

# **WELCOME SPEECH OF THE VICE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB**

Distinguished Envoy of the President of the Republic of Croatia, dear colleague,  
Mr. Palić

Distinguished Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, and  
Minister of Justice, Mr. Bošnjaković

Honourable State Attorney General of the Republic of Croatia, Mr Jelenić,  
Honourable judges of the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and other  
courts,

Distinguished President of the Croatian Association of Criminal Sciences and  
Practice, Professor Đurđević,

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honour to welcome you on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb, Prof. Igor Gliha, at the opening of this prestigious international conference devoted to the integration of the European Public Prosecutor's Office into national criminal justice systems. Our Faculty is co-organising this event and supporting it both in terms of organisation and funding. We are extremely happy to be able to do so, being aware of our social role and the responsibility that we bear for the development of the Croatian legal system. Just a glance at the list of participants of this conference shows that the Faculty's support is fully justified since we seldom see so many distinguished European and Croatian legal professionals in one place. Therefore, we are particularly grateful to the teachers of our Department of Criminal Procedural Law and its Head, Professor Đurđević, for the effort they have invested in organising this conference, which is also a contribution to the visibility and good reputation of our Faculty.

I regret that we are not in the Faculty building today, which means that our foreign guests will unfortunately not have the opportunity to be given a tour around, but if you look out of the window on your right, you will at least be rewarded with a wonderful view of the main Faculty building. This is an institution which has been a central place for law education in Croatia for nearly two and a half centuries. If you forgive me a touch of immodesty, I have to say that most of the judges, state attorneys and attorneys, as well as the distinguished guests that I greeted at the beginning and who are gathered here today, are alumni of our Faculty.

I can also proudly note that among the participants of this conference we also have our retired teachers – as far as I can see, Professor Novoselec is here

– as well as our students. I hope that all this clearly shows that the Faculty is a community which has permanently brought together students, teachers, and alumni. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all those who are alumni of our Faculty to continue taking part in the academic life that takes place here – the doors of our Faculty are always open to you.

Once again, I congratulate the organisers of the conference on the excellent organisation of this event, and I wish all participants successful work and a fine exchange of knowledge and practical experience.

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