

# ROMANIAN INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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The entire activity of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the experience acquired over the years, as well as its close collaboration with domestic and foreign governmental and non-governmental organizations were devoted to the purpose of fulfilling its powers conferred by the law, in its capacity as a national independent institution promoting human rights and acting as an interface, a solid bridge, between the State's institutions and the civil society. Its activities rooted in the actual realities of each period, each stage, the Institute had permanently in mind the organization of an adequate framework and adequate means for the actual implementation and observance of human rights, for better familiarization with and increased awareness about human rights, both in terms of the public authorities and the citizens who enjoy these rights and benefit from the protection of their observance. This is so much more so that, since 2007, Romania has been a member country of the European Union, which entailed a new approach to human rights issues. In this respect, the Institute mainly focused its activity on the organization of such programmes and partnerships that respond better to the present requirements of promoting the people's rights and freedoms, and training those categories of persons having the responsibility to protect them.

Thus, established under a law – Law No. 9/1991 – as an independent body having the status of a legal person, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (IRDO) has proved its decisive role with increasing familiarization of public bodies, non-governmental organizations and the Romanian citizens with human rights issues, the way they are guaranteed and observed both in Romania and in other countries, and as well systematically informing international bodies and the public in other countries about the way human rights are actually applied and observed in Romania.

Bearing in mind the particular importance of knowing human rights, in 2010 the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a large number of training, information, documentation, research and consultancy activities, contributing

by its entire activity to the training of persons working in the public structures and institutions having powers to protect and promote human rights, systematically informing the citizens about the rights guaranteed under the legislation or provided for in international documents where Romania is a party. In this respect, in the year 2010, the Institute organized scientific events, symposiums, seminars, roundtables, debates, training courses, exchanges of experience. It performed research work, published and disseminated several volumes in the field, which aimed to achieve better understanding of the international standards, the international instruments and mechanisms for the protection and the promotion of human rights signed by Romania, in an attempt to facilitate their rapid and correct implementation at national level.

Taking such a long-term effort, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights is determined to fulfill its role as well as possible in partnership with governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations.

During difficult economic periods, as is the one characterized by the global economic crisis, which we are facing at present, it becomes obvious that, out of the rights laid down in the Universal Declaration and the international treaties, alongside the civil and political rights, with which they are in fact interdependent, the economic, social and cultural rights need special protection. Of these, the following were given special attention: the right to a working place with acceptable working conditions, the right to social security, the right to health and education, the right to social protection and healthcare. These are also the main topics the Institute dealt with in its activity in the year 2010, a year that at European level was marked by the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon and the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, events also reflected by the increased collaboration between the Institute and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

The results the Institute obtained in the year 2010 make us rightfully appreciate that IRDO

accomplishes its role as a national independent institution promoting human rights, acting as a solid bridge between the State's institutions and the civil society.

The activities performed by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in the year 2010 may be synthesized as aiming to:

- Provide better knowledge of human rights issues, as well as the way these rights are guaranteed in the Member States of the United Nations, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the EU, etc.;
- Inform the international institutions about the practical ways in which human rights are promoted and guaranteed in Romania;

- Perform research on important aspects in the field of human rights
- promotion and observance in our country and at international level;
- Organize and achieve training and educational programmes in the field of human rights according to the newest methodologies;
- Editorial activities;
- Publish the regulations, the documents, and the recent studies and research works in the field of human rights;
- Improve the activity of IRDO's Documentation Center;
- Offer advisory opinions, on request, to all those interested.

## **I. RESEARCH DEVOTED TO ASPECTS OF THE PROMOTION AND RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA AND AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

One of the main elements characterizing the activity performed by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights is to research various aspects related to the promotion and observance of human rights. Dealing with this activity, provided for by the law, IRDO has always had in mind the Principles of Paris<sup>1</sup> on the functioning of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, the Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna 1993, the Declaration of Durban of 2001, the documents adopted by the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights, United Nation's Resolution 59/113 of 10 December 2004, the Annual Working Programme of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and, last but not least, Recommendations R(79)16 and (97)14 and Resolution (97)11 by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, which point out that investigating human rights and learning human rights are adequate means to provide increased respect for human rights, by knowing them better.

The thematic dealt with in the studies, the research and the articles achieved in the year

2010 was diversified, practically covering both the general aspects of the history and the evolution of human rights at international and domestic level, and specialized topics related to various civil and political rights, on the one hand, and the economic, social and cultural rights, on the other hand. There were also topics dealing with the „third generation” human rights, such as: the right to peace, the right to sustainable development, the right to a healthy environment.

The experience and the professional training of the Institute's own researchers and its collaborators allowed us to approach the most recent topics in the field, in ample studies, extending beyond one year and achieved by teams of two or more researchers in the Institute who worked in partnership with honorific associated researchers with the purpose of deepening the approach given the profoundness of the subject. At the same time, the research works dealt with special topics usually approached by a single author, while the results of such studies were popularized either by publication in the quarterly „Drepturile Omului”, in the monthly bulletin Info IRDO, and in volumes, or by means of reports presented in the framework of scientific events organized by IRDO or by national and international bodies with which IRDO collaborates. It is in this category that the great

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<sup>1</sup> The fundamental principles established at the first international meeting of the National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, held in Paris on 7-9 October 1991, also known as the „Principles of Paris”.

majority of the studies and research works performed within or with the participation of IRDO fall.

**In terms of the thematic dealt with, one can distinguish:**

a) research activities dealing with general issues;

b) research activities devoted to the instruments and the mechanisms related to the promotion and the protection of human rights and the way the former evolved;

c) works devoted to the protection and the promotion of human rights;

d) research works devoted to human rights and the fundamental freedoms, namely: civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights; the right to peace, the right to sustainable development and the right to a healthy environment.

A brief illustration of each research category shows the diversity of the topics.

**a) General issues**

- Juridical culture and the integration of a culture of the law;

- Economy and human rights;

- Present-day developments with the administration of the judicial system;

- The role of public servants in modernizing the administrative system and improving the relationship with the civil society;

- The relationship between the national authorities and the authorities of the European Union;

- The development of human rights from the domestic and the international points of view;

- The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

- The computerized society and its impact upon human rights;

- The history and the development of the jurisdictional system;

- Cooperation at the public administration level meant to achieve guaranteed liberty and security for the citizens.

**b) Research devoted to legal documents and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights**

- Protocol No. 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights;

- A history of the control mechanism of Strasbourg;

- The control mechanism for the implementation of the ECtHR's judgments;

- The role of the European Mediator in observing the right to good governance;

- Rules related to equal opportunities for men and women in the European Union and their transposition into the Romanian legislation;

- The Advocate of the People and its role for the protection of the citizens' rights in their relationship with the administration;

- The legal persons holding rights provided for under the European Convention on Human Rights;

- The new Civil Code and human rights.

**c) Research devoted to the protection and promotion of certain human rights**

- The right to good governance;

- The right to work – a fundamental principle;

- Good administration of justice;

- Legal guarantees for the right to work;

- National minorities and the security risks;

- Promotion and protection of human rights by means of administrative courts and „Ombudsman“-type institutions in the relationship with the public administration.

**d) Research devoted to the human rights and fundamental freedoms: civil and political, economic, social and cultural; the rights to peace, to sustainable development and a healthy environment**

- Children's right to a healthy environment within the family;

- Elimination of mental stress for the benefit of exercising the fundamental right to health;

- Issues related to the implementation and the protection of the right to work coming out from the jurisprudence;

- Human rights and labour legislation;

- Labour value acknowledgement at European level.

Throughout the year 2010, the Institute participated in several working sessions of Parliament's Juridical Commissions and Human Rights Commissions as well as working sessions of the Superior Council of Magistracy. In the framework of these sessions, IRDO's representatives expressed advisory points of view in relation to 17 bills.

## II. TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The activities performed in the field of education and training-for-trainers (see **Appendix A**) focused on one of the main objectives laid down in the Constitutive Law of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights: *organization of training programs, particularly addressing those categories of persons having special responsibilities for the protection of human rights or to ensure awareness of human rights issues amongst large categories of the population.*

Following adoption of Resolution 59/113 of 10 December 2004 by the United Nations General Assembly, which launched the **World Programme for Human Rights Education** for the period 2005-2015, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights took action in conformity with the contents of the Programme and attached particular attention in 2010 to the intensification and the diversification of the activities conceived to develop education. The purpose was to shape the citizens' attitudes and behaviours characterizing a democratic society and increase the interest and the competencies of participation in the public life of as many citizens as possible, coming from all social-professional categories, both young and aged.

The Steering Committee of IRDO took several measures to adapt the Institute's activities to the objectives of the World Plan. It was an easy task for our plan of action had anticipated, to a great extent, these objectives:

- to promote a culture of human rights;
- to reach a consensus in relation to the methods and fundamental principles of human rights education starting from the international instruments;
- to make human rights education a priority at national, regional and international levels;
- to offer a framework for common action to the various actors involved with this educational process;
- to consolidate partnerships and cooperation at all levels;
- to monitor and support the existing educational programmes in the field of human rights, with a view to push forward

the good practices while stimulating those measures addressing their continuation, improvement and development.

The conclusions resulted from the research on the way human rights were perceived by various population categories, the opinions held and the suggestions made by the participants in the polls, as well as the accumulated experience, were our main blueprints for conceiving and organizing the activities devoted to training-for-trainers and human rights education.

The target groups of IRDO's activities in this respect were persons working in such fields as education, research, public administration, justice, health as well as persons from categories with special problems: women, children, pensioners, minorities, persons with disabilities, etc.

The increasing effectiveness of our undertakings, the better use of the materials, the objective selection of our beneficiaries, as well as the involvement of an increased number of experts led to the increased interest shown by an ever greater number of beneficiaries for our activities, all of which were achieved in close cooperation with partners from non-governmental organizations mainly concerned with human rights education, from public institutions as well as higher education institutions, religious cults, professional associations, etc.

