

**BALKAN
POLITICAL CLUB**



**TEN YEARS BALKAN POLITICAL CLUB - XIII
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: BALKANS INTO EUROPE AND WORLD IN 21
CENTURY**

Venue: 27 -29 May 2011 Sofia, Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia hall

Working languages: English, Bulgarian

27 May 2011

Arrival and accommodation

19:30 ***Welcome reception hosted by President Zhelev***

28 May 2011

09:00 – Registration

09:30 -10:30

Opening session

Opening speech by D.Sc. Zhelyu Zhelev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (1990-1997) and President of Balkan Political Club

President Gueorgi Parvanov

Prime minister Boyko Borissov

Peter-Andreas Bochmann, Project Director, South-East Division of Friedrich Nauman Foundation for Freedom

Greeting addresses

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:00

Session I: EU's initial steps, enlargement strategy, challenges of economic sustainability and balance in multinational and multicultural society. The role of sub-regional (Balkan) cooperation.

Part A

Moderator: Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania (1996-2000)

Suleyman Demirel, 9th President of the Republic of Turkey

Ion Iliescu, President of Romania (2000-2004)

Zhelyu Zhelev, President of Bulgaria (1990-1997)

Mircea Snegur, President of Moldova (1990-1996)

- 12:00-12:30 Debate
- 12:30 – 14:30 Lunch**
- 14:30 -15:30** ***Session I, Part B:***
Moderator: Yahya Tezel, Professor of economics
- Mladen Ivanic, MP, Foreign Minister of BiH (2003 – 2007), Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ljubisha Georgievski, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia in Belgrade
Solomon Passy, Foreign Minister of Bulgaria (2001-2005)
Vesna Pesic, MP, President of the Center for Peace and Democracy Development, Republic of Serbia
- 15:30-16:00 Debate
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break**
- 16:30- 17:30** ***Session I, Part C:***
Moderator: Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, President Biopolitics Int.
- Tzvetan Tzvetanov, Minister of Interior Affairs of Bulgaria
Hikmet Çetin, Former Speaker of the Turkish Parliament
Veton Sourroi, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Policy Club, Kosovo
Akkan Suver, President of Marmara Group Foundation
- 17:30-18:00 Debate
- 20:00** ***Official dinner for the Members of the Balkan Political Club hosted by Dr. Zhelyu Zhelev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (1990-1997) and President of the Balkan Political Club, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of BPC***

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- 09:30-10:30** ***Session II – Balkans into European Union and NATO integration process – achievements and disappointments***
Moderator: Ivan Stancioff, Former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria
- 09:30-09:45 George Ivanov, President of Macedonia, incumbent
09:45-10:00 Vojn Dimitrievic, Director Belgrade Center for Human Rights
10:00-10:15 Murat Karayalçin, Foreign Minister of Turkey (1993-1995)

10:15–10:30 Zarko Papic, Director of the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues, ex- Ambassador of Yugoslavia to the OECD 1990-1992; Director of the Initiative for Better and Humane Inclusion, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

10:30-11:00 Debate

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Private session of the Balkan Political Club

13:00-14:30 Lunch

Free time and departure