



Conference programme *(original, detailed conference programme)*

Thursday, 14th of October 2004

10.00-10.30 **Opening of the conference**

Chair: Siri Kemény, Norway

- Address by Dr. Petrétel József, Minister of Justice, Hungary

- Address by Ivo Aertsen, Chair of the European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice

Introduction to the conference programme by Siri Kemény, Norway

10.30-11.00 **Plenary session**

Chair: Siri Kemény, Norway

- Mária Herczog, Hungary: *Restorative justice in Central and Eastern Europe: Comparisons, achievements and challenges*

11.00-11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30-12.45 **Plenary session**

Chair: Siri Kemény, Norway

- Gerd Delattre, Germany: *Dialogue with the public – a neglected element of restorative justice?*

- Sturla Falck, Norway: *Restorative justice – a giant leap or just another tool for the criminal justice system?*

12.45-14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00-15.00 **Café conferences**

The potential role of the public and the community

Location: New York I

Cafétier: Frauke Petzold (Germany)

Topics for discussion:

- How can the community refer cases?

- How can local communities be involved in the RJ process?

Difficult cases

Location: New York II

Cafétier: Lutz Netzig (Germany)

Topics for discussion: Bring your difficult cases for discussion!

Video: Between victim and offender

Location: Moscow

Cafétier: An Marchal (Belgium)

The video originates from the Mediation Service Leuven (Belgium) and shows a mediation process between the victims and the offenders from an armed robbery of a newspaper agency. The video shows how the mediators proceed, starting from the initial telephone call till the face-to-face meeting with all the parties involved. It shows the general atmosphere of a mediation process and more specific 'how the parties involved deal with the questions and emotions caused by the offence'. The video also shows the importance of a co-operation act between local partners. This local co-operation act is the essential foundation of the mediation service in Leuven (Belgium).

Developments in Central and Eastern Europe

Location: Warsaw

Cafétiérs: Sorin Hanganu (Moldova) and Vira Zemlyanska (Ukraine)

The danger of cooptation of the RJ idea and practices

Location: Tokio

Cafétier: Bas van Stokkom (Netherlands)

Topics for discussion:

- RJ: Will it ever become more than an appendix to the criminal justice system?

- Keep away from the system!?

- Governmentalism and hidden control: far from the democratic potential of RJ?

RJ practice with parties of different ethnic background

Location: Prague I

Cafétier: Hendrik Kaptein (Netherlands)

Topics for discussion:

- Special conditions to take into consideration?

- Is conferencing more suitable than victim-offender mediation?

- How to deal with language problems?

Going beyond RJ

Location: Brussels

Cafétier: Martin Wright (UK)

Topics for discussion:

- Schools, neighbourhoods, workplaces: benefits from and for RJ.

- RJ partnerships.

15.00-15.30 **Break (Coffee in café conference rooms)**



15.30-17.00

Workshops

Volunteers as a form of community participation

Location: New York I

Chair: Donald Dickie (UK)

Presenters:

- Betty Robinson, UK: *Volunteering for my community*
- Karen Paus, Norway: *Volunteer or professional mediators*

RJ in schools

Location: New York II

Chair: Gro Rosslund (Norway)

Presenters:

- Anja Semper and Bernd-Uwe Gütling, Germany: *Mediation in schools “MeinS”*
- Lívia Hadházi, Hungary: *Application of the conflict management technique “Face to face” in the Zöld Kakas Liceum Secondary School*

Conferencing models

Location: Moscow

Chair: Marian Liebmann (UK)

Presenters:

- Rick Sarre, Australia: *An adult RJ pilot project in South Australia*
- Rob van Pagée, Netherlands: *Conferencing is empowering citizens and should be in the mainstream*
- Monika Platek, Poland: *RJ conferences in Poland – the rise of the new legal practice*

Introducing RJ in Central and Eastern Europe, part 1

Location: Warsaw

Chair: Dobrinka Chankova (Bulgaria)

Presenters:

- Zuzana Slezakova, Czech Republic: *Introduction of the AGIS project and first results*
- Sorin Hanganu, Moldova: *Ideologies in sentencing in Central and Eastern European countries*

RJ and the training of mediators and facilitators

Location: Tokio

Chair: Terje Eimot (Norway)

Presenters:

- Niall Kearney, UK: *Introduction to and first results of the AGIS project on the training of mediators and facilitators*
- Ben Lyon, UK: *Training and accreditation; approaches to the development of best practice and regulation of practice*

RJ and legal practitioners

Location: Prague I

Chair: Hans Klette (Sweden)

Presenters:

- Gordon Petterson, Norway: *How to enable prosecutors and judges to make use of RJ practice in their work. The results of the AGIS project on the training of legal practitioners in RJ*
- Elzbieta Czwartosz, Poland: *Awareness of RJ among lawyers in Poland*
- Simona Ghetti and Anna Mestitz, Italy: *What do Italian judges and prosecutors think about victim-offender mediation?*

COST Action A21: Theoretical developments

Location: Brussels

Chair: Jacques Faget (France)