Following is a brief presentation of the educational and training activities performed by our Institute, mainly bringing into relief those that were characterized by continuity and those that have been enjoying recognition both at national and at international level:

- 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the *International University of Human Rights* summer courses, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Club of Cheia „Victor Dan Zlătescu” and the Graduates of Human Rights Master's Degree Association „Victor Iancu”;

- **Coordination of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance**, by IRDO and the North University, Baia Mare, **a permanent activity**, which includes **the Master Degree courses** (graduated in 2009 by the 7<sup>th</sup> series of graduates), debates, training courses, roundtables, conferences, book releases, etc., organized in collaboration with other institutions and non-governmental organizations (see **Appendix A**);
- 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the national school contests „*The Education and Civic Culture School Contest*” and „*Democracy and Tolerance*”, respectively;
- debates, symposiums, colloquiums devoted to issues of major interest or to mark certain events or anniversaries, etc. (see **Appendix A**);
- 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the national contest of literary creation and plastic creation for primary school students, organized by IRDO in partnership with the School Inspectorate, the Teachers' Training Center and the „Constantin Brâncoveanu” School of Slatina, Olt County;
- Progress of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the didactic creativeness contest in the field of auxiliary materials devoted to human rights education in pre-university educational units – the national exhibition of works and awarding of the best ones, Tg. Mureş – Cluj.

**1. Education of the young generation in a spirit of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, for dignity and tolerance, for the free exchange of opinions**, is an objective that has been pursued by over a decade in the framework of a partnership between the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports. This partnership took the form of a number of activities that have become traditional, such as: the school contests „*The Civic Education and Civic Culture School Contest*” and „*Democracy and Tolerance*”, each at its 17<sup>th</sup> edition; continuous training courses for teachers and primary school teachers; colloquiums, symposiums and debates

(see **Appendix A**) on various aspects of the human rights education activity and, last but not least, the continuation of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Didactic Creativeness Contest* in the field of auxiliary materials to be used for human rights education and of a *National Contest of Literary Creation and Plastic Creation* for primary school pupils.

The event suggestively entitled „**I've come of age, so I vote!**”: devoted to students, who met representatives of the Standing Electoral Authority and IRDO, who, in turn, explained with arguments the importance of the constitutional right to elect one's leaders. Organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (IRDO) and the Standing Electoral Authority, the event was part of a series of similar ones that took place at the Pedagogical High School „Costache Negri” in Galați, the „Goethe” National College in Bucharest, the Theoretical High School „Gh. Șincai” in Cluj-Napoca, the „Tudor Vladimirescu” High School in Bucharest, and the „M. Eminescu” College in Bucharest. All the events organized by the PEA came in addition to those initiated by the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO), an organization this institution is affiliated with.

## **2. The national school contests**

Following an initiative by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, starting in 1993 the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth included the disciplines *civic education* (grades III-IV), and respectively *civic culture* (grades VII-VIII) in the category of disciplines for which annual national school contests were organized.

These contests, in the organization of which the Romanian Institute for Human Rights is a partner of the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, known as 'Olympiads', are the result of the need for education meant to shape the role and the status of a citizen in a democratic society, with a view to train and develop competencies for participation in the public life, a critical social spirit and the capacity for tolerance.

a) **The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Civic Education/Culture School Contest** was organized in April 2010 in Piatra Neamț, in

partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports – General Directorate for Pre-University Education, and the Neamț County School Inspectorate.

As usual, the best works achieved by the participating crews were offered prizes by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

**b) *The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the final stage of the National School Contest „Democracy and Tolerance”***

A complex form of civic education involving pupils from primary and secondary schools, the contest was organized on three dimensions: theoretical, practical-applicative, and artistic, with the participation of three-member crews, of which one from a primary school. The experience accumulated during the contest reveals a constant improvement of the quality of the materials presented in the framework of the contest – in all its three dimensions, as well as a constantly increasing interest in the issues it deals with.

The contest, held in Râmnicu-Vâlcea, aimed to develop cooperation competencies at group level, stimulating the interest in familiarization with the concepts: democracy, tolerance, human rights, rights of the child and the relationships among all these, familiarization with the national and the international regulations in the field and, last but not least, students' practicing democratic, tolerant, attitudes and behaviour, the civic spirit and shaping the skills of getting involved with the life of the educational and the community the students belong to.

**c) *Finalization, in Cluj-Napoca, of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Contest of Didactic Creativeness in the field of auxiliary materials devoted to human rights education in pre-university educational units for the period 2008-2009.***

This edition of the contest was organized by IRDO in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, and the Târgu-Mureș and the Cluj-Napoca Teachers' Training Centers.

The main objective of the contest was to stimulate the interest in achieving auxiliary means devoted to human rights education, democracy and the shaping of a culture of peace, while taking into account the objectives

of education proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in its Resolution 59/113 of 2004. Finalization of the contest took place in May 2010 by having the works exhibited at national level and the best ones awarded.

**3. *With regards to the continuous training of the teachers involved with human rights education,*** an important number of activities were organized in various regions of the country during the year 2010, in partnership with the Teachers' Training Centers. They include short-term courses which are part of the continuous training programmes for the didactic personnel (see Appendix A).

The continuous training courses for the didactic personnel in the field of human rights education and the rights of the child were continued in the year 2010. The courses, accredited by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, were organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers' Training Centers of Bucharest, Târgu Mureș, Galați and Oradea.

**4. *Activities devoted to the administration of justice.***

In this field, the activities took place almost weekly in courts, parquets and bar associations, based on the partnership agreements concluded with the Superior Council of Magistracy, the National Institute of Magistracy, the High Court of Cassation and Justice. To assist the citizens and for the citizens to better familiarize with the most important rights, the Institute, in partnership with the Superior Council of Magistracy, proposed, achieved and published based on a consensus, a working instrument.

It represents the sum total of certain rights of the citizens, in accordance with the domestic legislation and the European law. Knowing them is a prerequisite for the defence and the enjoyment of all citizens' rights. The Constitution and the domestic legislation consecrate the principles referring to:

- free access to justice;
- equality before the law;
- the right to a fair trial and resolution of cases within a reasonable time period;
- the public nature of the court sittings;
- the right to defence.

These can only be achieved if justice proves to be impartial, efficient, transparent, and credible. The citizens should know and monitor the enjoyment of these consecrated rights that are clear, accurate rules, which they must follow.

### **5. Other specific forms of training and education in the field of human rights:**

**a) Elaboration of special programmes** devoted to important events and appreciated as such by the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and relevant for the protection and the promotion of human rights, such as:

- The Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014);

- 60 years since adoption of the European Convention on the Defence of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;

- 44 years since adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

- 55 years since Romania's accession to the United Nations Organization;

- 35 years since the OSCE was established;

- 2010 – The European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

### **b) Coordination of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.**

The Chair was created based on an agreement between the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization – Paris, and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the North University of Baia Mare, being a pilot center of research, debate and training at post-university level. In the year 2010, a new class of students graduated the Master's Degree in human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance; this form of training assimilates the results of the national and the international research, while keeping

pace with the progress and the developments in its specific field. Mention should be made that the Institute is the first national institution that coordinates, within the partnership system of UNESCO's programmes, the activity of a Chair for human rights, democracy and peace.

In exercising its mandate, the Institute has been preoccupied to involve public institutions and non-governmental organizations by means of partnerships in the field of human rights. The year 2010 was no exception, partnerships being concluded or renewed, with notable results for the various activities. Thus, the following should be mentioned:

- Participation of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in the elaboration of a draft project for a four-year collaboration with the Bucharest School Inspectorate and the Bucharest Teachers' Training Center, whose objective is to train teachers of all forms and levels of pre-university education in the field of human rights and the rights of the child (including teachers involved with inclusive education, kindergarten educators, primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, high school teachers);

- Participation in voluntary activities for the benefit of various groups of persons with special needs and vulnerable groups ("Let's give away a book" in the framework of the National Strategy of Community Activities; alongside with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and Children's High Level Group, the Institute's participation in educative activities in Sighișoara, Gurgiu, etc.);

- Collaboration in the Romanian-French Project on „Education for information in the disadvantaged rural environment, meant to enrich the book stock of Documentation and Information Centers (Prundul Bârgăului, Gurgiu, Săliște, Câmpul Cetății);

- Participation in the European Union Programme called „Study Visits”, which dealt with „Legal bases of the public-private partnership”.

## **III. ORGANIZATION OF COLLOQUIUMS, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS**

The activity of organizing colloquiums, seminars, symposiums or roundtables, together

with the Institute's other activities of research, education and training formed a harmonious

structure of dealing with human rights issues, while emphasizing the importance of their promotion and protection.

The dissertations and the studies presented on these occasions were the result of the research activity performed by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (see **Appendix A**). No matter whether they were events organized by the Institute or in partnership, the exchange of experience, the opinions and the conclusions drawn there allowed for conceiving new topics for research, new ways to approach training and education in the spirit of respect for human rights.

The fact that the Institute was invited to participate with studies, dissertations, reports, etc., in events organized by various human rights organizations and bodies, domestic and from abroad (see **Appendix B**), fully illustrates the prestige IRDO enjoys both at national and international level, a prestige acquired through the scientific organization of the dissertations, the accuracy and the consistency of its involvement with the defence and the promotion of the human rights and fundamental freedoms.

It should be stressed that the Institute has constantly tried and managed to attract participants in the events it organized and even to determine involvement in the organization of these events of a large number of actors with powers or taking interest in the field of human rights, working in the structures of Parliament, the Government, governmental and non-governmental organizations, or international and regional organizations. By getting involved these actors – who participated with their own essays, dissertations, communications, experience or with reports on behalf the institutions of the organizations they represented – the Institute pursued a better communication and a closer collaboration for the application or the identification of more effective solutions to improve the status of human rights in Romania.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a large number of scientific events devoted to the assertion, the promotion and the protection of human rights (see **Appendix A**) with personalities from Romania and from abroad taking interest in human rights issues as participants.

