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in cooperation with the German Embassy in Tirana

International Symposium

„Albania: Problems and Perspectives of a State in Transition“

Friday, September 27, 2002, 14:00 hrs

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tirana, Rruga Skënderbej No. 8

Conference Committee:

Dr. Hansjoerg Brey, Director, Suedosteuropa-Gesellschaft (Southeast Europe Association),
Munich

Adelheid Feilcke-Tiemann, Director, Albanian Program, Deutsche Welle, Cologne

PROGRAM

1. Opening

- *Helmuth Schroeder*, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Tirana
- *Dr. Hansjoerg Brey*, Director of the Suedosteuropa-Gesellschaft, Munich
- *Vilma Filaj-Ballvora*, Deutsche Welle, Cologne

2. Questions of Identity and Perception of the Albanians

The Identity and the „State of Mind“ of the Albanians

Dr. Ardian Klosi, Journalist, Tirana

Stereotypes about the Albanians in the Everyday Live of Balkan Peoples – the Example of Bulgaria

Diana Ivanova, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague

3. Domestic Politics / Situation of the Media

The State of Domestic Politics in Albania

Dr. Genc Pollo, Chairman of the New Democratic Party, Tirana

Albania: Recent Developments and Challenges ahead

Hans Heinrich Ahlfeld, Representative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic and Development, Tirana

The Situation of the Media in Albania

Arni Ruci, Correspondent, Deutsche Welle, Tirana

Coffee Break

4. The Social and Economic Situation in Albania

The Social Situation in Albania

Dr. Valentina Leskaj, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Tirana

The Albanian Economy – Perspectives in a United Europe

Martin Knapp, Representative of the German Business Community in the Southwestern Balkans

5. Foreign Politics

Albania's Relationship with its Neighbouring Countries

Prof. Dr. Paskal Milo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Social Democratic Party, Member of Parliament, Tirana

The International Community and Albania – Perspectives for the Future

Patrick G. Moore, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague

Albania in the Context of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe

Fabian Schmidt, Director, Bosnian Program, Deutsche Welle, Cologne

End of the conference: about 19:30 hrs

After the conference the German Embassy cordially invites you for a reception.

Conference language: English. Individual presentations should not exceed 15 minutes!