FOREWORD

The accomplishments of the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace est. by UN during more than three decades of its activities and its program orientation for the coming period reflect its intellectual mission as set out in the founding acts of the ECPD. Its mission has remained unchanged: to contribute to peace and development in Europe as the area of the ECPD’s activities, and to international cooperation in the transfer of knowledge, by organizing international postgraduate studies (at the specialist, master’s and doctoral levels) and postgraduate professional training and specialization (postgraduate schools, specialist seminars, instructive and other courses) and research in the relevant scientific fields. The ECPD’s guiding principle and the basic premise upon which the ECPD has based its program orientation and strategy, is that development under conditions of peace is only possible when conceived as human development.

It is undoubtedly true that a widening gap between developed and developing countries is causing internal and international tension and conflict, thus threatening peace in the world. But it is also true that the development of countries cannot be measured solely by the per capita growth of national income. If we want a stable world peace, we must strive towards development by means of constant advance in the quality of human life. Education and, more generally, the dissemination of knowledge are the prerequisites for such qualitative improvement. In our view, the recent past, characterized by growing globalization of “good” and “bad” in the world, is clear proof that the ECPD has chosen an appropriate strategy for its long-term program orientation.

The ECPD applies an interdisciplinary approach by implementing the following seven, closely interconnected programs:

• Development of Human Resources;
• Development of Natural Resources;
• Social and Economic Development;
• Scientific and Technological Development;
• Sustainable Development;
• Cultural Development;
• Management, International Cooperation and Development.
The program of the ECPD’s activities is based on a synergetic and multidisciplinary approach. Its studies are directed towards finding timely and effective solutions for acute and chronic problems of development and the quality of life in the specific regions of Europe, particularly in its south-eastern region. Nonetheless, in keeping with its program policy, the ECPD increasingly intensifies cooperation with the rest of the world.

The ECPD pays special attention to bringing together the intellectual potentials of the West and the East, as well as to strengthening relations and cooperation between the North and the South. In this respect, the ECPD organizes and conducts the following activities:

- Postgraduate specialist, master’s and doctoral studies;
- Research projects and studies relevant for peace and development;
- Scientific meetings, symposia, conferences, courses and seminars at which, among other things, the results of research are presented;
- Publishing periodic magazines, books and proceedings of scientific meetings, studies and other scientific works.

The ECPD programs are inspired by the highest standards of international achievements, academic knowledge and experience. Through its programs the ECPD has provided the professional groundwork for the establishment of relations between market economies and economies in transition, for the purpose of narrowing and finally closing the development gap and for promoting better understanding and tolerance between states and peoples as an international educational, research and non-profit organization, in the best interest of peace, development and democracy. The ECPD enjoys full academic freedom necessary for the attainment of its stated aims, especially with regard to the choice of subjects and methods of research for the purpose of peace and dissemination of knowledge and development.

We take special pride in the fact that the ECPD achieved remarkable results in the period under review. The ECPD carried out numerous projects, including the programs of postgraduate education and research projects and studies, international scientific meetings, specialized courses, summer schools and seminars and published books, proceedings, journals and other publications. Clearly the results of the ECPD’s operations, whether judged by the number of implemented projects or by their content and quality, could not have been achieved without support of numerous academic institutions, governmental and nongovernmental, national and international organizations and distinguished scholars and public figures from all over the world through long-established cooperation and strategic partnerships. These achieve-

ments, despite extremely difficult and challenging circumstances at times as well as the fact that the ECPD is a self-financing institution, serve as a strong guarantee for future successful operations.

In the coming period, drawing on its experience and new opportunities, the ECPD will continue to attach special attention to advancing its cooperation with national and international organizations, academic and other research institutions and expanding its academic network with a purpose to contributing to the promotion of peace, development and international cooperation across Europe, especially in its neighborhood South-East and Central Europe.

Belgrade, 30 December 2016

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECPD
(Prof. Dr. Nebojša P. Ostojić)
GENERAL REMARKS

In accordance with its mandatory tasks and objectives referred to in Article 1, Item a) of the Agreement concluded between the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the University for Peace established by the United Nations on October 22, 1984, the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) performed the following activities over the past seven academic years in the period 2009 – 2016.

(i) Organization of postgraduate studies at master’s and doctoral levels;
(ii) Development and elaboration of research projects and studies;
(iii) Organization of international conferences and meetings;
(iv) Publishing activity.

These and many other ECPD’s activities have been designed to promote peace, development and international cooperation. Although the area covered by its activities is so-called “Helsinki Europe”, the ECPD is primarily focused on Central and South-East Europe.

In its synergetic and interdisciplinary approach, the ECPD has chosen to perform the activities falling within the following seven closely interconnected groups of programs:

(i) Development of Human Resources;
(ii) Development of Natural Resources;
(iii) Social and Economic Development;
(iv) Scientific and Technological Development;
(v) Sustainable Development;
(vi) Cultural Development;
(vii) Management, International Cooperation and Development

Through combining the intellectual potentials on the global scene, the ECPD is contributing to better understanding, cooperation and conflict resolution. For many years the ECPD has been making major efforts towards national/inter-ethnic reconciliation, religious tolerance and human security in and/or between the post-conflict Balkan countries.

I. ECPD INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

During the past seven years, the ECPD organized the postgraduate study programs at the following levels:

(i) Master degree program;
(ii) Specialist degree program;
(iii) PhD degree program and
(iv) Specialist and advanced training program.

Each program has been carried out in several lines of the ECPD’s activities, focusing on the promotion of human and natural development, social, economic and technological development.

