

## RIHR – ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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 also systematically informing international bodies and the public in other countries about the way human rights are actually applied and observed in Romania.

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 natural persons. This is so much more so that Romania is a member country of the United Nations Organization, the OSCE, the Council of Europe and the European Union.

Consequently, the Institute mainly focused its activity on the organization of such programmes and partnerships that respond better to the international and the national requirements of promoting the people's rights and fundamental freedoms, and of training those categories of persons having the responsibility to protect them.

The experience acquired over the years, as well as the close collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field of human rights, were particularly important for the Institute for the accomplishment of the powers conferred by Law No. 9/1991, acting as an interface, a solid bridge, between the State's institutions and the civil society.

Bearing in mind the particular importance of knowing human rights, in 2011 the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized 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 2011, 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.

In the elaboration of its Programme of activities for the year 2011, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights took into account, among other things, the Principles of Paris on the functioning of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, the Declaration of Durban of 2001, the Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna 1993, the Plan of Action adopted by the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights, United Nation's Resolution 59/113 on the UN World Programme on Human Rights Education for the period 2005-2015, Recommendations R(79)16 and (97)14 and Resolution (97)11 by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, the Annual Working Programme of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and, the main objectives established by the European Commission, through Europe 2020 Strategy, to be achieved by the year 2020, which have also become national objectives for each EU member country: employment, research and development/innovation, climate/energy, education, and poverty/social exclusion.

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, of course, part of the topics the Institute dealt with in the year 2011.

While performing the tasks conferred by the law, that is, to promote and disseminate human rights, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights concluded partnerships with a wide range of governmental institutions and bodies, non-governmental organizations, at both domestic and international level.

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

<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".

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

2011 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 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) Research activities dealing with general issues**

- Present-day realities and prospects regarding the Romanian legislation in terms of human rights;

- Human rights and the effectiveness of justice;

- The State's social vocation;

- The non-discrimination principle: equal opportunities for women and men;

- Youth rights between aspirations and realities;

- Parliaments – public authorities of modern democracies;

- Types of referendums and models of constitutional and legislative referendum procedures;

- Functions of the referendum. Pros and cons;

- Evolution of the legislation meant to increase the citizens' accessibility to the legal norms;

- The relationship between the right to good governance and the right to good administration;

- Legal and judicial explanations of the error in law. Error in law, the right to property and human rights;

- Human rights and the way they are reflected in the labour legislation;

- Religious rights, freedoms and duties in the domestic law of member countries of the EU and in the international law;

- Religion in the public area. Present European values;

- The conceptual relationship between the fundamental human rights and the citizen's rights.

**b) Research devoted to instruments and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights and their evolution in time**

- Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities and the role of national human rights institutions;

- European Court of Human Rights.

Prospects;

- The control mechanism for the implementation of the ECtHR's judgments;
- Application of Protocol 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights;
- The Advocate of the People institution;
- Role of the Legislative Council for the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- The Constitution of Romania – 20 years since adoption;
- Mechanisms of the protection system for asylum seekers in Romania;
- The new Civil Code and the way it reflects the fundamental international regulations in the field of human rights;
- The Civil Code and codification of human rights;
- Protection of human rights through contentious and non-contentious means;
- The relationship between the citizens, the religious cults and several State institutions;
- Present-day trends in the administration of the judicial system;
- Role of European institutions in the promotion and the protection of human rights.

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

- The right to work – a fundamental principle;
- The new Civil Code and human rights;
- Protection of the rights of juveniles by means of guardianship and trusteeship;
- Provisions related to the protection of aliens in Romania;
- Protection of the human right to property as a human right in terms of the provisions of the Constitution and of the administrative and civil legislation;
- Issues related to the implementation and protection of the right to work coming out from the jurisprudence;

- New horizons with the international protection of human rights: increasing the responsibility of the business environment;

- The relationship between the public administration and the denominational institutions in terms of protection of the religious freedoms in the European area;

- Evolution of the protection and the promotion of human rights in terms of the recent Romanian legislation;

- Evolution of the protection and the promotion of human rights in terms of the recent legislation in the European Union;

- Standards of religious freedoms in the international documents and the constitutions of the European countries.

**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**

- Social rights in the European Union;

- The right to good administration;

- Social security and social integration;

- Protection and promotion of human rights in Romania through electoral contentious matters;

- Electoral rights;

- Observance of the economic, social and cultural rights in the new decade;

- Religious freedom;

- The lay administration – religious administration relationship in religious norms and in public law;

- The context and the dimension of the religious freedom;

- Right to liberty, social justice and solidarity at European level;

- The right to work and social protection in periods of economic crisis;

- Marriage in monotheistic religions.

## 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 2011 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.

In order to continuously update its activities, IRDO included in its Plan of action the following objectives (the list is not exhaustive):

- to promote human rights education;
- to approach human rights education as a national, regional and international priority;
- to train adults and youngsters in the field of human rights and the rights of the child;
- to train trainers in the field of human rights;
- to train educators: members of the university and pre-university teaching staff;
- to train representatives of certain socio-professional categories, which are directly involved in and have

responsibilities with the promotion and the defence of human rights and the rights of the child;

- to consolidate the partnership and cooperation with the institutions that are part of the Romanian educational system, as well as other institutions, associations, NGOs in various fields;
- to monitor and support the educational programmes existing in the field of human rights, to highlight good practices while stimulating those measures meant to continue, improve and develop the latter.

The training-for-trainers activities as well as those devoted to human rights education were conceived and organized on the basis of the feedback received from the representatives of the Teachers' Training Centers and the teachers in various schools and high schools.

Persons working in such fields as education, research, public administration, justice, healthcare, as well as persons belonging to social categories with specific issues (women, children, pensioners, persons with disabilities, etc.) were the target groups of the activities performed by IRDO in this respect.

IRDO's training activities were developed and performed on initiative by IRDO itself or by IRDO's partners, on request by central and local authorities, or on request by various socio-professional groups and included, among others:

- long-term training courses accredited by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports;
- short-term ("contact" type) training courses;
- activities meant to make certain social groups aware of the need to be familiar with and observe human rights and the rights of the child;
- symposiums, conferences, seminars, roundtables, debates, etc.;
- dissemination activities;
- presentation of books published by IRDO.

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 an ever greater number of beneficiaries showed 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.

The educational and training activities organized by IRDO first of all include those academic events that have become traditional by continuity and gained their renown both nationally and internationally:

- *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 2011 by the 9<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 *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, and the Club of Cheia "Victor Dan Zlătescu". The central topic was "The role of the national institutions for the promotion and the protection of human rights", while this year's edition was devoted to the celebration of 63 years since the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a fundamental document for the world's peoples' struggle to implement the principles and the ideals stipulated in the United Nations Charter. The International University of Human Rights was organized into several sections. The first one was devoted to "*National institutions in the field of human rights – their role for the promotion and the protection of human rights*";

here, recent developments in the field of human rights regulations, mechanisms and institutions were presented. It was followed by a section devoted to "*Regional organizations, instruments and mechanisms related to the protection and the promotion of human rights*", where the participants debated on the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Social Charter at its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the European Committee of Social Rights, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, OSCE-ODIHR. A distinctive section was devoted to the topic "*European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights – the equivalent of a national institution*", with reference to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the way human rights and fundamental freedoms are regulated in the domestic constitutional law, and, at the same time, the way they are regulated in the international public law. "*The relationship between the national institutions and the other State authorities/institutions*" and "*Education for the promotion and the protection of human rights*" were also topics debated upon in the framework of the University. The event also included a book exhibition exhibiting volumes published by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and a book release festivity, presenting the latest volumes published under the aegis of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights. The participants in this edition of the University included experts, researchers, professors, magistrates, candidates for a Doctor's or a Master's Degree, representatives of domestic and international non-governmental organizations.

- 18<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 the promotion of human rights in various fields, etc. **(see Appendix A)**.

***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 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.

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

Following an initiative by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, starting in 1994 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 National School Contest on Social and Human Sciences** was organized in April 2011 in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports – General Directorate Lifelong Education and Learning, and the Prahova 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"**

The contest initiated by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports is a complex form of civic education involving pupils from primary and secondary schools. It 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 Buzău, aimed to develop cooperation competencies at group level, stimulating the interest in familiarization with such concepts as: 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.

Based on the results obtained in the three tests of the contest, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights awarded the "Human Rights" special prizes and special mentions.

**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 2011, in partnership with various universities (The National School of Political and Administrative Studies, University "Ovidius" of Constanța, The North University of Baia Mare, The Ecologic University, University "Spiru Haret", University "Dimitrie Cantemir", University "Vasile Goldiș", etc.), with Teachers' Training Centers (Bucharest, Ploiești, Pitești, Craiova, Timișoara, Sibiu, Baia Mare, Brașov, Iași, Constanța etc.); of these, some were devoted to the Human

Rights Day as well as other international days consecrated by the United Nations Organization (see Appendix A).

a) The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized in Sibiu, at the headquarters of the Teachers' Training Center in Sibiu, a commemorative and educative event on the occasion of the International Day against Fascism and Anti-Semitism that targeted a group of teachers teaching in secondary schools and high schools. The purpose of the event was that the participants be able to achieve connections with human rights issues, particularly an exchange of good practices related to the students' involvement in extra-school and extracurricular activities.

The cycle of events devoted to this day went on with the symposium on *"Protection against racism and discrimination"*, organized by IRDO in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași, attended by teachers from various educational institutions in Iași. It was followed by the symposium of Ploiești on *"Project Holocaust Education in Romania"*, attended by teachers, students and pupils, which also included an exhibition of drawings, with the participation of the following school units in Ploiești: National College "Jean Monet", School "I. A. Bassarabescu", School "Ludovic Mrazek", National College "Nichita Stănescu", National College "I. L. Caragiale", Technical College "Elie Radu", Technical College "Lazăr Edeleanu", Economic College "Virgil Madgearu", Art College "Carmen Silva".