- On the *International Women's Day*, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights

organized a colloquium on „Progress can only be achieved through equal rights and equal opportunities”. On the event, IRDO and its partners engaged in an exciting and complex dialogue about women's rights, particularly focused on identifying actual activities meant to provide the respect and promotion of women's rights at all levels of society. The participants in this dialogue included Members of Parliament, representatives of the Government Secretariat-General, the Superior Council of Magistracy, representatives of the IDEF, a large number of non-governmental organizations such as ANUROM, the Club of Cheia, ARODF, researchers, university teachers and representatives of the media.

- The World Health Day, instituted in 1948, has been celebrated every year starting in 1950, to raise awareness about priorities, issues of maximum importance for public health and to initiate long-term programmes or projects. On the occasion, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Chamber of Deputies Commission on Human Rights, Cults and Minorities' Issues, Chamber of Deputies Commission on Health and the Family, and the Romanian Association for the United Nations, a symposium devoted to the year's topic established by the World Health Organization – „1000 Cities-1000 Lives. Champions of Urban Health and Promoters of Human Rights”.

- Specialists and practitioners from all over the world joined together in Iași on 25-29 April 2010 to participate in the sessions of the **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the International Conference on Adult Education**, in the organization of which the Romanian Institute for Human Rights was a partner.

This year's edition of the Conference focused on „Training the labour for the computerized society”. The event was attended by specialists in the field from several countries including the United States of America, Greece, Italy, the Czech Republic, Germany, France and Romania. The participants analyzed the impact and the importance of the new technologies of communication for education, which are genuine instruments by means of which the objectives of continuous education and adult education can be achieved. To this end, the Conference initiated an interactive dialogue between renowned specialists and practitioners



in the field of human rights education. It also initiated a forum of participation for the various representatives of non-governmental organizations, local and regional organizations, as well as public and private international organizations.

The Conference also hosted the international symposium on „Human rights and labour legislation”, which was attended by personalities from Romania and from abroad who delivered speeches on „The economic, social and cultural rights”. Following the interpretation of the two concepts of „labour law” and „right to work”, the participants delivered speeches on the economic, social and cultural rights, the international Covenants and regulations in this respect. They also presented individual cases of violations of the right to work by employers' abusive interpretations of the provisions referring to the termination of the work contract in Romania and France, as well as the place held by the social rights in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. During the debates, the topics generated a constructive dialogue in the end of which the participants concluded that there was need for cohesion at European level in terms of the respect of the right to work and also need to improve the legal system protecting this right.

On the occasion, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights awarded the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University a Diploma of Excellence on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, for special merits in the long and fruitful partnership in the field of human rights education.

- **The World Family Day**, proclaimed as such by the United Nations Organization under its Resolution 47/2371/1993, also became in 1994 the **National Romanian Family Day**. The latter was instituted under a Government Decision adopted on proposal by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and endorsed by the Patriarchate of the Romanian Orthodox Church. On the occasion, the Institute organized an ample reunion with the participation of the Chamber of Deputies Commission on human rights, cults and minorities' issues, the Chamber of Deputies Commission on health and the family, the Senate Commission on culture, art and the media, as well as the UNESCO Chair on human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance.

"The father and the family: responsibilities

and challenges” was the topic of the reunion, organized in the form of a roundtable. The participants pointed out the essential role held by the family and the father in the human society, in general, and particularly in the Romanian society, in terms of raising and educating the younger generations, social cohesion and solidarity, and the essential mission of the family to perpetuate the human species; they also showed that during this period of crisis the family was facing new and numerous challenges and that there was need for the government officials to get more actively involved with the social and also the legal protection of the family, while expressly referring to the provisions in the new Civil Code.

The participants made a large number of proposals to the effect of developing and extending the policies and the services oriented toward the needs of the family so that they may ease the efforts it takes to fulfill its mission of creating, raising and educating the next generations in the spirit of values. At the same time, they pointed out the role played by the family and particularly by the fathers for the social cohesion and integration.

- On the **OSCE's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary**, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in partnership with the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași, organized a roundtable on „The role of the OSCE in developing the democratic institutions related to human rights”.

- On the occasion of the **World Environment Day**, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for a Healthy Environment, organized on 5 June a debate on „The ecologic ethics and the right to a healthy environment”.

The participants pointed out the impact of the climatic changes, generated by human activity, visible at planetary level, which was a major problem mankind was facing at the moment, particularly in the context of the global economic crisis – a period when environment issues tend to be attached less importance. They pointed out the multitude of factors eroding man's natural habitat, as well as the lack of policies of intelligent urban planning that could

put an end to phenomena with disastrous effects upon life.

In this context, the participants, including university teachers, researchers, experts in the field of environment, physicians, jurists, representatives of human rights non-governmental organizations pointed out the need for joining their efforts and changing the attitude towards the present-day environment problems related to the climatic changes.

- On the *World Refugee Day*, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, together with the „Victor Dan Zlătescu” Club of Cheia, organized a debate on „The development of the asylum institution in Romania”.

- On the occasion of the *World Population Day*, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized in Baia Mare a symposium on „The World Population Day – present and future issues”, with the participation of the UNESCO Chair on human rights, peace, democracy and tolerance of the University of Baia Mare.

- Representatives of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights took active part in the seminar on „Promotion of global education and education for development in Romania”, organized by the Non-governmental Organizations Federation of Romania, and the Working group on education for development, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, and with the support of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and the European Commission.

- On 29-30 September 2010, the symposium on „The European protection and promotion of human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance of the North University of Baia Mare and with the contribution of the IDEF, on celebrating the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Convention on the Defence of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms** and the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Romania's membership of the Council of Europe.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights made its contribution consisting of

reports, viewpoints and documentation to the symposium on „Equal people – equal rights”, organized in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and „Family Forum”, and devoted to the topic set up by the World Health Organization for the *International day of Persons with Disabilities*. The participants focused on the cooperation between national human rights institutions and the organizations of persons with disabilities in monitoring and implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The main topic for discussions was the structure and the role of the national mechanisms for implementing and monitoring the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), the Romanian Association for the Rights of Elderly Persons, the Romanian Association for Women's Rights, Family Forum and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, with the contribution of the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration, organized a roundtable on „The rights of elderly persons between desiderata and realities”, a logo under which the *International Day for Older Persons* was celebrated internationally.

The participants – parliamentarians, experts, researchers, university teaching staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations interested in human rights debated on various issues related to the rights of elderly persons in the context of the latest demographic, social and economic developments at global, regional and domestic levels.

- On the *World Teachers' Day*, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, organized a roundtable on „Education and the economic crisis”.

The reunion was devoted to the debate on the first draft of the UN Declaration on education and training in the field of human rights. The debate had been initiated by the International Coordination Committee of National Human Rights Institutions, of which the Romanian Institute for Human Rights was a member.

The participants referred to the principles laid down in the UNESCO Recommendations and other international documents as well as the first draft of the Declaration on education and training in the field of human rights, initiated by the Human Rights Council.

At the same time, the participants (including researchers, representatives of the pre-university and the university teaching staff, members of non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field) expressed their opinions on the contents of the first draft under debate as well as effective training and the high quality of the training courses and of the didactic creativeness contest organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Teachers' Training Centers.

- On the occasion of the **United Nations Day**, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance and the „Club of Cheia” Association, organized a several cultural-scientific events. They took place in the period 24-27 October 2010, were devoted to the United Nations Day, and included, among others, a debate on „Linking the Romanian institutions and instruments for the protection and promotion of human rights to those in the United Nations system”, organized in Bucharest, Baia Mare, Măneciu, Vălenii de Munte, Cheia, Iași, Bistrița Năsăud, Târgu Mureș, etc.

The roundtable on „Romanian contributions to the activity of the United Nations”, organized in Bucharest by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with ANUROM was also an event devoted to the United Nations Day – 24 October.

At the same time, these events included a wide range of other activities, from book releases and exhibitions of publications down to roundtables with representatives of the teaching staff which identified attractive didactic methods of informing the students and increasing their interest in the role of the United Nations Organization, debates with Master Degree candidates of the UNESCO Chair and scientific and popularization reunions.

- **The International Day against**

**Fascism and Anti-Semitism** was marked all over Europe through events commemorating the Holocaust and reprobating and combating nationalist-extremist and fascist attitudes. On the occasion, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), the „Victor Dan Zlătescu” Club of Cheia Association and the participation of the IDEF, organized a roundtable attended by researchers, university teaching staff, students, members of non-governmental organizations, etc.

The participants expressed their opinions about the significance and the importance of the event, showing what it meant for the world's peoples to mark the day of fighting fascism and anti-Semitism, and pointing out the fact that, by learning the lessons of the past one can stop such nationalist-extremist and fascist attitudes with such serious consequences for mankind.

- The day when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted was consecrated by the United Nations as the **Human Rights Day**. In this context, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, organized a roundtable on „Say NO to discrimination”.

The participants, including members of the Constitutional Court, the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the Legislative Council, the IDEF, and the „Jus Primi Viri” organization, university teaching staff, diplomats, researchers, lawyers, representatives of organizations interested in human rights, referred to various aspects related to equality and non-discrimination, from the domestic and the international legal frameworks down to the role of the human rights defending mechanisms and institutions.

In the framework of the week devoted to the Human Rights Day, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized in Constanța, in partnership with the „Andrei Șaguna” University, a roundtable on „Human rights between desideratum and reality”, while in Baia Mare it organized, in partnership with the North University, a symposium on „Human rights – an evolving system”, attended by researchers, experts, university staff, students,

representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field.

Also, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in partnership with the „Adolescența” Foundation, the Oil and Gas University of Ploiești and the Prahova County School Inspectorate, organized a symposium on „Human rights and the fundamental freedoms”.