In the reviewed period, ECPD is organised the following master’s and doctoral programs:

(i) Sustainable Development Management;
(ii) Management in Science, Education and Culture;
(iii) Strategic Management;
(iv) Financial Management;
(v) Project Management;
(vi) Urban and Environmental Management;
(vii) Management of Local Self-Government;
(viii) Human Resources Management;
(ix) School of Global Health Development
   – Doctoral Degree in Health Management (PhD)
   – Master’s Degree in Health Management (M.Sc.)
   – Postgraduate Specialist Diploma in Health Management (D.H.M.)
   – Special Certificate Programs in Health Management
(x) Technology of Solving Development Problems;
(xi) International Finance and Banking;
(xii) International Diplomatic Studies;
(xiii) International Peace Studies and Human Rights;
(xiv) International Romology Studies;
(xv) European Union, Integration and European Law;
(xvi) International Business Law.
(xvii) National Security Affairs
(xviii) Global Financial Data Management
(xix) International MBA Studies;

The historic core of Belgrade, where the ECPD Headquarters is located.
The ECPD postgraduate programs have been carried out in several ECPD educational centers, including:

(i) Belgrade, Novi Sad and Novi Pazar (Serbia)
(ii) Podgorica (Montenegro)
(iii) Skopje (FYR Macedonia)
(iv) Banja Luka and Zenica (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
(v) Sofia (Bulgaria)
(vi) Ljubljana (Slovenia)
(vii) Pula (Croatia)
(viii) Trieste (Italy)
(ix) Prizren (Kosovo)
(x) Athens (Greece)
(xi) Heidelberg (Germany)
(xii) Brussels (Belgium)
(xiii) Paris (France)

In conducting its postgraduate studies, the ECPD applies the basic principles of the Bologna Declaration related to master’s and doctoral programs.

(i) During the past seven academic years, 341 postgraduate students enrolled and attended postgraduate studies, of whom 98 students defended their master theses, while the remaining students are still in the process of taking examinations and preparing master theses;
(ii) Furthermore, 102 candidates were admitted to doctoral studies and attended in small groups various programs, such as: Strategic Management, Financial Management, Marketing Management, Health Management, Urban and Environmental Management, Public Sector Management, International Finance and Banking, Sustainable Development, EU Law and International Business Law and Economic Diplomacy. In the meantime, 38 doctoral candidates defended their PhD dissertations, while other candidates are in the process of taking examinations and preparing their dissertations.

The ECPD makes special efforts to intensify and expand its activities in the field of postgraduate studies, especially at master’s and specialist levels. To this end, the ECPD established regional centers in South East and several European countries. The ECPD plans to continue in the forthcoming period to implement its postgraduate programs in different fields, in its centers in: Serbia, Romania, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Kosovo, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, UK, Albania, Turkey and Finland, including, inter alia, Biomedical Studies, Health Management, Strategic Management, Financial Management, Technology of Solving Development Problems, International Finance and Banking, International MBA Studies, EU Integration and EU Law, International Business Law, National security affairs, Global data Economic Diplomacy, Peace Studies and Romology Studies. ECPD has introduced the Program on International Peace Studies, Human Rights and Human Security, which is expected to be intensified in the coming academic years.

It is worth mentioning that the ECPD established, with the support of international institutions (UNMIK and EULEX), as well as with Ankara International University (Turkey) and VAMK University (Finland) the first international multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-lingual University campus in Kosovo.

In this period 111 candidates were admitted in master’s programs and 52 in doctoral programs at the ECPD Regional Center in Kosovo.

I. ECPD INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Diploma Awarding Ceremony 2012
(from left to right: ACADeMiCiAn Prof. Dr. LJUBiŠA ADAMović, (ECPD), PROF DR. JONATHAN BRADLEY, University of the West of England UWE, UK, SIR ARTHUR RICHARD JOLLY KCmG, University of Sussex, UK, PROF DR. DON WALLACE, President of the ECPD Academic Council and President of International Law Institute, Georgetown University, USA, ACADeMiCiAn Prof. DR. NEGOslAV POstoJiC, Executive Director of the ECPD UP UN, N.E. PROF. DR. TAKEHiro T0GO, ACADeMiCiAn PROF. BrAniSLAV ŠoŠKiĆ Member of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, and European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Montenegro), N.E. PROF. DR. ALBERT MAEL, and N.E. PROF. DR. BUDimir LAzović, (ECPD),
ECPD International Postgraduate Specialist and Advanced training
Specialist and advanced training is also an important ECPD activity which is carried out through organizing specialist schools, specialist courses and/or specialist seminars and lectures in different fields which are of utmost importance for the development of the countries of South East and Central Europe. During this period 858 participants attended various training programs in the ECPD centers. Most participants were included in the following programs: Biomedical and Medical Studies, Prevention of Addictive Diseases, Promotion of Reproductive Health, Integrative and Traditional Medicine and Health Management. Furthermore, a number of participants attended training programs on Project Preparation, Planning, Evaluation and Management, knowledge refresher courses in the field of Economic Diplomacy and EU legislation governing environmental protection and auditing, as well as the programs related to multiculturalism.

ECPD International Specialist Schools
In the past seven years the following ECPD International Specialist Schools were organized and conducted:

- Seven ECPD International Postgraduate Schools on Cardiovascular Diseases:
  - Mlloćer, June 21–25, 2010
  - Mlloćer, June 27–July 1, 2011
  - Mlloćer, July 1–5, 2013
  - Mlloćer, June 30–July 4, 2014
  - Mlloćer, July 6–10, 2015
  - Mlloćer, July 4–18, 2016

- Seven ECPD International Postgraduate Specialist Schools on the Promotion of Reproductive Health:
  - Mlloćer, June 21–25, 2010
  - Mlloćer, June 27–July 1, 2011
  - Mlloćer, July 1–5, 2013
  - Mlloćer, September 15–19, 2014
  - Mlloćer, July 6–10, 2015
  - Mlloćer, July 4–8, 2016

- Seven ECPD International Summer Schools on Health Care Management:
  - Mlloćer, June 21–25, 2010
  - Mlloćer, June 20–24, 2011
  - Mlloćer, June 18–22, 2012
  - Mlloćer, June 24–28, 2013

- Eight ECPD International Schools of Traditional Medicine and Acupuncture, which were held in Belgrade.

- ECPD International Postgraduate Specialist Program, Project Preparation, Planning, Evaluation and Management in Health, sector, Kragujevac, Serbia, April 2–3, 2014; and in Pristina, Kosovo.

