

ROMANIAN INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ANNUAL REPORT – 2013

Established under Law No. 9/1991 as an independent body with juridical personality, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (RIHR) is the first national institution for human rights established in Romania after 1989 and the only national institution in our country which was recognized as having this quality by the UN system Coordination Committee of National Human Rights Institutions.¹

IRDO corresponds to the Paris Principles which were formulated in 1991 at the Conference dedicated to national human rights institutions, principles that became enshrined as an official UN General Assembly Document in 1993, and which envisage a mandate “as wide as possible” that should be founded on the universal standards of human rights and should include the double responsibility of promoting and protecting human rights covering all these rights; independence from the Government; independence that is guaranteed by Constitution or by law; adequate power of investigation; pluralism including by the structure of its staff and/or by effective cooperation and by adequate human and financial resources². Also, RIHR meets the requirements formulated by the EU Council through its recommendation to the EU Committee of Ministers regarding the establishment of independent national institutions for the promotion of human rights.

It is now 20 years since the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna, an event to which the Institute contributed by organizing in Bucharest an international colloquium with the theme “The Reform of International Institutions for the Protection of Human Rights”³, an event considered by the UN Centre in Geneva as a satellite reunion of the World Conference on Human Rights; it is 20

years since the Vienna Conference Final Declaration and Programme of Action were adopted – benchmark documents in the fight for promoting and respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms; it is also 20 years since the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Resolution regarding the Paris Principles. The Romanian Institute for Human Rights performs its activities with the aim to accomplish all its attributions conferred by law, as national independent human rights institution, acting like an interface, like a solid bridge between the State’s institutions and the civil society.

While fastening its preoccupations on the actual realities of each period of time, each stage, the Institute has always been interested in organizing an adequate framework and adequate means for the implementation and actual observance of human rights, for better acquaintance with and increased awareness about them, both by the public authorities and by the citizens who are the beneficiaries of these rights and who are guaranteed full enjoyment thereof

Bearing all these in mind, the Institute laid particular emphasis on the organization of programmes and partnerships capable to better meet the international and national requirements related to the promotion of the fundamental freedoms and human rights and the training of those categories of persons having responsibilities in the field of their protection.

The experience accumulated in time and the collaboration with the governmental and non-governmental bodies taking interest in the field of human rights was particularly important for the Institute with the purpose of accomplishing the tasks conferred by its constitutive law. Starting from the particular importance of knowing human rights, in the year 2013, as always, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights performed such activities as training, dissemination of information, documentation, research and consultancy, its activity as a whole bringing a contribution to the training of persons working in the public structures and of institutions with powers in the promotion and protection of human rights, to the systematic

¹ To be mentioned that the Romanian Institute for Human Rights is a member of the European Network of Human Rights National Institutions.

² See Irina Moroianu Zlătescu, *20 de ani de la adoptarea Principiilor de la Paris*, în revista “Drepturile Omului”, nr. 3/2013, p. 92. (20 Years since the Adoption of the Paris Principles in the scientific review “Human Rights” no. 3/2013 p. 92

³ Prilej cu care a fost adoptată „Declarația de la București”, devenită ulterior document oficial al Adunării Generale a ONU (A/conf. 157/PC/42/Add. 8/27.04.1993).

information of the citizens about their rights guaranteed under the law or laid down in the international documents to which Romania is a party. In this respect, in 2013 the Institute organized numerous scientific events, conferences, symposia, seminars or roundtables, debates, training courses, contests, exchanges of experience, etc.

The Institute did researches, published and disseminated works in the field, and reports meant to provide better knowledge of the international standards, of the instruments and the mechanisms for the protection and the promotion of human rights adopted at international and regional level to which Romania is a party or adhered, with the purpose of making easier their rapid and correct implementation at domestic level, also in conformity with the provisions of Art. 20 in the Constitution. In the elaboration of its Plan of Activities for the year 2013, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights continued to take into account the Paris Principles on Establishment of National Human Rights Institutions and Realization of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, the Declaration of Durban, the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights of Vienna, the Action Plan adopted by Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights, Resolution 59/113 on United Nations World Programme for Human Rights Education for the period 2005-2014 and the second phase thereof, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for the year 2015, Resolution 21/14 on the World Programme for Human Rights Education adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council, Recommendations R(79) 16 and R(97) 14 and Resolution (97) 11 by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, the Annual Programme of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights 2013-2017, as well as the main objectives established by the European Commission to be attained by the year 2020 through the "Europe 2020" Strategy, which have also become national objectives for every member country of the European Union (*employment, research and development/innovation, climate change and energy sustainability, education, and fighting*

poverty and social exclusion), the European strategy for equality between women and men (2010-2015), and the European Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities (2010-2020).

In 2012, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights was designated as an independent body to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (art. 33 paragraph 2) in Romania, which is proof of the Institute's objectiveness as well as the importance the RIHR attaches to the promotion and the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

On accomplishing its legal tasks of promoting and disseminating the regulations on human rights, the Institute entered new partnerships with a large variety of governmental institutions and bodies, non-governmental organizations, both domestically and internationally. Synthetically, the activities performed by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in the year 2012 may be grouped into the following categories:

- Ensuring of a better knowledge about human rights issues and the way these rights are guaranteed in the member countries of the United Nations Organization, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and the European Union;

- Informing the international institutions about the actual way human rights are promoted and guaranteed in Romania;

- Performing research on important issues related to the promotion and the observance of human rights in our country and at international level;

- Organizing and achieving training and education programmes in the field of human rights in accordance with the latest methodologies;

- Publishing activities;

- Translation and publication of the international regulations, universal and regional, as well as the significant national ones, recent documents, studies and research in the field of human rights;

- Consultancy;

- Perfecting the activity of RIHR's Center of documentation.

I. RESEARCHES ON THE PROMOTION AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA AND AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Researches on the various aspects related to the promotion and observance of human rights is one key element of the activity performed by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights. Dealing with this type of activity, provided by the law, the Institute had in view the Paris Principles⁴ on Establishment of National Human Rights Institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, the Programme of Action adopted by the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights (1993), the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, the United Nations Objectives for the year 2015, the Declaration of Durban (2001), the Action Plan adopted by Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights, the United Nations Resolution 59/113, the Annual Programme of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the European Commission's "Europe 2020" Strategy, and also Recommendations R(79) 16 and R(97) 14 and Resolution (97) 11 by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, which points out that the research on and learning of human rights are adequate means for respecting human dignity and providing increased respect for human rights by knowing them better.

Aware of its mission to bring a substantial contribution to the consolidation of a human rights culture in our country, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights conducted researches that included both general issues related to the history and evolution of human rights at international and local level, the human rights philosophy, the science of human rights, encoding in the field of human rights, as well as specialized fields related to the various generations of human rights. Thus, the researches dealt with both the rights of the first generation (the civil and political rights) and the second generation (the economic, social and cultural rights). There were also included topics

dealing with the third generation of human rights, such as the right to peace, the right to sustainable development or the right to a healthy environment.

The Institute also conducted research in the field of the right to happiness as a fundamental human right (according to the UN General Assembly Resolution nr. 65/309/2011) or in the field of business environment and human rights (according to the UN framework for protection observance and remedy with regard to the business environment and human rights, and also according to the 2008 implementation document – DOC /HRC/8/5). The institute also conducted annual research on human rights at the EU level and in the Romanian legislation, as well as comparative studies on human rights in the annual reports of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. The experience accumulated so far and the continuous professional training of the Institute's full time researchers and of its honorary collaborators – researchers, personalities of the academic life, young researchers – enabled an approach of the latest issues in the field, by issuance of ample works, spanning over more than one year and achieved by teams of the Institute's researchers in partnership with honorary associate researchers in an effort to deepen the study, given the vastness and the importance of the topics. At the same time, the Institute conducted researches devoted to specialized fields, usually accomplished by one single author. The results of these studies were either published in the Institute quarterly scientific review “Drepturile Omului”, (Human Rights) in the Institute's monthly publication “Info IRDO”, or in volumes and reports presented in the framework of scientific events organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and/or various national and international bodies with which the Institute is collaborating. It is in this category that the great majority of the studies and researches achieved by or with the participation of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights fall.

The researches achieved in the year 2013 were based on the national legislation in the

⁴ The fundamental principles established on the first international meeting of the National Institutions for the Promotion and the Protection of Human Rights, which took place in Paris on 7-9 October 1991, known as the “Paris Principles”. They were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly under its Resolution 48/134 on 20 December 1993.

field of human rights and the international and regional documents that had become an integral part of the domestic law as a result of their ratification by Romania. In this respect, the following documents referred to by the Institute's studies and researches should be mentioned: The UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Romania signed it in 1955, when it became a Member State of the United Nations Organization); the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ratified by Romania in 1974); the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ratified by Romania in 1974); the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ratified by Romania in 1993); the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ratified by Romania in 1970) the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (ratified by Romania in 1990); the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (ratified by Romania in 1981); the Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified by Romania in 1990); the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ratified by Romania in 2011); the European Convention on Human Rights (ratified by Romania in 1994); the European Social Charter revised (ratified by Romania in 1999); the Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings (ratified by Romania in 2006); the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (ratified by Romania in 1994); the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (ratified by Romania in 1995), and others as well.

In terms of the topic dealt with, one may distinguish:

- a) researches dealing with a general thematic;
- b) researches devoted to the instruments and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights and their evolution in time;
- c) researches on the protection and promotion of human rights;
- d) researches dealing with fundamental freedoms and human rights of the three generations: civil and political rights; economic

rights, social and cultural rights; the right to peace, the right to sustainable development and the right to a healthy environment.

An illustrative presentation of each category of researches will prove the diversity of the topics dealt with.

a) Researches dealing with a general thematic:

- Promoting a human rights culture;
- Continuity and discontinuity in the regulation of the fundamental institution of civil law and criminal law;
- The relation between good governance and good administration;
- Aspects regarding the institution of the Ombudsman for minorities;
- Mediation in administrative legal relations;
- Corruption – a phenomenon affecting human rights;
- Exercise of human rights and its limits;
- Education on European citizenship;
- The contribution of the European Institutions to the promotion and protection of the human rights;
- Free movement of citizens in the European space;
- The role of jurisprudence in the unitary application of the law;

b) Researches devoted to the instruments and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights and their development in time:

- The formation and execution of civil liabilities under the new Civil Code;
- The rights of women and the role of the European Council Convention regarding the prevention and combating of violence against women and of domestic violence.
- Regulations of the status of persons seeking for international protection in Romania
- Issues related to the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights with regard to free access to justice;
- Aspects regarding the regulation of the children's rights in Romania
- The international Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the role of the national human rights institutions;

c) researches on the protection and

promotion of human rights;

- The promotion and protection of fundamental rights in the European Union;
- Constitutional provisions regarding the social protection of citizens;
- The role of jurisprudence in the unitary enforcement of the law;
- Equal opportunities, social integration and inclusion of people with disabilities;
- Enforcement of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights;
- Aspects of the evolution of human rights and civil service in Romania;
- Security – a multidimensional concept;
- The role of the European Parliament and the promotion of the EU citizenship;
- Policies targeting the rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities;

d) Researches dealing with fundamental freedoms and human rights: 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

- Judicial control over public administration. Administrative proceedings
- The role of the public Ministry in the enforcement of the non-discrimination principle;
- Social security and social integration;
- Human dignity and social exclusion;
- The democratic benchmarks of the referendum
- The rights and obligations of asylum seekers and the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania;
- Considerations on the complexity and the importance of freedom of expression in Romania
- Liability for damage caused to the environment;
- The need to reorient education as a promoter of sustainable development;
- Right to sustainable development;
- Legal Responsibility in the right to a healthy environment.