- On the *International Migrants Day*, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), organized a roundtable on „The migrant workers' right to free movement”. The topics under discussion included attenuation of the main barriers in the field of immigration and the free movement of the migrant workers, problems that are commonly faced by the recent member countries of the European Union, particularly Romania.

At the same time, IRDO's representatives participated in the sessions of the International Conference on „Mind the Gap: Towards Better Enforcement of European Citizens' Free Movement Rights”, organized by ECAS (European Citizen Action Service), the

European Economic and Social Committee and the European Legal Studies Institute.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights participated with reports in the **World Family +6 Summit** on „Education is the strongest weapon to change the world”, organized by the World Family Organization with the participation of ECOSOC, UNESCO – The Education for All Movement, and the

- International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights also elaborated several reports, such as:

- Report on the evolution of the human rights legislation in Romania and the European Union, 2010;

- Report on religion and the lay State in Romania, 2010;

- Report on „Aspects of the Romanian juridical culture. Present issues and human rights, 2010.

Also, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights made a contribution to the elaboration of the Report on National Human Rights Institutions within the Francophone Area and their role in promoting and protecting human rights.

#### IV. PUBLICATION OF REGULATIONS, DOCUMENTS, STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Among other powers, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights is to inform public bodies, NGOs and the citizens about the domestic and the international legislation, institutions and mechanisms, practices and customs, as well as the findings of the research in the field of human rights.

In this respect, the Institute had an intensive publishing and editorial activity, informing the public about the latest developments in the field of human rights, the international commitments assumed by Romania and the way they were accomplished. The Institute was also preoccupied to translate those materials which, by virtue of their freshness, needed to be known by governmental and non-governmental organizations promoting and protecting human rights.

##### Periodic publications

**A) Quarterly „Drepturile Omului”** publishes studies, research works, articles, essays and reports. It is also concerned with texts of international or national regulations of major significance in the field of human rights, jurisprudence in the field, notes, comments or book reviews.

The thematic approached includes a scientific analysis of all categories of rights, from the primary down to the latest generation ones. The issue of the relationship between the latter and the values, the principles, the norms and the standards characterizing the institutions, the mechanisms, the terms, the concepts and the future trends is carefully debated both scientifically and methodologically and

technologically.

In addition to these, the quarterly published reports on various events in the field of human rights, book reviews in the field of human rights, the newest publications of the Institute as well as brief accounts on the main activities organized or attended by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

**B) Info IRDO, the a monthly information bulletin**, including briefly presented topical news about events organized at domestic and international level, related to human rights.

Of the permanent columns, it is worth mentioning „*Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights*”, which briefly presents various cases brought before the European Court, in an attempt to meet the present-day requirements of the civil society, the institutions or the students. Lat but not least, mention should be made of the columns devoted to recently adopted international documents.

#### **Works published in volumes**

IRDO published new compilations of documents and research works:

- **"Din jurisprudența Curții Europene a Drepturilor Omului. Cazuri cu privire la România"** (Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. Cases where Romania is involved)

Already in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, the compilation of Romanian cases in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights continues the series of the previous volumes and is primarily addressed to magistrates, lawyers and persons with powers in the administration of justice for the citizens.

The imperative need that these professional categories should be familiarized with the updated jurisprudence of the ECtHR comes from the Constitution of Romania, which provides that the ratified treaties shall be part of the domestic legislation (art. 11), while the rights and the fundamental freedoms laid down shall be interpreted in conformity with the provisions in the field included in the treaties; moreover, in case of inconsistencies with the domestic legislation, the provisions in the treaties shall take precedence, except for those

cases when the Constitution or the domestic legislation include more favourable provisions (art. 20).

The pronouncements in the cases where the Romanian State is a party, which have been increasing in number and also in terms of the diversity of the articles under the applicability of which they fall, are of particular interest.

The compilation meets the need for accurate, rigorous information made available to the specialists in justice, the legislative, administration, researchers and teachers, the trainees in the field, as well as the citizens, being meant to serve as an instrument for work, study and research.

- **"Tratat de Management juridic și jurisdicțional"** (Treatise of juridical and jurisdictional management)

Promotion and strengthening of a good governance of the state characterized by the preeminence of law, democracy and human rights implies a rigorously scientific approach to juridical and jurisdictional management on which coherence in the functioning of the state system depends.

The conceptual context of the entire treatise reviews the development of such principles as liberty, equality and fraternity and their effects in terms of legislation. The relationship between juridical coherence and the philosophical divergences is explained by another relationship, namely, the one according to which coherence of the legal system is indispensable to juridical necessity. In this respect, the author makes use of such terms as solidarity, inclusion, cooperation, sociality, which he later directly links to the social present, terms which he skillfully uses to initiate a reforming action.

An analysis of such concepts as juridical engineering, juridical transplant, constitutional engineering and institutional engineering is directly applied in the practical form of the work, where the contents proves its usefulness through the practice of imports of systems, particular parts or provisions in the western systems applied to the current needs of the state under analysis.

The volume was published in the framework of the IRDO-SCM partnership.

- **"Persoanele juridice și grupurile**

## **de particulari în jurisprudența CEDO”** (Legal persons and groups of private persons in the jurisprudence of the ECtHR)

The work, published on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights, reminds the rights and the freedoms that the member states commit themselves to guarantee to any person under their jurisdiction.

The author presents the international system of protection according to which any legal person meeting the conditions under art. 34 in the Convention can apply to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg if that person believes that one or several rights guaranteed by the Convention were violated by one of the contracting States.

According to the author, the control mechanism consecrated by the European Convention on Human Rights should be analyzed and interpreted in light of the social reforms since in terms of human rights protection social situations are changing continuously.

The author points out the active involvement of the Court of Strasbourg in the rapid resolution of the problems imposed by the actual reality, while re-evaluating the interpretation and the application of the rights and freedoms to new situations, resulted from the social progress, fully proving its reforming, innovating and stabilizing role in interpreting the norms of the Convention.

The work analyzes the relationship between guaranteeing the rights acknowledged by the Convention and the possibility of the holder of the right to invoke violation of the Convention's provisions before the European jurisdiction of Strasbourg. In this respect, the author goes beyond the issues related to principles and shows that the notion of 'victim' as defined by the Court has enlarged its meaning to such an extent that it has come to guarantee that any person having the double capacity of resident of a member state and a person whose rights acknowledged by the Convention were violated may apply to the European Court of Human Rights.

### **Reports**

- National report on religion and the lay state in Romania, IRDO, Bucharest, 2010;
- Report on the evolution of the human rights legislation in Romania and the European Union, IRDO, Bucharest, 2010;
- *Report – Aspects of the Romanian juridical culture. Present issues and human rights, 2010.*

It is worth mentioning that the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and its quarterly „Drepturile Omului” are acknowledged by the National Council of Scientific Research in the Higher Education System, being entered on the 2001-2010 lists of publishing houses and accredited scientific reviews.

## **V. THE DOCUMENTATION CENTER**

**Since IRDO was created under Law No. 9/1991 up to present, one of its tasks has been to create, maintain and operate for outside users an information center / library, which should keep and make available to them sources of information in the field of human rights, the texts of international conventions, laws, documents, studies and publications as well as bibliographic references.**

The library book inventory was increased in the year 2010 with research and documentation works / the Institute's own publications and self-funded acquisitions of valuable editorial novelties in the legal, the social-political, and

the cultural fields, and dictionaries as well. The catalogue of the publications making up the library book inventory, a catalogue structured into 251 fields of research, has been updated and republished. During the year, IRDO received a large number of publications in the form of donations from international organizations, higher education units, and continued the exchange of publications with foundations, universities, similar institutions and NGOs in the field, both from Romania and from abroad. Particular attention was attached to the collaboration with other specialized libraries from other countries, of which the collaboration with the „Alexandrina Library” of Alexandria – Egypt is illustrative.

While a permanent preoccupation was to inform and document about the scientific activities performed by the Institute, the publications issued in the year 2010 under the patronage of IRDO were sent free of charge to all those interested in the country: the National Library of Romania, the University Central Library, the Romanian Academy, the Senate of Romania, the Chamber of Deputies, the Constitutional Court, the Superior Council of Magistracy, the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the Legislative Council, the Government of Romania, the Institute of Juridical Research, the National Institute of Magistracy, the Training Center of Registrars and Other Specialized Auxiliary Personnel, the National Institute for Lawyers' Training, the Ministries with tasks and preoccupations in the field of human rights, the Mayors' Offices, the Prefects' Offices, the Teachers' Training Centers, the Courts of Appeal, the Tribunals, the Courts of Justice, the General Parquet, as well as organizations and institutions from abroad: UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the Secretariat of the European Social Charter, the European Court, the United Nations Human Rights Center in Geneva, the International Academy of Comparative Law – Paris – the Hague, the Center for International and European Studies, the Institute of Comparative Law of Lausanne, the Comparative Law Society – Paris.

Known and appreciated for the value of its book inventory, the Documentation Center of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights was visited throughout the year by approximately 1000 readers, including researchers, teachers, lawyers, magistrates, students, representatives of various NGOs in Romania and from abroad, interested in the scientific literature in the field of human rights or complementary fields at national and international level.

Given its preoccupation for improving the quality of its activities and to facilitate the access to the data, the Institute created (in the year 2007) and has continually developed its webpage; the latter, which was accessed by over 1,600,000 visitors, hosts the „Virtual Library”, which is periodically updated with publications issued under the patronage of IRDO and information about Romanian cases solved by the European Court of Human Rights, the

activities organized by the Institute, thus increasing the number of the readers.

### **The public relations activity**

Following is a synthetic presentation of the report elaborated by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights – Public Relations Department for the year 2010:

As far as the public relations activity is concerned, the fame enjoyed amongst large categories of persons by the activities and the events organized by IRDO is proved by the fact that an increasing number of citizens turn to the Institute with various problems, signaling violations of human rights or requesting advice on legal issues.