Also, debates were organized in numerous higher education institutions, such as: The National School of Political and Administrative Studies, The Ecologic University, University "Dimitrie Cantemir", etc.

b) On occasion of the Bucharest Teachers' Training Center Days – *"Open Doors Day"*, the Institute participated in the seminar on *"Importance and topical nature of education on human rights and the rights of the child in the pre-university educational system"*.

c) On the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized events at national level, in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași, the

Teachers' Training Center in Bucharest, the Teachers' Training Center in Botoșani, and Public Gymnasium "Zaharia Boiu" in Sighișoara.

d) The Institute organized roundtables, courses, debates, book exhibitions, exhibitions exhibiting students' and pupils' works meant to promote the fight against discrimination in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași and the Teachers' Training Center in Caraș-Severin.

e) In order to promote women's rights, the Institute organized a debate on *"Implementing equality of opportunities between men and women in the European Union"* as well as a symposium on *"The International Women's Day and international peace"*.

f) On occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, scientific events were organized in Târgu Mureș in collaboration with University "Dimitrie Cantemir".

g) Seminar organized in collaboration with the students of School "Marcela Peneș", UNESCO and the Municipality of Bucharest School Inspectorate, on occasion of the International Mother language Day.

h) Training activity of "contact" type organized together with the Social Sciences Chair of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Târgu Mureș, on occasion of the World Water Day.

i) Roundtable organized by IRDO in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Galați, on occasion of the International Women's Day.

j) Educational activities devoted to human rights, organized on the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development in collaboration with the Municipality of Bucharest School Inspectorate.

l) Training activity at School No. 93 "Emil Racoviță" in Bucharest, on occasion of the International Day for Biodiversity.

m) Celebration of Human Rights Day in a cycle of events organized at several schools in Bucharest (School No. 117, School No. 4 "Princess Margareta", School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș"), Ploiești, Baia Mare, Iași and Cheia. On the same occasion, School No. 7 in Botoșani

inaugurated the Committee of Human Rights and the Rights of the Child.

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

Based on the partnership agreements concluded with the Superior Council of Magistracy, the National Institute of Magistracy, the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the Public Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the National Institute of Magistracy, the National School of Registrars, the National Institute for Lawyers' training, the Notary Institute, activities took place in courts, parquets and bar associations, to assist the citizens and better familiarize them with their rights. Knowing these rights, the domestic and the international regulations, is an essential precondition for the promotion and the protection of human rights.

#### ***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, etc., and relevant for the protection and the promotion of human rights, such as:

- The Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2015);
- 46 years since adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- 56 years since Romania's accession to the United Nations Organization;
- 36 years since the OSCE was established;
- 61 years since adoption of the European Convention on the Defence of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
- 50 years since adoption of the European Social Charter;
- 12 years since adoption of the European Social Charter revised;
- 2011 – European Year of Volunteering.

#### ***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, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the North University of Baia Mare. It is a pilot center of research, debate and training at post-university level, while organizing a Master Degree in human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance. In the year 2011, 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.

***c) Participation in debates on various aspects related to the observance and the promotion of human rights*** in the framework of scientific events, symposiums, colloquiums, roundtables, etc., or in the media (**see Appendix B**).

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 2011 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 opening session of the international course on "Fighting discrimination and promoting the social inclusion of young people belonging to vulnerable groups by means of volunteering activities", in the framework of the Project on "*Young people in action*", in partnership with the Association for Intercultural Dialogue, the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, and the "George Topârceanu" Center of Culture and Arts in Curtea de Argeș.

- The Institute's participation in the

public hearing organized by the Chamber of Deputies Commission on Education with regards to the status of civic education, human rights education and intercultural education in the present context of the educational system in Romania;

- Participation in the symposium on *"Who defends the rights of the child?"*, organized at the Infoeuropa Center by the International Federation of Educative Communities, in partnership with the University of Bucharest, the Infoeuropa Center, Tribuna Învățământului and representatives of the following institutions: the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, MECTS, ISMB, UNICEF, UNESCO, FONPC, DGASPC and the Institute of Social Sciences;

- Participation in the Summer School on *"Young People against Corruption"*, organized in Bacău in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center "Grigore Tăbăcaru – Regional Center of Resources for Civic Education, Bacău;

- Seminar organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights at the Iernut School Group on *"The system of human rights – a system in evolution"*;

- Conference with international participation on *"Education for democratic citizenship and human rights"*, an event organized in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași;

- Symposium organized by IRDO at School No. 93 "Emil Racoviță" in Bucharest on *"Alternative pedagogic methods with the*

*education for human rights and the rights of the child"*;

- Participation in the symposium on *"Affirmative action – a place under the sun"*, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Municipality of Bucharest School Inspectorate, National College "Octav Onicescu" and the National Commission for UNESCO;

- Participation in the international symposium on *"Children – victims of poverty"*, where the topic dealt with was "Children's right to dignity in life. Present international preoccupations for combating poverty";

- Participation in events devoted to the promotion of the right to work: international seminar on *"Equality on the job market and at the workplace. A campaign of information and awareness raising meant to change social attitudes and employment stereotypes"*; international conference on *"Together on the labour market"*, organized on occasion of the finalization of Project "Together on the labour market", a project co-financed from the European Social Fund and the Government of Romania through the Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development, in the framework of Priority Axis 6 – "Promoting social inclusion", Major Intervention Area 6.2 – "Improving the access and participation of vulnerable groups on the labour market", by the National Agency for Roma in partnership with Fundacion Gitano and Association Pakiv Romania.

### 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 better communication and 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.

- *"Protection of the rights of the child in Romania"* was the topic debated upon in the framework of the colloquium organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences. The topic was inspired by the multitude of lately issued legal regulations dealing with children and their rights, the family and the way State actors should act to protect these rights. The participants discussed about the need for a "Children's Ombudsman" in Romania and elaborated a National Strategy for the protection and the promotion of the rights of

the child whose objectives include enhancement of the accountability of the relevant actors, provision of an effective partnership in protecting and respecting the rights of the child, and provision of better life conditions for children.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in partnership with the Association for Intercultural Dialogue, the EFECT Association, the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, and the Cultural Center of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, participated in the organization and development of an event metaphorically entitled "Tolerance March-trinket". The event joined students from prestigious high schools, colleges and schools in Bucharest, which promoted tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and created by means of theatrical symbolism a context where young people belonging to various cultural groups had the opportunity to meet and socialize.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized, in collaboration with IDEF, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Club of Cheia Association, the Romanian Association for Women's Rights the Romanian Independent League for Human Rights and the Romanian Association for the Rights of Older Persons a roundtable on "UNiTE to End Violence against Women" – this year's logo advanced by the United Nations Organization, on occasion of 220 years since adoption of the "Declaration of the Rights of Woman and the Female Citizen" and 100 years since its first celebration in the world. In his opening address, the representative of the Steering Committee of IDEF referred to the importance of the Declaration of the Rights of Woman and the Female Citizen and presented the contents of the Declaration while emphasizing on the courageous fight, so uncommon for those times, that Olympe de Gouges fought in the field of women's rights. The event was meant to offer the opportunity for an interesting and complex dialogue on women's rights whose purpose was mainly to identify actual steps to ensure the respect for and the promotion of women's rights. The

participants in this dialogue included Members of Parliament, representatives of IDEF, numerous non-governmental organizations, researchers, university professors and representatives of the media.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights took intensive action to raise awareness about the topic advanced this year by WHO, "*Combat Antimicrobial Resistance: No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow*", on occasion of the World Health Day. In this respect, the Institute launched an ample campaign of information, awareness raising and identification of solutions, in several towns:

- a) Baia Mare** – the day was marked together with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, North University of Baia Mare through meetings with the students and the teaching staff of the North University of Baia Mare;

- b) Bistrița** – activities of information, awareness raising and identification of solutions related to antimicrobial resistance achieved in collaboration with the Bistrița Branch of the Blind People Association and the Bistrița Social Assistance Directorate;

- c) Cheia** – the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Club of Cheia Association "Victor Dan Zlătescu" and with participation of the local Museum of Natural Sciences, organized a symposium and an exhibition of informative documents on "*Human rights and health*";

- d)** Also, the Institute initiated in **Ploiești** and **Buzău**, in collaboration with Foundation "Adolescența" and the Prahova Teachers' Training Center, several events devoted to the World Health Day. The headquarters of the Teachers' Training Center in Ploiești hosted an exhibition of informative material on the common effort to combat the spreading of antimicrobial resistance. The information shared with students, young people and teachers was meant to raise the public's awareness and allow for preventive measures to avoid and

combat the human body's resistance to antimicrobial medicine – a problem that is becoming more and more dangerous at world level.

- e)** On 7 April, the school of **Scărișoara**, Buzău County, organized a debate on "*Children's right to education for health*". On occasion, the students learned about the World Health Organization's campaign and were answered questions in the framework of the event that took place under this year's logo – "*Combat Antimicrobial Resistance: No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow*";

- f)** With the assistance of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, WHO's campaign and the poster advertising this year's topic were taken over and publicized on the website of Foundation "*Adolescența*".

All these events should be added the international conference of Bucharest, attended by representatives of IDEF, Family Forum, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Women's Rights – ARODF, of governmental and non-governmental organizations, researchers, candidates for a Doctor's Degree and representatives of the media. The topics that were developed included: "*Evolution of the health system in Romania*", "*Present-day challenges: fighting the new microbes and the human body's resistance to antimicrobial medicine*", "*Governments' capacity to take responsive action in case of mass disasters*". Throughout the debates, concrete solutions were sought and proposed, while special attention was paid to the important role of the campaign meant to raise the population's awareness about these challenges.

Also, book exhibitions were organized exhibiting works published by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

- **The International Day of the Family**, proclaimed as such by the United Nations Organization in its Resolution 47/2371/1993, which in 1994 also became the *Romanian National Family Day*, instituted by the Government on proposal by the Romanian

Institute for Human Rights and sustained by the Romanian Orthodox Church Patriarchate.

The Institute, together with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, organized a series of events where various aspects related to the promotion and the guaranteeing of family rights were presented, also including the difficulties and the prejudices it faces at both national and international level. The series of the events devoted to this day was concluded with a roundtable on *"Role of the family in the Romanian society"*. The participants pointed out the existing preoccupations to enhance the role of the family in the social life, but also the problems and the difficulties it faces, as well as the new challenges and the new opportunities that emerged as a result of Romania's adherence to the European Union. It was shown, as a final conclusion, that overcoming the economic difficulties is very important for the family, yet not enough, for above all there is need for society to rediscover and cultivate its moral resources which, alongside wisdom and respect for the person, had always been the foundation of the family.

- The Institute organized, in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași, a symposium on **"Education for active citizenship – a priority with education"**, **ECAEP 2011**. The symposium was another national event with international participation. This is the reason why, together with the European partners, the Romanian participants were able to point out similarities and differences between the Romanian and the European achievement, while reflecting retrospectively and prospectively about the educational approach of active citizenship and volunteering.

It joined together about 100 national and foreign participants: Bulgaria, Spain, Turkey, Italy, Great Britain, Holland, Poland, institutions with training abilities, training suppliers, researchers, representatives of the pre-university and university teaching staff. The participants also included representatives of University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" of Iași, University "Petre Andrei" of Iași, the Iași County School Inspectorate, Organization

"Salvați Copiii", Organization "Alternative Sociale", the Iași County Council, the Municipality of Iași Mayor's Office.