- VI ECPD International Specialist School on Modern Achievement in Prevention, Therapy and Rehabilitation of Addictive Diseases, Kotor, Montenegro, 30 May – 1 June, 2014;

- VII ECPD International Specialist School on Modern Achievements in Prevention, Therapy and Rehabilitation on Addictive Diseases, Kotor, 29–31 May 2015;

- VIII ECPD International Specialist School on Modern Achievements in Prevention, Therapy and Rehabilitation on Addictive Diseases, Kotor, 3–5 June 2016;

Based on the fact that a well-organized public healthcare system is crucial for peace and development, the ECPD launched, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Health of Montenegro, Ministry of Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Health of Republic of Srpska and South East European Health Network (SEEHN), a special project – “Health Forum of South East Europe”, which will be implemented through a series of regional meetings. Similar agreements on cooperation will be concluded with the Ministries of health of other countries in the SEE Region. The ECPD Regional Conferences on Pharmacoeconomics are part of this program (See page 28).
ECPD International Specialist Courses and Seminars

In the last seven years the following ECPD international specialist courses and ECPD international specialist seminars were organized:

- **ECPD International Specialist Seminar “Management of Effective Work in the Development of Health-Care Institutions in Montenegro in the Conditions of Economic Crisis”, Kotor, Montenegro, March 11–13, 2011;**
- **ECPD International Specialist Seminar on Predictive Homeopathy, Belgrade, May 26–29, 2011;**
- **ECPD International Specialist School „Screening for Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes in the National Health Care Programs”, Kotor May 24-26 2013.**
- **ECPD International Specialist Course “Project Preparation, Planning, Appraisal, Implementation and Management of Health Sector Projects”, Kragujevac, Serbia, April 7–17, 2014;**
- **ECPD International Course, Preparation and Planning of Business Plans, Pre-Feasibility and Feasibility Studies, Belgrade, October 25 – 26, 2014;**
- **ECPD International Seminar, Road to the European Union – Candidate Countries, Sectoral Legislation, Accountable Corporation and Agricultural Reform, Novi Sad, Serbia, October 25–26, 2014;**
- **ECPD Training Course, Knowledge Development and Transfer of Best Practice on Biosafety/Biosecurity/Biorisk Management, Belgrade, November 4 – 9 2014: Skopje, Macedonia, November 11 – 16, 2014;**
- **ECPD International Specialist School for Traditional Medicine and Acupuncture, Belgrade, March – April 2016; School Director: Academician Prof. Dr. Antonije Škokljev;**
- **VII ECPD International Summer School on Reproductive Health Promotion and Care with the main topic: “The Concept of Reproductive Health Care in Europe”, Mitočer (Montenegro), July 6–10, 2016. School Director: Prof. Dr. Nenad Đurić, National Coordinator for Reproductive Health;**
- **VII ECPD International Specialist School on Modern Achievements in Prevention, Therapy and Rehabilitation on Addictive Diseases, Kotor, (2015)**
- **VIII ECPD International Summer School on Cardiovascular Diseases with the main topic: “Risk Factor Control, Diagnostic and Treatment of Cardiovascular Diseases”, Mitočer (Montenegro), July 6–10, 2016. School Co-Directors: Academician Prof. Dr. Miodrag Ostojić, Director of the Clinic for Cardiology, Clinical Center of Serbia and Prof. Dr. Nathan D. Wong, Director of the Heart Disease Prevention Program, University of California, Irvine, USA**
In the coming period the ECPD is going to organize a series of specialist schools, courses and seminars of informative and formative character, as well as educational and research projects, including the following:

- ECPD International Specialist Seminar “Management in Gerontology Institutions”, Belgrade, Novi Sad, May 2017. Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Dragan Koković;
- ECPD International Specialist Seminar “Dynamics of Doctor–Patient Relations: Rights and Duties of Doctors and Patients”, Kotor (Montenegro), Belgrade, Novi Sad (Serbia), and Pula (Croatia), June 2017;
- ECPD International Specialist School on Balneology, Belgrade, Vrnjačka Banja, May 2017. School Director: Prof. Dr. Tomislav Jovanović, Former Minister of Education;
- ECPD International Specialist School on Chiropractic Medicine, Belgrade/Vrnjačka Banja/Kotor, April/May/June 2017; Director: Prof. Dr. John Downes;
- ECPD International Specialist School on Anti-Aging Medicine, Belgrade, March 2017; School Director: Prof. Dr. Milica Lazović;
- EU Legislation on Environmental Protection and Environmental Auditing. These two courses, led by Prof. Dr. Nigel Carter, President En Venture, London, UK and Prof. Dr. Milan Lješević, Director of the ECPD Environmental Study Program, will be organized in the form of three-day and five-day courses in Belgrade, Podgorica, Skopje, Banja Luka and Pula, in the period September – October 2017;
- International Specialist Seminar “Modernization of Administration and Business Management Practice in Kosovo” under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley, West of England University, U.K., Pristina, September, 2017;
- “Private Financing of Infrastructure Projects” (PFIP). Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Don Wallace, President of the International Law Institute, Washington, USA – Belgrade, October, 2017;
- “Strategic Management and Management of Innovations and Changes”, Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Janet Kirkham, Hertfordshire University, UK and Prof. Dr. Vlastimir Matejić, ECPD, Belgrade, October, 2017;
- “Quality Management: Comparative Contemporary Experiences (Japan – USA – EU – Countries in Transition). Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Tauno Kekälä, Rector of VAMK University, Finland – Belgrade, Pristina and Skopje, October, 2017;
- “European Accounting and Finance”: Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Zeljko Šević, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University New Caledonia, Glasgow, Scotland, UK – Belgrad, Banja Luka, Pula i Skopje, November, 2017;
- “Accounting Irregularities”, Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Tihomir Domazet, ECPD, Belgrade, September, 2017;
- “Road to the European Union – Candidate Countries, Sectoral Legislation, Accountable Corporation and Agricultural Policy Reform”, Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Boris Cossi, President of SBPA, Brussels, Belgium – Novi Sad, October, 2017;
- “Establishment, Organization, Performance and Management of Small Businesses”, Course Director: Prof. Dr. Vlastimir Matejić, ECPD – Belgrade and Skopje, December, 2017;
- “Towards Better Reproductive Health of Young People in the Local Community: Holistic Approach”, Course Co-Directors: Prof. Dr. Bojana Benić, Long Island University, USA and Prof. Dr. Vesna Kopljević, ECPD – Belgrade, Banja Luka and Pula, December, 2017;
- “Green and Energy Efficient Architecture”: Director: Prof. Dr. Nigel Carter, President En Venture, UK Belgrade, Podgorica, Pula and Ljubljana, November - December 2017;
- ECPD International Specialist Course “Preparation, Planning, Evaluation, Implementation and Management of Projects in Healthcare”, Belgrade, Novi Sad and Skopje, April/May 2016; Course Co-Directors: Prof. Dr. Jyoti Majumdar and Prof. Dr. John Weiss (UK);
- ECPD Medicinal Plants, Phytotherapy and Aromatherapy, March 2017, Seminar Director: Prof. Dr. Snežana Cupara, Faculty of Sciences, University of Kragujevac.
The second ECPD’s major task is the elaboration of research projects and studies related to peace and development in the Balkans and the broader European region. This task is carried out in various fields of science and human, environmental, economic and technological development. Over the past seven years, the ECPD has been engaged in the elaboration, finalization or implementation of the following projects:

(i) Strategic Directions of Development of Montenegro as an Ecological State (implementation of the Project previously elaborated by the ECPD for the needs of the Government of Montenegro);

(ii) Elaboration of Sectoral Analyses as Support for Inclusion of the Republic of Montenegro in Euro-Atlantic Integration;

(iii) Strategy for Sustainable Development of the Sandžak Area (Serbia), including preparation of specific spatial plans for the City of Novi Pazar and the Municipalities of Tutin and Sjenica and the Plan for the Detailed Regulation of the Bypass Roads and Protection of Sopočani Monastery (12th century);

(iv) Implementation of the Strategy for Tourism Development of the Tako-vo-Rudnik Area (Serbia);

(v) Work on the Preparation of the Strategy for the Development of the Lake Dojran Region, Croatia;

(vi) “Great East”, a strategic project implemented under the EU RTD Framework Program;

(vii) BIS-RTD, Building and Improving Support for RTD Policy and Public Spending;

(viii) R4R, Regions for Research;

(ix) Educational and Research Project “Balkans in the 21st Century”; -

(x) Paths for Building Peace and Stability in the Balkans.

Within its research activities, the ECPD launched several scientific and research projects in strategic partnership with a group of universities from different countries. In the following period the ECPD is planning to participate in EU programs. In the previous period the ECPD has applied to several calls in partnership with other universities, institutes and organizations around Europe. The project proposals that have been submitted during 2016-2017 are:


- **European Remembrance, or Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation**, Program: EU for citizens, Lead partner is IULM University, Milan, Italy.

In 2017 and further on, the ECPD is going to intensify its research activities, focusing its attention on elaboration of the following research projects:

(i) Strategy of Sustainable Development of the Šibenik - Knin Region, Croatia;

(ii) Current Trends in the West-East Relations and their Impact on the Balkan Region;
(Conferences, Round Tables, Seminars)

The organization of international scientific and other meetings (conferences, symposia, round tables, etc.) is the third most important ECPD activity. In this period the ECPD organised the following conferences and meetings:

(i) ECPD International Conference “Climate Changes and the Role of the United Nations”, Belgrade, May 17–18, 2010;

(ii) ECPD International Round Table “Preservation and Development of Roma Cultural Heritage in the Balkans”, Belgrade, May 22, 2010;

(iii) ECPD International Round Table “Reconciliation and Tolerance in Achieving the Human Security Concept’s Goals; Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want in the Balkans”, Belgrade, May 24, 2010;

(iv) ECPD International Meeting “Values for Sustainable, Knowledge-Based Competences of the European Union”, Nova Gorica, Slovenia, June 7–8, 2010;

(v) ECPD International Round Table “Security and Tolerance in the Balkans”, Ljubljana, Slovenia, October 26, 2010;


(viii) ECPD International Round Table “Globalization and the Balkans”, Belgrade, February 11, 2011;

(ix) ECPD International Round Table “Effects of Climate Change on People’s Health with Emphasis on Allergies”, Pula, Croatia, May 19, 2011;

(x) ECPD International Round Table “The European Union, the Balkans and Turkey”, Belgrade, June 6, 2011;

(xi) ECPD International Conference “Environmental Protection in the Danube Strategy Action Plan with Marking the World Rivers Day”, Belgrade, September 2, 2011;


(xiii) International Round Table “Ecological Security in the Region of South Eastern Europe”, Belgrade, April 20, 2012;

(xiv) CEFood Congress, ECPD and EFTN Declaration Ambassadors’ Network “Human Heritage Footprints on Food and Health Challenges”, Novi Sad, Serbia, May 22-23, 2012;


The First ECPD Youth Discussion Forum: “Youth for Maintaining Peace through Reconciliation and Acceptance in the Balkans”, Belgrade, October 12, 2013; Chaired by Prof. Pasquale Baldocci, a distinguished Italian diplomat.