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**) was consonant with 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.*

Bearing in mind UN Resolution 59/113 of 10 December 2004, which launched the **World Programme for Human Rights Education** for the period 2005-2015, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights acted in compliance with the provisions of this Resolution paying particular attention in 2013 to an intensification and diversification of the activities conceived to further develop education. The purpose was to shape those attitudes and behaviours that are characteristic of the citizens in a democratic

society while enhancing the interest and competencies of as many citizens as possible, from all socio-professional categories, both young and old, to participate in the public life.

With the intention to continuously adapt its activities to the newest requirements, it has been established that the RIHR Plan of activities should include and have in view, among other things, the following:

- promotion of human rights education;
- to make human rights education a national, regional and international priority;
- to train educators: members of the teaching staff in the university and the pre-university system;
- training of adults and young people in the field of human rights and the rights of the children;
- training for trainers in the field of human rights
- training of those professional categories that are directly involved and have

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

- to consolidate partnerships and cooperation with the institutions belonging to the Romanian educational system, as well as other institutions, and/or non-governmental organizations in various fields of activity;

- to monitor and assist the existing educational programmes in the field of human rights, so as to highlight good practices and stimulate measures meant to continue, to improve and to further develop such programmes.

The development and organization of activities devoted to training-for-trainers and to human rights education were based on the feedback received from representatives of Teachers Training Centres and also from teachers in various schools and high schools.

The target groups benefitting of the activities performed by the Training Compartment of the RIHR included persons working in such fields as education, research, public administration, the administration of justice, healthcare, as well as categories of persons with specific problems: women, children, pensioners, persons belonging to ethnic, linguistic, religious, and sexual minorities, persons with disabilities, etc.

RIHR's training activities were developed and performed on initiative by the RIHR, in collaboration with the Institute's partners, on request by central and local authorities or by various socio-professional groups. These activities consisted of:

- long-term training courses, accredited by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports (MERYS);

- short-term training courses, so-called "contact" type training courses;

- activities meant to raise awareness of certain social groups or categories of persons to the need to know and observe human rights;

- symposia, conferences, seminars, roundtables, debates, etc.;

- dissemination activities;

- presentation of volumes, scientific reviews, scientific works, information, popularization, published under the care of the Institute.

A number of important activities in the year 2013 were achieved together with partners from non-governmental organizations taking particular interest in the field of human rights

education, State institutions, as well as higher education institutions, religious cults, professional associations, etc.

The first educational and training activities to be mentioned are those scientific events characterized by continuity, which belong to the Institute's long-term programmes and have enjoyed widespread echo, both nationally and internationally:

- *coordination of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance* by the RIHR and the North University of Baia Mare, a permanent activity that also includes the Master Degree courses, the only ones of the kind in Romania (a new class of Masters graduated the courses in 2013;

- debates, training courses, roundtables, workshops, conferences, book releases, etc., organized in collaboration with other institutions and non-governmental organizations (see **Appendix A**);

- the 19th edition of the *International University of Human Rights* 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 "Victor Dan Zlătescu" Club of Cheia. This year's theme, "The Human Rights- Realities and Perspectives" was chosen in the context of celebrating 20 years since the World Conference in Vienna, 20 years since Romania's adherence to the Council of Europe, 10 years since the revision of the Romanian Constitution and 6 years since the adoption of the Chart of EU Fundamental Rights. This session highlighted the importance of promoting and protecting the human rights and the fundamental freedoms with a focus on the recent developments in the field of human rights regulations, mechanisms and institutions. It was also highlighted Romania's active involvement both in the common effort of states to establish the Human Rights Council, as well as in the process of revising the Council's functioning which is so much needed for the promotion of human rights as efficiently as possible. On the occasion of these debates were analyzed the importance of this momentum for the protection and promotion of human rights both from the point of view of the progress achieved in the past 20 years, such as in the field of women's

rights, the rights of children, of disabled people, as well as from the perspective of developing a legal framework to enable sanctioning abuse and human rights violations, the role of education in the promotion and protection of human rights, fostering respect for common values, the role of education as a means to prevent intolerance, the importance of the right to information in the field of health and educational steps that need to be taken to enrich the force and effect of education for human dignity.

- the 20th edition of student national contests “*Olympics of civic education and civic culture*” and “*Democracy and tolerance*”;

- debates, symposia, colloquia devoted to the promotion of human rights in various fields (see **Appendix A**), etc.

1. Educating the younger generation in the spirit of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, dignity, tolerance, and free exchange of opinions is an objective that for more than a decade has been the basis of a partnership between the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Ministry of National Education, which gave birth to a number of by now traditional activities: the national school contests “*Civic education and civic culture Olympics*” and “*Democracy and tolerance*”, continuous training courses for teachers and primary school teachers; colloquia, symposia and debates (see **Appendix A**) devoted to topics related to various aspects of the activity of human rights education and, last but not least, the *Didactic creativeness contest in the field of auxiliary materials to be used in the process of education for human rights, democracy and for a culture of peace in secondary education programmes*.

2. 2. National school contests

Following an initiative by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Ministry of National Education included, beginning with the year 1994, disciplines such as *civic education* (grades III-IV) and *civic culture* (grades VII-VIII) respectively among those disciplines for which annual contests with phases up to the national level are organized.

These contests, organized by the Ministry of National Education in partnership with the

Romanian Institute for Human Rights, also known as “Olympics”, are the result of the need for education for undertaking the role and status of citizen in a democratic society, to train and develop competencies of participation in the public life, social criticism and tolerance capacity.

a) *The national Olympics of socio-humanistic sciences*

The concept of fundamental freedoms and human rights comes from people's need and wish for a life where each individual's dignity and value should be respected and protected. It is in this spirit that the final phase of the Olympics of socio-humanist sciences was organized by the Ministry of National Education in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in Baia Mare, in April 2013. This is a contest of excellence for skilled students in the field of socio-humanistic sciences, initiated as a result of the need for education in order to reach the status of citizens of a democratic society and to develop competencies for participation in the public life, as well as capacities for social criticism and tolerance.

As with the previous editions, in this year's edition the best papers achieved by the participating crews were awarded prizes by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

b) *The 14th edition of the final phase of the national contest on “Democracy and Tolerance”*

The contest, initiated by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of National Education, is a complex form of civic education involving students in primary and secondary schools. There were three dimensions: theoretical, practical-applicative and artistic, the participants being organized into three-member teams, of which one member from the primary education system. Experience accumulated during the contest shows constant improvement of the quality of the papers presented, in all three dimensions of the contest, as well as constantly increased interest in the thematic involved.

The 2013 contest, organized in Braşov aimed at developing cooperation competencies at group level, while stimulating the preoccupation to become familiar with such concepts as: democracy, tolerance, human rights, rights of

the child and the relationship between these, familiarization with the main national and international regulations in the field and last but not least practising democratic, tolerant attitudes and behaviours, the civic spirit and developing skills of getting involved in the life of the educational and the local communities to which the students belonged.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights awarded the winner teams of the three tests in the contest “Human Rights” special prizes and honourable mentions.

c) *The 7th edition of the National contest of didactic creativeness in the field of auxiliary materials devoted to human rights education, democracy and a culture of peace in the pre-university educational system*

This contest is organized every two years by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and Teachers Training Centres from all over the country, and enjoys particular interest amongst teachers throughout Romania. In this context, it is also worth mentioning the increasing interest of certain Teachers Training Centres to become organizers of future editions of the contest,

This year the contest was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and the Teachers Training Centre in Cluj. The contest exhibition presented works and studies from several counties, auxiliary teaching materials meant to be used in various activities with the students, printed works, reviews, CDs, etc.

In the six editions of the contest held so far have entered works by teachers in most districts of the country, which was viewed as a beneficial and constructive spirit of human rights education, democracy, and a culture of peace and as obvious signs of a permanent concern for human rights freedom of expression.

Human rights education has a key role in any educational process. The role of teachers in this process is obvious. By their efforts and passion they support their students to become responsible and active citizens, capable at any time to contribute to the creation of a harmonious environment in the society they live in. Moreover, the educational process is based on the active participation of the children, who

learn about human rights and understand the issues involved by this phenomenon, acquire abilities and develop attitudes of respect for human dignity.

The winners were handed diplomas on behalf of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Ministry of National Education, as well as the catalogue of the works presented in the contest.

3. *In the field of continuous training of teachers who achieve human rights education.*

In 2013, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Teachers Training Centre in Bucharest initiated a new training programme accredited by the Ministry of National Education, entitled “Education for human rights and the rights of the child”. The project had been approved by the Ministry of Education and by the Bucharest School Inspectorate, while the target public in this programme were members of the teaching staff and the auxiliary teaching staff in the pre-university educational system.

The programme created as a result of the numerous requests by the teachers has four year duration and represent a real support for achieving national and international educational projects and programmes.

The programme aims to train teachers to assist the students in the process of acquiring knowledge and awareness in the field of human rights and the rights of the child, as well as of the existing national and international legislation in the field, with a view to assert their democratic European citizenship. The participants in the programme deepened their knowledge about the main universal, regional and national mechanisms and instruments for the promoting and protecting human rights, they were trained to acquire an attitude of commitment and active involvement in the civil society, to continuously consolidate their knowledge in the field of human rights and what was most important to be able to analyze concrete cases referring to child protection.

4. *Activities devoted to the administration of justice*

The Institute organized activities in support of a better knowledge of the citizens’ most important rights and to promote the rights of

litigants. A better knowledge of human rights is an essential condition for defending, valorising and exercising the rights of all citizens. The Constitution and the domestic legislation consecrate such principles as: free access to justice, equality before the law, the right to a fair trial and to a reasonable period of time for having one's case solved, the right to defence, etc

These rights can only be exercised if justice is impartial, effective, transparent and credible. Citizens should know and exercise these consecrated rights, which represent clear, accurate rules to be abided by. To this end the RIHR, which in 2006 released the Citizens' Rights Charter, continues promoting and disseminating it.

At the same time, it is worth reminding that the Institute organized activities devoted to the administration of justice, on which occasion it made available to all those interested some specialized works coordinated by the RIHR, such as: *Proces echitabil. Jurisprudența comentată a Curții Europene a Drepturilor*⁵; *Eficiența și echitatea justiției. Standarde europene*⁶.

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 Organization, the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, etc., having relevance for the protection and the promotion of human rights, such as:

- 65 years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

- 68 years since the creation of the United Nations Organization

- 58 years since Romania's accession to the UN;

- 48 years since the entry into force of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

- 20 years since the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights and the adoption of the final Declaration and of the Programme

⁵ Fair trial. Commented jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.

⁶ Effectiveness and fairness of justice. European standards.

of Action;

- 20 years since the adoption of the "Paris Principles" by the UN General Assembly

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

- 20 years since Romania's adherence to the Council of Europe

- 38 years since the establishment of the OSCE;

- 15 years since the establishment of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace;

- The right to happiness – a constitutive element of the right to sustainable development according to Resolution 65/309 by the UN General Assembly;

- The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2015);

- 2013 – The European Year of Citizens (Conferences, debates and lectures periodically organized at the Institute's headquarters on "European citizenship" topics).

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

The Chair functions based on an agreement between the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization – Paris and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights together with the North University of Baia Mare. It is a pilot centre of research, debate and training at post-university level. In 2013, a new series of students obtained the Master Degree in human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance; this form of training assimilates the results of the national and the international research, keeping pace with the progresses and developments in its specific field. It is worth mentioning that the Institute is the first and, to the best of our knowledge, so far the only national institution that coordinates a Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance in the partnership system of UNESCO programmes.

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

During 2013 the Institute conducted

numerous training activities with significant results, as follows:

- Symposium on the theme “The Holocaust, a Genocide Lesson” on the occasion of the International Day to commemorate the victims of the holocaust. The symposium was organized by the Romanian Institute of Human Rights in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Family Forum Association for the promotion of women rights, the „Cheia Club” Association, and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity;

- Events to combat discrimination and meant to encourage tolerance in schools, under the title “Say No to Racism”, and thematic exhibitions organized by the “I. A. Bassarabescu” gymnasium and the “J. Monnet” national college in Ploiești town and by the Adolescența Association in partnership with the Romanian Institute of Human Rights.