The symposium offered the participants an opportunity to debate and reflect upon the importance of continuous education and the methods of training the active/proactive European citizens in accordance with the European trends. This second edition of the ECAEP symposium was a noteworthy event with adults' education, alongside other preoccupations in the field, organized by professionals in education at both local, national and international level. In the framework of the symposium, the representatives of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights moderated a debate on *"European citizenship and the role of education for shaping active citizenship"*.

- The Institute, in partnership with West University "Vasile Goldiș" of Arad, organized a symposium on *"Modern methods of action for the protection and the promotion of human rights"*, addressing students, candidates for a Master's Degree and the teaching staff of the Faculty of Juridical Sciences. A conclusion drawn during the sessions was that the internet had become an indispensable instrument for the achievement of daily activities and, by way of consequence, the virtual environment was able and had to favour and promote human rights, fight inequality, discrimination and segregation on the labour market and elsewhere.

- On **World Environment Day**, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment and the Ecologic University of Bucharest, organized in Bucharest a symposium on *"A healthy environment for the future of man"*. Also, on the same occasion, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized in Iași, in collaboration with representatives of the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina and University "Al. I. Cuza", a debate on *"The right to a healthy environment"*.

The participants, including university professors, researchers, experts in the field of environment, physicians, jurists, representatives

governmental organizations in the field of human rights, pointed out the impact of climate changes, visible at planetary scale, a major problem mankind is facing at present, particularly in the context of the global economic crisis – a time when environment issues are paid less attention. They also noted the multitude of factors eroding man's natural habitat, as well as the lack of intelligent urban planning policies capable to stop phenomena with disastrous effects upon life and pointed out the need to join forces and change the attitude about present-day environment problems caused by the climate changes.

- Both at domestic and international level, particularly in the framework of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the Institute has for several years been doing research on the status and the rights of refugees. The symposium *"Medical assistance for the refugee patient"*, achieved in collaboration with members of the teaching staff of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mureş and addressing teachers, students, researchers and representatives of non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field, was one of the events the Institute set out to organize on occasion of the **World Refugee Day**. Another event devoted to the World Refugee Day was a roundtable on *"60 years since adoption of the Geneva Convention on the status of refugees"*, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with members of the teaching staff of University "Al. I. Cuza" of Iaşi and the Romanian Association for the United Nations.

There also were numerous debates with members of IDEF, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, representatives of the civil society and non-governmental NGOs taking interest in the field.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized many activities devoted to the issue of religious freedom. It is worth mentioning the symposium on *"Human rights and religious freedom at the boundary between theory and reality"*, in the framework of which the *"The 2010 Report on religious freedoms in Romania"*, was released. The event was

attended by representatives of the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina, the Roman-Catholic Church of Iaşi, and non-governmental organizations. The debate on *"Aspects of religious freedom in Romania and education for tolerance and respect for the fellow beings"* targeted members of the teaching staff and students of University "Al. I. Cuza" of Iaşi as well as representatives of the Court of Appeal of Iaşi and governmental organizations taking interest in the field. At its headquarters, the Institute organized numerous debates on the relationship between the citizens, the religious cults and institutions of the State, the participants including members of IDEF, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and other non-governmental organizations in the field of human rights.

*The Institute supplied scientific documentation on religious freedom in Romania to courts of the EU and the USA (points of view on religious rights and autonomy of religious cults in Romania, several pertinent decisions by the Constitutional Court of Romania being presented and analyzed in this respect).*

- To mark the International Day of Democracy, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with University "Dimitrie Cantemir" – Faculty of Law, organized in Târgu Mureş a seminar on *"The right to freedom, social justice and solidarity at European level"*. On the same occasion, a debate on *"Romania's involvement with the promotion and consolidation of democracy at international level"*, was organized in Bucharest in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance.

- On 24-25 September 2011, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance at the North University of Baia Mare, organized debates on the topic of Directive 2010/41/UE by the European Parliament and the Council regarding application of the principle of

equal treatment for men and women engaged in an independent activity.

- On the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Day of Older Persons, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for the Rights of Older Persons, organized several events focusing on older persons issues. Of these, it is worth mentioning a roundtable on *"Toward a society of all ages"*. The participants, including parliamentarians, experts, researchers, members of university teaching staff, candidates for a Doctor's Degree, students and representatives of non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field, debated on various older persons issues in the context of present demographic, social and economic developments at global, regional and domestic level.

- On 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 – North University of Baia Mare, organized several events devoted to the evolution of the mechanisms for the protection and the promotion of human rights in the United Nations system.

It is worth mentioning the debate on *"Human rights in the administration of justice"*, organized in Vălenii de Munte by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of Association Clubul de la Cheia "Victor Dan Zlătescu" and the Tribunal of Vălenii de Munte.

*"Human rights as reflected in the United Nations system and the Romanian legislation"* was the topic of a reunion organized in partnership with the Constanța County Prefect's institution; it consisted of dissertations and debates focusing on the activity of the United Nations Organization in the 66 years of existence, the role, the achievements and the objectives of UNO and its specialized institutions.

An interactive debate with members of the representative Council of pupils at School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș" on *"The structure of*

*the United Nations Organization in the world and its activity in Romania through its specialized agencies"* was organized in Bucharest.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in collaboration with representatives of IDEF, Family Forum, Association Clubul de la Cheia "Victor Dan Zlătescu", representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions, researchers, candidates for a Doctor's Degree, etc., organized an international seminar on *"Human rights in the United Nations system"*. The topics dealt with included: *"The relationship between religious freedom and the public authorities. Interconfessional relations"*; *"UNO's role in defending the rights of refugees and combating violence, torture and degrading and inhuman treatments – concrete examples from today's conflict zones in the world"*; *"The role of IDEF in promoting UNO's principles"*. Mention was made, among other things, that the international community celebrated 30 years since adoption of the UNO Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

Also, the Institute organized in several towns seminars, meetings, book releases and book exhibitions, attended by pupils, students, teachers, all mainly focusing on the presentation of attractive didactic methods of informing and sensibilizing target groups about the role of the United Nations Organization.

- In the framework of its collaboration with *"UNITED for Intercultural Action"* – the European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a series of commemorative and educational events which took place on occasion of the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism. Each activity targeted a particular group, while the participants discussed about the methods, the instruments and the mechanisms of promoting and protecting human rights against racism and discrimination at national, European and international level. Of these, the following should be mentioned:

- 1) The symposium on *"Protection*

*against racism and discrimination*", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the Teachers' Training Center of Iași, mainly addressing teachers from various educational institutions such as the Iași County School Inspectorate, University "Al. I. Cuza", the Teachers' Training Center of Iași, the European Studies Center, representatives of the media in Iași. Following is a selective illustration of the topics dealt with: "Migration, minorities and attitudes in the Romanian world", "European legal instruments for the promotion and the protection of human rights against racism and discrimination", etc. The event was also an opportunity for the Romanian Institute for Human Rights to popularize its specialized publications and to release the volume entitled "Protection against racism and discrimination".

2) Project *"Holocaust education in Romania"*, organized in Ploiești by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with Foundation "Adolescența" and the Prahova County Teachers' Training Center, joined together an important number of pupils, teachers, students, volunteers, as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field. In this framework, the students presented projects dealing with education and the Holocaust topic, drawings exhibitions as well as contest of journalism. These activities were achieved with the contribution of: School "I. A. Bassarabescu, School Group "Ludovic Mrazek" of Ploiești, National College "I. L. Caragiale" of Ploiești, Technical College "Elie Radu" of Ploiești, Technical College "Lazăr Edeleanu" of Ploiești, Economic College "Virgil Madgearu" of Ploiești, Art High School "Carmen Silva" of Ploiești. This project, meant to promote informal education, which was a good opportunity for discussions, exchange of opinions and of experience, was considered highly successful since the promotion and the protection of human rights stirred the interest of the participants consisting of pupils, students, volunteers, teaching staff representatives.

3) The debate on *"The scars of fascism and anti-Semitism in the history of mankind"*, organized in Sibiu by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Teachers' Training

Center of Sibiu, targeted teachers of history in schools and high schools as well as the specialized inspectors. The participants referred the topics to human rights issues, had an exchange of good practices and stirred the students' wish to participate in extra school and extra curricular activities.

4) The events devoted to the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism and the victims of the 'Crystal Night' also included the international seminar on *"Preventing xenophobia, racism and anti-Semitism"*, organized at Cheia by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the contribution of representatives of IDEF, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Victor Dan Zlătescu" Club of Cheia, Family Forum, and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity. The main topics that were debated included: *"Let's build a democratic, multilingual and multicultural Europe"*, *"The United Nations Convention against racism: history, topicality"*, *"Multilingualism and multiculturalism in schools"*, *"The media: instruments promoting multiculturalism"*.

The roundtable on *"Protection against racism and discrimination"* was devoted to the same event.

5) *"All people are equal irrespective of their culture"* was the topic of a cultural-artistic event organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the collaboration the pupils and the teachers of School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș" in Bucharest. The event was meant to demonstrate unity in diversity and promote education for multiculturalism. The participants were presented folk songs, both Romanian and in the languages of national minorities, dance and poetry; the speakers referred to the confluence of cultures while explaining and illustrating the specificity of various national costumes.

6) A roundtable on *"Antiracism through sports"* was organized in Târgu Mureș by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and Association "Civitas Mundi". The participants, including sports people and champions, emphasized on the importance of fighting against racism, discrimination and intolerance

for the triumph of fair play. The event was concluded with the presentation of the volume entitled *"Protection against racism and discrimination"*, published by the Institute.

As a matter of fact, these events were publicized in the review issued by "UNiTED for Intercultural Action" – the European network against nationalism, racism and in support of migrants and refugees.

- Human rights issues in the administration-citizen relationship was dealt with in the framework of the international conference on *"Need for the reform of law and the public administration"*, organized by "Petru Maior" University of Târgu Mureș, Faculty of Economic, Juridical and Administrative Sciences, in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" Institute of Juridical Research, the Institute of National Economy, the University of Salento, Italy, the University of Miskolc, Hungary, "Corvinus" University of Budapest, "Pro Iure" Foundation and the Entrepreneurship Research and Education Network of Central European Universities, Erasmus Multilateral Projects, and devoted to the topic of good practices in the field of human rights.

- Issues related to the rights of persons with disabilities was again reflected this year in numerous research papers presented in the framework of both domestic and international events. In this respect, it is worth mentioning the meeting of members of the teaching staff with candidates for a Doctor's Degree and representatives of the Child Protection Directorate of Timișoara County meant to sensitize the population about persons with special needs, marginalized by society, and combat their discrimination. The meeting, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, West University of Timișoara, emphasized on the need to develop specialized programmes for the various target groups, meant to stimulate logical thinking and the spirit of competitiveness among children in order to socially integrate them.