(from left to right: Prof. Dr. DON WALLACE, President of the ECPD Academic Council and President of International Law Institute, Georgetown University, USA, ACADEMICIAN Prof. Dr. LJUBIŠA ADAMOVIĆ, Florida State University, ACADEMICIAN Prof. Dr. NEGOSLAV P. OSTOJIC, Executive Director of the ECPD IPUN, H.E. MILO BUKANOVIĆ, Former President and Prime Minister of the Montenegro, H.E. YASUSHI AKASHI, Former UN Under-Secretary General and Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for former Yugoslavia, Prof. Dr. JOHN MARESCA, Former Rector of the UPEACE, H.E. Prof. Dr. ERHARD BUSEK, Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, H.E. Sir JAMES R. MANCHAM, Founding President of the Republic of Seychelles and Club de Madrid Member)

The Conference Chairmanship, IX ECPD International Conference Belgrade, 11-12 October, 2013
(from left to right: H.E. Prof. Dr. W. WOLLE, H.E. Prof. Dr. D.TANASKOVIĆ, Prof. Dr. J.BRADLEY, Prof. Dr. D.WALLACE, H.E. Prof. Dr. E.BUSEK, Prof. Dr. A.MAES, Prof. Dr. N.OSTOJIC, Prof. Dr. B.GROMOLOV, Prof. Dr. V.KAMBMOVSKI, Prof. Dr. J.GALTHUNG

IV YouTHER FORUM CULTURE OF PEACE: Youth as Peacebuilders -Youth’s Innovative Minds for Peace and Prosperity PULA, 23-25 September 2016

III ECPD REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHARMACOECONOMICS with the main topic HEALTH CARE: PROCESS MANAGEMENT, FINANCING AND PURCHASING (Split, 23 – 24 September 2016)

III ECPD INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS
Exhibition “The View from the University for Peace”, organized in cooperation with UPEACE and the Regional Government of Istria; in cooperation with UPEACE, in the premises of the ECPD Regional Center in Pula (Croatia), from July 15 through October 31, 2012. The exhibition was aimed at presenting the vision of UPEACE professors and students in promoting respect and tolerance in the contemporary world. The Exhibition was also organized and held in Belgrade at the National Library of Serbia from February 19 to March 19, 2013.

International Round Table “Comparative Experiences in Transitional Processes of South East Asian and South East European Countries”, Belgrade, March 19, 2013, chaired by Prof. Dr. Shinichi Ichimura, the distinguished Japanese scientist and former President of the ECPD Council;

ECPD International Round Table “Lessons of the Lost Two Decades of the Japanese Economy”, Belgrade, March 20, 2013, chaired by Prof. Dr. Shinichi Ichimura, the distinguished Japanese scientist and former President of the ECPD Council;


ECPD International Round Table “Intensification of Economic, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation of Japan with Balkan Countries”, Belgrade, April 16, 2013, in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan, under the leadership of H.E. Prof. Dr Takehiro Togo;

ECPO International Round Table “Towards Reshaping the European Union” – Belgrade, April 18, 2013, chaired by Prof. Dr Jonathan Bradley, West of England University, UK;

ECPO International Round Table “Turkey, EU and the Balkans” – Belgrade, April 26, 2013, under the leadership of a distinguished Italian diplomat Pasquale Baldacci;

ECPO International Round Table “Ethics in Education” – June 29-30, 2013; Pula (Croatia); the event was organized in cooperation with the Regional Government of Istria.

ECPO International Round Table “Towards Reshaping the European Union and the Balkans”, Belgrade, September 17–18, 2013;

ECPO International Round Table “Economic, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation as a Vital Precondition for Peace and Stability” – September 27-28, 2013, Prishtina (Kosovo);

ECPO International Round Table “New Knowledge for New Development”, in strategic partnership with the Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts – October 7–8, 2013, Skopje (Macedonia);

ECPO International Round Table “Financing Education in a Crisis Situation”, Belgrade, October 9, 2013.
III. ECPD INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

(65) ECPD International Round Table “The Global South – Whither the Global South in the 21st Century”, Belgrade, October 12, 2013; organized in cooperation with Group 77, New York, and chaired by H.E. Idriss Jazairy, Ambassador of Algeria to the UN and Mouard Ahmia, Secretary of the Group 77.

(65) ECPD Round Table “Human Resources in the Health Sector”, Belgrade, October 20, 2013; chaired by Prof. Dr. Slavica Đukić Dejanović, Minister of health of the Republic of Serbia.

(65) Symposium “Issues of Politics and Governance in Biethnic, Multiethnic and Divided States”, organized in cooperation with the Center for European and International Affairs of the University of Nicosia, Center for State Constitutional Studies, Academia Europaea di Bolzano (EURAC) Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism; Keynote Speaker and Chairman: H.E. Albert Maes, a distinguished long-standing EU Ambassador and President of the ECPD executive board, November 18, 2013;

(65) ECPD International Round Table “A Challenging Profile for a New European Identity”, Belgrade, December 6, 2013, chaired by H.E. Prof. Dr. Pasquale Baldocci, a distinguished Italian diplomat, Belgrade, December 6, 2013

(65) ECPD International Round Table “1914 – 2014: Premises and Expectations of European Security”, Belgrade, April 23, 2014; chaired by H.E. Prof. Dr. Pasquale Baldocci, distinguished Italian diplomat, and attended by participants from all the Balkan countries;
III. ECPD INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

(xvi) ECPD International Round Table “The Cyprus Economic Crisis – Impact on the Balkan Development”, Belgrade, June 3, 2014; chaired by Prof. Dr. Andreas Theophanous, University of Nicosia, Cyprus and attended by prominent scientists, academicians and diplomats from the Balkan countries;

(xvii) The First ECPD Regional Conference “Pharmacoeconomic Aspects of the Health Systems in South East Europe”, Brijuni Islands, Croatia, September 12–13, 2014; the Conference was organised at the initiative of the Ministers of health of the Balkan countries with participation of the representatives of South East and Central Europe.


(xix) The Second ECPD Regional Conference “Pharmacoeconomic Benefits Derived and Sources of Payment”, Brijuni Islands, September 18 – 19, 2015; organized by ECPD in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Montenegro and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia; Ministry of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Srpska with participation of 46 participants and 10 guests and observers as well as USA and Canada.


(xvi) ECPD Round Table “Intensification of Economic, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation of Japan with the Balkan Countries”, Belgrade, April 16, 2013

(xvii) ECPD Round Table “Reshaping of the European Union” Belgrade, 18 April 2013

(xviii) The Third ECPD International Youth Forum “Education in Culture of Peace – The Youth as Peace Builders. Organized in cooperation with VAMK University (Finland) and Long Island University, (USA) Belgrade, October 25-26, 2015.

