombudswoman of Belgium and Vice-President of IOI-Europe

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 Welcoming

14:00-16:00 DELIVERY OF THE REPORT OF THE CITIZEN'S FORUM *MAKE MY ADMINISTRATION*

Moderator : Ms Litte Frooninckx, Office of the federal Ombudsman

Welcome speech by Mr Guido Herman, federal Ombudsman of Belgium and Chair of the Belgian Network of Ombudsmen

Presentation of the Forum by Professor Didier Caluwaerts (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Official delivery of the results of the Forum by citizens

Debate

16:00-16:30 Welcoming

16:30-19:00 CEREMONY FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL OMBUDSMAN

House of representatives - Toots Thielemans room

Anniversary address by Mr. Siegfried Bracke, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speech by Ms Catherine De Bruecker and Mr Guido Herman, federal Ombudsmen of Belgium

Reception