

***Victim-Offender Mediation in Europe. Making Restorative Justice Work,***  
**Leuven 27 - 29 October 1999**

**Conference programme**

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of October**

**09.00-09.40    Opening session**

Chair: Christa Pelikan, Austria

- *Victim-Offender Mediation in Europe: Making Restorative Justice Work*, Tony Peters, Belgium
- Address by Marc Verwilghen, Minister of Justice, Belgium
- Address by Erik Wennerström, responsible for the Grotius programme at the European Commission

**09.40-10.30    Plenary session**

Chair: Christa Pelikan, Austria

Presenter: Martin Wright, U.K.: *Restorative Justice: To Whose Benefit?*

Commentator: Guy Masters, U.K.

**10.30-11.00    Coffee break**

**11.00-12.30    Workshops**

**12.30-14.00    Lunch break**

**14.00-15.30    Workshops**

**15.30-16.00    Coffee break**

**16.00-17.00    Plenary session**

Chair: Lenka Ourednickova, Czech Republic

Presenter: Jacques Faget, France: *Mediation, Criminal Justice and Community Involvement*

Commentator: Kaisa Kurikka, Finland

18.00-19.30 **Fringe meeting**

*The European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice: Discussion on a European Association*

## Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of October

- 09.30-10.30    **Plenary session**  
Chair: Stephan Parmentier, Belgium  
Presenter: Robert MacKay, U.K.: *Ethics and Good Practice*  
Presenter: Marc Groenhuijsen, the Netherlands: *Legal and Procedural Safeguards*
- 10.30-11.00    **Coffee break**
- 11.00-12.30    **Workshops**
- 12.30-14.00    **Lunch break**
- 14.00-15.30    **Workshops**
- 15.30-16.00    **Coffee break**
- 16.00-17.00    **Plenary session**  
Chair: Alenka Meznar, Slovenia  
Presenter: Siri Kemény, Norway: *Policy Developments and the Concept of Restorative Justice through Mediation*  
Commentator: Frank Winter, Germany
- 19.30            **Conference dinner**

## Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> of October

09.00-09.20 **Plenary session**

Chair: Regina Delattre, representative of the European Permanent Conference on Probation and Aftercare

Presenter: Wolfgang Rau, Council of Europe: *The Policy of the Council of Europe on Victim-Offender Mediation*

09.20-10.00 **Plenary session**

Chair: Regina Delattre, representative of the European Permanent Conference on Probation and Aftercare

Presenter: Elmar Weitekamp, Germany: *Research on Victim-Offender Mediation. Findings and Needs for the Future*

Commentator: Katrien Lauwaert, Belgium

10.00-10.30 **Coffee break**

10.30-12.00 **Workshops**

12.00-13.00 **Closing session**

Chair: Ivo Aertsen, Belgium

Presenters: Leo Van Garsse, Belgium and Bernd Gläser, Austria: *Highlights of the Conference and Prospects for the Future*

15.00-17.00 **Guided tour around Leuven**

## Workshop programme

### Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of October

#### 11.00-12.30

- Room 01.31 **1. Overview of the situation of VOM in Norway and Belgium with particular attention for working with volunteer versus professional mediators**  
Facilitator: Anne Lemonne, Denmark  
Presenters:  
- Karen Paus, co-ordinator mediation service, Oslo, Norway  
- Ivo Aertsen, researcher at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium  
Reporter: Inge Vanfraechem, Belgium
- Room 01.02 **2. Family violence and mediation**  
Facilitator: Hilde Van Lindt, Belgium  
Presenters:  
- Christa Pelikan, researcher at the Institut für Rechts- und Kriminalsoziologie, Vienna, Austria  
- Juhani Iivari, senior researcher at the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health, Helsinki, Finland  
- Anna Baldry, researcher at the Department of Social Psychology, University of Rome 'La Sapienza', Rome, Italy  
Reporter: Yamila Pardo, Spain
- Room 01.08 **3. Mediation with juvenile and adult offenders: comparison and contrast**  
Facilitator: Bert La Poutré, the Netherlands  
Presenters:  
- Antonio Buonatesta, co-ordinator of mediation service GACEP, Charleroi, Belgium  
- Magdalena Pernerstorfer, mediator and agency head, Austrian Association for Probation Service and Social Work, Vienna, Austria  
Reporter: Wouter De Cuyper, Belgium
- Room 01.10 **4. Mediation in serious crimes and in the prison context**  
Facilitator: Derek Shields, U.K.  
Presenters:  
- Joep Hanrath, mediator, the Hague, the Netherlands  
- Marian Liebmann, restorative justice consultant/trainer, Bristol, U.K.  
- Stephanie Braithwaite, Crime Concern, Southampton, U.K.  
- Siri Kemény and Hans-Gunnar Stey, Department of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Justice and the Police, Oslo, Norway  
Reporter: Jesus Trujillo, Spain