Making sense of RJ – Messages from the COST Action Working Group on RJ theory

Panel: Rob Mackay and Martin Wright, UK; John Blad and Bas van Stokkom, Netherlands; Christa Pelikan, Austria

17.00

End of the first day of the conference

17.30

General Meeting of the European Forum

Location: Budapest room



Friday, 15th of October 2004

9.00-10.30

Workshops

Applying RJ in intercultural settings

Location: New York I

Chair: Hans Boserup (Denmark)

Presenters:

- Mary Jo McAllister: *Youth RJ in Northern Ireland – across all our communities and cultures*
- Uri Yanay, Israel: *Restoring justice. Could it work in the Middle East?*

RJ, the police and punishment

Location: New York II

Chair: Rick Sarre (Australia)

Presenters:

- Hendrik Kaptein, Netherlands: *RJ as punitive public law*
- Margaret Martin, USA: *Policing and RJ: Where are we headed?*

The victim's position in the context of RJ

Location: Moscow

Chair: Juhani Iivari (Finland)

Presenters:

- Niall Kearney, UK: *Issues of affecting 'victims' of severe violence in the context of RJ in Scotland*
- Antony Pemberton, Netherlands: *Abolitionist tendencies and victims' needs in RJ*
- Ilona Görgényi, Hungary: *The victim's position in relation to RJ in Hungary*

Introducing RJ in Central and Eastern Europe, part 2

Location: Warsaw

Chair: Szilvia Gyurko (Hungary)

Presenters:

- Rustem Maksudov, Russia, and Eamonn Keenan, UK: *Achievements, issues and problems of introducing RJ into Russia*
- Radek Gajdos and Marek Tkac, Czech Republic: *Czech justice and restorative practice*
- Rasim Gjoka, Albania: *Challenges and perspectives of mediation and RJ in Albania*

RJ in prisons

Location: Tokio

Chair: Brian Williams (UK)

Presenters:

- Hilde Guffens, Belgium: *RJ in prison in Belgium: Where we started and where we are heading*
- Marian Liebmann, UK: *RJ in Bristol prison*
- Antonio Buonatesta, Belgium: *Victim-offender mediation in a penitentiary context. Outcome of an experiment carried out in several Belgian prisons*

RJ, young persistent offenders and children as victims of crime

Location: Prague I

Chair: Paul McCold (USA)

Presenters:

- William Nicol, UK: *Children (both as victims and offenders) and RJ*
- Vidia Negrea, Hungary: *Transforming labels: New practices to reintegrate troubled teens*
- Jasna Hrnčić, Zivica Pavlović and Slobodan Milosavljević, Serbia and Montenegro: *Mediation in conflicts at the juvenile correctional institution in Krusevac*

Particular approaches in RJ practice

Location: Brussels

Chair: Zbigniew Czwartosz (Poland)

Presenters:

- Ilaria de Vanna, Italy: *Mediterranean mediation*
- Beni R. Jakob, Israel: *Breaking the chains of cross- and transgenerational crime*

10.30-11.00

Break (Coffee in café conference rooms)

11.00-12.00

Café conferences

The potential role of the public and the community

Location: New York I

Cafétier: Per Andersen (Norway)

Topics for discussion:

- How to work with the public opinion through the media?

Difficult cases

Location: New York II

Cafétiers: Gerd Delattre (Germany) and Bernd Gläser (Austria)

Topics for discussion: Bring your difficult cases!

Video: Six conferences: A composite view of conferencing in programmes for troubled youth (75 minutes)

STARTS AT 10.45!

Location: Moscow

Cafétier: Vidia Negrea (Hungary)

By combining footage of actual Real Justice conferences for offences ranging from truancy and leaving school grounds



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to theft and bringing a knife onto a school bus, this video provides a realistic view of conferencing. Some conferences are emotional, others are not. Some conferences produce satisfying outcomes and occasionally one falls apart. But even an 'unsuccessful' conference, as the follow-up interviews show, can produce meaningful outcomes. All six conferences were videotaped, with the permission of the participants, at group homes or schools for delinquent and at-risk youth operated by the Community Service Foundation in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Developments in Central and Eastern Europe

Location: Warsaw

Cafétier: Szilvia Gyurkó (Hungary)

The danger of cooptation of the RJ idea and practices

Location: Tokio

Cafétier: Christa Pelikan (Austria)

Topics for discussion:

- Legislation: necessity or pitfall?
- Working with practice standards as safeguard against cooptation?

The link between RJ and the criminal justice system

Location: Prague I

Cafétier: Gordon Petterson (Norway)

Topics for discussion:

- How to make prosecutors and judges think restoratively?
- How to involve probation and prison?

Going beyond RJ

Location: Brussels

Cafétier: Zbigniew Czwartosz (Poland)

Topics for discussion:

- RJ for young persons: educational approach, just reparation or only justice?
- Both civil and criminal cases, or criminal cases only?

12.00-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-14.30

Café conferences

The potential role of the public and the community

Location: New York I

Cafétier: Keith Simpson (UK)

Topics for discussion:

- Reparation to the community: symbolic or real?