Thus, in 2010 as well, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights took the necessary legal steps for the clarification and resolution of more than 483 petitions and written complaints addressed to it, thus responding to the petitions on various violations of the rights by the State administrative bodies or in justice. As a result of the investigations and inquiries performed by the public authorities on request by our Institute, a large number of the complaints addressed to us (more than 76% of the total number of petitions) proved to be justified, and thus the corresponding legal measures were adopted to redress the situation, to restore the violated rights, situations that were communicated to the petitioners. Also, the Institute received telephone calls on information and intimations related to the fundamental human rights and audiences took place at the headquarters of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

The intimations received by the Institute mainly referred to: complaints about violations of the norms related to the right to a healthy environment (delayed response or no response by the local authorities in terms of the protection against pollution phenomena and observance of the law in this respect); complaints about the authorities' refusal or the failure to pay part of or the entire amounts of money derived from social protection, aspects related to the violation of the right to property (delayed response by the Land Property Local Commissions to issue deeds of property, refusal to give possession with certain pieces of land, failure to abide by the judge's decision, etc.);

violations of the rights related to the labour legislation, social insurances and pensions; complaints related to the progress of trials, delays with the judgment sittings, deviations from the norms referring to the application of punishments in penitentiaries; petitions on the violation of the principle of equal opportunities for men and women, the national minorities and the religious cults, etc.

Also, the Institute offered advisory opinion, consultations and information both to persons who came to the Institute's headquarters and persons who contacted the Institute by phone, while at the same time making available documentation related to the domestic legislation, governmental and non-governmental bodies with powers and preoccupations for the promotion of human rights.

A comparative analysis regarding the number of petitions in terms of the various specialized fields revealed the following: 92 petitions referred to the rights of the child, the family, the youth, pensioners, persons with disabilities; 89 complaints referring to justice, the police and the system of penitentiaries; 68 petitions on the right to property (Law No. 10/2001, Law No. 209/2003, Law No. 247/2005); 24 complaints referring to social protection, taxes and duties; 23 petitions on the violation of the equality of opportunities between men and women, national minorities and religious cults; 18 petitions on the right to asylum, immigration and integration of the immigrants; 49 requests for information on ECtHR forms and the conditions to apply to the ECtHR; 132 other complaints.

In approximately 78% of the cases when we were handed written petitions, we were able to help the petitioners by initiating an inquiry about the case, directing the petitioner to a competent body or making a recommendation regarding the institution the petitioner could better apply to. As far as submission of the petitions to the competent authorities is concerned, 54% of the above mentioned petitions were submitted to the authorized institutions while the petitioners were advised to contact other bodies or State institutions, including: the Ministry of Justice, the Public Ministry, the National Authority for the Restitution of Properties, Local Councils, Mayors' Offices, etc.

An analysis of the way the petitions were solved revealed the following: more than 62% of the relevant cases were solved in favour of the petitioner or an amiable solution was reached by means of the competent institutions; in 23% of the cases, no faulty administration

was found and no additional inquiries were necessary. Nevertheless, in 15% of the cases a faulty administration was found and the Institute's inquiry was concluded with recommendations/observations addressed to the institutions authorized to solve the complaint.

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Professionalism, rigour and commitment to human rights issues in all aspects, the exceptional collaboration with the national and the international human rights institutions made the work of the members of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and its overall activity enjoy a remarkable prestige amongst the beneficiaries and the specialized institutions in Romania and from abroad.

As a result, a large number of domestic and international bodies invited the Romanian Institute for Human Rights or its representatives to join their working structures or their steering structures. Here are a few examples showing that the Institute is:

- Member of the UNESCO National Commission for Bioethics;
- Member of the National Coordinating Committee of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

At the same time, IRDO continued its activity in the framework of various international structures.

As is known, in token of acknowledgement at international level of the efforts taken by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights for the promotion of human rights, the Institute or its representatives were elected members of various structures of a series of international bodies such as:

- Member of the International Organization of Family Bodies;
- Also, IRDO's researchers were designated experts within the systems of UNESCO, OSCE, and the Council of Europe, participating in this capacity as rapporteurs or section moderators in various scientific events devoted to human rights;
- Member of the National Human Rights Institutions Network;
- Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law;

*- As far as IRDO's activity related to human rights education, an international recognition is reflected by the fact that, in time, the Institute was given various international awards.*



## SELF-ORGANIZED AND COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 5-9 January 2010* Debate on „Consolidation of the democratic society and human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations.
- 6-9 January 2010* Release of the volume „Statutul juridic al refugiaților” (Legal status of refugees) and presentation of publications issued by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 13-15 January 2010* Roundtable on „Protection of persons with disabilities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association of the Blind, Bistrița Năsăud Office.
- 13-16 January 2010* Training activities in the field of human rights organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with Teachers' Training Center in Cluj Napoca.
- 18-20 January 2010* Debate on „Religious assistance as a moral-Christian dimension of liberty and recovery support for the social reintegration of persons deprived of liberty” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina and the „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași.
- 20-23 January 2010* Meeting on the initiation of educational programmes for the prevention of genocide, organized on occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Cluj.
- 22-23 January 2010* Presentation at the Faculty of Law, „Andrei Șaguna” University, of the „Report on human rights” by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 22-24 January 2010* Roundtable on „Observing the rights of persons with disabilities in Romania”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Club of Cheia and the Bistrița Directorate of social assistance.
- 25-27 January 2010* Roundtable on „Religion, a discipline in the Romanian educational system and the dialogue between cultures and civilizations”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Al. I. Cuza” University and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.

- 26 January 2010* Inauguration of the events devoted to the Global Elections Day in the form of a meeting on „I've come of age, so I vote!” with the young voters from the Pedagogic High School of Galați organized by the Standing Electoral Authority in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and with the support of the Galați County School Inspectorate.
- 28 January 2010* Meeting with the young voters from the Goethe German College in Bucharest, on „I've come of age, so I vote!”, organized by the Standing Electoral Authority in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 28 January 2010* Meeting with the young voters from the Gheorghe Șincai High School in Cluj, on „I've come of age, so I vote!”, organized at the Pedagogic High School in Galați by the Standing Electoral Authority in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Teachers' Training Center in Cluj.
- 4 February 2010* Debate on „Involvement of the youth with the electoral process”, organized by the Standing Electoral Authority in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the Global Elections Day.
- 4-6 February 2010* Training activities in the field of human rights related to civic education, organized by the Civic Education Association, Cluj Office, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 9-12 February 2010* Debate on „Positive practices with the promotion of the Roma citizens in the social integration process”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.
- 11-12 February 2010* Events devoted to the finalization of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Contest on Plastic Arts and Literary Creation devoted to the rights of the child on „Images from my childhood”, organized by the „Constantin Brâncoveanu” General School of Slatina and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 11-12 February 2010* Training activities in the field of human rights in general the rights of the child in particular, addressing educational consultants in the Luduș area, organized by the Mureș Methodic Commission of Educational Consultants in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 12-13 February 2010* Debate on the reform of the European Court of Human Rights organized in the framework of the Conference of Interlaken.
- 16-18 February 2010* Debate on „Legislation for the emancipation of the Gypsies in Romania”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina and the „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași.

- 17-19 February 2010*                      Activities for the finalization of the Project on „Children and their rights. We are alive. Listen to us!”, organized by the Bistrița-Năsăud County School Inspectorate in collaboration with the Bistrița Sports High School and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 18 February 2010*                         Debate on „Eradication of poverty and social integration”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the World Day of Social Justice.
- 18-20 February 2010*                     Roundtable on „The Roma and the relationship with the European Union institutions”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia on the 154<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Roma's emancipation.
- 22-25 February 2010*                     Activities inaugurating the Campaign of fighting against discrimination in work organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.
- 24-26 February 2010*                     Debate on human rights education in general and education for the rights of the child in particular, organized by the Documentation and Information Center and the „Radu Petrescu” School Group in Prundu Bârgăului, in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 27 February-  
3 March 2010*                                Information, training and documentation activities at the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.
- 3-5 March 2010*                             Debate on „Providing equality of opportunities for men and women within the European Union”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the „Babeș-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca on the International Women's Day.
- 8 March 2010*                                Roundtable on „Progress can only be achieved through equal rights, equal opportunities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Club of Cheia, the Romanian Association for Women's Rights and IDEF.
- 11-14 March 2010*                         Roundtable on „Preventing and sanctioning all forms of discrimination”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center of Iași.
- 13-17 March 2010*                         Seminar on „Application of the principle of equality of opportunities for people with disabilities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Social Assistance Directorate of Bistrița.

- 15-17 March 2010* Debate on „The religious rights of pupils and students in the public education system”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina.
- 17-19 March 2010* Debate on „Social assistance and human rights education”, organized by the „Babeş-Bolyai” University, Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 19-21 March 2010* Roundtable on „Legal protection and education against racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Club of Cheia Association.
- 21 March 2010* Symposium on „The right to a healthy and stable environment”, organized on occasion of Earth Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for a Healthy Environment and the Club of Cheia Association.
- 24-26 March 2010* Roundtable on „The human rights to a healthy and stable environment”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center of Mureş on occasion of Earth Day.
- 24-26 March 2010* Debate on „Let's work together for health”, organized in the framework of a series of events devoted to the World Health Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Victor Dan Zlătescu” Club of Cheia Association and the Teachers' Training Center of Mureş on occasion of Earth Day.
- 31 March-2 April 2010* Monitoring the organizing of the county exhibitions in the framework of the National Contest on Didactic Creativeness of auxiliary materials devoted to education for human rights, democracy and a culture of peace in pre-university educational units, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.
- 5 April 2010* Inauguration of the events devoted to the celebration of the World Health Day, by organizing the cycling race under the logo „Champions of urban health” for students in Cheia, Măneciu and Vălenii de Munte the physical exercises for a healthy life campaign by the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), the Romanian Association for a Healthy Environment (AROMES), the Family Forum Association, the „Club of Cheia” Association and in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration (IDEF) and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.