(xix) ECPD International Round Table “Impact of Contemporary Global Movements up on the Balkan Development”. Belgrade, March 20, 2015, Chaired by Academician Ljubisa Adamskić, ECPD.


(xxi) 3rd YOUTH FORUM CULTURE OF PEACE: YOUTH AS PEACEBUILDERS - YOUTH’S INNOVATIVE MINDS FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY - Belgrade, City Hall, 25-26 October 2015, Chaired by Prof. Dr. Brian Gilchrist, Long Island University, USA and Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Levett, ECPD and Professor National School of public Health.

(xxii) The VIII ECPD International Specialist School on Latest Achievements In Prevention, Therapy and Rehabilitation of Addictive Diseases with the main theme „Addictive Diseases – Work in Community”, Kotor in Montenegro, June 3–5, 2016; The School was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Montenegro, Ministry of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska and South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN).

(xxiii) The Third ECPD Regional Conference on Pharmacoeconomics with the main topic “Health Care: Process Management, Financing and Purchasing”, Brijuni, Croatia, September 23-24, 2016; The Conference was organized in cooperation with South Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) the Ministries of Health of Serbia, Montenegro, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska,
The Eleventh ECPD International Conference, “Future of the World between Globalization and Regionalization”, Belgrade, October 24 – 25, 2015, chaired by H.E. Prof. Dr. Federico Mayor, former Director General of UNESCO and President of the ECPD Council and H.E. Prof. Dr. Akio Kawato, a distinguished Japanese diplomat.

The ECPD Studies on Integrative–Holistic approach to Health; Co-Directors of the Master Program are Prof. Dr. John W. Downes, LIFE University (USA), and Prof. Dr. Milica Lazović, University of Belgrade.

International round table “THE ROMA PEOPLE OR WHAT IT MEANS TO BE EUROPEAN”
28 May 2016, Belgrade

III ECPD REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHARMACOECONOMICS with the main topic, HEALTH CARE: PROCESS MANAGEMENT, FINANCING AND PURCHASING, Brijuni, 23 – 24 September 2016, chaired by Prof. Dr. Klaus Dirk Henke, Technische University of Berlin, Prof. Dr. Anne Bjornberg, Executive Director of Health Consumer Power House, Sweden, Prof. Dr. Dušan Keber, former Minister of Health of the Republic of Slovenia and Prof. Dr. Ana Stavljević Rukavina, former Minister of Health of the Republic of Croatia.
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(ixa) IV International ECPD Youth Forum Pula CULTURE OF PEACE: MIGRANT CRISIS (23-25 September 2016, Pula, Croatia), organised in cooperation with the Government of the Region of Istria, City of Pula, VAMK University (Finland) and Long Island University (USA).

(ixy) ECPD International Conference FUTURE OF THE WORLD BETWEEN GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONALIZATION (Belgrade, City Hall, 28-29 October, 2016, chaired by H.E. Prof. Dr. Federico Mayor, former Director General of UNESCO and President of the ECPD Council.

(iy) I Conference STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL POLICIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, (15 November 2016, Pula, Croatia), organised in cooperation with You Council of the City of Pula, Centre Party International Foundation, Foundation Boris Divković.

In 2017 and further on, the ECPD is going to organise more events among other things:

(i) XIII ECPD International Conference A GREATER EUROPE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY, (City Hall, 27-28 October 2017, Belgrade, Serbia).

(x) V International ECPD Youth Forum Belgrade YOUTH PEACE-BUILDERS FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: (28-29 October 2017, Belgrade, Serbia).
The Council session was held at the ECPD Headquarters, Belgrade, Terazije 41, and chaired by Prof. Dr. Don Wallace, Acting President of the ECPD Council.

The participants were members of the Council:
Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley, Prof. Dr. Tauno Kekäle, Sir James Mancham, Prof. Dr. Negoslav P. Ostojic, Prof. Dr. Roberto Savio, Prof. Dr. Boris Shmelev, Ambassador Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wolte, Academician Prof. Dr. Branislav Soskic and Academician Prof. Dr. Vladimir Stipetic.

The session was also attended by: Prof. Dr. Ljubisa Adamovic, Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Levett, Prof. Dr. Tihomir Domazet, Prof. Dr. Steven Meyer, Prof. Dr. Pasquale Baldocci, Nigel Carter, Lecturer, Prof. Dr. Miodrag Ivanović and Prof. Dr. Budimir Lazovic.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

1. Report on the ECPD activities in the period 2009-2016 was delivered by Prof. Dr. Negoslav P. Ostojic, Executive Director of ECPD, and it was accepted by acclamation.

2. Mid-Term Program of ECPD activities (2017-2020)

   - LLM Studies - European Union Law and International Business Law (Presenter: Prof. Dr. Don Wallace);
   - MBA Studies (Presenter: Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley)
   - Global School of Health (Health Management; Health Economics; Health Diplomacy) (Presenter: Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Levett)
   - International Economics, Finance and Banking (Presenter: Prof. Dr. Tihomir Domazet, Prof. Dr. Ljubisa Adamovic)
   - National Security (Presenter: Prof. Dr. Steven Meyer)
   - Diplomatic Studies (Presenter: Prof. Dr. Pasquale Baldocci)
   - Technology of Solving Development Problems (Prof. Dr. Vlastimir Matejic)
   - Global Financial Data Management (Prof. Dr. Miodrag Ivanovic)

3. Cooperation between UPEACE and ECPD - presentations were submitted by Prof. Dr. Don Wallace and Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley. It was agreed that the newly elected President of the ECPD Council, H.E. Prof. Dr. Federico Mayor, would be Cooperation and Establishing the ECPD International Alumni (Prof. Dr. Tauno Kekäle)

4. H.E. Prof. Dr. Federico Mayor was elected Chairman of the Council unanimously for a mandate of 6 years. The following persons were re-appointed unanimously: Prof. Dr. Don Wallace as President of the Academic Council and Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley as President of the ECPD Executive Board for a mandate of 6 years.
Over the past seven years, the ECPD has published a large number of publications—results of its research projects, proceedings of its international meetings, manuals and textbooks needed for its postgraduate programs and other publications that contribute to a better understanding of the conflicts regions.

