



## **CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND THE PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE PODGORICA MUNICIPALITY AND THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DRUG ADDICTION**

During the past decade Montenegro has, practically for the first time, faced the drug addiction problem. Our community efforts which were focused on the prevention, particularly during the last year, are the result of the increased consciousness about the drug addiction consequences in the life of an individual, family and the society as a whole.

In June 2003 the Government of the Republic of Montenegro has adopted Action Plan for the drug addiction prevention aimed at children and the youth in Montenegro. Montenegro Government has also set up necessary activities and obligations of all social subjects participating in implementation of the Action Plan.

Strategic program of the Podgorica Municipality has envisaged common action of all social structures and institutions, aimed to protect young people from the narcotics and the dependency caused by narcotics. These actions will enable the young to live their life without drugs and will help them to have better future.

**Main issue of the Conference will be primary prevention, capacity building of the Balkans network for the prevention against dependency (Burgas Declaration), creating conditions for the development based on the «town to town» partnership within the Balkans territory and exchanging ideas and information as well, with the purpose of creating an uniform system for the drug addiction prevention in the region.**

The participants from your country are expected to have good knowledge on national legislation and the established foundations representing a base for reversing the spread of drug addiction, which has the advantages and defects as well. A good knowledge about your country priorities is also needed. We are also inviting you to discuss about models of primar prevention in your country.

Conference will have a high expertise level and will take two days. During the first day there will be plenary sessions where the successfull European models for the drug addiction prevention will be represented, together with the Balkan countries models. During the second day delegations will take part in several round tables the aim of which will be to discover main problems and to find the appropriate and feasible possibilities to

solve them. The conclusion of the Conference will be adopted in a form of a document – a declaration.

The delegations composition should reflect multidisciplinary profile of the Conference. The filled in application forms should serve us as an information on names, function and contact details of your delegation. Working language will be the English language.

In case that we need documents for the seminar, it will be required from all delegations to present their all relevant documents. We are kindly asking all delegations to bring with themselves sufficient number of relevant documents copies so that organizer could disseminate them to the other participants. Delegations can also send a copy of a document to the organizer but not later than 10th June 2004.

As for the presentations which are welcome, we kindly ask you to indicate in the application form that the presentation doesn't last more than fifteen - sixteen minutes. It is required that the authors of presentations contact organizers as soon as possible. All this should be timely presented to the Conference organization body so that the representatives could be promptly provided with all necessary technical assistance.

It is expected from the participants to choose their accommodation place by themselves. List of the Podgorica hotels is attached in this letter. Conference organizer will gladly offer you all hotel reservation services for the Conference participants. In case that you decide to make reservation by yourself, please have in mind that the Conference organizer has a special accommodation prices contract for the participants of the Conference but only for the hotels from the list which is attached herewith.

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**III International Conference »The Balkan Cities Against Drugs«** will take place in Podgorica, CIC Budo Tomovic«, June 26-27, 2004.

The official language of the Conference is English. Simultaneous translation will be provided from Serbian to English and vice-versa.

On a web address, Municipality of Podgorica, [www.podgorica.cg.yu](http://www.podgorica.cg.yu) you could find the city map and more informations about hotels on address [www.hotelcg.com](http://www.hotelcg.com). Conference organizer has a special accommodation prices contract for the participants of the Conference but only for the **HOTEL CRNA GORA** and **HOTEL LJUBOVIC**.

There will be provided transport from and to the airport Golubovci (city airport, distance 15km from the city) as well as from and to the railway station.

If you plan to arrive before 25 June 2004, please let us know to help you with the room reservation and the organize the transport from airport/railway station to the hotel of your choice.

If you come directly to Montenegro you need only valid passport to enter the country, with exception of participants coming from Republic Moldova and Republic of Turkey. Citizens of mentioned countries have to apply for visa at the Embassy of Serbia in Montenegro in their country.

The latest news about the Conference will be available on the web site:  
[www.podgorica.cg.yu](http://www.podgorica.cg.yu)