- 7 April 2010* Roundtable devoted to this year's campaign initiated by the World Health Organization on „1000 Cities-1000 de Lives. Champions of urban health and promoters of human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations.
- 7-11 April 2010* National phase of the humanistic social sciences Olympiad organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, General Directorate on lifetime education and learning, in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Neamț County School Inspectorate.
- 12-13 April 2010* Human rights education activities in educational units, with students and teaching staff, organized by the Neamț Teachers' Training Center and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 15-16 April 2010* Organizing the first phase of the county exhibition in the framework of the National Contest on didactic creativeness in the field of auxiliary materials devoted to human rights education, democracy and a culture of peace in pre-university educational units, organized by the Bihor Teachers' Training Center in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.
- 22-23 April 2010* Activities of education in the field of human rights in general and the rights of the child in particular, devoted to a presentation of the latest developments in the field, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with educational units in Mediaș.
- 25-29 April 2010* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the International Conference on Adult Education on „Training the labour for the computerized society”, organized by the „Al. I. Cuza” University – Faculty of Psychology in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 3 May 2010* Roundtable on „Press freedom in Romania”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia on occasion of World Press Freedom Day.
- 4-5 May 2010* Human rights education activities and participation in the county phase of the Contest on „Democracy and tolerance, edition 2009-2010”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Bistrița County School Inspectorate.
- 6 May 2010* Working meeting with the Romanian Association of Civic Education for the achievement of a project on adult training.
- 7 May 2010* Debate on „Europe Day”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia.

- 10 May 2010* Roundtable on „Europe – past, present and future”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance and the Club of Cheia on occasion of Europe Day.
- 12-14 May 2010* Activities devoted to education on human rights in general and the rights of the child in particular, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Bistrița County School Inspectorate.
- 12-14 May 2010* Training activities in the field of human rights and presentation of volumes on the rights of the child and the youth published by IRDO, organized by the Mureș Teachers' Training Center and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 13-15 May 2010* Debate on „Global governance and sustainable development”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the „Al. I. Cuza” University, the „Jean Monnet” Center of excellence on occasion of the European Week.
- 13-17 May 2010* Roundtable on „The concept of citizenship in the Romanian constitutional law and the Community law”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and West University of Timișoara.
- 14 May 2010* Roundtable on „The Romanian family in the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Club of Cheia” Association and the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of the International Day of Families and the Romanian Family Day.
- 17-19 May 2010* Roundtable on „Role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in developing the democratic human rights institutions”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași and the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina.
- 21 May 2010* Meeting with students from the „Mihai Eminescu” College in Bucharest on „The first voting”, organized by the Standing Electoral Authority in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 23-24 May 2010* Debate on „The relationship between social theology and the civil society”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași.
- 30 May-01 June 2010* Educational activities in the field of human rights and debate on „Genuine equality between women and men”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Teachers' Training Center in Galați.

- 31 May 2010* Roundtable on „Smoking, a harmful to health behaviour”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of the World No Tobacco Day.
- 31 May 2010* Conference on „Genuine equality of opportunities between genders”, organized by the Teachers' Training Center in Galați in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 02-03 June 2010* Educational activities in the field of human rights in general and the rights of the child in particular and reunion devoted to the finalization of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Contest on Didactic Creativeness, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Teachers' Training Center in Cluj.
- 04 June 2010* Symposium on „Ecological ethics and the right to a healthy environment”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for a Healthy Environment on occasion of World Environment Day.
- 04-07 June 2010* Debate on „A future, a planet, a large variety of species”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași.
- 12 June 2010* Debate on „Practical aspects related to the implementation and the observance of the right to a fair trial” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 13-15 June 2010* Reunion devoted to the training of the directors of the Teachers' Training Centers all over the country and finalization of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Contest on Didactic Creativeness of auxiliary materials devoted to education for human rights, democracy and a culture of peace in pre-university educational units, organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Teachers' Training Center in Cluj.
- 14 June 2010* Debate on „Practical aspects related to the implementation and the observance of the right to a fair trial”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 15-18 June 2010* Reunion on „The status of refugees in Romania”, organized in the framework of the events devoted to the World Refugee Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the Hunedoara County Council.
- 16 June 2010* Roundtable on „The rights of refugees in Romania”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the Court of Justice in Vălenii de Munte and the Club of Cheia Association.

- 17-19 June 2010* Debate on „Development of the asylum institution in Romania”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Al. I. Cuza” University, the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences.
- 17-18 June 2010* Reunion on „The rights of refugees”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Cluj, in the framework of events devoted to the World Refugee Day.
- 22-24 June 2010* Debate on „Equal opportunities for persons with disabilities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the Bistrița County Social Assistance Directorate.
- 30 June 2010* Release of the volume „Din Jurisprudența Curții Europene a Drepturilor Omului. Cazuri cu privire la România” (Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. Cases involving Romania), organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in the framework of events devoted to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Convention on the Defence of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
- 07-09 July 2010* Roundtable on „Administration of justice and human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, West University in Timișoara.
- 12-13 July 2010* Symposium on „The World Population Day, present and future”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance at the North University of Baia Mare, to celebrate the World Population Day.
- 19 July 2010* Release of the volume „Tratat de management juridic and jurisdicțional” (Treatise of juridical and jurisdictional management), by Vasile Pătulea, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 25-28 July 2010* National phase of the „Democracy and tolerance” contest, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, Lifetime Education and Learning General Directorate and the Vâlcea County School Inspectorate.
- 29 July-2 August 2010* Training activities for the teaching staff in pre-university educational units, on topics related to human rights and the rights of the child, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Reghin County School Inspectorate – Inclusive Education Center.



- 05-07 August 2010* Human rights education activities in schools for the teaching staff in pre-university educational units, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Teachers' Training Center in Sibiu.
- 12 August 2010* Roundtable on „Dialogue and understanding”, the logo proposed by the United Nations Organization for the celebration of this year's International Youth Day and the inauguration of the International Youth Year 2010-2011, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia.
- 18-19 August 2010* Seminar on „The new Codes and the development of the civil rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 24-27 August 2010* Debate on „Human rights and religious freedom”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the „Al. I. Cuza” University and the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina.
- 01-04 September 2010* Training course on „The economic and social human rights in the insurance system”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, North University of Baia Mare.
- 01-04 September 2010* Debate on „Illiteracy, a social plague; causes and countermeasures”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the International Literacy Day.
- 04-08 September 2010* 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the courses of the International University of Human Rights on „Evolution of human rights at domestic and international level”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, IDEF and the Club of Cheia.
- 15 September 2010* Debate on „Democracy in Europe. Trends and challenges”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of the International Day of Democracy.
- 17 September 2010* Roundtable on „The local cultural heritage”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Club of Cheia, on occasion of the European Heritage Days.
- 28 September 2010* Seminar on „The citizen's right to access to information of public interest”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia on occasion of the International Right to Know Day.

*29-30 September 2010*

Symposium on „The European promotion and protection of human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance coordinated by IRDO and the North University of Baia Mare and with the participation of IDEF to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Convention on the Defence of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Romania's membership to the Council of Europe.

*1 October 2010*

Roundtable on „The rights of older persons – between desiderata and realities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM) and the Romanian Association for the Rights of Older Persons (ARDOVT), on occasion of the International Day of Older Persons.

*1-3 October 2010*

Debate on „Juridical education”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the World Teachers' Day.

*5 October 2010*

Roundtable on „Education and the economic crisis” organized on occasion of the World Teachers' Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations.

*15 October 2010*

Roundtable on „Let's act together to get rid of poverty”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM) on occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

*22 October 2010*

Roundtable on „Romanian contributions to the activity of the United Nations Organization”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM) to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Day.

*24-27 October 2010*

Debate on „Harmonization of the Romanian institutions and instruments for the protection and promotion of human rights to those belonging to the United Nations Organization”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in Bistrița Năsăud, as part of a series of events devoted to the United Nations Day.

*9 November 2010*

Roundtable organized on occasion of the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), the „Victor Dan Zlătescu” Club of Cheia Association and with the participation of IDEF.

- 10 November 2010* Debate on „Combating discrimination, while promoting respect, peace and mutual understanding”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the International Day of Peace.
- 16 November 2010* Human rights education activities with students of General School No. 2 in Voluntari in the framework of the educational project on „Peace and non-violence for the world's children”, organized during the Global Education Week by School No. 2 in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 16-17 November 2010* Roundtable on „Human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia Association on occasion of the International Day for Tolerance.
- 18 November 2010* Activities devoted to the Universal Children's Day on „The right to play – the first step towards wisdom”, organized by General School No. 190 „Marcela Peneş” in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 25 November 2010* Roundtable on „32 years since adoption of the UNESCO Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.
- 25 November 2010* Roundtable on „Stop violence against women”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for Women's Rights on occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
- 2 December 2010* Roundtable on „The rights of HIV seropositive persons in Romania” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the World AIDS Day.
- 3-10 December 2010* Human rights education activities with students at General School No. 3 in Voluntari achieved during the Open Doors Week, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights as part of a series of events devoted to the Human Rights Day.
- 6 December 2010* Symposium on „Equal people – equal rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and Family Forum on occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- 9 December 2010* Symposium on „Human rights and the fundamental freedoms”, organized in Ploieşti by the „Adolescenţa” Foundation in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Oil and Gas University of Ploieşti and the Prahova County School Inspectorate on occasion of the Human Rights Day.