- The Conference “National Human Rights Institutions and their Activities within the working groups of the Fundamental Rights Agency” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

- The Symposium dedicated to the International Autism Awareness Day organized under the campaign on "Autism Awareness Week" by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies;

- A round table devoted tot the International Health Day on the theme proposed by the UN and WHO referring to controlling blood pressure was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Women Rights and the “Club of Cheia” as well as with the support of the members of the International Law Institute of French Orientation and Expression (IDEF);

- A debate entitled “20 years since the establishment of the National Minorities Council” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance;

- The Conference “National Legislation in the Field of Asylum and enforcement modalities” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance;

- The debate “Education for Human Rights and Sanctioning all Forms of Discrimination” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with „Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași and the Romanian Association for the United Nations;

- The Conference “Together in Europe” organized by the “Barbu Știrbei” college in Călărași in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights under the campaign project “Our Rights Within the EU”;

- Round Table on the occasion of the International Day Against Facism and Anti-Semitism organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights;

- On the occasion of 10 December – the international Human Rights Day, a Conference under the theme “20 YEARS OF WORK FOR YOUR RIGHTS” was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with “Ovidius University” in Constanța, the Center of Religious Studies, Researches and Juridical Canonical Studies of the Three Monotheistic Religions of the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences;

- The international symposium “20 Years of Work for Your Rights” on the occasion of 10 December – the international Human Rights Day, held in the Human Rights Hall of the Chamber of Deputies at the Romanian Parliament. The Symposium was organized by the Commission for Human Rights, Cults and National Minorities together with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

III. ORGANIZATION OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS

The activity of organization of seminars, symposia or roundtables, alongside the Institute's other activities of research, education and information, make up a harmonious whole that approaches human rights issues while also pointing out the importance of their promotion and protection.

The reports and the studies made public on their occasion of such events were the result of the research activity performed by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights. Whether it is about events organized by the Institute (see **Appendix A**) or in partnership and exchange of experience, the opinions and the conclusions led to new topics of research, new methods to approach training and education in a spirit of respect for human rights.

The fact that organizations and bodies from Romania or from abroad, taking interest in the field of human rights invited the Institute to participate with studies, lectures, reports, etc., in some of the events they organized (see **Appendix B**) illustrates the appreciation enjoyed by the Institute both at national and international levels, a prestige gained through the rigor and the consistent involvement that the Institute has proved in the protection and promotion of human rights.

It is worth mentioning that the Institute constantly attracted participants in its events also determining the direct involvement in their actual organization of numerous actors having tasks or taking interest in the field of human rights, including representatives of Parliament, the Government, governmental and non-governmental bodies or international and regional organizations. By involving these actors, with their contribution consisting in works, self-created materials, lectures, dissertations, or expertise and reports on behalf of the institutions or the organizations they represented, the Institute tried to achieve better communication and closer collaboration in order to find and implement more efficient solutions of improving the status of human rights in Romania.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a large number of meetings and

debates devoted to the assertion, the promotion and the protection of human rights (see **Appendix A**) attended by national and foreign personalities taking interest in the field of human rights.

Equality of opportunities

In 2013 like in every year, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights granted a special interest to the promotion and knowledge by the public institutions and by physical persons of the provisions of the Council of Europe Convention regarding the prevention and combating of violence against women and of domestic violence in general. Thus, by organizing events, debates and meetings with representatives of the civil society, the Institute supported the signing and ratification of this document by our country. The Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the Protection of Women's Rights, with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the "Club of Cheia" Association organized a round table with the theme "The Role of Women in a Modern Society". Specialists in the field of human rights and the rights of women were invited to the event for an extensive and complex dialogue. The meeting aimed at identifying concrete actions to ensure compliance with and promotion of women rights in all sectors of society. The works presented various analyses on how women's rights are regulated both at international as well as at regional level. It has been highlighted that at present the rights of women are expressed and provided in a wide range of international Treaties, declarations and political engagements at international, regional and national level. In this context, the latest document is the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. This legal instrument is an attempt to change the mentality and feelings of individuals and represents and appeal addressed to society. In the specialists' opinion, the document is the first international Treaty that contains a definition of gender, thus recognizing

that women and men are not only different from a biological point of view, but that it also exists a gender category, socially defined, which confers to women and men specific roles and behaviors. However, the ratification of the document involves introducing in the domestic law of the Member States new mentions of crimes such as female genital mutilation, forced marriage, forced abortion or forced sterilization.

The role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls was highlighted in the context of the Conference held in Amman during which the Amman Final Declaration and Programme of Action were adopted. By the two documents the national institutions are committed to promoting these rights as a priority in their work, with an emphasis on education, monitoring activities on how states comply with their obligations to respect, protect and achieve these rights.

Another important event was the symposium entitled “Equal opportunities for people with disabilities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the International Institute of Human Rights.

Non-Discrimination

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights highlights the need of concrete measures for combating discrimination, racism and xenophobia. In 2013, RIHR maintained a permanent dialogue between the governmental institutions and the non-governmental organizations for the protection of human rights and especially of the rights of certain categories of persons, emphasizing the importance of strong institutions that should apply the anti-discrimination legislation and should also actively participate in the development of this legislation.

On the occasion of the European week of action against racism (16-24 March) when the citizens of European cities were invited to take action against racism by organizing events to raise awareness of public opinion and especially of the young generation with regard to the dangers represented by racism in the international context, RIHR organized a series

of events and campaigns in Universities, schools and public institutions in Bucharest and through the country. This year campaign highlighted that diversity can manifest itself even in a homogeneous group. Our identities have many layers and it is the combination between them that makes us unique. Diversity means to stay together accepting the fact that we are different and trying to remain tolerant and open towards all the people around us.

With the support of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, of the Romanian Association for the United Nations and of the Association “Club of Cheia – Victor Dan Zlătescu”, RIHR organized information sessions, book exhibitions where the latest publications of the Institute and the RIHR quarterly review were disseminated.

With the support of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Adolescența Foundation of Prahova county initiated a series of events for combating racism and discrimination, by organizing essays, coverage stories and drawings contests under the thorough guidance of teachers, as part of an ample campaign rallying to the European and global movements of children and youth all over the world. The Foundation engaged several schools in the campaign.

In the essays and drawings contests dedicated to the theme “Say NO to racism”, young people were invited to participate by taking a stand against events or gestures that suggest the idea of discrimination and racism in the near proximity of their daily existence. In a joined effort to raise public awareness on the danger of the spread of racism and of intolerance attitudes, information materials and posters were disseminated, especially in schools and universities with the aim to highlight the question of education for diversity and its acceptance as a specific feature not only of a people or of a minority, but of each separate individual, who is unique on the planet.

Also, RIHR organized a symposium in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the United Nations Association of Romania, Romanian Association for the Protection of the Human Rights of Elderly People, the “Club of Cheia - Victor Dan

Zlatescu” Association, as well as representatives of the International Institute of Law, of French Expression and Inspiration. The theme of the symposium was “European Cities take stand against racism - education to combat racism, xenophobia and intolerance”.

In celebration of 20 years of activity of the National Minorities Council (CMN), the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (RIHR) organized on 15-17 April 2013, a series of scientific events in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, democracy, peace and tolerance and the United Nations Association in Romania. In this context, the work of CMN from the beginnings until present days was presented being highlighted how, for 20 years, the structure and importance of the Council have changed according to the political interests of the issues of national minorities. It was stressed that, since its establishment, CNM partnered Human Rights Commission of the Romanian Parliament, Romanian Institute for Human Rights, as well as some international organizations and worked with government support on issues of minorities and on perfecting relevant legislation in order to fulfill the conditions of accession of Romania to the Council of Europe, NATO and the European Union. Also during in the debate were made additional proposals to improve legislation in this field.

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Chamber of Deputies Commission for Human Rights, Cults and National Minorities organized an international Symposium entitled „20 Years of Work for You Rights”. The debates focused on two fundamental themes which were presented in two working panels, as follows: “The role of the UN in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. Fundamental Documents” and “The European Space and Human Rights. Juridical Aspects and Instruments Regulating the Human Rights and the Fundamental Freedoms”. In this context, also taking into account the theme and the conclusions of the Fundamental Rights Annual Conference – ”Combating Hate and Hate Motivated Crimes in EU” organized by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights and by the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council, it was

announced the establishment of the parliamentary working group for combating crimes motivated by hatred. The setting up of this parliamentary group is all the more necessary at the European Union level, as a revision of the legislative framework in the field of discrimination and xenophobia is scheduled to take place at the beginning of 2014.

Rights of the Child

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights pays special attention to the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, considering the provisions of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and also the regional instruments on child adoption, on fighting trafficking in human beings, etc. Thus, in the year 2013, the Institute’s activity in this respect referred to improvement of legislation in the field, the children’s right to education, non-discrimination of certain categories of children, etc.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a number of debates and roundtables including a debate on “Investing in Children: How to Break the Vicious Circle of the Disadvantaged” – EU Recommendation no. 2013/ 112. The debate was organized in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations; the Conference “Children and their Families Plead Against Poverty”, organized on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the “Al. I. Cuza” University in Iasi, with the Romanian Association for the United Nations; the round table “We Have Rights Too” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian League for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Youth and the “Club of Cheia – Victor Dan Zlatescu” Association on the occasion of the International Day of the Rights of the Child – the day when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Institute also organized in partnership with the Bucharest Teachers Training Centre and the Ministry of National Education a series of training courses with the theme ”Education for Human Rights and for the Rights of the

Child”.

The protection of the rights of the child was the theme of the meeting between the Institute’s representatives and Mrs. Olga Borzova, member of the Commission for Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly. This meeting was an integral part of the documentation process for the preparation of the Report “Social Services in Europe: Legislation and Practices with Regard to the Separation of Children from Their Families in the EU Council Member States”. The meeting was organized by the Parliament of Romania Delegation to the EU Council Parliamentary Assembly.

Access to justice

The observance of the provisions of Articles 5 and 6 in the European Convention on Human Rights, the reformation of the European Court of Human Rights, the observation and implementation by the national institutions of the decisions pronounced by the Court of Strasbourg, the improvement of national legislation and the evolution of the Romanian jurisprudence, as well as the observance of human rights in light of the new Codes – the Civil Code and the Civil Procedure Code, alongside other major topics were the main subjects of the studies, analyses and activities of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights this year.

Among the important events organized by the Institute, we mention the international conference “Efficiency of legal norms. From Theory to Practice” at its second edition organized by the University “Dimitrie Cantemir” Faculty of Law in Cluj - Napoca in cooperation with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and other partners. The event meant not only a time dedicated to the field of human rights and to the concern that the academic world manifests for it, but also a good opportunity to inaugurate the series of events dedicated to the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna and the adoption of the Conference Declaration and Programme of Action, which are benchmark documents in the struggle to promote and respect human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In this context the role that the Romanian Institute for Human Rights had in the Vienna Conference was highlighted as well as the importance of the international colloquium on "Reform of International Institutions for the Protection of Human Rights" organized by the Institute during March 15 to 17, 1993, in Bucharest, on which occasion was adopted the "Bucharest Declaration", which later became an official document of the UN General Assembly. The Bucharest RIHR event was considered by the UN Geneva Centre as a satellite meeting of the World Conference on Human Rights.

The international conference “Efficiency of legal norms. From Theory to Practice” offered the opportunity to look into the past and judge the facts of recent history and at the same time the very current developments of these guidelines from the “century of the human rights religion” up to present days which are marked by many changes in geopolitical, economic and social aspects, which have inevitably impacted on Europe. The conference took place in two sections, namely private law and public law. The conference also hosted two workshops on the following subjects: copyright – limits and exceptions and individualization of punishment.

Among other events on these subjects were: the Symposium on "Cooperation in Public Administration to Create an Area of Freedom and Security" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, the United Nations Association of Romania and the Human Rights Association for Healthy Environment; the debate on "Protocol No. 15 to the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms – a reform protocol", organized by the Association for the Advancement of Family Rights "Family Forum" and RIHR.

Also, together with “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights participated in the organization of the Symposium with the themes “Justice and Human Rights” and “Strict Liability and Liability Based on Guilt”.

Through its researchers, RIHR contributed to the organization of events such as the Symposium “Justice and Human Rights” and

conference “Continuity and Discontinuity in Romanian law” organized and hosted by the Romanian Academy Institute of Legal Research “Academy Andrei Rădulescu”, which is an RIHR partner. In these debates were discussed topics such as the achievement of fundamental rights through constitutional jurisprudence, the discovery of the rule of EU law principle by the courts in Romania, human rights - from universalism to cultural and religious relativism, the impact of the testing and cooperation mechanism on Romanian juridical order, the legal status of women's rights from the perspective of the Romanian Constitution, etc.

Moreover, researchers contributed with studies and work sessions at conferences such as the International Conference on “Challenges of the 21st Century in Law and Public Administration”, organized by the Department of Law and Public Administration of the University “Petru Maior” in collaboration with the Foundation “Pro Iure” and with universities in France, Hungary and Italy; the Conference “Romania’s Acceptance of the Compulsory Jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice. Advantages and Trends”; The sixteenth edition of the French- Romanian Days with the general theme “Heritage”; The Fundamental Rights Conference on “Combating Hate Crime in the European Union”, organized by the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union; the Conference on “The Basics of Justice: Shaping Justice Policies in Europe Next Year” organized by the European Commission.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights is a member of the legal working group within the European Network of Human Rights National Institutions. In this context, it actively participated both in the topics of discussion on the reform of the European Court of Human Rights as well as in the elaboration and presentation of national and regional group proposals on third-party interventions in cases pending before the Strasbourg Court.

Right to health

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a large number of activities devoted to the right to health issues as follows:

The round table devoted to the World Health Day and organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Women’s Rights, the Association for Human Rights to a Healthy Environment and the “Club of Cheia Victor Dan Zlătescu” Association with the support of the members of the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration.

The symposium on “Protection and Control of Blood Pressure” organized by the Romanian Institute of Human Rights in cooperation with the Maramures County Police Inspectorate and in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia Victor Dan Zlătescu” Association and the Romanian Association for Women’s Rights.

The debate with the theme “Let us Work Together for Health”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, and the “Club of Cheia “Victor Dan Zlătescu” Association.

The round table entitled “Leaving with Multiple Sclerosis in Romania” organized by the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Romania.

Also, RIHR was represented at the international conference “Successful models in an integrated approach to services for diagnosis, intervention recovery, functional, social integration, education and training of persons with autism spectrum disorder” organized by the Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Acoustic Spectrum Disorders.

Religious Freedom

In its activity, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights seeks to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, supporting in this sense a religious dialogue based on tolerance, solidarity and on combating religious hate speech. In this respect RIHR held a series of activities in 2013, among which the round table “Human rights, religious freedom and combating religious discrimination”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and

Bucovina, the United Nations Association in Romania and the Association "Club of Cheia Victor Dan Zlătescu".

The national conference entitled "20 Years of Work for Your Rights" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the "Ovidius" University in Constanta, in partnership with the Centre for Research and Juridical-canonical Theology Faculty, Centre for Studies on Human Rights and Discrimination in the Faculty of Law and Administration of "Ovidius" University, and with the support of the Intellectual Property Law Scientific Association, the Association for the United Nations in Romania (ANUROM), the "Club of Cheia -Victor Dan Zlatescu", the Romanian Association for the Rights of the Elderly People, Family Forum, the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity and the Romanian Association for a healthy environment (AROMES).

Rights of persons with disabilities

During the year 2013, the Institute had a series of meeting with members of the civil society and especially with representatives of organizations for the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, with representatives of the National Council for Combating Discriminations, of the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and elderly People and with university professors, in order to analyze and debate the way in which the rights of persons with disabilities are respected and promoted in Romania from the perspective of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

As an independent mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a campaign at national level entitled "The Autism Awareness Week" in Bucharest, Prahova County, and Neamt County. The aim of the campaign was to draw public attention on the importance of including the persons suffering of autism into the society, of respecting and promoting their rights and on the need to overcome barriers in order to have an inclusive society.

Also an important element of the campaign was to promote a better knowledge of the UN

Convention.

In Bucharest, RIHR marked the International Autism Awareness Day, with a debate organized in collaboration with the Department for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations Association of Romania and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies; the event was attended by representatives of governmental institutions, academia, researchers, and students. In the opening of the event the history and significance of this day was presented and it was highlighted that this day was established five years ago by the UN General Assembly Resolution 62/139 emphasizing the role of the promotion of the welfare of the disabled, including those of children with progressive disabilities. The RIHR volume "Discrimination, Autonomy, Inclusion - instruments on the rights of persons with disabilities and case law" was launched during the event. The main purpose of this work consists in promoting the national, regional and international instruments for protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights cases on Romania.

On the occasion of World Health Day, we also note the round table "From stigma to inclusion: factors for progress in mental health", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the United Nations Association of Romania, the Romanian Independent League for Human Rights to Culture and Health, the "Club of Cheia Victor Dan Zlătescu" Association and the Romanian Association for the protection of the rights of elderly people.

Moreover, the Institute participated in various events such as: "CASPER" Caravan Final Action – a national awareness campaign with the aim to change the social attitude towards persons with disabilities. The campaign was organized in Bucharest by the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly People; the final conference of the project co-financed by the European Social Fund through the Operational Sectorial Programme for Human Resources Development 2007-2013 with the theme "Integration on the Labor Market for the persons with disabilities". The final conference of the project was organized by

the COLFASA Association through the Bucharest Centre for Social Inclusion. The Institute also participated in a debate entitled "Why do we need independent mechanisms for monitoring and respecting the rights of people with mental disabilities in institutions?" The debate was organized by the Centre for Juridical Studies.

As an independent mechanism for promoting, protecting and monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, RIHR issued a study on "The Evolution of the protection and promotion of the rights of people with disabilities in Romania." The study provides information analyses on the situation of handicapped persons in Romania and presents data on the measures adopted, on specific ongoing programmes and on the legislation in force with regard to the rights of handicapped persons.

The Key findings of the research refer to the factors that determine the limited access of persons with disabilities to public life; the recommendations are action-oriented on continuous awareness raising and promotion of these specific rights, so that people with disabilities may fully enjoy all the human rights and freedoms on an equal basis with others. An inclusive society is based on respect and understanding. Therefore, it is important to improve the level of the public understanding of disability. Government, NGOs, media involvement should consider deploying campaigns that aim to change attitudes.

The study by RIHR is part of a first stage in an extensive research conducted in order to accomplish its attributes of independent mechanism for the promotion, protection and implementation monitoring of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Last but not least, it is worth mentioning that the Institute is an active member in the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions and part of the Working Group for the implementation of the UN Convention, being the only institution in our country designated to participate in the annual European Commission working Forums for the implementation of the Article 3.3 of the UN

Convention.

Family

On the occasion of the International Day of the Family and the Romanian Family Day, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights organized a series of scientific events. These included the debate "Family creates values, values create a family" organized by RIHR in partnership with the United Nations Association of Romania, the Association "Clubul de la Cheia – Victor Dan Zlătescu", the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights "Family Forum"; a roundtable "The Romanian Family--dignity-solidarity "organized in collaboration with the University" Al. I. Cuza in Iasi and the United Nations Association in Romania. Also, on this occasion RIHR attended the roundtable on "The rights and obligations of the Romanian modern family - issues and challenges" organized by Radio Romania Antena of the villages in the show "Magazin de Vorbe" (talking shop).

The central aim of these events was to promote healthy family values, respect for different families (single parent, the disabled, inter-ethnic, foster families, etc.). Also on this occasion were highlighted and discussed the importance of the family and its place in a modern society shaken by various and profound crisis and what can be done by society to strengthen families.

Also on this occasion was launched a draft program of activities dedicated to May 15, 2014 celebration of the 20th anniversary of the proclamation by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1994 of the International Year of the Family and of the Family Day, while in Romania this Day was proclaimed by Government Decision the Romanian Family Day. Debates and meetings on family and education, and various essays and art competitions with the theme "Family" were proposed as activities for the next year.

RIHR representatives took part in studies and researches at events such as the closing conference of the public awareness campaign on preventing and combating domestic violence, organized by the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly People, the international Colloquium on "the evolution of the concept of family and its influence on legal

successor order” organized by the National Union of Public Notaries in Romania and the Association “Henri Capital”.

The Business Environment and Human Rights

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights gives special importance to the subject “business environment and human rights” Even since 2011, in follow-up to the 2010 Edinburgh Conference and its adopted Declaration and on the background of an economic crisis whose effects were strongly felt by certain individuals in Romania, as well as in all EU Member States, taking into account the commitments under the Action Plan adopted in Berlin, RIHR considers this theme to be an important component of its activities plan.

Based on the adoption of the general UN Principles, the Institute began a study on aspects such as: the business environment and its influences on human rights, corporate social responsibility for the respect, promotion and protection of human rights in Romania. In this context, a series of roundtables, conferences and meetings were organized in order to discuss the importance of a national action plan that should reflect the principles of the UN. These meetings were attended by representatives of public

institutions, non-governmental organizations and academia. We note, by way of example, the symposium on “Democracy and the Economic Crisis: Opportunities and Challenges”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Romanian Association for personal freedom and human dignity.

CLARITY Project

The project is conducted by the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union in partnership with 12 national human rights institutions of EU Member States (Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Ireland, Spain and Romania). It aims to provide a better understanding of non-judicial bodies (national human rights institutions, equality bodies and ombudsman institutions) to help all victims of human rights violations.

“CLARITY” is intended to create an online tool for easy identification of the most appropriate non-judicial bodies competent in human rights for a certain category of fundamental rights. This on-line tool will cover different areas of human rights, including discrimination.

Also the project is conceived as an instrument to provide information on how and where to submit a petition or where a claimant can get help in case of human rights violations.

IV. PUBLICATION OF REGULATIONS, DOCUMENTS, STUDIES AND RESEARCHES 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 individuals in terms of the observance, the protection and the guaranteeing of human rights by means of domestic and international legislation, institutions and mechanisms, practices and usages. It has the role to inform all those 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) The Quarterly scientific review “Drepturile Omului” (Human Rights) publishes reports, studies, research works, and articles. The review also provides texts of international or national regulations of major significance in the field of human rights, the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and/or the national courts, notes, comments or book reviews.

The thematic approached includes a scientific and diversified analysis of the fundamental human rights, with an emphasis on the

interdependence and interaction among them and the values, the principles, the norms and the standards referred to by both the institutions, the mechanisms and by the terms, the concepts and the methodological and technological trends. In addition, the Institute provides reports on various events in the field of human rights, human rights books reviews, its latest publications as well as brief presentations of the activities organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights or to which the Institute participated.

B) Info IRDO, a monthly information bulletin for the public at large, including briefly presented topical news about events related to human rights organized at domestic and international level, studies and scientific researches. It also presents various cases brought before the European Court of Human Rights and before the Court of Justice of the European Union, in an attempt to meet the present demands of the civil society, of institutions or of students, etc. At the same time, it is worth mentioning the columns devoted to recently adopted international documents.

Researches and works published in 2013

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

- **Instituția ombudsmanului la nivel european** (the Ombudsman Institution at European Level).

The importance of the theme approached by the study derives from the reality that at the present state of European institutional evolution, diversity is the principle governing both the general concept of human rights, as well as the ways of resolving their abuse. In this context, the creation, development and improvement of institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights through non-contentious means represents the guarantee for the democratic development of a society and obviously for the strengthening of the rule of law.