Exchange of training materials for mediators

Location: New York II

Cafétier: Terje Eimot (Norway)

Topics for discussion: Bring your training materials!

Video: Facing the Demons

Location: Moscow

Cafétier: Vidia Negrea (Hungary)

Facing the Demons is an hour-long documentary video about the journey of the family and friends of murdered victim Michael Marslew, confronting each other face-to-face in a conference with two of the offenders responsible for Michael's death.

Facing the Demons, produced by the Dee Cameron Company, originally aired on the ABC, Australia's public television network. It won an award for "best television documentary of 1999" in Australia. In 2000 it earned the United Nations Association Award for Best Television in its annual Media Peace Awards.

Developments in Central and Eastern Europe

Location: Warsaw

Cafétiérs: Vira Zemlyanska (Ukraine) and Zuzana Slezakova (Czech Republic)

The danger of cooptation of the RJ idea and practices

Location: Tokio

Cafétier: John Blad (Netherlands)

Topics for discussion:

- RJ practice: how "effective" should it be?"
- Coping with cooptation by sound organisation: how to keep autonomy?

Volunteers and professionals – are they mutually exclusive?

Location: Prague I

Cafétier: Ivo Aertsen (Belgium)

Topics for discussion:

- Do volunteer mediators set the legal protection of the parties at risk?
- Does professionalism undermine the participatory potential?
- Professionals: their fears and resistances.

Going beyond RJ

Location: Brussels

Cafétier:

Topics for discussion:

Mass victimisation, international conflicts and RJ: can it work?

14.30-15.00

Break (Coffee in café conference rooms)



- 15.00-16.30 **Workshops**
Developing RJ policies
Location: New York I
Chair: Christoph Koss (Austria)
Presenters:
- Liz Nelson, UK: *The development of a strategic approach to restorative justice – the issues for Government*
- Paul McCold, USA: *Dangers and opportunities of setting standards for RJ practices*
Implementing local RJ programmes
Location: New York II
Chair: Ilaria de Vanna (Italy)
Presenters:
- Keith Hastie, UK: *Establishing and sustaining a RJ programme*
- Frederik Bullens, Belgium: *Selecting cases for mediation*
RJ policy development and legislation
Location: Moscow
Chair: Vicky De Souter (Belgium)
Presenters:
- Brian Williams, UK: *Recent UK legislation on offenders and victims of crime: restorative justice or co-option*
- Leo Van Garssen, Belgium: *Legislation on mediation: The end of the beginning or the beginning of the end?*
Introducing RJ in Central and Eastern Europe, part 3
Location: Warsaw
Chair: Vira Zemlyanska (Ukraine)
Presenters:
- Stefania Kregel, Bosnia and Herzegovina: *Introducing restorative justice for juveniles in Bosnia and Herzegovina: a pilot project on the implementation of alternative measures and mediation*
- Doina Balahur, Romania: *Romanian juvenile justice system towards its way to restorative practices*
- Roman Koval, Ukraine: *RJ implementation in Ukraine*
Applying RJ in cases of domestic and sexual violence
Location: Tokio
Chair: Christa Pelikan (Austria)
Presenters:
- Bernd Gläser, Austria: *Victim-offender mediation in cases of domestic violence*
- Juhani Iivari, Finland: *Meeting domestic violence in mediation*
- Karin Sten Madsen and Hanne Andersson, Denmark: *The challenges of mediating rape*
Research on RJ in Europe
Location: Prague I
Chair: Alenka Meznar (Slovenia)
Presenters:
- Anna Mestitz, Italy: *VOM with youth offenders in Europe – A Grotius project*
- Ivo Aertsen, Belgium; Dobrinka Chankova, Bulgaria; Rob MacKay, UK: *Introduction to COST Action A21: RJ developments in Europe*
Furthering RJ practices
Location: Brussels
Chair: Debra Clothier (UK)
Presenters:
- Ted Wachtel, USA: *From RJ to restorative practices. Expanding the paradigm*
- Hans Boserup, Denmark: *Advanced techniques and dilemmas in mediation*
- 16.30 **End of the second conference day**
20.00 **Conference dinner**

Saturday, 16th of October 2004

- 09.30-10.30 **Plenary session**
Chairs: Martin Wright (UK) and Monika Platek (Poland)
Presentation of workshop reports
- Going East!, by Vira Zemlyanska (Ukraine)
- Restorative justice policies, by Christa Pelikan (Austria) and Martin Wright (UK)
- Local models and specific practices, by Leo Van Garssen (Belgium) and Marian Liebmann (UK)
- 10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.00-12.30 **Plenary session**
Chair: Martin Wright (UK)
- Feedback from café conferences and debate, by Katrien Lauwaert (Belgium) and Rob MacKay (UK)
- Closing of the conference by Dr. Kinga Göncz, Minister of Equal Opportunities (Hungary)
Closing statements by Siri Kemény (Norway) and Ivo Aertsen (Belgium)
- 12.30 **End of the conference**