- In the framework of the events devoted to the *"Human rights week"*, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized

many events, including:

- - *"Open Doors Day"* – book presentations and meetings with students from several schools in Bucharest and Prahova County;

- Roundtable on *"Priorities in the field of human rights"*, organized in collaboration with Foundation "Pro Iure";

- the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the International University of Human Rights dealing with the topic of *"The role of national institutions in the promotion and the protection of human rights"*, organized in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance and the "Victor Dan Zlătescu" Club of Cheia Association and with the contribution of IDEF. This edition was devoted to the celebration of the Institute's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and of 63 years since the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a fundamental document for the world peoples' struggle to achieve the principles and the ideals stipulated by the United Nations Charter;

- Events raising awareness about the observance of human rights followed by book presentations dealing with the topic *"Rights of the child"*, organized together with College Media in Bucharest;

- Inauguration of a Workshop on *"Human rights and the rights of the child"* at School No. 17 of Botoșani;

- Roundtable on *"Choose dignity. Put an end to discrimination"*, organized in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations;

- Debates attended by students, candidates for a Doctor's degree and representatives of the teaching staff were organized at the North University of Baia Mare, in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance;

- Symposium *"Affirmative action – a place under the sun"*, organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Municipality of Bucharest School Inspectorate, National College "Octav Onicescu" in partnership with the Romanian Institute for

Human Rights, the Association for Intercultural Dialogue and the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, with the participation of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, North University of Baia Mare.

- The Romanian Institute for Human Rights participated with reports, papers and publications in numerous international events. These include:

- The second reunion of the Working Group for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in the framework of the European Group of National Institutions of Human Rights, organized by the Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, with the participation of representatives of the national institutions of the European Group, representatives of the EQUINET network as well as representatives of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;

- The 24<sup>th</sup> session of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (ICC), organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and ICC;

- Interregional meeting of representatives of the countries which are to be reviewed in terms of the implementation into legislation and in practice of the provisions in the international and regional human rights instruments, organized in Spain by the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Unit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

- Conference on *"Prohibition of the various forms of instigation to national, racial or religious hatred"* – workshop devoted to Europe, organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

- Seminar on *"The human rights national structures in the Member States of the Council of Europe, organized by the Council of Europe"*;

- Conference on *"National Human Rights Institutions in the area of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe"*, organized by the OSCE Bureau for

Democratic Institutions in collaboration with the OSCE Presidency Office held by Lithuania;

- International symposium on *"Using Indicators to Measure Fundamental Rights in the European Union: Challenges and Solutions"*, organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;

- Meeting of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the National Human Rights Institutions;

- Roundtable on *"Optimization of communication and collaboration between the national institutions and EQUINET"*, which was organized into working groups on: access to the media, supervision of the audio-visual, the social media, and dealt with such topics as communication activities issues, human rights education, disabilities and discrimination in the field of healthcare;

- Meeting on *"How to develop better cooperation in terms of communication between the Agency for Fundamental Rights, the national human rights institutions and the national organizations for equality"*, organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;

- International conference on *"Dignity and the rights of illegal migrants"*, organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;

- 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the French-Romanian Legal Meetings on Comparative Law devoted to *"Adherence of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights"*, organized by the French Society of Comparative Law, Faculty of Law of the University of Strasbourg, the Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy, the Ecologic University of Bucharest, with the contribution of representatives of the teaching staff of the University of Bucharest and the researchers or the Romanian Institute for Human Rights;

- Conference on *"The future of human rights: global techniques with local impact"*, organized by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties;

- Meeting of the European Working Group of National Human Rights Institutions on the rights of persons with disabilities, organized

by the German Institute for Human Rights;

- International symposium on *"The marriage institution in the three monotheistic religions"*, organized by University "Ovidius" of Constanța, the Center of Religious and Juridical-Canonical Studies and Research of the Three Monotheistic Religions (Mosaic, Christian and Judaic) in partnership with ICT-Toulouse, Faculty of Canon Law;

- International conference for the inauguration of the International Institute for Human Rights on *"European culture of human rights. The right to property"*, organized by Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir";

- Annual scientific session of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences – Ecologic University of Bucharest on *"Codification of the civil and the criminal legislation. Reality and necessity"*.

• International symposium on *"Children – victims of poverty"*, organized by

the International Federation of Educative Communities – Romania in partnership with the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University "Titu Maiorescu" of Bucharest, Tribuna Învățământului and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights;

• 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Conference on non-discrimination and equality of opportunities devoted to *"Exercise of the right to non-discrimination and equality of opportunities in contemporary society"*, organized by Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir" of Bucharest;

• 4<sup>th</sup> Forum on Minority Issues on *"Guaranteeing the rights of minority women and girls"*, organized by the Human Rights Council on its 19<sup>th</sup> session;

• International conference on *"Migration, globalization and new social formations"*, organized by the International Migration and Ethnic Relations Research Unit, Norway, on its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights promotes training and information in the field of human rights of public bodies, non-governmental organizations and natural persons in terms of the observance, the protection and the guaranteeing of human rights by means of the domestic and the international legislation, institutions and mechanisms, practices and consuetude. It has the role to inform those who are interested about the latest research in the field of human rights, the international commitments assumed by Romania and the way they are fulfilled. The Institute provides the translation and the publication of those international documents which, by their topicality, have to be known by the governmental and the non-governmental institutions 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 of the European Court of Human Rights as well as the domestic one, notes, comments or book reviews.

The thematic approached includes a scientific and diversified analysis of the fundamental human rights, with emphasis on the interdependence and interaction among them and the values, the principles, the norms and the standards referred to by both the institutions and the mechanisms and the terms, the concepts and the methodological and technological trends. These are added reports on various events in the field of human rights, book reviews in the field of human rights, new publications of the Institute's and brief presentations of the activities organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights or in which it participated.

**B) Info IRDO, a monthly information bulletin**, including briefly presented topical

news about events related to human rights organized at domestic and international level. It also presents various cases brought before the European Court of Human Rights in an attempt to meet the present demands of the civil society, of institutions or students, etc. At the same time, it is worth mentioning the columns devoted to recently adopted international documents.

### **Works published in volumes**

New compilations of documents and research works were published under the aegis of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

- **Drepturile copilului (Rights of the child)**

The volume includes the domestic and the international regulations that consecrate and guarantee the rights of the child; these rights can be grouped into a set of rights protecting the child against any forms of physical or emotional abuse, development rights, closely related to the provision of the necessary services, such as education and healthcare, everyone's access to these rights, and the rights referring to children's participation and consultation in relation to the decisions affecting them.

Obviously, the regulations specifically referring to children are also to be found in a treaty complementary to the European Convention on Human Rights, namely, the European Social Charter, and the European Social Charter revised respectively, which consecrates and guarantees the economic and social rights.

The volume addresses all those working in the public, private or civil society sector who pursue the best interest of the child, starting, of course, with the international regulations in the field.

- **Jurisprudența Curții Europene a Drepturilor Omului. Cazuri recente cu privire la România (Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. Recent cases involving Romania)**

The compilation of recent cases from the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human

Rights involving Romania is addressed primarily to magistrates, lawyers and persons with responsibilities in the administration of justice, but to the citizens as well. Knowing the jurisprudence of the ECtHR is a must, since the Constitution of Romania provides that the ratified treaties are part of the national law (art. 11), while the fundamental rights and freedoms shall be interpreted in conformity with the provisions in the field they include; moreover, in case of inconsistency with the internal law, the international regulations shall take precedence unless the Constitution or national laws comprise more favourable provisions (art. 20).

It is particularly worth mentioning that the European Court's decisions in cases where the Romanian State is a party have been increasing in number, and so have the applicable articles in the European Convention.

The compilation meets the need for accurate, rigorous information made available to specialists in justice, the legislative, administration, researchers and members of the teaching staff, those training in the field, as well as the citizens, while it is meant to serve as a working instrument for study and research.

- **Protection against racism and discrimination**

The fight against racism and discrimination gathered, in time, all the national undertakings and policies that could be corroborated to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance. History proved that these phenomena are incompatible with the democratic values, with the respect of human rights, dignity and equality. Discriminatory actions affect the right to life and physical and mental integrity, the individual liberty, the right to defence, one's private and family life, inviolability of the domicile, freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, the right to education, access to culture, the right to healthcare, the electoral rights, etc., while racism and discrimination seriously violate equality, justice, democracy and the rule of law principles. The instruments, the institutions and the mechanisms that are available to the international community to foil

the constant violation of human rights can be conjugated with various actors in the civil society and the non-governmental organizations to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

- **Religion and the secular State in Romania**

The relationship between religion and the lay State in Romania has always been based on the acknowledgement of human dignity and the national and the international lay law. In this respect, it is shown that the Romanian State, according to the Constitution, acknowledges and instates freedom of the religious cults and religious minorities. By way of consequence, a better understanding of the harmonious relationship between the legal principles and the legal institutions, between the legislative norms and human rights, between the lay and the religious, is closely related to the field of human rights, which is the sum total of the common elements of both dimensions, such as the educative, the social and the cultural ones. This communion is the basis for freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, access to culture, freedom of assembly and the good relationship between all these and the State's governance.

- **Statutul funcționarilor publici din România și din Uniunea Europeană. Principii, drepturi și obligații** (Status of public servants in Romania and the European Union. Principles, rights and duties)

An examination of the status of public servants is a topical issue under such circumstances as the present economic crisis, which leads to reorganizations within the public administration which raise such problems as the beginning and the end of the public servants' careers and even the end of the rights and freedoms they are entitled to. In this context, the observance of human rights in the administration-citizen relationship seems to be a challenge. The author presents the status of public servants in Romania and the European Union by means of a comparative analysis, while insisting upon the need for a reform of the

public administration, which should emphasize on effectiveness, responsibility, honesty, integrity, dynamism, and non-biased attitude.

The importance of an analysis the of public servant's status comes from the fact that it is organically connected to the public servant's career – a process integrating the recruitment of public servants, the procedures for organizing and running the contest, the public servant's appointment memo, the beginner public servant's probation period and the public servant's promotion to a better position. The analysis refers to the rights and the duties of the Romanian and the European public servants, such notions as rights and freedoms, the public servants' deontology, ethics and morals as social values, as well as other issues related to the European public servants' deontology, from the standpoint of the provisions of the Code of Conduct of the Romanian Public Servants and the European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour.

- **Problematica drepturilor omului în statele arabe din Golf**

The particular specificity the Islamic Arab States in the Persian Gulf area have within the larger structure of the Arab world, the interest they stir at international level, as well as the present importance of the region from a strategic and energetic point of view, were the main reasons that led to the elaboration of this volume, corroborated with the prospects of cooperation and development of their relations with the West, particularly with the European Union.