- 9 December 2010*                      Symposium on „Human rights – an evolving system”, organized on occasion of the Human Rights Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the North University of Baia Mare.
- 9 December 2010*                      Essay contest – final phase, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the „Adolescența” Foundation, with the participation of the Oil and Gas University of Ploiești and the Prahova County School Inspectorate.
- 10 December 2010*                      Roundtable on „Human rights, between desideratum and reality” organized during the week devoted to the Human Rights Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the „Andrei Șaguna” University.
- 10 December 2010*                      Roundtable on „Defenders of human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, devoted to the Human Rights Day.
- 14-18 December 2010*                      Training course on „55 years since Romania's accession to the United Nations Organization”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia Association.
- 15 December 2010*                      Meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, Ms Gulnara Shahinian.
- 15-16 December 2010*                      Event devoted to the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance on occasion of the Day of the Covenant.
- 17 December 2010*                      Roundtable on „Immigrant workers' right to free movement”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of the International Migrants Day.
- 29 December 2010*                      Roundtable on „Exploration of the promotion and the protection of cultural diversity”, organized on occasion of International Biodiversity Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations.

## PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EVENTS

- 7 January 2010* Roundtable on „The United Nations Summit of Copenhagen and the issue of climatic changes – a disappointing compromise”, organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.
- 12 January 2010* Roundtable on occasion of the release of the volume „Istoria civilizației românești” (A history of the Romanian civilization), organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.
- 19 January 2010* Conference inaugurating the Project on „Technical assistance for strengthening the managerial capacity of the Superior Council of Magistracy in the field of human resources in the technical administrative apparatus proper and the judicial system in Romania”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy.
- 26 January 2010* Meeting of the National Bioethics Committee of Romania's National Commission for UNESCO, organized by Romania's National Commission for UNESCO.
- 27 January 2010* Conclusion of the Week of Action Against Violence (part of the project „Steps towards non-violence”) with the event „Let's learn to be tolerant”, organized by School No. 190 „Marcela Peneș”.
- 3 February 2010* Roundtable on occasion of releasing the volume entitled „România și lumea la confluența secolelor XX și XXI” (Romania and the world at the turn of the century), organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.
- 15 February 2010* Conference opening the institutional close collaboration on „Consolidating the efficiency of judicial inspection in Romania”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy in partnership with the General Council of the Judicial Power of Spain.
- 18 February 2010* Roundtable on „The Roma – Lights and shadows”, organized by the Chamber of Deputies' Commission on Human Rights, Cults and National Minorities Issues together with the „Pro-Europa” Roma's Party and the National Agency for the Roma on commemorating the Emancipation Day.
- 18-22 February 2010* Debate on „Legal protection of human rights”, organized by the West University of Timișoara on occasion of the 154<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roma's emancipation.
- 19 February 2010* Conference on „Terror, dignity and the instrumentalization of human life”, organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Public Administration.

- 21-26 February 2010* Seminar devoted to the European labour law on „Facing the challenges of social Europe”, organized by Labour Law Institute – Catholic University of Leuven, the „Jean Monnet” Chair of Labour Law – Tilburg University and the Reflect Institute.
- 24 February 2010* Conference introducing the institutional close collaboration project on „Improving the efficiency of the evaluating system of the professional activity of magistrates”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy in partnership with the Superior Council of Magistracy of Italy.
- 25 February 2010* Working meeting with the German experts involved with the short-term implementation of the institutional close collaboration project on „Support for the establishment of a national mechanism of prevention meant to achieve a better promotion and protection of human rights in detention places”, organized by the Ministry of Justice in partnership with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation.
- 4 March 2010* Working meeting for the organization of the event celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Final Act of Helsinki de la Helsinki (1 August 1975), in the framework of the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 4 March 2010* Conference on „Nicolae Titulescu and the dictatorships in Romania”, organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.
- 8-12 March 2010* Meeting with Italian experts in the framework of the institutional close collaboration project on „Improving the efficiency of the evaluating system of the professional activity of magistrates”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy in partnership with the Superior Council of Magistracy of Italy.
- 10-12 March 2010* Meeting of students and members of the teaching staff of the „1 December 1918” University, Faculty of Social Assistance, on „The issue of social assistance and human rights education for the assisted”.
- 11 March 2010* Conference on „The mysticism of nationalism and the mystic nationalism in the Romanian inter-war thinking”, organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.
- 12 March 2010* Release of the volume „Culegere de Jurisprudență CEDO – cauze recente împotriva României” (Compilation of jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights – recent cases against Romania), vol. I, published by the European Institute of Romania.
- 17 March 2010* Conference on „Inauguration of Strategies and Policies Studies – SPOS 2009”, organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.

- 19 March 2010* Inauguration of the Magistrates' Training Center in Girov, Timiș County, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy and the National Institute of Magistracy.
- 22-24 March 2010* Reunion of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions.
- 22-23 March 2010* Roundtable, organized by the Ministry of Justice in partnership with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation on implementing the institutional close collaboration project devoted to the establishment and optimal functioning of national mechanisms for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading punishments or treatments that could be applied to persons deprived of liberty in the detention places, in conformity with commitment assumed by the Romanian State by ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments or treatments, adopted in New York on 10 December 1984.
- 23 March 2010* Conference on „Recent developments in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in terms of the right to a fair trial”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 25 March 2010* Roundtable on „The Eastern boarder of the European Union”, organized by the Titulescu European Foundation and the Strategic Studies Center.
- 26 March 2010* Events devoted to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association for the Defence of Human Rights in Romania – Helsinki Committee (APADOR-CH).
- 26 March 2010* Conference on „The European Union’s legislature: striking the right balance between the EU and the national level”, organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Public Administration and the European Public Law Organization – EPLO, Agency in Bucharest, in the framework of the cycle of conferences called „EPLO-SNSPA Dialogues”.
- 31 March 2010* Inauguration of the online Juridical Encyclopaedia on labour law.
- 5 April 2010* Debate in the framework of the 'Open Doors' series of events on „Human rights for all”, organized by the „Club of Cheia” Association in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (ANUROM), the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment (AROMES) and the Family Forum Association on occasion of the World Health Day.

- 7 April 2010* Conference on „The political reform in Jordan and the Middle East. Aspirations and challenges”, delivered by H.E. Musa Maaytah, Minister of Political Development in Jordan, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies.
- 9 April 2010* Colloquium on „Transposition and implementation of Directive 2007/64/CE on payment services in the legislations of the member countries – practical aspects”, organized by the European Society for Banking and Financial Law – Romania.
- 19-20 April 2010* Seminar on „Voting outside the country”, organized by the Standing Electoral Authority in collaboration with the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division.
- 23 April 2010* Roundtable on „Reading, the younger generation and the Internet”, followed by a book exhibition, organized by the „Club of Cheia” Association and the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of the World Book and Copyright Day.
- 28 April–5 May 2010* Training course on „Educational Management”, organized by the „Ius Primi Viri” Center for Human Development Studies.
- 30 April 2010* Activities devoted to the Day of School No. 190 „Marcela Peneş”.
- 3-5 May 2010* Training course on „Juridical management and human rights” delivered by de Jean-Mathias Goerens.
- 5 May 2010* Conference on „Romania before the European Court of Human Rights”, organized by the European Law Study Center of the „Acad. Andrei Rădulescu” Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy, the Romanian Judges Forum, the European Institute of Romania and the Legal Sciences Society.
- 6-7 May 2010* The Human Dimension implementation meeting on „Promotion of gender equality and women's participation in the political and public life”.
- 6-7 May 2010* Meeting of the National Human Rights Institutions in the framework of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.
- 7 May 2010* Reunion of students of the Public Administration Faculty of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies.
- 10-11 May 2010* Conference on „Legal inspection – a warrant for the independence of the legal system”, organized in the framework of the project on „Consolidation of the legal inspection in Romania” by the Superior Council of Magistracy in Romania in partnership with the one in Spain.



- 11-12 May 2010* Conference on „Media changes, public information, and public responsibility”, organized by the Communications Research Center and Cox International Center.
- 14 May 2010* Conference devoted to the promotion of a project on „Participation of vulnerable groups in social economy”, organized by the National Agency for the Roma in collaboration with The Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection and the European Social Fund.
- 14 May 2010* Conference on „The relationship between the Council of Europe and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights”, delivered by Dr Guy de Vel – Council of Europe, organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Public Administration in partnership with the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Agency in Bucharest, as part of the cycle of conferences called „EPLO-SNSPA Dialogues”.
- 14-15 May 2010* 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Jean Monnet annual Conference on „European Union, Global Governance and sustainable development”, organized by the European Studies Center of the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași in the framework of the European Week.
- 17-18 May 2010* Seminar on „Aspecte de drept constituțional privind revizuirea Constituției Marelui Ducat al Luxemburgului”, organized by Universitatea din Luxemburg, Facultatea de Drept, Economie și Finanțe in collaboration with Institutul Internațional de Exprimare și de Inspirație Franceză, Secția luxemburgheză.
- 20 May 2010* Conference on „New reforms in the areas of local government and electoral law in Greece”, delivered by de Prof. Dr Spyridon Flogaitis, President of the European Public Law Organization.
- 25 May 2010* Ceremony of conferring the title „Doctor Honoris Causa” of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies to Prof. Dr Geert Bouckaert, President of the European Group for Public Administration, Director of the Public Management Institute, Catholic University of Leuven.
- 26 May-5 June 2010* International festival on „Education and culture on the Lower Danube”, organized by the Teachers' Training Center in Galați.
- 1-5 June 2010* International conference on „Present-day issues with the juridical activity of banks”, organized by the Association of Legal Advisers in the Financial Banking System.
- 2 June 2010* Workshop in the framework of the project entitled „Improving the efficiency of the evaluating system of the professional activity of magistrates”, implemented by the Superior Council of Magistracy in partnership with the Superior Council of Magistracy din Italy.