The paper is structured on three well defined chapters and represents an original genuine contribution to the complex analysis of the ombudsman concept during its evolution, highlighting the diversification of non-

contentious means to promote and protect human rights from the ombudsman perspective and the various forms, duties and titles that the institution has in a number of European countries.

- **Evoluția protecției și promovării drepturilor persoanelor cu dizabilități în România** (The Evolution of the promotion and protection of the rights of disabled persons in Romania).

The study aims to provide a first insight into how disability rights are respected in Romania. Thus, we proceeded to an objective analysis of how the provisions of the UN Convention are reflected in the legislation of Romania, but also of how they are implemented, according to researches, investigations and NGO data provided by various institutions.

The dimensions of the Convention and the range of issues under discussion make its implementation and monitoring more challenging than those of many other conventions. The acceptance of discrimination by the handicap criterion is deeply rooted in many societies. It is based mainly on ignorance rather than on ill-faith. Besides financial resources and commitment, the implementation of the Convention implies creativity and cooperation, which are the key aspects explored by this report and which require immediate attention.

The points of view expressed in the study are the result of the collaboration between the RIHR researchers, pre-university professors, master and doctoral students and representatives of Institutions and NGOs who honorifically contributed to this research.

The research is particularly important for raising public awareness on disability issues. The study proposes an investment in human capacity, the establishment of a group of researchers specialized in disability issues. Research studies should be oriented on the quality of life and on the well being of disabled people, on programmes and accessibility standards, on universal design and reasonable adaptation, on the costs of disability etc.

The Romanian Institute for Human Rights issued this report in its quality of independent mechanism for the promotion, protection and monitoring of the modalities for

the implementation of the UN Convention for the rights of persons with disabilities in Romania, in accordance with the provisions of Article 33.2 of the Convention.

• **Dreptul la informație în contextul reformei administrative** (The Right to Information in the Context of Administrative Reform).

This research work presents doctrinal views on the classification of the citizens' rights and freedoms and also clarifies the notion of the object of study, the defining elements of the right to information and the transparency of the administrative act. The right to information is considered as an integral part of the right to social communication and the study presents domestic and international regulations with respect to this right.

Due to the complexity of the right to information and its role in the administrative reform, the study analyzes the relationship between the public servant and the citizen, the free access to information, mass-media and information, the freedom of the press and the right to information; information as a means of showing transparency towards the citizens; the freedom of the press and the fight against violence, the press and the free access to judiciary information; delineation of the right to information for pending cases; transparency and citizens' participation.

• **Politica de Coeziune a Uniunii Europene în domeniul transporturilor în România** (The Cohesive EU Policy in the Transport Sector in Romania)

The study aims to analyze the state of our country in the process of attracting funds in the transport sector. It presents problems that directly influence the rate of Romania's European funds absorption in the field and the management, evaluation, monitoring and control of the decision-making operational program. The role and functions of the public sector are analyzed, as well as the specialized bodies of the public administration, the ministries and their decentralized public services. The research highlights the mandate of the European Commission in the field of cohesive policy, knowing that it has an important role in the management and control of

these funds for achieving convergence, regional competitiveness, employment and territorial European cooperation.

• **Migrația și dreptul** (Migration and Law).

The study presents the evolution of law in Romania in the field of migration and asylum, as well as the current regulations in relation to regional and international instruments to which the country is a party.

The adherence of Romania to the European Union led in recent years to substantial changes both in the rules of law regulating the status of foreigners in Romania as citizens of EU member states and of the European Economic Area, as well as in the asylum laws and procedures in order to ensure conformity with the European legislation and with other international legal instruments, to which Romania is a party.

Romania has a specific policy of immigration depending on the needs at the national level, taking into account the impact this might have on other EU member states; this policy aims to ensure a fair treatment and a harmonious integration of foreigners in the Romanian society. Therefore this policy covers the following aspects: the granting of visas by the Romanian state, the conditions of granting residence, the asylum procedure and the humanitarian status, combating trafficking with human beings and internal institutional cooperation, the economic migration etc

Reports

• The management of the migration phenomenon is based on the participation of all national institutions with competencies in this field, on their participative management and institutional cooperation. The study takes into consideration aspects highlighted by the RIHR Annual Report for 2012.

• RIHR– Record of activities 2012;

• 2013 RIHR activity report on the evolution of the legislation on human rights in Romania and in the European Union;

• Report on the Human Rights National Institutions in Europe and their activity in the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly persons;

• Report – Applicable religious rules

according to the law of state in Romania;

- Report – Migration and Law;

- Report – Evolution of the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in Romania.

V. THE DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

In accordance with the Paris Principles on the functioning of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights continued throughout 2013 to successfully fulfill its role in strengthening a better understanding by the public bodies, the civil society and the citizens of the vast field of human rights issues and how they are guaranteed and respected nationally and internationally.

As an independent institute, RIHR acted as a bridge between the state and civil society organizations featuring an appropriate framework and the means to ensure access to knowledge and awareness of human rights both by public authorities as well as by the citizens who are the beneficiaries of these rights. Special attention was given to the youth, whose training, information and documentation is essential for future structures and institutions responsible for the protection and promotion of human rights.

In this context, one of the important tools for strengthening human rights knowledge, exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices is the RIHR Documentation Centre/Library, which is also a depository library for the Council of Europe. The Centre provides its users with materials of national and international law, of human rights issues, international conventions, treaties and covenants, legislation, studies, publications and references. The library of the Centre is also the partner of one of the largest modern libraries in the world – the Alexandrina Library in Alexandria, Egypt.

Having a book collection that covers more than 250 fields of activity, RIHR also benefited from donations of publications of global interest from international bodies, higher education institutions and NGOs.

During 2013, the RIHR Documentation Centre continued its partnerships and collaborations with libraries and specialized institutions in various countries. Thus, the studies and the research works of the Institute

can be found in more than 40 libraries and human rights institutions, in Europe, America and Africa (Egypt). Among the best known are the Library of Congress in Washington DC (USA), the U. S. Court, the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law Library, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, the Alexandrina Library in Egypt and a multitude of libraries in the European Union countries, for example, the Library of the University of Leicester, the Vatican Library, the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, the Library of the International Law Institute of French Expression and Inspiration, the Library of Strasbourg, the French Society of Comparative Law Library, the Library of the Catholic University of Louvain, Padua University Library, the National Library in Prague, Vienna, Madrid etc.

In its constant preoccupation to provide information and documentation about the scientific activities performed by the Institute, the Documentation Centre sent free of charge the publications issued under the patronage of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights to all those interested in the country: the University Central Library, the National Library of Romania, county Libraries, 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 Romanian Academy's Institute of Juridical Research, the National Institute of Magistracy, the National School of Clerks, the National Institute for Lawyers' Training, the University of Bucharest, the “Alexandru Ion Cuza” University of Iași, the “Ovidius” University of Constanța, the “Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu, the West University of Timișoara, the “Babeș-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca, the North University of Baia Mare, the “Nicolae Titulescu” University of Bucharest, the “Titu Maiorescu” University, the Christian University

“Dimitrie Cantemir”, the Ecological University, the “Hyperion” University, the Romanian-American University, the “Spiru Haret” University, the “Simion Bărnuțiu” University, the UNESCO Chair of the North University of Baia Mare.

The RIHR scientific quarterly reviews, as well as a wide range of publications in the field of human rights issued under the patronage of RIHR were distributed upon request to the Teachers Training Centers, School Inspectorates, county libraries, prefectures and courts of law.

Pupils, students, candidates for a doctoral or master degree, teachers, researchers, representatives of the civil society in Romania and from abroad, members of governmental institutions as well as private individuals consulted the IRDO Library Centre for study and for deepening their scientific knowledge and information in the areas of human rights, international law, comparative law, pacts and treaties, human rights law and related fields.

The book inventory was enriched by donations and by the purchase of publications requested by readers and researchers who support the comparative study of a variety of subjects from the perspective of common respect and protection of human rights.

In the year 2013 over 1600 registered readers visited the RIHR Documentation Centre Library and accessed the work posted on the Institute’s Web-site <http://www.irdo.ro> which provides to the interested public a virtual library containing most of the RIHR publications. Thus, over 3,000,000 visitors accessed the site. In the field of jurisprudence, the site provides information about Romanian cases adjudicated or settled by the European Court of Human Rights

The public relations activity

By its entire activity, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights gets involved with professionalism and responsibility in the promotion and the observance of human rights. As a result of its information and dissemination work regarding the activities it performs in the field of human rights, the RIHR was contacted in the year 2013 by various categories of persons who addressed the Institute with various issues, requests and petitions, reporting

violations of their human rights, and asking for advisory opinions on the procedures to be followed for the regaining of these rights.

Thus, during 2013, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights took action to clarify and advise for finding the correct solutions to the requests received, offering specialized advisory opinions and assistance with regard to the memorials, the intimations and the telephone calls it received.

The complaints referred to such aspects as: granting and respecting of social rights, aspects regarding violations of the labour legislation. There were also petitions or complaints referring to the execution of custodial sentences, petitions related to the infringement of equality of opportunities, violation of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities or religious cults; complaints about the competent authorities' partial or total failure to ensure the exercise of certain pecuniary rights derived from the social protection legislation (the income support for various disadvantaged categories or persons, the recalculation of pensions, etc.)

Both persons who personally came at RIHR headquarters, as well as those who contacted the Institute by phone or by e-mail received consultancy, guidance and documentation materials. In approximately 75% of the cases of registered written petitions, the RIHR assisted the persons who had asked for its involvement by analyzing the case and guiding the petitioner towards a competent body or making a recommendation to the authorized institution.

As far as the transmission of petitions to the competent authorities is concerned, 55% of the above-mentioned petitions were forwarded to the competent institutions which had attributions of solving the respective request.

Commitment to human rights issues, responsibility and professionalism contributed to the continuously increasing prestige of the RIHR among beneficiaries and the domestic and foreign profile institutions.

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 bodies. Here are a few examples: the RIHR is member of the Romanian National UNESCO Bioethics Committee; member of the National

Coordinating Committee of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

During 2013, the RIHR functioned as an independent mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Convention on Persons with Disabilities, collaborating with the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly persons and the NGOs in the field.

At the same time, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights continued its activity in the framework of various international structures. As international recognition of the efforts taken by the RIHR with the promotion and the protection of human rights, the Institute or its representatives were elected in various structures of international bodies, such as: the International Coordination Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC), International Academy of Comparative Law, International Family Organization, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions; the

Francophone Association of National Human Rights Institutions, the Board of Directors of the International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration (IDEF); the European Law Institute (ELI) the French Society of comparative Legislation, European groups working on justice, on monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, on migration and education , which are part of the ICC. RIHR researchers are members of the Board and of the working groups of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, some of them were designated as experts of UNESCO, OSCE, the Council of Europe and the European Union, participating in this capacity as rapporteurs or leaders of sections at scientific events devoted to human rights. As far as the activity of human rights education is concerned, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights is internationally recognized and was awarded several international distinctions over time.

SELF-ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES OR COLLABORATIONS

The conference “The History of European Institutions Evolution”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Ecological University in Bucharest, the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University and the International Institute for Human Rights (15 January 2013).

The debate “The Processing Capacity of the Human Mind”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies (15 January 2013).

The Symposium “Bio-Ethics and the Protection of Human Dignity” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, The Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (18 January 2013)

Round table on “2013 – The European Year of Citizens”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia” Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity (21 January 2013).

The Conference “The European Institutional Law and the European Material Law” organized by the Romanian Institute of Human Rights, the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University in Bucharest, the International Institute for Human Rights and the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Ecological University (22 January 2013).

The round table on “Enriching the range of human mind perceptions through a trans-disciplinary approach” organized by the Romanian Institute of Human Rights in cooperation with the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies (22 January 2013).