**14.00-15.30**

Room 01.31

**5. Overview of the situation of VOM in Finland and France with particular attention for the co-operation between mediators, mediation services and justice officials (prosecutors and judges)**

Facilitator: John Blad, the Netherlands

Presenters:

- Juhani Iivari, senior researcher at the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health, Helsinki, Finland
- Daniel Jullion, co-ordinator of the AIV, Grenoble and consultant for mediation at the 'Institut National d'Aide aux Victimes et de Mediation', Paris, France
- Jacques Salzer, lecturer at the University Paris Dauphine, Paris, France

Reporter: Roel Gijsbers, Belgium

Room 01.10

**6. Co-operation between mediation services and the legal profession: judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers**

Facilitator: Ann Warner Roberts, USA

Presenters:

- Brigitte Loderbauer, state prosecutor, Linz, Austria
- Claudia Fenz, judge, Vienna, Austria
- Kurt Creyf, lawyer, Bruges, Belgium
- Jacques Faget, researcher at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Bordeaux, France

Reporter: Elisabeth Braun, Germany

Room 01.08

**7. Family group conferencing**

Facilitator: Guy Masters, U.K.

Presenters:

- Liv Mørland, Mediation Service of Kristiansand, Norway
- Judith Johnson, Inspector of Restorative Justice Consultancy, Thames Valley Police, Oxon, U.K.
- Dion Arnouse, RCMP, British Columbia, Canada
- Wouter De Cuyper, student, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Gabrielle Maxwell, senior research fellow, Institute of Criminology, Victoria, University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

Reporter: Ashley Carver, Canada

Room 01.01

**8. Victim-offender mediation in Eastern Europe**

Facilitator: Inge Vanfraechem, Belgium

Presenters:

- Albania: Rasim Gjoka, general secretary of the Foundation 'Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation of Disputes', Tirana
- Bulgaria: Dobrinka Tchankova, lawyer, South-Western University, Sofia
- Czech Republic: Lenka Ourednickova, senior probation officer and mediator, Association for the

Development of Social Work in Criminal Justice,  
Prague

- Slovenia: Alenka Meznar, state prosecutor, District Prosecutor's Office of Celje
- Hungary: Lenke Fehér, professor at the Institute of Legal Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (to be confirmed)
- Latvia: Natalia Shmelyova, psychologist and president of the Consulting Centre of Psychological and Psychotherapeutical Aid, Riga or Ariel Reznik-Martov, psychiatrist at the Consulting Centre of Psychological and Psychotherapeutical Aid, Riga (to be confirmed)
- Ukraine: Roman Isayev, lecturer at the Department of Social Work, Uzhgorod State University (to be confirmed)

Reporter: Corene Rathgeber, Canada

## Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of October

### 11.00-12.30

- Room 01.01 **9. Overview of the situation of VOM in Poland and Germany with particular focus on training**  
Facilitator: Dan Van Ness, USA  
Presenters:  
- Britta Bannenberg, professor at the University of Marburg, Kassel, Germany  
- Dobrochna Wójcik, professor at the Institute of Justice, Warsaw, Poland  
Reporter: Elisabeth Braun, Germany
- Room 01.02 **10. Human rights and mediation**  
Facilitator: David Miers, U.K.  
Presenters:  
- Eva Grinde, mediator at the Mediation Service of Oslo and head of information at the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway  
- Stephan Parmentier, professor at the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium  
Reporter: Corene Rathgeber, Canada
- Room 01.08 **11. The victim's perspective in mediation**  
Facilitator: Joep Hanrath, the Netherlands  
Presenters:  
- Liv Johannson, mediator at the Mediation Service of Oslo, Norway  
- Bert La Poutré, Victim Services the Netherlands, the Netherlands  
- Jean-Luc Domenech, director of the National Institute for victim assistance and mediation (INAVEM), Paris, France  
Reporter: Inge Vanfraechem, Belgium
- Room 01.10 **12. Codes of good practice and accreditation of mediators and mediation services**  
Facilitator: Robert MacKay, U.K.  
Presenters:  
- Janina Waluk, Senate Information and Documentation Office, Warsaw, Poland  
- Barbara Tudor, West Midlands Probation Service, Birmingham, U.K.  
- Jacques Salzer, lecturer at the University Paris Dauphine, Paris, France  
Reporter: Yamila Pardo, Spain