- 3 June 2010* Conference on „Role of the European Parliament with the new institutional balances”, organized in the framework of the project entitled „Romania-France: together in Europe.
- 7-8 June 2010* Seminar on „Voting outside the country”, organized by the Standing Electoral Authority in collaboration with the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD).
- 9 June 2010* Training course on „Development of human rights in Europe: 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Final Act of Helsinki de la Helsinki”, organized by the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations.
- 9-13 June 2010* Annual meeting of the European Group of United Nations Associations, organized by World Federation of United Nations Associations.
- 14-15 June 2010* International conference on „Evaluation of magistrates and of the legal system. The best European practices”, organized by Superior Council of Magistracy of Romania in partnership with the similar institution in Italy.
- 18 June 2010* Roundtable on „35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Final Act of Helsinki de la Helsinki – historical review and contemporary significance”, organized by the Romanian Diplomatic Institute.
- 18 June 2010* Roundtable on „Role of the civil society organizations with the promotion of the civic dialogue and participation of the public in a good governance”, organized by the Non-governmental Organizations Assistance Center in partnership with the European Commission Agency in Romania.
- 28 June 2010* French-Romanian seminar on „The Efficiency of Justice”, organized under the high patronage of the French Minister of Justice.
- 30 June 2010* Debate on „the National Institute of Magistracy – present and future”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy and the National Institute of Magistracy.
- 30 June 2010* Reunion organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Final Act of Helsinki, adopted on 1 August 1975, in the framework of the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe.
- 2 July 2010* National symposium on „The Constitution and the dynamism of law in contemporary society”, devoted to the Justice Day and organized by the Union of Jurists of Romania.
- 6 July 2010* Meeting with the delegation of the Legal Commission of the National Assembly of Vietnam, led by Mr. Tan Dinh Long, Vice-president of the Commission.

- 8-9 July 2010* Seminar on „Promoting global education and education for development in Romania”, organized by the Romanian Federation of Non-governmental Organizations, Working group on education for development, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and with the support of the North-South Center of the Council of Europe and the European Commission.
- 25 July-1 August 2010* 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law.
- 12 August 2010* Roundtable on „Getting the youth involved with education for development” and launching of the International Year of Youth, organized by the Mayor' Office of the Municipality of Bucharest in partnership with the Council of Europe Information Bureau in Romania and the UN Information Center for Romania.
- 12 August 2010* Seminar on „The youth and the fight against discrimination – responsibilities and opportunities”, organized by the Mayor's Office of the Municipality of Bucharest in partnership with the Council of Europe Information Bureau in Romania and the UN Information Center for Romania, on occasion of the International Youth Day.
- 9 September 2010* Meeting organized on occasion of Ileana Florescu's exhibition on „The Sunk Library” by the Embassy of Italy in Bucharest.
- 10 September 2010* Conference inaugurating the „Revised strategy on the management of human resources”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy.
- 15 September 2010* Roundtable on „Democracy: a project for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A comparative survey of Europe and Latin America”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on occasion of the International Day of Democracy.
- 20 September 2010* Reunion on „Present-day situation of the Roma in Europe, from the free movement of persons to discrimination and xenophobia”, organized by Parliament of Romania, Chamber of Deputies Commission on Human Rights, Cults and National Minorities Issues, the Roma's Party Pro-Europe Organization and the European Roma and Travellers Forum.
- 27 September 2010* Debate on „The status of public servants in the Romanian administrative law vs. the status of the European public servants”, organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies.
- 28 September 2010* Debate on „Free access to information viewed through the eyes of a sensitive public space – justice”, organized by Transparency International Romania and the Association of Romanian Magistrates.

- 6 October 2010* National conference on „The European system for the protection of human rights – reform and expected developments”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Council of Europe Information Bureau in Romania.
- 7-10 October 2010* Annual meeting of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions and the 10<sup>th</sup> World Conference of the National Human Rights Institutions organized in Edinburgh.
- 8 October 2010* Conference on „Romania's priorities as a member of the European Union – perspectives for the year 2020”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Europuls, the first portal analyzing the Romanian public life.
- 8-9 October 2010* Conference on „Law-Religion-Education. Freedom of religious beliefs in the field of education”, organized by International Institute of Law in partnership with University College, London.
- 12 October 2010* Conference on „Responsibilities with the management of the court”, organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy.
- 14-15 October 2010* International conference Human Rights Council on „A civil society's perspective related to the priorities of the year 2011”, organized by the German Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Foundation and the German Forum for Human Rights.
- 14-16 October 2010* The 2nd International Conference on „Institutional Quality Management: from minimum requirements to overall quality improvement” organized by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education – ARACIS in the framework of the project called „Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Romania viewed in the European context. Development of academic quality management at system and institutional level – ACADEMIS.
- 20-23 October 2010* Roundtable on „Decisional transparency in the public administration”, organized by the West University.
- 21 October 2010* Conference on „Decisions by the European Court of Human Rights against Romania. Analysis, consequences, possible accountable authorities. Application of the pilot decision procedure in the case of systemic malfunctions”, organized by the European Law Study Center of the Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy, the Romanian Judges Forum and the University Publishing House.
- 24-25 October 2010* Debate on „Implementing a flexible and performing management in higher education”, organized by the „Vasile Goldiș” University.

- 25 October 2010* Activities organized in the framework of the annual event devoted to the „European Day of Civil Justice” and the „Open Doors Day” organized by the Superior Council of Magistracy.
- 25 October 2010* Conference on „Family policies and the demographic challenge in Europe” organized by the Embassy of France in Romania and the European Institute in Romania.
- 27 October 2010* Debate on „Given the procedural amendments it introduces, does Protocol No. 14 represent a solution for 'redressing' the Court's situation?” and release of the volume „Convenția europeană a drepturilor omului. Comentariu pe articole” (The European Convention on Human Rights. Comments on the articles), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, authored by Prof. Dr Corneliu Bîrsan, organized by the Academy of Romania and the C. H. Beck Publishing House.
- 28 October 2010* Seminar on „Justice with and for juveniles”, organized by Court of Appeal of Ploiești in partnership with the editorial group Universul Juridic, Pro Universitaria, the Neverland Publishing House, as part of the decentralized continuous training for judges programme.
- 29 October 2010* International conference on „Mediation in the European Union. Status and perspectives”, organized by the European Association of Magistrates for Mediation, Romanian Section, in collaboration with the Superior Council of Magistracy.
- 29 October 2010* The 8<sup>th</sup> biennial international conference organized by the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences of the West University of Timișoara and the European Studies and Legal Research Center of Timișoara.
- 3 November 2010* International conference on „Pay attention to differences – for better free movement of the European citizens”, organized by the European Citizen Action Service (ECAS), the European Economic and Social Committee and the Institute of European Legal Studies.
- 5 November 2010* Conference on „Accountability of Public Administration: An important feature of modern governments. Challenges and perspectives”, organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies as part of the cycle of conferences „The EPLO – SNSPA Dialogues”.
- 6-10 November 2010* International conference on „Peace building, reconciliation and globalization in an interdependent world”, organized by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy as part of the project called „A world without frontiers”.
- 10 November 2010* Conference on „Role of evaluation in the exercise of Parliament's control power” organized by the Evaluation Association „EVALROM” and CENTRAS as part of the project called „Increasing responsibility and good governance through evaluation” financed by the European Union in the framework of the programme called „The transition facility – Consolidating the civil society's support for fighting corruption.

- 11-12 November 2010* National conference on environment law and the annual session of academic dissertations held by the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences on „The new codes in the development of the Romanian law”, organized by the Ecologic University of Bucharest.
- 12 November 2010* Debate on „First applications by the Romanian judge of the European Union law of competition and State's aids”, organized by the European Law Study Center of the Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy.
- 16 November 2010* Seminar on „The institution of mediation in the Romanian and the Community law” organized by the Center of Mediation Association of Craiova in partnership with the Association of Romanian Magistrates.
- 17 November 2010* Seminar on „Migration and cohesion” organized by the European Citizen Action Service (ECAS).
- 19-20 November 2010* Second edition of the National Conference of Mediators on „Mediation works. The little reform in justice”, organized by the Mediation Council.
- 23 November 2010* Debate on „The judicial power and the reform of the Constitution”, organized by the Horia Rusu Foundation.
- 23 November 2010* Activities on „A new approach to trees – the wood civilization” organized by the Students' Schools Council and the Parents' Association of School No. 190 „Marcela Peneş” (1-8 grades), as part of the events organized by UNESCO on occasion of the International Year of Forests, 2011.
- 29 November 2010* Conference on „Poor children in Germany and Europe – 2010 conclusion of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion”, organized by the German Association of Family Organizations and the European Commission Agency in Germany.
- 11/30/10* Conference on „Exploring the promotion and the protection of cultural diversity”, organized by the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy.
- 2-3 December 2010* Seminar on „Education in the field of human rights” organized by the Irish Commission of Human Rights.
- 3-5 December 2010* World Family Summit +6 on „Education – the most powerful weapon to change the world”, organized by the World Family Organization with the support of the United Nations through its ECOSOC Bureau, Non-governmental Organizations Directorate, UNESCO – Movement and Education for All and the International Association of Economic and Social Councils.

- 7-8 December 2010* Conference on „Recent jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in the field of criminal law”, organized by the Academy of European Law.
- 8 December 2010* Conference on „The Constitutional Court, human rights and the media”, organized by the E.MA Venice Programme, the Romanian Cultural Institute, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation – Programme called 'The State governed by the rule of law in South-East Europe, the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bucharest, the Center of Excellence for Research and Development of the Faculty of Political Sciences.
- 9-10 December 2010* Additional human dimension reunion of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on „Religious freedom and freedom of belief”.
- 9-10 December 2010* Conference on „The preliminary programme for the rationalization of health”, organized by the Institute of Health Policy and Management of the Erasmus University and the Erasmus Observatory on Health Law.
- 9-12 December 2010* Roundtable on „Human rights. Constitutional law. Perspectives”, organized by the Lawyers' Training School.
- 14 December 2010* Conference on „Romania at the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its accession to the United Nations Organization”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 14 December 2010* National symposium on „The Treaty of Lisbon. One year after” organized by the European Law Study Center of the Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy.