

Seminar organized by IOI - Europe and chaired by the Polish Ombudsman

Venue: Office of Polish Human Rights Defender (Ombudsman)
Aleja Solidarnosci, 77
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Attendance and registration: The Seminar is opened to 45 attendants
Registration should be made by e-mail to ioieurope@sindic.cat no later than July 15th 2011.

There is no fee for registration for IOI members but travel and accommodation expenses should be covered by participants themselves. Recommended accommodation is Hotel Ibis, within walking distance of the Seminar venue.

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Language: The workshop is going to be held in English.

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OPCAT (OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE) AND OMBUDSMAN

Warsaw, Poland
13 and 14 September, 2011



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Key note speakers (They are going to take part in three main sessions):

- **Zbigniew Lasocik**, UN SPT (Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture)
- **Mauro Palma**, CoE CPT (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture)
- **Mark Thomson**, APT (Association for the Prevention of Torture)

Any Ombudsman Office may present its experiences on each programme item. To be announced, contact the organizers (ioieurope@sindic.cat) before July 15th

September 13th

9.00 - 9.30 **Opening ceremony**

- **Krzysztof Kwiatkowski**, Minister of Justice of Poland (tbc)
- **Rafael Ribó**, IOI - Europe President and Director; Catalan Ombudsman
- **Irena Lipowicz**, IOI - Europe Director; Polish Ombudsman

9.30 - 12.30 **OPCAT: definition and goals.**

NPM (National Preventive Mechanism):
Mandate, types, structure.

The Ombudsman as NPM

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 - 17.00 **Methodology of conducting the NPM visit**

Preparation: Choosing the places, length of the visit, the visiting team, type (announced or unannounced, ad-hoc, scheduled)

The visit itself: All stages of the visit: Initial talk, visiting the premises, interviews with people deprived of liberty (interview strategy) final talk

The role of experts (physicians, psychologists, teachers, etc.)

Principles of monitoring places of detention:
Social care centers, children's homes, etc. Are they really places of detention? Have NPM's a mandate to visit such places?

19.00 **Dinner**

September 14th

9.00 - 12.00 **Follow-up the visit**

The role of reports: visit report, annual report, recommendations, whom to report, follow-up visit

Cooperation with SPT

Prevention recommendations

Networks

How to continue

12.30 **Conclusions and closing ceremony**