

International Conference

"The Importance of non discrimination policies in the Russian Federation - challenges and perspectives"



October 26-27, 2012

St. Petersburg, Russia

Goal of the Conference:

Exchange of experience and discussion of a joint approach to the issue of discrimination and anti-discrimination strategies.

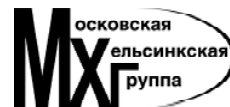
Topics of the Conference:

1. Restoration of rights of victims of political repression: history and new issues.
2. Monitoring discrimination as an anti-discrimination strategy.
3. Anti-discrimination legislation: foreign experience and situation in Russia.
4. Hate crimes. Help to victims.
5. Cooperation with Commissioners for Human Rights.

Expected outcome of the Conference: adoption of Recommendations for states, intergovernmental organizations, human rights organizations, and Commissioners for Human Rights.

Organizers

Russian LGBT Network, Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation, Moscow Helsinki Group



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Program of the Conference

(Note: changes are possible)

Time	Activity
October 25	Arrival of guest participants
October 26	
9.00 – 9.30	Registration (“Blue” Conference hall, 5 th floor)
9.30- 10.00	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Welcome remarks Igor Kochetkov, Russian LGBT Network Axel Hochrein, Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation Timm Köhler, Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future", Manager of the „Stop Hate Crime!“ program</p> <p>Key note Markus Löning, German Commissioner for Human Rights Policy</p>
10.00 – 11.30	<p>Plenary session Speech time limit: 15 min. 1. Restoration of rights of victims of political repression: history and new issues: Russian experience. Igor Kochetkov, Russian LGBT Network. 2. Restoration of rights of victims of political repression: history and new issues: German experience. Annette Hecker, LSVD.</p> <p>Panel Monitoring discrimination as an anti-discrimination strategy and anti-discrimination legislation: Russian and foreign perspectives. Valery Sozaev, Russian LGBT Network; Björn van Roozendaal, Programmes Director, ILGA Europe; Ksenia Kirichenko, Russian LGBT Network; Robert Biedron, Member of the Polish Parliament, Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe (PACE); Volker Beck, Member of the German Bundestag, Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid. Moderator: Klaus Jetz, LSVD</p>
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Plenary session Speech time limit: 15 min. 1. Hate crimes: psychological and legal help to victims: Russian experience. Maria Sabunaeva, Russian LGBT Network. 2. Hate crimes: psychological and legal help to victims: German experience. Katharina Doumler, LSVD.</p>

	<p>Panel</p> <p>Commissioners' work in the field of anti-discrimination and human rights: Russian and foreign experiences.</p> <p>N.N., Russian Commissioner;</p> <p>Christine Lüders, Director of the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency, Germany;</p> <p>Markus Löning, German Commissioner for Human Rights Policy.</p> <p>Moderator: Axel Hochrein, LSVD.</p>
13.30 – 14.15	Press session
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Parallel sessions:</p> <p>1. Restoration of rights of victims of political repression and anti-discrimination legislation (Conference hall "Mirror", 5th floor). Moderator: Ksenia Kirichenko and Wanja Kilber</p> <p>2. Legal and psychological help to victims of hate crimes ("Green" Conference hall, 3rd floor). Moderator: Maria Sabunaeva</p> <p>3. Cooperation with Commissioners for Human Rights and Monitoring discrimination („Small“ Conference hall, 4th floor). Moderators: Valery Sozaev and Uta Schwenke</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 18.00	<p>Parallel sessions (cont'd):</p> <p>1. Restoration of rights of victims of political repression and anti-discrimination legislation.</p> <p>2. Legal and psychological help to victims of hate crimes.</p> <p>3. Cooperation with Commissioners for Human Rights and Monitoring discrimination.</p>
	(18.00 – Meeting for moderators)
	<p>Possibility to visit LGBT International Film Festival "Side by Side" (entrance: 200 roubles, 150 for students) Address: Press Club Zelenaya Lampa, 3 Bankovskiy pereulok, metro: «Nevskij prospect" or "Sennaja ploschchad" See program of the festival for more information</p>
October 27	
10.00 - 10.30	<p>Best practice</p> <p>Wanja Kilber, LSVD Hamburg/Quarteera, Implementing anti-discrimination issues within the European town twinning system</p> <p>Ilka Borchardt, LSVD, Addressing anti-discrimination issues within the Russian and other migration communities in Germany</p>

	Anna Anisimova, LGBT-organization "Coming Out": QueerFest St. Petersburg: Culture and civil activism as an effective form of fight against suppression of discrimination of LGBT
10.30 - 11.30	<p>Plenary session</p> <p>Reports on yesterday's workshops and presentation of recommendations</p> <p>1. Restoration of rights of victims of political repression and anti-discrimination legislation. Moderators: Ksenia Kirichenko and Wanja Kilber</p> <p>2. Legal and psychological help to victims of hate crimes. Moderator: Maria Sabunaeva</p> <p>3. Cooperation with Commissioners for Human Rights and Monitoring discrimination. Moderators: Valery Sozaev and Uta Schwenke</p>
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	Plenary discussion of Recommendations and Resolution
13.30 – 14.30	<p>Outlook: Implementing anti-discrimination policies in Eastern Europe</p> <p>Panel with Robert Biedron, Member of the Polish Parliament and PACE-member; Björn van Roozendaal, Programmes Director, ILGA Europe; Andriy Maymulakhin, Nash mir, Kiev/Ukraine; Igor Kochetkov, Russian LGBT Network. Moderator: Valery Sozaev, Russian LGBT Network</p>
14.30 – 15.00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Axel Hochrein, Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation Igor Kochetkov, Russian LGBT Network</p>
	<p>Possibility to visit LGBT International Film Festival "Side by Side"</p> <p>Address: Coworking „Zona deistviya“ (LOFT Project), 74 Ligovsky Prospekt, 3rd floor, metro: "Ligovskij pr." See program of the festival for more information</p>



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