The Symposium “The Holocaust – a genocide lesson” organized on the occasion of the International Day to Commemorate the Victims of the Holocaust by the Romanian

Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the Promotion of the Rights of the Family- Family Forum, the “Club of Cheia” Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity (27 January 2013).

Debate on “Types of intelligence and types of truth from a trans-disciplinary point of view”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest (29 January 2013).

The round table “Terrorism – a serious violation of human rights” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the UNESCO Chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance and the Ecological University in Bucharest (1 February 2013).

Debate on “The concept of European citizenship and its constitution”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the National School of Political and Administrative studies (5 February 2013)

The round table “Trans-disciplinarily approaches and the types of truth by which the human mind operates – economic truth, social truth, political truth, cultural truth, religious truth etc” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity (5 February 2013).

The round table “Launching of the international year of cooperation in the field of water management”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association of the Human Right to a Healthy Environment and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (11 February 2013).

Debate on “Economic, social, cultural and political rights from a regional and universal

perspective”, marking the anniversary of the UN Economic and Social Council’s sixty seven years of activity, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia” Association and the Museum of Natural Sciences in Prahova county (11-12 February 2013).

The Conference “Freedom of movement in the European Union system” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the UNESCO chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (19 February 2013)

The round table “The reality levels specific to trans-disciplinary approaches”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (19 February 2013).

The Symposium “Equal opportunities for handicapped persons” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the National School for Political and Administrative Studies (22 February 2013).

The Symposium “Human Rights – the cultural-linguistic diversity and multilingualism” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Romanian League for the Rights of Children and Youth and the Romanian Independent League for the Human Rights to Culture and Health, on the occasion of the International Day of the Mother Tongue (21 February 2013).

Debate on “A Transdisciplinary approach and the development of a new quantum, spiritual intelligence” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies (26 February 2013)

The Conference on “The European Union Fundamental Rights Agency” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the Ecologic University of Bucharest, the International Institute for Human Rights (26 February 2013).

Debate on “Global Approaches on Equality and Non-Discrimination”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the UNESCO

Chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance (1 March 2013).

Debate on “A new type of education”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies” (5 March 2013)

Round Table on “The national institutions of human rights and their activity in the working groups of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the International Institute for Human Rights (5 March 2013).

Debate on “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls” – a theme proposed by the United Nations Organization on the occasion of the International Women’s Day, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (8 March 2013).

Round table on “Launching the European week of action against racism 2013”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity and the International Institute for Human Rights (12 March 2013).

Events organized to highlight the importance of non-discrimination and to encourage tolerance in schools on the theme “Let us say “No” to racism”, exhibitions and contests organized by “I. A. Bassarabescu” secondary school, “J. Monnet” National College in Ploiești and Adolescența Foundation in cooperation with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (15 March 2013).

Essays contest under the campaign of eliminating all forms of racial discrimination – a European Week campaign to take action against racism organized by the Adolescența Association in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and with the participation of the “I. A. Bassarabescu” secondary school, “J. Monet” national college in Ploiești and “I. Mazarek” technological high-school of (18 March 2013).

Round table on “Education for human rights, for combating racism, racial discrimination,

xenophobia and intolerance”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Bucharest National School of Political and Administrative Studies and with the Bucharest Ecological University (19 March 2013).

Debate on “Investing in children, breaking the vicious circle of disfavor” – (the recommendation of the EU Commission No, 2013/112/EU), organized by the Romanian Institute of Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations (20 March 2013).

Symposium on “Without clean water, we cannot live a healthy life”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for the human right to a healthy environment and the “Club of Cheia Association” on the occasion of the World Water Day (22 March 2013).

The Conference “National Human Rights Institutions and their activity within the working groups of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (26 March 2013).

Round table on “Human Rights and the new information and communication technologies”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies (26 March 2013).

Round table on “Human Rights, religious freedom and combating discrimination on religious grounds”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the “Club of Cheia” Association (26-28 March 2013).

Symposium dedicated to the World Autism Awareness Day as part of the “Autism Awareness Week” campaign, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the National School for Political and Administrative Studies (2 April 2013).

The national phase of evaluation and awarding of the Socio-Human Sciences Olympics, a contest of excellence addressed to pupils, organized in Baia Mare by the Ministry

of National Education in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (3-4 April 2013).

Debate dedicated to the World Autism Awareness Week, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the UNESCO chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance (5 April 2013).

Round table dedicated to the World Health Day on this year’s theme proposed by the United Nations – blood pressure control. The round table was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian Association for Women’s Rights, the “Club of Cheia – Victor Dan Zlătescu” Association and with the support of the members of International Institute of Law of French Expression and Inspiration (8 April 2013).

Symposium on “Protecting your health – blood pressure control”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Maramureş County Police Inspectorate, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia Association and the Romanian Association for Women’s Rights (8-10 April 2013).

Debate on “Let us work together for health”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia” Association as part of a series of events dedicated to World Health Day (10-11 April 2013)

Debate on „The Council for National Minorities – 20 years since its establishment” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the UNESCO chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance (15 April 2013).

Round table on “Twenty years since the first meeting of the Council for National Minorities”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the National School for Political and Administrative Studies, the “Club of Cheia” Association and the Romanian Association for Women’s Rights (16 April 2013).

Round table on “Cultural rights and the freedom of conscience in Romania and in other

European states”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with “Al. Ioan Cuza” University of Iași (22-23 April 2013).

Book exhibition displaying RIHR publications organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with “Dimitrie Cantemir” University of Cluj, The Faculty of Law and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (24 April 2013).

Round table on „Twenty years since the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna. The round table was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with “Dimitrie Cantemir” University of Cluj, the Faculty of Law, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Association for the promotion of the rights of the family – Family Forum (25 April 2013).

The second edition of the Conference “The Efficiency of Juridical Norms”, organized by the “Dimitrie Cantemir” University in Cluj, the Faculty of Law in partnership with the “George Barițiu” History Institute, the Department of Human and Social Research of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Institute of Administrative Studies in Chișinău, the Romanian Association of Penal Sciences (26-27 April 2013).

Round Table on “Promoting and Protecting people at national level and the importance of the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the “Club of Cheia Association” and the Family Forum Association (28 April 2013).

Roundtable on "Freedom of the press – the fundamental component of a democratic society", organized to commemorate twenty years anniversary of World Press Freedom Day by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the “Club of Cheia” Association (3 May 2013).

Round table on "Human Rights in a United Europe" organized on the occasion of Europe Day and the anniversary of sixty-three years of the Schuman Declaration, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with

the Romanian Association for the United Nations (May 9, 2013).

Debate on “Family creates values, values create the family” organized on the occasion of the International Day of the Family by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia” Association and the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights “Family Forum” (15 May 2013).

Roundtable on “The rights and obligations of the Romanian modern family – issues and challenges” organized on the occasion of the International Day of Families by Radio Romania “Antena Satelor” (Romanian Village Antenna), during the “talk shop” broadcast with the participation of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (15 May, 2013).

Roundtable on “The Romanian family-dignity and solidarity” organized on the occasion of the International Day of Families and the Romanian Family Day, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with “AL. I. Cuza” University of Iași and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (18-20 May 2013).

Posters contest with the theme “Cultural Diversity”, organized on the occasion of the World Day of Cultural Diversity by the Association for Inter-Cultural Dialogue in partnership with the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and with the participation of the National College “Vlaicu Vodă” in Curtea de Argeș and the National College “Octav Onicescu” in Bucharest (25 May 2013).

Debate on “Think, Eat, Save – reduce your footprint” – a theme chosen by the United Nations to celebrate the World Environment Day. The debate was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the Human Right to a Healthy Environment, The Romanian Association for the Rights of the Family–“Family Forum” and the Romanian Association for Women’s Rights (5 June 2013).

Symposium on “Cooperation at the level of public administration to create an area of freedom and security” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in

partnership with UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Association for Human Rights to a Healthy Environment (11 to 13 June 2013).

Roundtable organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Association for Family Rights "Family Forum" at the "Club of Cheia" Association as part of a series of events dedicated to the International Day Against Child Labor (June 12, 2013).

The Conference "National legislation on asylum and its enforcement modalities" 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, on the occasion of the World Refugees Day (20 June 2013).

Workshop on "Your Europe, Your Rights" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (1-3 July 2013).

Roundtable on "Romania signatory country of the Protocol no.15 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the "Club of Cheia" Association (9 July, 2013).

Round table on "World Population Day and Human Rights", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – "Family Forum" (11 July 2013).

The 19th edition of the final phase of the national contest "Democracy and Tolerance" organized in Braşov the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of National Education (21-25 July 2013).

Debate on "Education in the field of human rights and sanctioning of all forms of discrimination" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with "Al. I. Cuza" University in Iaşi and the Romanian Association for the United Nations.

(22-24 July 2013).

Debate on "Youth involvement in the strengthening of the democratic society and of human rights" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, the National College "Mihai Eminescu" in Baia Mare and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (28-30 July 2013).

Debate on the EU Directive 2013/32/EU of 26 June 2013 on "common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the "Club of Cheia" Association and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity (5 August 2013).

Round table on "Working with youth and for youth to accomplish a better life", organized on the occasion of the World Youth Day, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity. (13 August 2013).

Round table on "Human rights and non-discrimination in times of economic crisis" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on the occasion of the Non-Discrimination Day which also marks the day when the Romanian Government approved the Ordinance 137/31.08.2000 on preventing and sanctioning all forms of discrimination (30 August 2013).

Debate on "The European Court of Human Rights 60 years since the entry into force of the European Convention on Human Rights" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (3 September, 2013).

Roundtable on "Digital literacy – a new challenge" organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on the occasion of the World Literacy Day (6 September, 2013).

Symposium on "Democracy and the economic crisis: challenges and opportunities", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Romanian Association for Personal Freedom and Human Dignity (13 September 2013).

Roundtable on "Let us make all voices heard

in support of democracy”, the theme proposed for this year by the United Nations Organization and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in celebration of the World Democracy Day. The Roundtable was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Romanian Association for the United Nations to mark five years since this day was first celebrated (16 September 2013).

Debate on “ Democracy – a new project for 21st century, organized by the Romanian Association for the United Nations in cooperation with the “Club of Cheia” Association and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (18 September 2013).

Debate on “European Union – a cultural and linguistic diversity”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Romanian Association for Women’s Rights”, and the Romanian Independent League for the Rights of Children and Youth, on the occasion of the European Day of Languages (26 September 2013).

Round table on “Human rights and the right to knowledge”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on the occasion of the International Right to Know Day (30 September 2013).

Round table on “The right to health and the quality of life for elderly people”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Romanian Association for the Defense of Older Persons’ Rights, on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons (1 October 2013).

Symposium on “An appeal in support of teachers” – a slogan chosen by UNESCO together with the International Labor Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, UNICEF and Education International to celebrate the World Teacher’s Day. The Symposium was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with UNESCO Chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance (4 October 2013).

Round Table "From stigma to inclusion – factors of progress in mental health", organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the Romanian

Independent League for Human Rights to Culture and Health, the “Club of Cheia” Association, the Association for Defending the rights of Elderly People . This round table was organized on the occasion of the World Mental Health Day (10 October 2013).

The Conference “Children and families take a stand against poverty” organized on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the “Al. I. Cuza” University in Iași and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (14-15 October 2013).

Round table on “Eradication of poverty and ethical, social, political and economic imperative of the humanity” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October 2013).

Round table on “Romanian contributions to the activities of United Nations” on the occasion of the United Nations Day, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia” Association, the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights –“Family Forum” (24 October 2013).

Interactive debate on” the Significance of the UN Day and the rights of the child” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights together with the “Maria Penes” School 190, on the occasion of the United Nations’ Day (24 October 2013).