The research and the evaluations focused on the way the administration of the Arab States in the Gulf region are structured and function, on their governance systems and the administration-citizen relationship, which represent key elements for the functioning of the respective States and, implicitly, for approaching the issue of their relations with other States.

The book presents and analyzes the structure and the functioning of the administrative, administrative-political and administrative-social systems in the Arab States of the Gulf region, which allows for the

understanding of the necessity of democratic reform processes where human rights should be promoted and protected, of the prospects for the evolution of the civil society and its relationships with the Islamic Arab State, as well as understanding the influence of the globalization process upon the Arab countries.

In addition to the presentation and the structural analysis of these States, the volume includes other important elements such as their relationships with the European Union and a comparison between the way the systems function – particularly in administrative-political and social – in the Arab countries in the Gulf region and the European Union.

The book also presents and evaluates the main aspects related to the situation of human rights in these countries, as well as the prospects for the advancement of the reform processes in the field of human rights and fundamental freedoms (for the time being mainly by promoting and supporting the activities of the civil society), under such circumstances where each of the respective countries has preserved specific elements related to the factors that

determined their emergence as States, the history of their evolution, the interests of the ruling families (elites) and the challenges – both internal and external – which they had and still have to face.

### **Reports**

- Romanian Institute for Human Rights – Annual Report for the year 2010 (in Romanian);
- Romanian Institute for Human Rights – Annual Report for the year 2010 (in English);
- Romanian Institute for Human Rights – Report on the evolution of human rights legislation in Romania and the European Union in 2011;
- Romanian Institute for Human Rights – Aspects of the Romanian juridical culture. Topical issues and human rights;
- Women's rights – Report for the year 2011. Equal opportunities. National human rights institutions.

## **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 2011 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, such as: "Alexandrina Library" of Alexandria – Egypt, Library of the International Institute of French Expression and Inspiration, Library of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Library of the University of Leicester (Great Britain), Library of the University of European Studies (Republic of Moldova), Library of the Faculty of Law, University of Strasbourg, Library of the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), Library of the University of Potsdam (Germany), Library of the University of Padua (Italy), Library of the University of Luxemburg, Library of the Norwegian Center for Human

Rights, etc.

While a permanent preoccupation was to inform and document about the scientific activities performed by the Institute, the publications issued in the year 2011 under the patronage of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights 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 Academy of Romania's 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 of Human Rights, the European Court of Justice, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, the International Academy of Comparative Law, the Center for International and European Studies.

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 900 readers, including researchers, teachers, lawyers, magistrates, candidates for a Doctor's Degree, 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 1,960,000 visitors, hosts the "Virtual Library", which includes the publications issued under the

patronage of IRDO, information about Romanian cases solved by the European Court of Human Rights, and the activities organized by the Institute.

### **The public relations activity**

The Institute's professionalism and the rigorousness characterizing the promotion of human rights by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the reputation the Institute's activities has among large categories of persons, are also proved by the fact that more and more citizens contact the Institute with numerous and various problems, informing about violations of human rights and requesting legal advice on human rights issues.

Thus, in 2011 as well, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights took the necessary legal steps for the clarification and resolution of more than 492 applications representing petitions and written complaints, legal advice and telephone calls.

These mainly referred to: violation of the right to property (delayed response from the local Land Fund Commissions in issuing real estate titles, refusal to grant the deed for certain pieces of land, non-observance of court decisions, etc.); violations of the rights related to the labour legislation and social insurances and pensions; complaints about the organization of trials, failure to solve the case in reasonable time, violation of the norms governing the execution of punishments in penitentiaries; petitions related to the violation of the principle of equal opportunities for men and women, for persons belonging to the national minorities and to religious cults; complaints about the incapacity of competent authorities to partly or totally pay certain pecuniary rights derived from the legislation regulating social protection (recalculation of pensions, financial assistance for various disadvantaged categories of persons); complaints about the violation of the norms related to a healthy environment (delayed response or no response from the local authorities regarding protection against pollution phenomena and the observance of the law in this field), etc.

Following the investigations and the

analyses made by the public authorities (the Ministry of Justice, the Superior Council of Magistracy, the national Agency for Restitution of Properties, the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the National Pensions and Social Security House, the National Health Insurance House, Mayor's Offices, Prefect's Offices, Local Councils, etc.), on request by our Institute, a great number of the complaints we had received proved to be motivated, and therefore the adequate legal measures had been taken to redress the prejudice and restore the rights that had been violated, while the petitioners had been informed about the respective measures. Also, the Institute received telephone calls consisting of information and complaints related to human rights issues, while hearings were given at the headquarters of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

Consultancy, legal advice and information was given both to persons who came to the Institute's headquarters and those who contacted us by telephone, the complainants being supplied with documentation referring to the domestic legislation, the governmental and the non-governmental bodies having responsibilities and tasks related to the promotion and the protection of human rights.

A comparative analysis of the number of petitions received in relation to various fields revealed the following: 79 petitions concerned the right to property (Law No. 10/2001, Law No. 209/2003, Law No. 247/2005); 55 petitions concerned the rights of the child, the family, the youth, pensioners, persons with disabilities; 70 applications for information on application forms and conditions to be met for the admissibility of applications before the European Court of Human Rights; 64 complaints concerning justice, the police and the penitentiary system; 51 complaints social protection, charges and taxes; 46 petitions denouncing violation of the principle of equal opportunities between men and women, the national minorities and the religious cults; 127 other petitions.

In about 71% cases registered with written petitions, we were able to assist the petitioners by initiating an inquiry on the case, guiding the petitioner to a competent body or

making a recommendation regarding the institution the petitioner should apply to. As far as submission of the petitions to the competent authorities is concerned, 61% of the above mentioned petitions were submitted to the authorized institutions or the petitioners were advised to contact other State bodies or institutions, the most important being: the Ministry of Justice, the National Authority for restitution of Properties, the Public Ministry, Prefect's Offices, Local Councils, Mayor's Offices, etc.

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Professionalism, rigour and commitment to human rights issues, 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 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; member of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions;

- Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law; member of the Steering Committee of the International Institute of Law

of French Expression and Inspiration (IDEF); member of the European working groups on justice, on implementation of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, on migration and on education, which belong to the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions; the Institute's researchers are members of the working groups of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights while some of them have been designated as experts of UNESCO, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, and the European Union, participating in this capacity as rapporteurs or section moderators in the framework of events devoted to human rights; as far as the Institute's activity related to human rights education is concerned, an international recognition is reflected by the fact that, in time, the Institute was given various international awards.

Appreciating the activities performed by the researchers of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in relation to the right to a healthy environment – a fundamental right of the third generation, the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment awarded the Romanian Institute for Human Rights the Prize for the promotion and the protection of the right to a healthy environment. Also, the Faculty of Law of University

"Dimitrie Cantemir" of Cluj-Napoca, on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, awarded the Romanian Institute for Human Rights the Diploma of Honour for good collaboration and the assistance in the accomplishment of this Faculty's mission, which proves that promotion and protection of human rights involves increased responsibilities for the future, so that education should be both academic and practical, corresponding to the exigencies of the contemporary world. At the same time, in recognition of its activity related to the promotion and the protection of human rights through non-contentious means, in the framework of the Review "Medierea" Prize Awarding Festivity, the Institute was awarded prizes crowning the pretty ample picture of the Institute's activities: the Romanian Institute for Human Rights was awarded the Prize for promotion of mediation in Romania; the same Prize was awarded to the Institute's quarterly "Drepturile Omului" (Human Rights) and to some members of the Institute as well. In recognition of its activity of promoting the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Institute's quarterly "Drepturile Omului" as well, were awarded the Prize of the Romanian Association for Women's Rights.

**SELF-ORGANIZED AND COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES**

- 11 January 2011* Roundtable on "Ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the European Union", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 12 January 2011* Roundtable organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
- 18 January 2011* Roundtable on "Economic, social and cultural rights in 2011's Romania", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 20 January 2011* Debate on "Effects of the reform of the European Court of Human Rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 21 January 2011* Roundtable devoted to the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, and the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 26 January 2011* Debate on "Information and prevention of antisocial actions" and presentation of the project on "Steps toward non-violence", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș"
- 27 January 2011* Symposium on "Holocaust – a disgrace of history", organized on occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance and the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 10-11 February 2011* Activities devoted to the training of future specialists in the field of social assistance, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Institute of the Social Assistance and Sociology Faculty of Cluj-Napoca, Social Assistance Department
- 17-19 February 2011* Cycle of scientific events organized in Cluj-Napoca by the Romanian

Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the International Mother Language Day, in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health

- 18 February 2011* Roundtable on "The mother language – a fundamental human dimension", organized in Bucharest on occasion of the International Mother Language Day, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance
- 21 February 2011* Events organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with School No. 190 "Marcela Peneş", the UNESCO Commission, the Municipality of Bucharest School Inspectorate and Sector 4 Local Council
- 21 February 2011* Debate on "Poverty, inequality of rights and opportunities in the period of economic crisis", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, the European Association for Banking and Finance – Romania and the "Clubul de la Cheia" Association, on occasion of the World Day of Social Justice
- 22-24 February* Meeting on "Prevention and punishment of all forms of discrimination against women", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the "Victor Dan Zlătescu" Club of Cheia Association
- 22-25 February* Debate on "Volunteering in Romania – national, regional and universal instruments", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the "Andrei Şaguna" University, on occasion of the European Year of Volunteering and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Volunteer Year, also known as "IYU+10"
- 22-27 February* Seminar on "The right to intellectual property as a human right", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and members of the teaching staff in the West University of Timișoara
- 23-27 February* Conference on "Education for tolerance in contemporary society", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in the framework of events devoted to the "Tolerance Week", in collaboration with the "Letea" Industrial School Group, Bacău, and the "Traian" public gymnasium in Târnăveni
- 1 March 2011* Meeting on "Tolerance March-trinket", joining students from schools, high schools and colleges in Bucharest, organized by the Association for Intercultural Dialogue, the EFECT Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Cultural Center of the Ministry of Administration and Interior

