

**XVIth Congress
of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts 2014
hosted by the
Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria
in Vienna
from 12 to 14 May 2014**

Programme

Saturday and Sunday, 10 and 11 May 2014:

Arrival of guests; welcome by staff members of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria at Vienna Airport (CECC information desk) and transfer to

*HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL
1030 Vienna, Johannesgasse 28
Tel. +43 (1) 711 22-0*

Check-in (from 14:00) and distribution of Congress documents and/or registration at the CECC Info Point in the hotel lobby

Sunday, 11 May 2014:

18:30 Departure from Intercontinental Hotel for Schönbrunn Palace

Separate transfer (by minivan/limousine) provided for guests checking in at the hotel after 18:00

19:00 Welcome reception at the *Orangerie* of Schönbrunn Palace –
UNESCO world heritage site (in the garden, weather permitting)

Welcome speech by Gerhart HOLZINGER, Chairman of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts and President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria*

20:00 Dinner hosted by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria at

*ORANGERIE OF SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE
1130 Vienna, Schlossstraße 47*

approx. 22:30 Departure from Schönbrunn and return to Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all guests

Monday, 12 May 2014:

from 6:30 Buffet breakfast for all guests in the “*Vier Jahreszeiten*” and “*Kaunitz*” rooms on the ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel

8:15 Departure from Intercontinental Hotel for the Hofburg Vienna
 Bus transfer for all ***participants of the Circle of Presidents***

CONGRESS CENTRE, HOFBURG VIENNA
1014 Vienna, Heldenplatz
Tel. +43 (1) 587 36 66-0

from 8:30 Registration of late arrivals in the entrance hall of the Hofburg
 ☞ Coffee available in the *Seitengalerie* of the Hofburg

9:00 to approx. **Circle of Presidents**
 10:30 First session of the Circle of Presidents of the XVIth Congress in the

Zeremoniensaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: *Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria*

- *Welcome and opening of the first session*
- *Deliberations on the agenda items as adopted*
- *Decisions on the individual agenda items*

☞ followed by: Coffee break
 in the *Seitengalerie* and the *Hofburg Galerie*

10:15 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for the Hofburg
 Bus transfer for all ***participants of the XVIth Congress of the CECC***

11:00 to approx. **Solemn Opening Session of the XVIth Congress**
 12:30 in the

Festsaal of the Hofburg Vienna

W.A. Mozart, String Quartet in B major, KV 458 (*allegro vivace assai*)
quartetto di vienna

Opening session to be moderated by *Onka TAKATS*

Welcome by Gerhart HOLZINGER, *Chairman of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts and President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria*

Welcome addresses:

- *President of the Constitutional Council of the Kingdom of Morocco
Mohammed ACHARGUI on behalf of the Association of Constitutional Courts
using the French Language (ACCPUF) and the Union of Arab Constitutional
Courts and Councils (UACCC)*
- *President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia
Gagik HARUTYUNYAN on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional Control
Organs of Countries of New Democracy (CCCOCND)*
- *President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Angola
Rui Constantino FERREIRA on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional
Courts of Countries of Portuguese Language (CJCPLP)*
- *President of the Constitutional Council of the Democratic People's Republic
of Algeria Mourad MEDELICI on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional
Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA)*
- *Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court of Zambia
Lombe Phyllis CHIBESAKUNDA for the South African Chief Justices Forum
(SACJF)*

W.A. Mozart, String Quartet in B major, KV 458 (menuetto moderato)
quartetto di vienna

- *President of the European Court of Human Rights
Dean SPIELMANN*
- *President of the Court of Justice of the European Union
Vassilios SKOURIS*
- *Federal Minister of Arts, Culture, Constitution and Public Service
Josef OSTERMAYER*
- *Federal President of the Republic of Austria
Heinz FISCHER*

National anthem and European anthem
quartetto di vienna

12:30 to
14:15

🍽️ Lunch for Congress participants served on the premises of the

HOFBURG VIENNA
Geheime Ratsstube, Marmorsaal, Antekammer

14:30 to
15:30

First session of the XVIth Congress
in the *Festsaal* of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of
the Republic of Austria

Presentation of the General Report on “The Co-operation of Constitutional Courts in Europe – Current Situation and Perspectives” and outline of the issues raised: *Christoph GRABENWARTER, Member of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria*

Short contributions to introduce the discussion:

- *Maria BERGER, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union*
- *Marzell BECK, President of the State Court of the Principality of Liechtenstein*
- *Pavel RYCHETSKÝ, President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic*

followed by: Plenary discussion

15:30 ☞ Coffee break in the *Seitengalerie* and the *Hofburg Galerie*

16:00 to 17:30 **Second Session of the XVIth Congress**
in the *Festsaal* of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: *Péter PACZOLAY, President of the Constitutional Court of Hungary*

Input papers on the sub-theme “Constitutional Courts between Constitutional Law and European Law”:

- *Marta CARTABIA, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Italy*
- *Peter M. HUBER, Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany*

followed by: Plenary discussion

approx. 17:30 Departure from the Hofburg and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all Congress participants

19:30 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for the City Hall
Bus transfer for all guests

20:00 Reception at the Vienna City Hall hosted by *Michael HÄUPL*, Mayor and Governor of Vienna (in the *Arkadenhof*, weather permitting, or the *Wappensäle*)

VIENNA CITY HALL
1010 Vienna, Rathausplatz 1
(Entrance from: *Felderstraße*, access: *Feststiege 2*)

Welcome address by Michael HÄUPL, Mayor and Governor of Vienna*

approx. 22:30 Departure from City Hall and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
 Bus transfer for all guests

Tuesday, 13 May 2014:

from 6:30 Buffet breakfast for all guests in the “*Vier Jahreszeiten*” and “*Kaunitz*”
 rooms on the ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel

8:15 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for the Hofburg
 Bus transfer for all Congress participants

8:30 ☕ Coffee available in the *Seitengalerie* of the Hofburg

9:00 to **Third Session of the XVIth Congress**
 10:30 in the *Festsaal* of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: *Gaetano SILVESTRI, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Italy*

Input papers on the sub-theme “Interaction between Constitutional Courts”:

- *Guy CANIVET, Member of the Constitutional Council of the French Republic*
- *Stanisław BIERNAT, Vice-President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland*

followed by: Plenary discussion

10:30 ☕ Coffee break in the *Seitengalerie* and the *Hofburg Galerie*

11:00 to **Fourth Session of the XVIth Congress**
 12:30 in the *Festsaal* of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: *Andreas VOSSKUHLE, President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany*

Input papers on the sub-theme “Interactions between European Courts”:

- *Pedro CRUZ VILLALÓN, First Advocate-General at the Court of Justice of the European Union*
- *Elisabeth STEINER, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights*

followed by: Plenary discussion

12:30 to 14:15 🍴 Lunch for Congress participants on the premises of the

HOFBURG VIENNA
Geheime Ratsstube, Marmorsaal, Antekammer

14:30 to 16:00 **Closing Session of the XVIth Congress**
in the *Festsaal* of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

Summary of the results of the previous sessions:
Christoph GRABENWARTER, Member of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

Panel discussion with four panellists:

- Marianna MOCHNÁČOVÁ, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic
- Miroslav MOZETIČ, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia
- Adela ASUA BATARRITA, Vice-President of the Constitutional Tribunal of Spain
- Gilbert KOLLY, President of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court

followed by: Plenary discussion

approx. 16:00 Departure from the Hofburg to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all ***participants not attending the Circle of Presidents***

16:00 to 16:30 **Circle of Presidents**
Second session of the Circle of Presidents of the XVIth Congress in the

Zeremoniensaal of the Hofburg Vienna

Chaired by: Gerhart HOLZINGER, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria

- Welcome and opening of the second session
- Deliberations on the agenda items as adopted
- Decisions on the individual agenda items

approx. 16:30 Departure from the Hofburg and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all ***participants of the Circle of Presidents***

18:30 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for *Musikverein*
Bus transfer for all guests

19:00 Concert performance (ca. one hour) by the *Philharmonics*, an ensemble of musicians of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, at

MUSIKVEREIN
1010 Vienna, Musikvereinsplatz 1
(Brahms-Saal)

followed by:
short transfer by bus to the Vienna State Opera

approx. 20:30 Closing reception hosted by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria at the

VIENNA STATE OPERA
1010 Vienna, Opernring 2
(Gustav Mahler-Saal, Schwindfoyer and Loggia)

Welcome address by Dominique MEYER, Director of the Vienna State Opera*

approx. 23:00 Departure from State Opera and return to the Intercontinental Hotel
Bus transfer for all guests

Wednesday, 14 May 2014:

from 6:30 Buffet breakfast for all guests in the “*Vier Jahreszeiten*” and “*Kaunitz*” rooms on the ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel

9:00 Departure from the Intercontinental Hotel for Burgenland

Bus transfer: guests departing on the same day are requested to take their luggage on the bus

10:00 Arrival in Eisenstadt, capital of Burgenland:
Visit to

ESTERHÁZY PALACE
7000 Eisenstadt, Esterhazy Platz 1
(Haydn-Saal)

Welcome by the President of the Provincial Parliament of Burgenland
Gerhard STEIER in the presence of Executive Director *Robert TAUBER**

Brief introduction to the history of the Palace*

Short concert performance by the famous Haydn Quartet:

- Joseph Haydn, String Quartet G major, Op. 64/4
- Joseph Haydn, *Kaiserquartett* C major, Op. 76/3 (poco adagio)

followed by:

Champagne reception in the Garden Hall and on the Patio, hosted by
Schloss Esterházy Kulturverwaltung GmbH

11:00	Departure from Eisenstadt for Rust
11:50	Guided walk through Rust (approx. 15 minutes) from the historical Kremayr building to the port near Seehotel Rust
	All guests embark on boats <i>Illmitz 2</i> and <i>Illmitz 6</i>
12:30	Boat trip on Lake Neusiedl (UNESCO world heritage site); Lunch served on board
15:00	Arrival at Illmitz port
15:15 to 16:45	Horse carriage ride through Lake Neusiedl – Seewinkel National Park: the steppe lake with its reed belt is a unique habitat for rare species of plants and animals
16:50	Arrival and short stop at Johannes-Zeche
17:20	Departure (by bus) from Johannes-Zeche for Vila Vita
17:30 to 20:00	Dinner hosted by the Governor of Burgenland Hans NIESSL

*CSARDA of the
VILA VITA PANNONIA
7152 Pamhagen, Storchengasse 1*

Welcome address by the *Third President of the Provincial Parliament of
Burgenland Manfred MOSER**

Pannonian specialities and regional wines are served in the Csarda in
village-fair style, with tamburizza and brass band music

Individual transfer (by minivan) to the airport will be provided from 18:00 for
delegations leaving earlier

approx. 20:00	Departure from Vila Vita and return to the Intercontinental Hotel for guests spending the night in Vienna
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* Some of the welcome addresses and brief speeches will be delivered in English; speeches given in German will be interpreted consecutively into English. In addition, whispering interpretation into French and Russian will be provided.

Thursday, 15 May 2014:

from 6:30

Buffet breakfast in the breakfast rooms of Intercontinental Hotel

Departure

Transfer from the hotel (main entrance) to Vienna International Airport according to information provided on flight departure times:

- Travellers from Schengen states are requested to be in the hotel lobby* **one hour and 15 minutes** before the departure of their flights;
- Travellers from non-Schengen states are requested to be in the hotel lobby* **one hour and 45 minutes** before the departure of their flights;

*Airport transfer drivers will be waiting there.

Airport

- Farewell desk for information (on 15 May 2014 only)
- Use of fast lanes (for check-in and security checks)*
- Use of the following lounges: Jet Lounge (gates B, C and D) // Schengen Sky Lounge // Non-Schengen Sky Lounge (gates F and G); all lounges are open daily from 05:30 to 22:00*

* You will be required to show your name badges to be admitted to the lounge

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