The 19th edition of the International University of Human Rights on "Human rights – realities and perspectives", 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 “Club of Cheia” Association “Victor Dan Zlatescu”, with the support of members of the International Law Institute of French Expression and Inspiration (29 October-3 November 2013).

Debate on “The scars of fascism and of anti-Semitism in the history of humanity” organized by RIHR in cooperation with the “Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași and the Romanian Association for the United Nations, on the occasion of the World Day Against Fascism and

Anti-Semitism (8-10 November 2013).

The World Day against Fascism and Anti-Semitism was also marked by a series of events organized by “Maria Peneş” School 190 in Bucharest (8 November 2013).

Debate under the campaign “Wipe Out Online Hate and Say No to hate” launched by the European network established by the United for Intercultural Action. The debate took place on the occasion of the International Day Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism and was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair for human rights, peace, democracy and tolerance, of “Universitatea de Nord” Baia Mare, the Romanian Association for the United Nations, the “Club of Cheia –Victor Dan Zlătescu” Association, “Spiru Haret” University of Craiova, the Faculty of Law and Public Administration of the “N. Titulescu” University of Craiova, The Bucharest Law Faculty, and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (9 November 2013).

Round table on “Stop Hate” organized by “Adolescența” Foundation in collaboration with the National College „Jean Monnet” in Ploiești, the „Spiru Haret” College in Ploiești and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights. The round table was part of the campaign launched on the occasion of the International Day Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism and had as special guest a former victim of racial hatred, Mr. Gilu Iftaru, who shared the sad story of his childhood with the pupils and the other participants in the event (9 November 2013)

The inauguration of a series of conferences on “Trans-disciplinary approaches in the science of human rights” organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (19 November 2013).

Round table on “The right to play – the first step towards wisdom” organized on the occasion of the International Day for the Rights of the Child, by RIHR in collaboration with the Metropolitan Church of Moldova and Bucovina, the Monastery Saint Jacob Hesevite in Neamț (19-21 November 2013).

Round table on “We also have rights” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in cooperation with the Romanian League for the Defense of the Rights of

Children and Youth and the “Club of Cheia” Association on the occasion of the International Day of the Rights of the Child – the day when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (20 November 2013).

The national conference “The exodus of youth – migration, unemployment, counseling”, organized by the “Ovidius” University in Constanța, the Faculty of Theology – the social assistance section and the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences – the sociology section (22-24 November 2013).

Conference “Trans-disciplinary approaches in the science of human rights”, organized by the National School for Political and Administrative Studies and by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (26 November 2013).

The lecture on „Education for human rights and the rights of the child” targeted teachers and the auxiliary teaching staff working in undergraduate education. The lecture was organized by the Bucharest Teachers Training Centre in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights. (29-30 November 2013)

The conference “Trans-disciplinary approaches in the science of human rights” organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (3 December 2013).

Training lecture on “Education for human rights and the rights of the child” targeted teachers and the auxiliary teaching staff working in undergraduate education. The lecture was organized by the Bucharest Teachers Training Centre in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (7-8 December 2013).

The Conference „20 years of work for your rights” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Canonical-Juridical Research Centre of the Faculty of Theology of the „Ovidius” University in Constanța (9 December 2013).

Symposium on “20 years of work for your rights” organized on the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, by the Parliament of Romania, the Commission for human rights, cults and national minorities’

issues, in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (10 December 2013).

Awareness and information campaign on human rights under the slogan “A letter for the passers-by” organized by the Association for Intercultural Dialogue in partnership with the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, and the Bucharest School Inspectorate with the support of several colleges in Bucharest, Pitești and Curtea de Argeș to celebrate the International Human Rights Day (10 December 2013).

Symposium on “Human rights and fundamental freedoms; the power of education in promoting the youth’s right to happiness” organized by “Adolescența” Foundation and the Prahova Teachers Training Centre in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Prahova County School Inspectorate (14 December 2013).

Training course on “The rights of national minorities and Central and Eastern Europe”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance – “Universitatea de Nord” Baia Mare (16-20 December 2013).

Workshop on “The national minorities day – promoting and protecting the rights of Roma

people” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, the Romanian Association for the United Nations and the Family Forum Association (17 December 2013).

Round table on “21 years since the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national , ethnic, linguistic and religious minorities”. The round table was organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Canonical-Juridical Centre of the Faculty of Theology of the “Ovidius” University (7-18 December 2013).

Workshop on “International Human Rights Day” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and the Romanian Association for the United Nations (18 December 2013).

Workshop on “Vienna + 20 – evolutions in the protection of human rights”, organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance – “Universitatea de Nord” Baia Mare (19-21 December 2013).

Training course on „ The National Institutions for Human Rights and the Paris Principles” organized by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for human rights, democracy, peace and tolerance – “Universitatea de Nord” Baia Mare (30 December 2013).

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EVENTS

Round table on “ Mediation in 2013” organize by the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University – Master in Mediation and Master in Integration and European Affairs (15 January 2013).

Closing Conference on the awareness campaign on preventing and combating domestic violence, organized by the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly People (28 January 2013).

Conference dedicated to “Tudor R. Popescu – a juridical personality of Romania”, organized by the „Acad. Andrei Rădulescu” Institute of Juridical Research (11 February 2013).

The Conference “Romania’s acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice. Advantages and Trends” organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (4 February 2013).

Debate on “objective liability and liability based on fault” organized by the “Acad. Andrei Radulescu” Institute of Legal Research of the Romanian Academy (25 February, 2013)

Launch of the volume “Civil Law. Principal real rights in regulating new Civil Code “author Professor Cornelius Bîrsan, organized by the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law with the support of Hamangiu Publishing (28 February 2013).

The Conference “Constantin Noica and the gentle times of European culture”, organized by the Bucharest Metropolitan Library and the Cultural Association “Mircea Eliade’s Friends” (1 March 2013)

Round table on “Living with multiple sclerosis in Romania”, organized by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Romania (4 March 2013).

The Conference “European Constitutions”, organized by the Institute of Legal Research “Acad. Andrei Radulescu” of the Romanian Academy, with the participation of Prof. Didier Maus, President Emeritus of the International Association of Constitutional Law (6 March 2013)

The Conference “The responsibility of Culture”, organized by the Romanian Academy, Romanian Cultural Institute (6 March, 2013).

Debate on “Revision of the Constitution, necessity, opportunity, possible objectives” organized by the Romanian Academy, Institute of Legal Research “Acad. Andrei Radulescu” in collaboration with the Romanian Association of Constitutional Law (7 March 2013)

Scientific communications session on “Relations between the state powers in the Romanian constitutional system – an assessment in view of the upcoming revision of the Constitution”, organized by the Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir”, International Institute for Human Rights in collaboration with the Institute for Political Studies and International Relations of the Romanian Academy and in partnership with the scientific review “Dreptul” /“The Law” (11 March 2013).

The Conference “Globalization, communication and Francophone space” and launch of the volumes translated into Romanian “About Communication and the Internet” and “A Critical Theory of the New Media” by the French author Dominique Wolton, organized by the Faculty of Communications and Public Relations of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (19 March 2013).

The scientific communication Session on “the Law – present and future” organized by the Ecological University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law and Administration (20 March 2013)

Debate on “1991 Constitution. Preparation, debate approval” organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (20 March 2013)

Meeting to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, under the title “Racism and Sports”. The meeting was organized by the Office of the United Nations(High Commissioner of Human Rights 20-21 March 2013).

Meeting on joint activities of Pan European Swiss and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (22-23 March 2013).

Working meeting with the coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Institute for Ethics and Human Rights at the University of Fribourg (22-23 March 2013).

The Conference “Constitutional Law of the European Union” organized by the Romanian Law and European Affairs Association and the Centre of European Law Studies of the Juridical Research Institute under the Romanian Academy (27 March 2013).

The Conference “Mediation in the context of new codes”, organized by Timișoara University – Faculty of Law in partnership with the “A Chance for the Future” Association (28 March 2013)†

Scientific communications session on “Continuity and discontinuity in Romanian Law”, organized by the “Acad. Andrei Rădulescu” Institute of Juridical Research of the Romanian Academy (29 March 2013).

The 2nd edition of the Youth Conference “Justice and Human Rights” organized by the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University, the Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Studies (2 April 2013).

The international Conference “Success models in an integrated approach to services for diagnosis, intervention recovery, functionality, social integration, education and training of persons with autism spectrum disorders” held at the Romanian Parliament (3 April 2013).

Debate on “New researches on the place and role of military structures in Rumania’s foreign actions” and the launch of the volume “Statul major general român (1859-1950). Organizare și atribuții funcționale” (“Romanian General Military Staff- Organization and Attributions”) authors Ion Giurcă and Maria Georgescu and of the paper “Serviciul de informații al României în războiul de integrare națională (1916-1920) (Romania’s Intelligence Service during the War of National Integration – 1916-1920), author Alin Spătaru (4 April 2013)

The Symposium on “Justice and Human Rights” organized by the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University, Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Studies (4 April 2013).

The International Conference “The Ecology of the 21st century – challenges and perspectives”, organized by the Bucharest Ecological University (4-5 April 2013).

Debate on Law 115/2012 – “Mandatory information sessions explained to all”, organized by the International Institute for Mediation, ‘A Chance for the Future’ Association and the Lawyers Mediators Centre

Association. (6 April 2013).

The 2nd edition of the international Conference “The Challenges of the 21st century in law and public administration, organized by “Petru Maior” University of Târgu-Mureș, in cooperation with “Pro Iure” Foundation of Târgu-Mureș and in partnership with the Târgu-Mureș City Council and City Hall, and the Mureș County Council, the French University Saint Quentin en Yvelines, the Budapest “Corvinus” University, Salento University, Italy and Msikolc University, Hungary (11-12 April 2013).

Colloquium on “Concerns in the banking-financial field in the context of changes in Europe” organized by the European Association for Banking and Finance Law – Romania (12-13 April 2013).

Opening ceremony of the Francophone, market organized by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Municipality of Bucharest on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the accession of Romania to the International Organization of Francophone space (15 April 2013).

The European Forum of legal professionals – the seventh edition organized by the Bar Association of Barcelona in collaboration with the Academy of European Law and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (17-20 April 2013).

International Colloquium on “The evolution of the concept of family and its influence on legal succession order” organized by the National Union of Public Notaries Public from Romania and the “Henri Capitant” Association. (19-20 April 2013).

Workshop on “The Evaluation of the current situation and of the tendencies in the protection of intellectual property rights in Romania”, organized on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day under the aegis of the working group on intellectual property issues and coordinated by the Prosecutor of the High Court of Cassation and Justice (24 April 2013).

Conference on “the Convictions of Romania to the ECHR in 2012. Analyses and Perspectives” and the launch of the “ECHR judgments in cases against Romania -2012. Analysis, consequences, potentially responsible authorities”, Volume VIII, held under the series “the culture of European law” by the European

Legal Studies Center of the Institute of Legal Research of the Romanian Academy, the European Magistrates Association for Human Rights, the Romanian Association of Judges Forum the Romanian Association of Law and the European Affairs and University Press (24 April, 2013)

Supplementary meeting on the human dimension with the theme "Freedom of movement and human interaction", organized by the Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (24-26 April 2013).

The workshop on "The work integration policy for immigrants", organized by the European Institute of Public Administration (25-26 April 2013).

The working meeting "Romanian's Government Strategy for the inclusion of Romanian citizens belonging to the Roma minority for the period 2012-2020", organized by the Government of Romania and the National Agency for Roma people in partnership with the National School for Political and Administrative Studies as part of the consultative process on the updating of the national strategy on Roma minority (30 April 2013).

The 24th annual meeting of the International Coordination Committee of the National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights, organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (6-8 May 2013).

EU Presidency Conference on 'Equality, fundamental rights and the rule of law' organized by the Irish Presidency of the EU Council, the European Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union, the Irish Human Rights Commission and the Equal Opportunities Authority (9-10 May 2013).