- 4 March 2011* Debate on "The online environment – a major risk for the education and security of young people", organized on occasion of International Day Against Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Human Beings by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – Family Forum, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Club of Cheia" Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 8 March 2011* Roundtable on "UNITE to End Violence against Women" – this year's logo advanced by the United Nations Organization, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, on occasion of the International Women's Day and its 100<sup>th</sup> celebration in the world, in collaboration with IDEF, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Club of Cheia and the Romanian Association for Women's Rights
- 8-11 March 2011* Meeting of institutions and NGOs interested in the field of human rights, organized in Piatra Neamț by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health, and the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights
- 9-10 March 2011* Debate on education for human rights in general and the rights of the child in particular, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the General School of Agriș
- 11-13 March 2011* Debate on "Over gifted children and their right to an education adapted to their needs", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Children's Club of Constanța and the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 16-17 March 2011* Roundtable on "Discriminated categories of persons and mechanisms of protection against discrimination:", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity and the Family Forum Association
- 16-18 March 2011* Meeting on "Week of Fight against Racism and Racial Discrimination", organized in Constanța by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance
- 16-19 March 2011* Educative events devoted to the European-wide Action Week Against Racism, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the School Inspectorate of Botoșani. Release of the National Review of Human Rights Education, "Relief Educativ" – a special edition devoted to the National contest of didactic creativeness, organized by the SILVA-VIC Publishing House in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 17 March 2011* Debate on "Ten years since the profession of Roma school mediator was entered in Romania's Job Inventory", organized by the Romanian Institute

for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia, on occasion of the Roma School Mediator Day

- 21-23 March 2011* Debate on "Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination", organized in Luduș by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 24 March 2011* Symposium on "Water for the towns – in response to urban challenges", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment, the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health on occasion of the World Water Day
- 23- 26 March 2011* Roundtable on "The World Water Day", organized in Bistrița by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment
- 23- 26 March 2011* Educative events in the field of human rights, organized in Reghin by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment and with the participation of the Ecologic University of Bucharest on occasion of the World Water Day
- 25 March 2011* Debate on "Non-discrimination and tolerance in the family", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – Family Forum
- 28- 29 March 2011* Training and educative activities devoted to "Promotion and protection of the rights of the child", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Suceava
- 3-4 April 2011* Debate with representatives of the Prefect's Office in Vaslui and the Vaslui County Council on the importance of the promotion and the protection of human rights, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 6 April 2011* Debate on this year's topic advanced by the World Health Organization, "Combat Antimicrobial Resistance: No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with Family Forum, IDEF, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Club of Cheia and the Romanian Association for Women's Rights
- 6-7 April 2011* Activities of information, awareness raising and identification of solutions in terms of antimicrobial resistance – the topic advanced by the WHO on occasion of the World Health Day, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Blind People's Association –

Bistrița Agency and the Social Assistance Directorate

- 7 April 2011* Information and training activities in the field of the rights of the child, organized on occasion of the World Health Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Adolescența Foundation and the Prahova Teachers' Training Center
- 9 April 2011* Roundtable on "New provisions in the national legislation on the rights of the child" and release of the volume "Drepturile copilului" (Rights of the Child), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 17-21 April 2011* The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the national contest of socio-humanist sciences organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Prahova County School Inspectorate
- 20 April 2011* Symposium on "Earth Day and present environment problems", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment, the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – Family Forum, the "Club of Cheia" Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity
- 22 April 2011* Debate on "Books and the librarian in a computational society. Realities and prospects", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the "Club of Cheia" Association on occasion of the World Book and Copyright Day and the Romanian Librarian Day
- 25 April 2011* Roundtable on "Religious freedoms", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with Monastery Ioan Rusul and the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health
- 2 May 2011* Debate on "The right to decent work and social protection in periods of economic crisis", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – Family Forum and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity
- 3-4 May 2011* Meeting on the organization of the scientific session and the development of community integration skills, as well as development of tolerance aptitudes meant to stimulate the students' and the teachers' proficiency and capacities to achieve the programme of young people's education and training at European standards, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași
- 5 May 2011* Logos/posters contest on "Volunteering 2011", organized by Association Adolescența and the Prahova Teachers' Training Center in partnership with

the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Prahova County School Inspectorate on occasion of Volunteers Week

- 6 May 2011* Journalism contest on "Meridians of the written word", organized on occasion of the Free Press Day by Association Adolescența and the Prahova Teachers' Training Center in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Prahova County School Inspectorate
- 6 May 2011* School Magazines Fair on "The Young European Press", organized on occasion of Europe Day by Association Adolescența and the Prahova Teachers' Training Center in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Prahova County School Inspectorate
- 9 May 2011* Symposium on "Unity in diversity", organized on Europe Day by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 13 May 2011* Educative activities on "Our children will be parents as well", organized by the Teachers' Training Center in Iași in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights to celebrate the World Family Day and the Romanian Family day
- 21 May 2011* Cultural-educative programme organized at National College "Vlaicu Vodă" in Curtea de Argeș to celebrate the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development by the Association for Intercultural Dialogue and Association EFECT in partnership with the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, with the participation of high schools in Romania and Bulgaria
- 1-3 June 2011* Symposium on "Education for active citizenship – a priority in education", organized by the Teachers' Training Center in Iași, University "Al. I. Cuza", University Petre Andrei", the Iași County Schools Inspectorate and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 1-4 June 2011* Debate on "The right to education illustrated by IRDO's research activities and publications", organized in Vaslui by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 6 June 2011* Symposium on "A healthy environment for man's future", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment and the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health, on occasion of the World Environment Day
- 6-11 June 2011* Debate on "The right to a healthy environment", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the University "Al. I. Cuza", representatives of the religious cults and the Romanian

Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment

- 10 June 2011* Roundtable on "Protection and promotion of the rights of the child", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity, on occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour
- 16-18 June 2011* Activities devoted to the promotion of the rights of the child on "Who implements the right to equality of opportunities for the children abandoned by their parents to work abroad?", organized in Reșița by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Caraș-Severin Teachers' Training Center
- 19-21 June 2011* Debate on "Medical assistance for the refugee patients", organized by the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mureș in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, followed by a presentation of IRDO's publications on health and the right to health
- 19-21 June 2011* Roundtable on "60 years since the adoption of the Geneva Convention on the status of refugees", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with University "Dimitrie Cantemir" of Târgu Mureș and the Romanian Association for the United Nations, on occasion of the World Refugee Day
- 20-23 June 2011* Training activities in the field of human rights, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Sibiu, in the framework of a series of events devoted to the World Refugee Day
- 21-23 June 2011* Debate on "Role of the Prefect's institution in promoting and protecting human rights", organized by the Prefect's institution in the county of Constanța in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 23-26 June 2011* Events devoted to the celebration of the Hațeg region, organized by the Mayor's Office in Hațeg, the Mayor's Office of Densuș, the Mayor's Office of Râu de Mori and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 27 June 2011* Seminar on "International didactics – a major element connecting the Romanian school to the European values", organized in Oradea by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 4-7 July 2011* Symposium on "Modern ways to take action for the protection and the promotion of human rights", organized by West University "Vasile Goldiș" in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 6-9 July 2011* Roundtable on "Elaboration of normative acts and observance of human rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași

- 6-9 July 2011* Debate on "The right to health and the health of this right", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mureş
- 11 July 2011* Debate on "Demographic security – a serious problem of the 21<sup>st</sup> century", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, and the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health, on occasion of the World Population Day
- 15-18 July 2011* Human rights promoting activities organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Prefect's Office in Vaslui
- 18-21 July 2011* Activities on "Role of education for the observance of the fundamental human rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with University "Al. I. Cuza"
- 19-21 July 2011* Debate on "Observance of human rights in the citizen-administration relationship", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Prefect's Office in Constanţa and the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 25 July 2011* Roundtable on "Victims of the traffic in human beings", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others
- 27-28 July 2011* 12<sup>th</sup> edition 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 and the County of Buzău School Inspectorate
- 28 July 2011* Debate on "The Convention on the status of refugees at its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 31 July 2011 - 1 August* Opening of the international course on "Fighting discrimination and promoting social inclusion of young people belonging to vulnerable groups by means of volunteering", organized by the Association for Intercultural Dialogue in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO and Center of Culture and Arts "George Topârceanu" in Curtea de Argeş
- 8-11 August 2011* Debate on "Religious freedom and fighting discrimination based on

religion", organized in Iași by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with University "Al. I. Cuza" and representatives of the religious cults

- 9-12 August 2011* Roundtable on "Local public administration and human rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Corunca, Mureș County
- 10-13 August 2011* Debate on "Rights and duties of the employee and of the employer. The individual labour contract – fundamental principles", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Association Clubul de la Cheia
- 17-20 August 2011* Debates on "Human rights and freedom of religion at the boundary between theory and practice", organized in Piatra Neamț by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, and Association Clubul de la Cheia and representatives of the religious cults
- 29-31 August 2011* Debate on "Religious freedom in Romania and education for tolerance and respect for the fellow human beings", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with University "Al. I. Cuza", and the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance
- 5 September 2011* Conference on "Rights of the child", organized in Sibiu 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
- 8 September 2011* Seminar on "Liquidation of illiteracy – a right to education", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Club of Cheia, on the International Literacy Day
- 12 September 2011* Activities devoted to the opening of the academic year 2011-2012, organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Teachers' Training Center In Bucharest, in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 12-14 September 2011* Roundtable on "Right to freedom, social justice and solidarity at European level", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health and the Faculty of Law of University Babeș-Bolyai, on occasion of the International Day of Democracy
- 14 September 2011* Working meeting with representatives of the National Organization of the Handicapped People in Romania

- 14-17 September 2011 Symposium on "The media and development of respect for the human being", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 15 September 2011 Symposium on "The media and development of respect for the human being", organized in Piatra Neamț by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity, and the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights
- 15 September 2011 Debate on "Romania's involvement in the promotion and consolidation of democracy at international level", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Clubul de la Cheia" Association, on occasion of the International Day of Democracy
- 20-21 September 2011 Debate on "The public administration – citizen relationship and the right to good governance as a fundamental human right", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the "Clubul de la Cheia" Association and the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 21 September 2011 Debate on "The public administration – citizen relationship; the right to good governance", organized at Măneciu 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
- 22 September 2011 Meeting of the Students' Council of General School No. 135 "Ștefan cel Mare" on "Rights of the child", organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 24-25 September 2011 Debates on Directive 2010/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for Women's Rights
- 28 September 2011 Debate on "Human rights. United Nations' specialized mechanisms and institutions", organized at Acățari by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity and the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health
- 28 September 2011 Roundtable on "Free access to information of public interest – a right for all of us", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Clubul de la Cheia" Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity

- 3 October 2011* Roundtable on "Towards a society for all age groups", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for the Rights of Older Persons, on occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Day of Older People
- 7 October 2011* Symposium on "National and European policies on decent work", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance
- 11-13 October 2011* Roundtable on "Protection and promotion of human rights in the administration-citizen relationship", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Prefect's institution in Constanța
- 17 October 2011* Debate on "The human right to a decent life", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, on occasion of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 17-19 October 2011* Debate on "Human rights in the United Nations system", organized in Piatra Neamț, in the framework of the United Nations Week, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 18-20 October 2011* Activities devoted to the United Nations Week organized at the Gymnasium of Acățari, Mureș County, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Mureș Teachers' Training Center
- 19-21 October 2011* Debate on "Human rights as reflected in the United Nations system and the Romanian legislation", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Prefect's institution, Constanța County, in the framework of the events devoted to the United Nations Week
- 19-21 October 2011* Symposium on "Human rights as reflected in the United Nations system and the international legislation", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 20-21 October 2011* Debate on "Human rights in the administration of justice", organized at Vălenii de Munte on occasion of the United Nations Week by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the "Clubul de la Cheia" Association
- 24 October 2011* Meeting on "The United Nations Organization", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the contribution of students of General School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș" in Bucharest
- 26-28 October 2011* Symposium on "Protection against racism and discrimination", organized in Iași by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with

University "Al. I. Cuza" and representatives of the religious cults

- 28-30 October 2011 Debate on "The right to apply for asylum", organized in Vaslui by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for Women's Rights
- 29 October 2011 Activities devoted to the promotion and the protection of human rights, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Mayor's Office in Vaslui
- 2 November 2011 Symposium on "The European dimension of education for human rights and for the rights of the child", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Acățari and the Public Gymnasium in Acățari
- 2-4 November 2011 Debate on "Antiracism through sports", organized in Târnăveni by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Club of Cheia" Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 7-9 November 2011 Seminar on "Preventing xenophobia, racism and anti-Semitism", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Club of Cheia" Association and Association Family Forum
- 8 November 2011 Roundtable on "Protection against racism and discrimination", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the "Club of Cheia" Association
- 8 November 2011 International symposium on "Children – victims of poverty", organized by the International Federation of Educative Communities – Romania in partnership with the Faculty of Psychology of Education Sciences – "Titu Maiorescu" University of Bucharest, Tribuna Învățământului and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 8 November 2011 Cultural-artistic event on "All are equal regardless of culture", organized by General School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș" in Bucharest in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 9 November 2011 Symposium on "Protection against racism and discrimination" and presentation of the volume *Protection against Racism and Discrimination*, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of the Teachers' Training Center in Iași in the framework of a cycle of events devoted to the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism
- 9 November 2011 Commemorative and educative event on "Scars of fascism and anti-Semitism in the history of humanity", organized by the Romanian Institute

for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Sibiu on occasion of the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism

- 9 November 2011* Symposium on "Holocaust education in Romania", organized by Foundation Adolescența, the Prahova Teachers' Training Center and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Prahova County School Inspectorate and National College "Jean Monet" in Ploiești
- 9 November 2011* Roundtable on "The citizen and the public administration", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the "Club of Cheia" Association, representatives of the teaching staff of University "Ovidius" of Constanța and of the Ecologic University
- 10-11 November 2011* Roundtable on "Antiracism through sports", organized in Târgu Mureș by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and Association Civitas Mundi
- 14-19 November 2011* International conference on "The need for reform in law and the public administration", organized by University "Petru Maior" of Târgu Mureș, Faculty of Economic, Juridical and Administrative Sciences in partnership with the "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" Institute of Juridical Research, the Institute of National Economy, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, University of Salento – Italy, University of Miskolc – Hungary, University "Corvinus" of Budapest and the Entrepreneurship Research and Education Network of Central European Universities, Erasmus Multilateral Projects
- 16-18 November 2011* Debate on "Rights of the child and the Geneva Convention on the protection and the promotion of the rights of the child", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Reșița
- 17-18 November 2011* Meeting devoted to the civic education programmes and the optional programmes of human rights education, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Teachers' Training Center in Cluj and the National Association of Civic Education
- 21-23 November 2011* Debate on "Rights of the child", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Iași on occasion of the Universal Children's Day, which marks the day when the Declaration on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child were adopted
- 21-23 November 2011* Debate on "Rights of the child in the Convention on the Rights of the Child", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Târgu Mureș
- 22 November 2011* Seminar on "The importance and the topical nature of education for human rights and for the rights of the child in the pre-university educational system", organized on the anniversary of the Teachers' Training Center in

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- 24 November 2011* Roundtable devoted to 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers' Training Center in Botoșani
- 25 November 2011* Symposium on "Affirmative action – a place under the sun", organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, the Municipality of Bucharest School Inspectorate, National College "Octav Onicescu" in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, and the National Coordinator of Schools affiliated to UNESCO
- 25 November 2011* Roundtable organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with Gymnasium "Zaharia Boiu" of Sighișoara in the framework of a series of events devoted to the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- 28 November 2011* Conference of national networks of institutions and organizations involved with the promotion of education for democratic citizenship and human rights organized by the Intercultural Institute of Timișoara in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 30 November 2011* Meeting with students of the General School in Iernut on the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 30 November 2011* Roundtable on "The Romanian society in the HIV/AIDS context", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on occasion of the World AIDS Day
- 2-3 December 2011* Roundtable on "Rights of persons with disabilities", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with professors and researchers at the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, West University of Timișoara
- 4-5 December 2011* Roundtable on "Priorities in the field of human rights", organized in Târgu Mureș by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field of human rights
- 5 December 2011* Conference devoted to the topic launched by the World Health Organization on occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, "Together for a better world for all: Including persons with disabilities in development", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the "Club of Cheia" Association
- 5 December 2011* Conference on Volunteering strengthens solidarity and social cohesion", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration

with the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of the International Volunteer Day and the closure of the European Year of Volunteering 2011

- 5-7 December 2011* Roundtable on "Priorities in the field of human rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with Foundation Pro Iure on occasion of the Human Rights Day
- 7 December 2011* Symposium on "Alternative pedagogic methods with education for human rights and the rights of the child", organized by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and School No. 93 "Emil Racoviță" in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 7-11 December 2011* 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the International University of Human Rights devoted to "Role of national institutions for the promotion and the protection of human rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance and the Clubul de la Cheia Association "Victor Dan Zlătescu" and with the participation of IDEF
- 8 December 2011* Awareness raising activity on the observance of human rights and book presentation on "Rights of the child", organized on occasion of Human Rights Day by College Media in Bucharest in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 9 December 2011* Roundtable on "Choose dignity. Stop discrimination", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations on occasion of Human Rights Day
- 9 December 2011* Inauguration of "Human Rights and the rights of the child" Room at General School No. 17 in Botoșani, organized on occasion of Human Rights Day in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights
- 9 December 2011* Book presentations and meetings with the students, the teachers and the primary school teachers of School No. 190 "Marcela Peneș" were organized in the framework of the events devoted to the Human Rights Week and the Open Doors Day
- 12-14 December 2011* Debate on "Issues with education for a democratic culture and citizenship", organized in the framework of the week devoted to cultural diversity by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with human rights NGOs and representatives of the religious cults
- 12-14 December 2011* Seminar on "Issues with education for a democratic culture and citizenship", organized in Piatra Neamț by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights with the participation of non-governmental organizations taking interest in the field of human rights
- 16-17 December 2011* Series of events devoted to the 46<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

*20-22 December 2011* Roundtable on "Discrimination and human rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports and the Târgu Mureș Teachers' Training Center

*27 December 2011* Debate organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Center of Religious and Juridical-Canonical Studies and Research of the Three Monotheistic Religions (Mosaic, Christian and Judaic) on the scientific research in the field of religious freedoms

**PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EVENTS**

- 19 January 2011* Participation in the first edition of the prize awarding festivity organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania
- 20 January 2011* Conference on "Informative speech and journalistic devices", delivered by Dana Popescu-Jourdy, PhD, Professor at Institut de la Communication, Université Lumière, Lyon, organized by the Center for Communications Research and the Faculty of Communication and Public Relations – National School of Political and Administrative Studies
- 21 January 2011* Conference on "The little reform in detail. Explanations and issues", organized by the Romanian National Union of bar Associations, the Dolj County Bar Association, the Legal Sciences Society and the National Institute for the Training of Lawyers
- 8-11 February 2011* Conference on "Prohibition of the various forms of instigation to national, racial or religious hatred" – workshop devoted to Europe, organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 14 February 2011* Debate on "The International Court of Justice – 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary", organized by the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 17 February 2011* Conference on "The issue of property restitution and financial compensation in terms of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights", organized by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the assistance of Human Rights Trust Fund by means of Programme "Elimination of obstacles hindering execution of the domestic courts' decisions/Implementation of the domestic decisions"
- 23 February 2011* Conference on "Effects of the decisions by the European Court of Human Rights in view of the European Union's adherence to the Convention", organized by the Centre for European Legal Studies of the Romanian Academy "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" Institute for Legal Studies
- 23-26 February 2011* Seminar on "Management of the scientific research and the right to intellectual property", organized by the West University of Timișoara
- 3 March 2011* Release of the volume "Curtea Constituțională a României. Justiția politicului sau politica justiției?" (Romania's Constitutional Court. A justice of the politic or the policy of justice), by Ioan Vida, former President of Romania's Constitutional Court, organized by the Union of Jurists of Romania
- 7 March 2011* Release of the book "Filosofia dreptului sau dreptul ca filosofie" (The philosophy of law or the law as philosophy) by Ion Craiovean, organized by European Foundation Titulescu, and the Association of International Law and Public Relations
- 21 March 2011* Debate on Domestic and international mechanisms for fighting discrimination", organized by the Romanian Association for Personal Liberty and Human Dignity
- 24 March 2011* Seminar on "Equality and non-discrimination" devoted to the European Wide-Action Week Against Racism, organized by the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Independent League