Such an example is a book of Yasushi Akashi, former UN Under-Secretary General and former UN Special Envoy for the Balkans, published by the ECPD in English and in Serbo-Croat.

The ECPD also published:

(i) Takehiro Togo/ Negoslav P. Ostojić, editors, Proceedings of the Fifth ECPD International Conference on National and Inter-Ethnic Reconciliation, Religious Tolerance and Human Security in the Balkans, ECPD, 2010;
(ii) Mićović, Predrag, Medical Glossary, ECPD and Faculty of Medicine, Kragujevac, Serbia/ECPD, Belgrade, 2010;
(iii) Srđan Mićić, Kingdom of Yugoslavia and the Anschluss of Austria in 1938, ECPD and “The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”, 2010;
(iv) Antonije Škokić, Acupunctureology, 6th edition, ECPD, 2011;
(v) Takehiro Togo/ Negoslav P. Ostojić, editors, Proceedings of the Sixth ECPD International Conference on National and Inter-Ethnic Reconciliation, Religious Tolerance and Human Security in the Balkans, ECPD, 2011;
(vi) Group of authors, School of Reproductive Health, ECPD, 2012;
(vii) Predrag Mićović/ Ivana Mićović, Health System, ECPD, 2012;
(ix) Negoslav P. Ostojić, Debt Crisis of the Developing Countries, ECPD, 2012;
(xi) Jovan Gočić, Fiscal Federalism, Local Governments and Budgetary Policy, ECPD, 2013;
(xii) Boštjan Bojović, Kosovo et les Balkans Occidentaux – Question de la stabilité régionale et de la sécurité européenne (Kosovo and Western Balkans – Question of the Regional Stability and the European Security), ECPD, 2013;
(xiii) Mirjana Kojović, Local Communities in Sustainable Development, ECPD, 2013;
IV. ECPD PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES


(f) Nano Ružin, The European Idea and the Balkan Iconography, ECPD, 2013;

(g) Dončo Donev/ Đorđe Jakovljević, editors, Management of the Health Institutions – Proceeding of the ECPD International Summer Schools, ECPD, 2013;


(k) Sir James Mancham, Seychelles: The Saga of a Small Nation Navigating the Cross-Currents of a Big World, ECPD, 2015;

(l) Boutros Boutros Ghal/Negoslav Ostojić, editors, Proceedings of The ECPD Second International Round Table “Global South – at 50 and Beyond”, ECPD, 2015;

(m) “European Journal of Management and Public Policy”- two issues per year, President of the Editorial Board: Negoslav P. Ostojić, Editor-in-chief: Želko Šević.


(j) Shinshir Ichimura, Japan and Asia – ECPD, 2016


(l) Natoša Čvetanovski, Sasa Kuzinarski, Mutual Funds in the Republic of Macedonia ECPD, 2016

(m) Todor Milević, National and Religious Structure and Safety of the Balkans, ECPD, 2016

(n) Živan Ristić, Integration of Quantitative and Qualitative Research ECPD, 2016

(o) Jim Grant; Champion for Children; ECPD, 2016

The ECPD makes considerable efforts to improve its organization and work methods, as well as to intensify and develop its activities in the throughout European region. During the period under review, the ECPD carried out activities in the field of education, research and organization of international meetings, breaking new grounds. At the same time, it speeded up the implementation of hitherto initiated projects and launched new ones, directly or through its regional institutional network. Thus, over the past seven years, the ECPD has established cooperation with numerous institutions in Europe, the USA, Canada, Japan, and Russian Federation, while keeping good relations and partnership with its parent university, the University for Peace established by the United Nations. The programs and reports of activities are adopted by the ECPD Council, based on the proposal of the Educational and Scientific Board, ECPD Academic Council and ECPD Executive Director.

Below is the list of cooperation agreements concluded in the last seven years with the governments, governments and relevant government authorities and academic institutions:

(i) Agreement for Academic and Scientific Cooperation between The VAMK University of applied sciences, Vaasa, Finland, and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated January, 2010;
(ii) Ss’ Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje (Macedonia), Agreement on Long-Term Academic Cooperation, March 3, 2010;
(iii) Government of Kosovo, Agreement on the Establishment of the ECPD Regional University Program in Pristina (Kosovo), May 26, 2010;
(iv) Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Government of The Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and the Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Srpska (MoU), Agreement on Cooperation in Implementation of the Foundation “Healthy Heart” Program, May 31, 2010;
(v) Jura Dobrila University, Pula (Croatia), Agreement on Cooperation in Carrying out Postgraduate Studies in the Area of European Union Law and International Business Law, October 20, 2010;
(vi) University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Agreement on Strengthening Cooperation in the Development and Implementation of the Educational and Research Programs, October 27, 2010;
(vii) Agreement for Academic Cooperation between The Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated May, 2011;
(viii) University of Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Agreement on Joint Organization and Conduct of the Studies in the Field of Global Health Care, June 22, 2011;
(ix) Addendum of the agreement on the establishment of a regional center for international postgraduate studies and development research headquartered in Pula, between Region Istria, City of Pula, Croatia and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated July, 2011;
(x) Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Government of Kosovo, Agreement on Cooperation, November 9, 2011;
(xi) Ankara International University, Turkey, Agreement on Cooperation in Development and Implementation of the Educational and Research Programs, December 11, 2011;
(xii) Agreement between National School of Public Health, Athens, Greece, and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated December, 2011;
(xiii) Alma Mater Europaea (Slovenia), Agreement on Academic and Scientific Cooperation, February 22, 2012;
(xiv) Agreement on Long-Term Academic Cooperation between Faculty of Law, University of Banja Luka, Republic Srpska and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated April, 2012;
(xv) Contract on the establishment of the international Center of Homeopathic Medicine seated in Belgrade and Mumbai, between Predictive Homeopathic International Center, and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated May, 2012;
(xvi) Varna Free University, Chernorizets Hrabar, Varna (Bulgaria), Agreement on Academic and Scientific Cooperation, June 14, 2012;
(xvii) Monmouth University, New Jersey (USA) Agreement on Academic and Scientific Cooperation, September 27, 2012;
V. CONCLUDED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