The national Conference "The European public space – where to?" organized by the "Dimitrie Cantemir" Faculty of Education University in Bucharest (9 May 2013).

The Workshop "Austerity and human rights in Europe" organized by the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions (13 June 2013).

Presentation on the topic "France, a year of

socialist government. Attempts and limits", organized by the European Foundation "Titulescu" Center for Strategic Studies (15 May 2013).

The international Conference "The transatlantic relationship in a world of multiple crises" organized by the Institute for the Study of Extreme Events in partnership with École Nationale d'Administration Publique Montreal (15 May 2013).

The 5th edition of the international Conference of law doctoral students, organized by the Doctoral School of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Studies, "Universitatea de Vest", Timișoara, together with the European Centre of Studies and Juridical Research of Timișoara (16-18 May 2013).

Round table on "New professional perspectives – economic and commercial diplomacy" organized by "Dimitrie Cantemir" University in Bucharest – the Faculty of International Economic Relations (16 May 2013).

Scientific Session on "Spiru Haret (1851-1912) – the triumph of Romanian pedagogy", organized by the Department of Philosophy, Theology, Psychology and Pedagogy of the Romanian Academy and the Faculty of Psychology, University of Bucharest (17 May 2013).

The Conference the Muslim woman in the Romanian and European society~, organized by the Association "Muslim Sisters/Surori Musulmane" (19 May)

The 6th meeting of the working group for the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of disabled persons, organized by the European Group of the National Human Rights Institutions (21-22 May 2013).

Conference on "Participative culture in Romania" organized under the project "The Initiative for Civil Society" by the Multimedia for Local Democracy Foundation, the National School for Political and Administrative Studies and Operations Research (22 May 2013).

The international Conference "Juridical and institutional means of fighting against drugs" organized by the "Dimitrie Cantemir" University of Bucharest (23 May 2013).

The national Conference "The legislative policy between European and national and international regulation. New perspectives of

law” organized by the “Titu Maiorescu” University in collaboration with the Romanian Academy of Scientists (24-25 May 2013).

Romanian-American workshop on “The impact of new technologies on the media sphere”, organized by the Research and Communication Centre, Communications and Public Relations Faculty within the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (27-28 May 2013).

The international Conference “Actuality in the juridical financial-banking field at international and national levels” organized by the Association of Legal Advisors of The European Association for Banking and Finance Banking – Romania (29 May- 1 July 2013).

The first national Conference of the labor legislation experts, organized by the National Union of Experts in Labor Legislation, the Bucharest Ecological University and the Labor Law Association (30 May 2013).

The scientific session of the teaching staff on “Tendencies and perspectives in the development of Romanian Economy” organized by the “Dimitrie Cantemir” University of Bucharest (30 May 2013).

The 16th edition of the French-Romanian Days on “Heritage” organized by the Institute for Legal Research “Acad. Andrei Radulescu”, the Romanian Academy and the Society of Comparative Legislation (31 May-1 June 2013).

The second Conference *Academos* organized by the Bucharest National School of Political and Administrative Studies. The works of the conference will be edited and published in the review “Reconstructing Good Society” (5-7 June 2013).

The inter-university meeting dedicated to the elite educated in public administration, organized by the Faculty of Public Administration of the National School of Political and Administrative studies, the Faculty of Administration and Public Management of the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies, The “Al. Ioan Cuza” University – Faculty of Economy and Business Administration, the Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication of the “Babes-Bolyai” University in Cluj-Napoca (17 June 2013).

The Conference “Preliminary ruling procedure. Principles of European Union law and Roman law system experiences” organized

under the series “IADUER – interpretation and application of EU law in Romania”, by the Centre for European Legal Studies at the Institute of Legal Research of the Romanian Academy, the Romanian Forum of Judges Association, the Romanian Association of Law and European Affairs and CHBeck Publishing (19 June 2013).

The 1st edition of the International Conference on “2013 Strategy- strategies for a changing world” organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, the Faculty of Management and the Faculty of Communications and Public Relations in partnership with the Central Bank of Romania. (27-28 June 2013).

The consultative meeting organized by the special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights on “Historical and memorial cases in divided societies” in accordance with Resolution No. 23/10 of the Human Rights Council adopted at its 23rd session (4-5 July 2013).

Working meeting at the Inter-Disciplinary Institute of Ethics and Human Rights on the activities of the institutions belonging to the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions.(6-7 July 2013).

The 6th session of the group of experts on the rights of indigenous populations, a subsidiary body of the UN Council for Human Rights (8-12 July 2013).

The 55th session of the United Nations Committee for the elimination of discrimination against women, having as central theme the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, organized under the patronage of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (15-18 July 2013).

Debate on “Protocol No.15 amending the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms – a reform protocol”, organized by the Association for the Promotion of Family Rights – „Family Forum” (26 July 2013).

The final action of the “CASPER” caravan – a national awareness campaign with the aim to change the social attitude towards the persons with disabilities – a campaign within the project “Integrated Social Services and Vocational Training for People with Disabilities” organized in Bucharest under the slogan “We break wall to

build bridges”, by the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly People (1 august 2013).

The national Conference on “For a solidarity economy”, organized on the occasion of the closure of the project “Prometheus – the promotion of social economy in Romania through research, education and professional training at European standards” – a project implemented by the Foundation for Civil Society Development in partnership with the Research Institute for the Quality of Life, the Bucharest University- the Faculty of Sociology, the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises and the National Centre for Training in Statistics (29 August 2013).

Debate on “Enhancing the control efficiency in labor relations and market surveillance, security and health. Examples of good practice. Valences and Opportunities”, organized by the University “Constantin Brancoveanu” from Pitesti Prefecture – Arges County Council (12 September 2013).

The annual Conference of European projects organized by the European Law Institute in Vienna (4-7 September 2013).

Round table on “Opportunities and obstacles in the achievement of the Europe Agenda 2020 objectives from the perspective of work-life balance” organized under the project “Equilibrium – a new approach of family life and professional life”, co-financed by the European Social Fund through the Operational Sectorial Programme of Human Resources Development, the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly Persons in partnership with Fondazione Federico II, Instituto Formacion Integral Spain, Global Commercium Development, the General Department of Social Assistance and Child Protection, sector 6, Bucharest, the Bucharest Local Council of sector 3 and the Braşov City Hall (20 September 2013).

The final conference of the project co-financed by the European Social Fund through the Operational Sectorial Programme of Human Resources Development 2007-2013 on “Integration on the labor market, increased opportunities for people with disabilities, organized by the COLFASA Association through the Bucharest Centre of Social Inclusion, Bucharest (23 September 2013).

The international Conference on “Constitutional Jurisdiction after 20 years since the fall of the communist curtain”, organized by the Constitutional Court of Romania with the support of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (2-3 October 2013).

The Conference on “Building together the protection of fundamental rights in the context of a changing human rights environment”, organized by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights with the Council of Europe, the European Network of Equality Bodies, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (7-8 October 2013).

The national Conference on “The new Romanian Civil Code two years after its enforcement. Theoretical and practical issues”, organized by the “Acad. Andrei Rădulescu” Research Institute of the Romanian Academy and in partnership with the “Law” publications of the Romanian Union of Jurists (9 October 2013).

Debate on “Why do we need independent monitoring mechanisms for respecting the rights of the persons with mental disabilities in institutions?” under the project “Civil Society- an active partner in the process of elaboration and evaluation of public policies”, organized by the Centre of Juridical Resources (10 October 2013).

The Doctor Honoris Causa Awarding Ceremony in honor of Mr. Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy and Law of the EU Council, organized by the University of Bucharest (18 October 2013).

Documentation meeting for the elaboration of the Report “Social Services in Europe – legislation and practices on the separation of children from their families in the EU Council member states”, with Mrs. Olga Borzova, member of the Commission for Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the EU Council Parliamentary Assembly, organized by the Romanian Parliament delegation to the EU Council Parliamentary Assembly (22 October 2013).

The 7th meeting of the working groups on the promotion and monitoring of the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities organized by

the Belgian Equality and Anti-Semitism Centre and the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (23-24 October 2013)

The 4th edition of the annual meeting of the working Forum on the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities in the European Union, organized by the European Commission (24-25 October 2013).

The first Conference on „European policies in the field of human rights: European citizenship – the effect of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights on the Romanian juridical space”, organized by the Romanian European Law Society and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (24-25 October 2013).

Restricted meeting of the European Commission with the EU Member States and national human rights institutions, with the theme "Promoting, protecting and pursuing the rights of persons with disabilities as stated by the United Nations Convention (25 October 2013)

The Fourth meeting of the legal working group under the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions, on “the role of national institutions for human rights and of the working groups in the process of the European Court of Human Rights reform”, organized by the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (25-27 October 2013).

The Sixth annual Conference on “Public Administration between mission and budgetary constraints. Managerial and juridical dimensions”, organized by the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and the Centre of Public Law and Administrative Sciences (8 November 2013).

The Fifth Congress of the Francophone Association of National Human Rights Institutions (AFCNDH) on “AFCNDH role in the dynamics of promoting national human rights institutions in accordance with the Paris Principles”.

The Conference on “Combating crimes motivated by hatred in the European Union” organized by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights in cooperation with the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council (12-13 November 2013).

The meeting of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), organized by the Office for Democratic and Human Rights Institutions of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODHR) (13-15 November 2013).

The international Conference of non-discrimination and equal opportunities NEDES 2013, on “Exercising the right to non-discrimination and to equal opportunities in the contemporary society”, organized by the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University in Bucharest and the National Conference for Combating Discrimination (20-22 November 2013).

The Conference on “The Foundations of Justice. Follow-up policies in the field of European justice for the coming years”, organized by the European Commission (21-22 November 2013).

The national Conference on “The youth exodus-migration, unemployment, counseling”, organized by the “Ovidius” University in Constanța, the Social Assistance section of the Faculty of Theology, the Sociology department of the Faculty of Administrative Sciences (22-24 November 2013)

Meeting with the representatives of the European Commission and of the European Forum on Disability, under the title “Promoting and protecting the rights of people with disabilities in the European Union (23-24 November 2013).

The meeting of the UN European Associations organized in Brussels by the World Federation of the United Nations Associations (WFUNA) (25-26 November 2013).

The international Conference on “Issues of public law and of private law in the implementation of the new codes” organized by the Ecological University in Bucharest and the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences (26 November 2013).

The Sixth edition of the UN Forum on minorities under the theme “Beyond freedom of religion or belief – guaranteeing the religious minorities’ rights”, organized in Geneva (26-27 November 2013).

The annual Forum of services providers for people with disabilities organized by the Informal Network of Service Providers for the

Persons with Disabilities (DIZABNET) and the Foundation “Alpha Transilvană” (27-28 November 2013).

The Fourth edition of the “Gala of people with disabilities” under the title „Equal is normal- it is normal to be together, not separated”, organized by Active Watch, the Motivation Foundation with the support of Dedeman and the Vodafone Foundation, Romania, under the high patronage of the EU Commission Representation in Romania, on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (2 December 2013).

The Second session of the United Nations Forum on the business environment and human rights, organized by the UN Council for Human Rights (2-4 December 2013).

Poetry and piano recital and painting exhibition – awareness campaign event for

highlighting the potential of people with disabilities, organized by Disability Protection Directorate of the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly People on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the disabled (3 December 2013).

Round table on “A more efficient monitoring of the respect of human rights in Romanian Institutions”, organized by the Commission for Human Rights, Cults and Minorities and by the National Council for Combating Discrimination (10 December 2013).

The Gala of Roma Excellency 2013, organized by the National Agency for Roma People and the Roma Party “Pro-Europe”, with the artistic performance support of Mr. Mădălin Voicu and Mr. Damian Drăghici on the Occasion of the Minorities Rights Day (18 December 2013).