**14.00-15.30**

Room 01.07

**13. Overview of the situation of VOM in the UK and Austria with particular attention for direct versus indirect mediation**

Facilitator: Johan Deklerck, Belgium

Presenters:

- Guy Masters, consultant Crime Concern, Surrey, U.K.
- Marian Liebmann, restorative justice consultant/trainer, Bristol, U.K.
- Christa Pelikan, researcher at the Institut für Rechts- und Kriminalsoziologie, Vienna, Austria

Reporter: Corene Rathgeber, Canada

Room 01.08

**14. Implementing mediation (from a central policymaker's perspective)**

Facilitator: Gerd Delattre, Germany

Presenters:

- Christine Mahieu, Principal Secretary of the Minister of Health and Youth affairs of the French Community, Brussels, Belgium
- Nicole Baranger, Head of the Bureau for the Protection of Victims and for Prevention, Ministry of Justice, France
- Christina Nehlin, mediator and co-ordinator at the National Council of Crime Prevention and appointed expert in the Commission on Mediation for Juvenile Offenders, Sweden
- Christoph Koss, Austrian Association for Probation Service and Social Work, Vienna, Austria

Reporter: Jesus Trujillo, Spain

Room 01.10

**15. Setting up mediation services (from a local programme's perspective)**

Facilitator: Liesbeth Devriendt, Belgium

Presenters:

- Shaheen Mughal, co-ordinator of Amends, Walthamstow, U.K.
- Barbara Tudor, West Midlands Probation Service, Birmingham, U.K.

Reporter: Ashley Carver, Canada

Room 01.02

**16. Training mediators**

Facilitator: Martin Wright, U.K.

Presenter:

- Derek Shields, co-ordinator victim-offender conference service, NACRO-VOCS, London, U.K.
- Kalevi Juntunen, senior social worker, the Social Welfare Centre of Tampere, Finland
- Pirkko Takala, mediator, Mediation Office of Tampere, Finland

Reporter: Isabelle Detry, Belgium

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### 10.30-12.00

- Room 01.31 **17. Victim-offender mediation in other European countries**  
Facilitator: Sofie Vaes, Belgium  
Presenters:  
  - The Netherlands: Lodewijk Tonino, Ministry of Justice
  - Luxembourg: Marie Santini and Monique Beyaert, 'Centre de Médiation', Luxembourg
  - Italy: Vania Patané, researcher at the Faculty of Law, University of Catania
  - Ireland: Anna Rynn, senior probation and welfare officer, Dublin
  - Denmark: Dagmar Rasmussen, project co-ordinator VOM, Crime Prevention Council, CopenhagenReporter: Isabelle Detry, Belgium
- Room 01.32 **18. Research on VOM: Exchange of information on finished and ongoing projects**  
Facilitator: Hans Boserup, Denmark  
Presenters:  
  - Elmar Weitekamp, researcher at the University of Tuebingen, Germany
  - Catriona Mirrlees-Black, Home Office, London, U.K.
  - Johan Deklerck and Anouk Depuydt, researchers, Catholic University of Leuven, BelgiumReporter: Roel Gijsbers, Belgium
- Room 01.24 **19. Sensitising the public: A European video-project on victim-offender mediation. Presentation of intermediate results, exchange of experiences and brainstorming**  
Facilitator: Gerd Delattre, Germany  
Presenter:  
  - Gerd Delattre, co-ordinator of TOA-Servicebuero, Köln, GermanyReporter: Ashley Carver, Canada
- Room 01.08 **20. Supra-national regulations and developments concerning victim-offender mediation**  
Facilitator: Ivo Aertsen, Belgium  
Presenters:  
  - Christa Pelikan, researcher at the Institut für Rechts- und Kriminalsoziologie and president of the committee of experts on mediation in penal matters of the Council of Europe, Vienna, Austria
  - Dan Van Ness, UN Alliance of NGOs Working Party on Restorative Justice, Washington D.C., USA
  - Ilona Görgényi, Institute of Criminal Sciences, University of Miskolc, HungaryReporter: Jesus Trujillo, Spain