(i) University of Kragujevac, Serbia, Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Education, November 8, 2012;
(ii) The Primorje and Goski Kotar County, Agreement on Long-Standing Cooperation, December 18, 2012;
(iii) The Belarus State University, Agreement on Mutual Cooperation in the Fields of Education and Research, February 27, 2013;
(iv) Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation in healthcare, with the The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia, dated April, 2013;
(v) Agreement on the Establishment of the ECPD International Faculty of Health Studies based in Vrnjačka Banja, July 12, 2013;
(vi) Agreement for Academic and Scientific cooperation between LIFE University, Marietta, GA, USA and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated October, 2013;
(vii) Ministry of Education, Sciences and Sport of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Federation, Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation in the Field of International Transfer of Knowledge for Development, November 27, 2013;
(viii) Agreement on Establishing the Joint Studies on Information Technology, concluded between the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), Pula Polytechnic College of Applied Sciences (Croatia) and VAMK University of Applied Sciences (Finland), dated April 11, 2014.
(ix) Annex II to the Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation in the International Transfer of Knowledge Systems with the Government of Montenegro of July 28, 1994, dated April, 2014;
(x) Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation in healthcare, with the The Ministry of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated June, 2014;
(x) Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration between the South Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) and European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations, October 26, 2014. The Agreement defines the fields of cooperation of the two sides in the health sector.
(xii) Agreement concluded between The South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) and European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated December, 2014;
(xiii) Agreement on Cooperation and Joint activities with the “Slavyani” Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria, dated January 19, 2015;
(xiv) Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation with the Institute of Public Health “Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut”, Serbia, dated March 15, 2015;
(xv) Cooperative Agreement between Life University, INC. of the U.S.A./ and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations on October 26, 2014. In accordance with the provisions of the Agreement both institutions agreed to cooperate in joint academic, scientific and cultural endeavours as well as to foster cooperation between their faculties, schools, departments, institutes and centers;
(xvi) Agreement concluded between The South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) and European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations, on November 18, 2014. The Agreement defines the fields of cooperation of the two sides in the health sector.
(xvii) Agreement concluded between The South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) and European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations, dated January 22, 2015;
(xviii) Agreement concluded between Insuabria Center on International Security, University of Insubria, Como, Italy, and European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations on November 7, 2014. It was concluded in the framework of the programme “Knowledge development and transfer of best practice on biosafety/biosecurity/biorisk management”. The Agreement is supported by three annexes: Annex I – Training proposal; Annex II – Budget breakdown, and Annex III – Trainers’ CVs;
(xix) Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation with the Institute of Public Health “Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut”, Serbia, dated March 15, 2015;
(xx) Cooperative Agreement between Life University, INC. of the U.S.A./ and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) and University of Kragujevac, dated March, 2015;
(xv) **Agreement on Academic and Scientific Cooperation** with the Long Island University, Brooklyn, USA, dated June 2, 2015;

(xvi) **Memorandum of Understanding** between The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), Szentes, Hungary and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated June 15, 2015;

(xvii) **Agreement on Cooperation** with the European Polytechnical University, Per- 

nik, Bulgaria, dated July 7, 2015;

(xviii) **Agreement on Cooperation with Public Health Institution, Podgorica, Monte-

negro, dated July 7, 2015;

(xviii) **Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation in Healthcare** with the Ministry of Health and Social Policy of the Republic of Srpska, dated August, 2016;

(xix) **Agreement on Long-Term Cooperation (Addendum III)**, with the Government of Montenegro, dated October, 2016;

(xx) **Memorandum of Understanding** between Knowledge Economy Network (KEN Network), Brussels, and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated December, 2016;

(xxi) **Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Cooperation and the Exchange of Students and Faculty**, between The Blanquerna School of Communication and International Relations, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain, and The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), dated December, 2016;
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IN MEMORIAM

H.E. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali
President of ECPD Honorary Council,
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) 1992 - 1996

ECPD and its constituency are deeply saddened by the passing away of Boutros Boutros-Ghali, President of the ECPD Honorary Council. The Centre was greatly honored and happy when BBG, as Boutros-Ghali was affectionately referred to, agreed, in spite of his advanced age, to assume the function of the President of its Honorary Council. While his frail health prevented him from travelling to attend annual ECPD conferences, BBG took active interest in and encouraged ECPD in its work on reconciliation, tolerance and cooperation among the republics and peoples of the West Balkans. He submitted his statements to ECPD conferences, which were read to the participants and made available to the media. And he was regularly consulted on issues within the mandate of ECPD.

It is not surprising that Boutros Boutros-Ghali favourably responded to the invitation to be associated with ECPD. His deep interest in and lifetime work for peace, development and the democratization of international affairs coincided with the mandate of ECPD, which was established under the aegis of the University for Peace, founded by the United Nations while SFR Yugoslavia was still in existence. Boutros-Ghali’s links with and affection for SFR Yugoslavia go back to the heyday of Non-Alignment and his work as university professor and Egypt’s minister of state for foreign affairs and acting foreign minister.

Boutros-Ghali assumed the function of the UN Secretary-General during a critical and turbulent period in world politics. His initiatives led to the elaboration of landmark UN agendas for peace, development and democratization. He was directly engaged in the complex Yugoslav crisis that resulted in the dismemberment of this country, and showed the weaknesses and limitations of the United Nations, including those under which its Secretary-General has to operate, as masterfully depicted by Boutros Boutros-Ghali in his landmark book Unvanquished.

ECPD, its Director and staff, associates, and constituency say farewell and thank you to this remarkable man. Boutros Boutros-Ghali was a very special and unique person, a historic figure of the 20th century, and ECPD was highly privileged to have him associated with its name and work.