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## **Seminar of European Ministers of Education<sup>1</sup>**

### **“Teaching remembrance through cultural heritage”**

Cracow  
and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland  
4 - 6 May 2005

### **Programme**

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<sup>1</sup> Organised under the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education, the Polish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Project “Teaching Remembrance – Education for the prevention of crimes against humanity”.

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**Wednesday 4 May 2005**  
**Jagiellonian University (Aula Collegium Novum)**

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| 10.00 am – 6.00 pm   | Arrival of delegations<br>Registration of participants at the Jagiellonian University  |
| 12.00 noon – 2.00 pm | Buffet lunch (for all participants)  |
| 2.15 pm              | <b>Official opening</b><br>European anthem <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Gabriele Mazza, Director of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education, on behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li><li>- Mr Boguslaw Zaleski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland on behalf of Mr Adam Daniel Rotfeld, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe</li><li>- Mr Miroslaw Sawicki, Minister of National Education and Sport of Poland</li><li>- Prof. Jacek Majchrowski, Mayor of Cracow</li><li>- Prof. Franciszek Ziejka, Rector of the Jagiellonian University, Cracow</li><li>- Mr Avraham Hirschson, Minister of Tourism of Israel, Founder and President of the “March of Living”</li></ul> |
| 3.15 pm              | Break  |
| 3.30 pm              | <b>Workshop I</b><br>“Teaching remembrance through cultural heritage”<br><br><u>Chair:</u> Mr Miroslaw Sawicki, Minister of National Education and Sport of Poland<br><br><u>Keynote speaker:</u> Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Is it possible to teach remembrance?<br/><b><i>Mr Daniel Payot, Professeur des Universit , France</i></b></li></ul>   |

- Heritage, identity, allegiance and counter-allegiance  
**Ms Gabi Dolf-Bonekamper, University of Berlin, Germany**
- From ethical indignation to civic education  
**Mr Serge Cwajgenbaum, Secretary General of the European Jewish Congress**
- The witness and the historian  
**Dr Marek Edelman, last surviving leader of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, Poland**
- The heritage of a minority religious culture recognised by the nation  
**Mr Max Polonovsky, Curator in chief responsible for French Jewish heritage, France**
- From Holocaust to recognition: the Roma vehicle heritage  
**Mr Adam Bartosz, Director of the Roma Caravan Memorial Museum, Poland**
- Archives as a source and driving force of popular interest  
**Prof. Daria Nalecz, Director of the state archives in Warsaw, Poland**
- Cross-cultural confluences and influences  
**Mr Vicente Alvarez Palenzuela, Spain**  
  
**Prof. Steven T. Katz, Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at the Boston University (USA)**

6.00 pm

Closure of the session

7.30 pm

Cocktail given by the Council of Europe followed by a Dinner in the Restaurant "Wierzynek" (Rynek Główny, 15) hosted by the Polish authorities (all participants)

**Thursday 5 May 2005  
Auschwitz-Birkenau**

- 8.00 am Departure from Hotel Sheraton, Powisle Str. 7 by buses.
- 10.00 am Arrival
- Participants will be met by the Director of the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau and accompanied by him to the execution wall (flowers will be laid there in the name of the Standing Conference of the European Ministers of Education) - they will pass through the main gate
11. 00 am Conference centre:
- Chair : Mr Jerzy Wróblewski, Director of the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau:
- Speech by Prof. Władysław Bartoszewski, Auschwitz survivor and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland (20 min)
  - Speech by Mr. Jerzy Wróblewski, the Director of the Museum on educational projects on teaching Remembrance implemented by the Museum (10 min)
  - Address by Prof. Shmuel Rosenman – International Chairman of the March of the Living (10 min)
  - Address by Ms Limor Livnat, Minister of Education Culture and Sports of Israel (10 min)
  - Prof. Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize-winner,
  - Address by a young participant in the "March of the Living" (5 min)
  - Book of Comments available for the delegates to sign
- 12.15 pm Lunch

1.00 -1.30 pm

a) "March of the Living" Ministers and delegations may take part in just the start of the march or complete the 3.5 km march to Birkenau

**or**

b) Visit to the concentration camp and various exhibitions

3.00 pm

- Ministers and delegations rejoin the "March of the Living"
- Final Ceremony and Kaddish in front of the Monument at Birkenau

Return to Cracow by bus

7.00 pm

Dinner hosted by Mr Mirosław Sawicki, Minister of National Education and Sport of Poland (all participants) at the Center of Jewish Culture in Cracow

**Friday 6 May 2005**  
**Jagiellonian University**

**Workshop II "Day of remembrance of the Holocaust and of prevention of crimes  
against humanity in schools"**

- 9.00 am - Chair: Mr Mirosław Sawicki, Minister of National Education and Sport of Poland  
Brief opening statement
- Presentation of the results of the Workshop I on "Teaching remembrance through cultural heritage", by Mr Jean-Michel Lecomte, Teacher of social sciences, author of "Teaching about the Holocaust in the 21<sup>st</sup> century"
- Statement by Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 10.00 am - Statements by the Ministers of Education on the theme of Workshop II
- 12.30 am - Presentation of the results of the youth programme
- 1.00 pm - Adoption of the official documents of the seminar:
- Declaration of the ministerial seminar
- Message to the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of Council of Europe member states
- 1.15 pm Closure of the seminar :
- Address by Mr Adam Daniel Rotfeld, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (or his Representative)
- Closing address by Mr Gabriele Mazza, Director of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education of the Council of Europe
- 1.30 pm Press conference
- 1.30 pm Buffet lunch in Collegium Maius (traditional Polish specialities)