- for the Human Rights to Culture and Health
- 1-2 April 2011* Colloquium on "Management of financial crises and the dimension of the monitoring authorities' prerogatives", organized by the European Society for Banking and Financial Law – Romania
- 4-6 April 2011* 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the National Human Rights Institutions
- 6-8 April 2011* Meeting of the European Working Group of National Human Rights Institutions on the rights of persons with disabilities, organized by the German Institute for Human Rights
- 13 April 2011* Release of the volume "Nostalgii" by Sorin Popescu, organized by Union of Jurists of Romania
- 17 April 2011* Launch of the campaign on "Mediation an activity of public interest", organized by the Mediation Council
- 21 April 2011* Release of the volume "Executarea hotărârilor Curții Europene a Drepturilor Omului" (Implementation of the decisions by the European Court of Human Rights, by Titus Corlățean, organized by Foundation Nicolae Titulescu
- 21 April-4 May 2011* Course on "Shared responsibility for the protection and the promotion of human rights, organized by Ius Primi Viri Association, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance and the Romanian Association for the United Nations
- 25 April 2011* Roundtable on "Religious freedoms", organized by Ion Rusu Monastery
- 27 April 2011* Ceremony of awarding the title of Doctor Honoris Causa organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies
- 29 April 2011* First edition of the conference on "Mediation in today's Romanian society", organized by the National Union of Mediators from Romania, Braşov Office
- 10 May 2011* Conference on "Decisions by the European Court of Human Rights in the cases against Romania. Analysis, consequences, potentially responsible authorities for the period 1994-2010. Evolution of the domestic framework in relation to the abusively taken buildings and other possible systemic malfunctions", organized by the Centre for European Legal Studies of the Romanian Academy's Institute for Legal Studies, the University Publishing House, the Judges' Forum of Romania Association and the European Association of Judges for Human Rights
- 10-11 May 2011* Workshop on "Communication in situations of crisis", organized by the Center for Communications and Scientific Relations Research, the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the James M. Cox Jr. Center for International Mass Communication Training and Research, University of Georgia, USA
- 11-13 May 2011* Symposium on "Using Indicators to Measure Fundamental Rights in the European Union: Challenges and. Solutions", organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- 16-20 May 2011* 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coordination Committee (ICC) of National Human Rights Institutions, organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and ICC
- 24 May 2011* Meeting on "The Czechoslovakian-Romanian Alliance Treaty: the Little Entente and its significance", organized by the Embassy of the Czech Republic and the Diplomatic Institute on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day when the Czechoslovakian-Romanian alliance treaties were signed

- 31 May 2011 Roundtable on "Promotion and protection of the rights of the child in present-day legislation", organized by the Chamber of Deputies' Commission for Human Rights, Cults and National Minorities Issues
- 31 May 2011 Public lecture on "Status of civic education and intercultural education in the present context of the educational system in Romania, organized by the Chamber of Deputies' Commission on Education and the Intercultural Institute of Timișoara
- 01 June 2011 Inaugural Congress of the European Law Institute
- 06 June 2011 Debate on "Who defends the rights of the child?", organized by the International Federation of Educative Communities in partnership with the University of Bucharest – Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, the Infoeuropa Centre and Tribuna Învățământului
- 14 June 2011 Conference on "Modifications of the Labour Code and the Social Dialogue Act", organized by the University of Bucharest
- 15 June 2011 Inauguration of the study on "Impact of governmental measures upon the business. Recommendations of solutions for economic redress", organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Municipality of Bucharest
- 16 June 2011 Seminar on "The legislation applicable to loan contracts for natural persons – complementary provisions at the boundary between the general and the special legislation", organized by the Financial Companies Association – A.L.B. Romania, the Association of Legal Advisers in the Financial-Banking System and the European Society for Banking and Financial Law – Romania
- 17-18 June 2011 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the French-Romanian Legal Meetings on Comparative Law organized by the French Society of Comparative Law
- 23 June 2011 Dissertation Session on "Europe 2020", organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies
- 23-25 June 2011 Conference on "Human rights education for public and civil services", organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the Icelandic Commission for Human Rights
- 28 June 2011 Inauguration of the first Queen Mary Foundation's social, free-of-charge medical center for disadvantaged people in Bucharest, a project developed in collaboration with the General Mayor's Office in Bucharest
- 1 July 2011 National symposium on "Supremacy of the Constitution – desideratum and reality", devoted to Justice Day and organized by the Union of Jurists of Romania
- 5 July 2011 Summit of NGOs in Consultative Status with ECOSOC on "Women and development – education for a better society"
- 6 July 2011 Release of the research Report on "Public administration and the benefit of children – General measures for central and local implementation in Romania of the Convention on the Rights of the Child", organized by Organization "Salvați Copiii", under the high patronage of the President of the Chamber of Deputies
- 8 July 2011 Roundtable and release of OSCE's handbook "The police, the Roma and the Sinti: good practices for the consolidation of trust and understanding", Romanian language version, organized by the Ministry of Administration and Interior – General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police in partnership with the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit and the Bureau for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

- 12-15 July 2011* Conference on National Human Rights Institutions in the area of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, organized by the OSCE Bureau for Democratic Institutions in collaboration with the OSCE Presidency Office held by Lithuania
- 4-10 September 2011* Summer school on "Young people fighting against corruption", organized by Teachers' Training Center "Grigore Tăbăcaru" of Bacău, and the Regional Center for Civic Education Resources in Bacău
- 5-10 September 2011* Interregional meeting of representatives of the countries which are to be reviewed in the first three sessions of the second cycle, in the framework of the working group for the Universal Periodic Review, in terms of the implementation into legislation and in practice of the provisions in the international and regional human rights instruments, organized by the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Unit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 7-9 September 2011* 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference of the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA), organized by the Public Administration Faculty of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies in collaboration with EGPA and Parliament of Romania – Chamber of Deputies
- 16 September 2011* Debate on "Protocol of Montreal, a chance for the protection of the ozone layer", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Human Rights to a Healthy Environment, the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – Family Forum and the "Club of Cheia" Association
- 21-22 September 2011* Roundtable with the human rights national structures in the Member States of the Council of Europe, organized by the Council of Europe with the participation of the institution of "Defensor del Pueblo" and the Senate of Spain
- 21-22 September 2011* Opening conference of Project "Promotion of mediation in cross-border civil cases", organized by the Ministry of Justice in partnership with the Council of Mediation, the Dutch Ministry of Justice, the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice, the Moldavian Ministry of Justice, the European Association of Judges for Mediation – GEMME and Organization MIKK of Germany
- 29 September 2011* International seminar on "Equal opportunities for employment and at the working place. An information and awareness raising campaign meant to change social attitudes and stereotypes affecting employment and the working places", a project co-financed by the Social European Fund through the Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013, organized by the University of Bucharest
- 8 October 2011* International symposium on "Children – victims of poverty", organized by the International Federation of Educative Communities in collaboration with the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences
- 10-11 October 2011* International symposium on "The marriage institution in the three monotheistic religions", organized by University "Ovidius" of Constanța, with the Center of Religious and Juridical-Canonical Studies and Research of the Three Monotheistic Religions (Mosaic, Christian and Judaic) in partnership with ICT-Toulouse, Faculty of Canon Law
- 13-14 October 2011* Meeting on "How to develop better cooperation in terms of communication between the Agency for Fundamental Rights, the national

- human rights institutions and the national organizations for equality", organized in Vienna by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- 14 October 2011* International conference for the inauguration of the International Institute for Human Rights on "European culture of human rights. The right to property", organized by Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir"
- 24-26 October 2011* Third meeting of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, organized by the Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities
- 27 October 2011* International conference on the closure of Project "Together on the labour market", organized by the National Agency for the Roma in partnership with Fundació Secretariada Gitano of Spain and Association Pakiv Romania in the framework of the project co-financed by the European Social Fund through the Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development
- 27 October 2011* Ceremony of awarding the title of Doctor Honoris Causa organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies
- 28 October 2011* Festivity for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Faculty of Law of Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir" of Cluj-Napoca
- 9 November 2011* Release of the Report on "Analysis of the structures monitoring, promoting and protecting the rights of the child" in the framework of the project "Advocacy for national consensus with the development of structures and instruments monitoring the rights of the child", organized by the Child NGO Federation under the high patronage of the President of the Senate
- 9-11 November 2011* Conference on "Migration, globalization and new social formations", organized by the International Migration and Ethnic Relations Research Unit, on its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 11 November 2011* Roundtable on "Mutual undermining between states, history, new and old practices", organized by European Foundation Titulescu
- 15 November 2011* Annual scientific session of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences – Ecologic University on "Codification of the civil and the criminal legislation. Reality and necessity"
- 15 November 2011* Release of the volume "Noile coduri în evoluția dreptului românesc" (New Codes in the evolution of the Romanian law), including the essays presented at the scientific session of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences – Ecologic University of November 2010
- 20-22 November 2011* Conference on "Dignity and the rights of illegal migrants", organized in Warsaw by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- 22 November 2011* Debate on "The need for mediation in family conflicts", organized by Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir", Master Degree in European Integration and Business under the logo "Mediation – a viable alternative to the court"
- 24 November 2011* Release of the book "Regi și diplomați suedezi în spațiul românesc secolele XVII-XX" (Swedish kings and diplomats in the Romanian territories in the 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries) by George Cristea, organized by European Foundation Titulescu
- 24 November 2011* Release of the first volume of "România 1945-1989. Enciclopedia regimului comunist. Represiunea" (Romania 1945-1989. An encyclopaedia of the communist regime. The repression), 1<sup>st</sup> vol., A-E, organized by the

- Romanian Academy and the National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism
- 25 November 2011* 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the conference on non-discrimination and equality of opportunities devoted to "Exercise of the right to non-discrimination and equality of opportunities in contemporary society", organized by Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir"
- 25 November 2011* Conference on "History and the mythology of the exceptional nature of the Romanian corruption", organized by European Foundation Titulescu, Center of Strategic Studies
- 28 November 2011* Meeting with experts in human rights on "Prospects for minorities", organized by the United Nations Human Rights Council
- 29 November 2011* Meeting on "Guaranteeing the rights of women belonging to minorities", organized in Geneva by the United Nations Human Rights Council, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in collaboration with several Central and East-European diplomatic agencies
- 30 November 2011* 4<sup>th</sup> Minorities Forum on "Emancipation of minority women to have their rights respected. Identification of efficient practices", organized by the United Nations Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 2-4 December 2011* 2<sup>nd</sup> international workshop of Nature&Nation Network, organized by University "Nicolae Titulescu" in collaboration with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the Center for Study of Political Thought
- 6 December 2011* Conference on "The future of the cohesion policy in the European Union between convergence and competitiveness, organized by the Embassy of France and the European Institute in Romania in the framework of the 31<sup>st</sup> conference in the cycle entitled "France-Romania: together in Europe"
- 7 December 2011* Ceremony of awarding the title of Doctor Honoris Causa organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies
- 8 December 2011* Symposium on "Romania's constitutional development. Tradition and modernism. 20 years since the Constitution of 8 December 1991 came into effect", organized by the Constitutional Court in collaboration with Institute for Legal Studies "Andrei Rădulescu"
- 8 December 2011* Book and historic documents exhibition on "The Romanian constitutions: tradition, continuity, modernism", organized by the Academy of Romania, Institute for Legal Studies "Andrei Rădulescu"
- 12 December 2011* Conference on "The natural person and the family as regulated by the new Civil Code", organized by the Lawyers' Association for Dialogue and Solidarity
- 15 December 2011* National mediators' conference on "The Mediation Council – responsibilities and prospects"
- 16-17 December 2011* Conference on "The future of human rights: global techniques with local impact", organized by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- 20 December 2011* Seminar on "Consultation on the proposal advanced by the European Globalization Adjustment Fund", organized in Brussels by the Committee of the Regions