

# News from Copenhagen

## Nothelle briefs Vienna on Belgrade Declaration

During the past two weeks, the Vienna Liaison Office has been busy informing national diplomatic delegations and executive structures in Vienna about the Belgrade Session.

Special Representative Amb. Andreas Nothelle, together with his deputies Marc Carillet and Roberto Montella and the Vienna-based research fellows, answered a wide range of questions from delegations about the Belgrade Declaration.

Delegates also sought to learn about the future relationship between the Assembly and new OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier, following the selection procedure, which was criticized by the PA.

Amb. Nothelle briefed the OSCE governmental side in several venues, including the Permanent Council, a joint meeting of the Contact Groups of the Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, and an informal briefing for interested delegations to the Security Committee.

He emphasized the focused approach of many of the resolutions, which offer concrete input for possible decisions to be taken at the December 2011 Ministerial Council in Vilnius.

Nine delegations spoke after welcoming the presentations, offering comments on various aspects of the PA recommendations. They also congratulated President Petros Efthymiou on his re-election.

## Efthymiou, Habsburg Douglas to lead election observers in Russia, Kyrgyzstan



President Petros Petros Efthymiou today announced he will personally lead the OSCE PA election observation mission to Russia for the Duma elections to be held 4 December.

The president has appointed Vice-President Walburga Habsburg Douglas (Sweden) to lead the observation of the Kyrgyzstan presidential election on 30 October.

Both Efthymiou and Habsburg Douglas have extensive experience leading and participating in election observations.

Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen will manage the observation missions to Russia and Kyrgyzstan.

Vice-President Riccardo Migliori will lead the election observation mission to Tunisia 23 October. Special Representative Andreas Nothelle will manage that mission.

## Preparations underway for Dubrovnik Fall Meetings, Registration Deadline 5 Sept.

With parliaments set to recess for the summer, work is already underway to prepare for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Fall Meetings in Dubrovnik, Croatia from 7 to 10 October, 2011.



Over 200 OSCE Parliamentarians from more than 40 OSCE participating States are expected to participate in the 10th OSCE PA Fall Meetings. Delegates from the parliaments of Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan,

Morocco, and Tunisia are also expected to participate, primarily in the Mediterranean Forum.

Hosted by the Croatian Parliament and organized jointly by the Croatian Delegation to the OSCE PA and the OSCE PA International Secretariat, the Fall Meetings include a parliamentary conference on “Regional Development in South-East Europe: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects,” a Standing Committee meeting, and a Mediterranean Forum.

The conference will focus on challenges and concerns for the region and the role of the OSCE, economic co-operation between countries in South-East Europe and Euro-Atlantic integration. Croatia’s hosting of the OSCE PA events comes just after the country successfully concluded accession negotiations with the European Union.

“We look forward to receiving the OSCE PA delegations

and other OSCE guests in Dubrovnik in October,” said PA Vice-President Tonino Picula (Croatia). “The meeting will be a very good and timely opportunity to discuss the recent developments in the Mediterranean region and witness the progress made by the countries of South East Europe with all the OSCE Heads of Mission of the region.”

Featured speakers will include OSCE PA President Petros Efthymiou (Greece), Speaker Luka Bebic of the Croatian Parliament, Mr. Picula, and Amb. Zannier.

The Mediterranean Forum will consider issues of freedom, security and justice, focusing on improving safety in the region. The forum takes place at a critical time, as partner countries Egypt and Tunisia are slated to hold elections this fall.

All meetings will be held in the Dubrovnik Palace Hotel. The deadline for registration is 5 September. Registration forms and information are available online at [oscepa.org](http://oscepa.org) for OSCE parliamentarians and invited guests.

## Albanian MP named to cabinet post

Aldo Bumci, former Head of the Albanian Delegation to the OSCE PA, has been named Minister of Tourism, Cultural Affairs, Youth and Sports. Mr. Bumci has served in the Albanian Parliament since 2005. He previously served as Minister of Justice in Albania.