

International conference
NATIVE LANGUAGE POLICY: SCHOOL, SOCIETY AND STATE
September 19—20, 2008, Vilnius, Lithuania

Programme

September 19, 2008

Plenary session

Location — LR Seimas (Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania), March 11th Hall, Gedimno ave. 53, Vilnius

- 10.30—11.00 Conference guests meet members of parliamentary Education, Science and Culture Committee and members of Lithuanian Traditions and Heritage Commission
- 11.00—11.30 Press conference (Press conference hall at the Parliament)
- 11.30—12.00 Registration for foreign guests and presenters
- 12.00—12.30 **Welcoming speeches**
by representatives of Lithuanian Parliament, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Culture, Lithuanian Traditions and Heritage Commission
- 12.30—13.00 **Plenary speeches**
Reflections upon National and European Language Policies
prof. dr. Gerhard STICKEL (Institute for the German Language, European Federation of National Institutions for Language, Germany)
- 13.00—13.30 **Languages of Schooling within a European Framework for Languages of Education (COE)**
dr. Eike THÜRMAN (Expert consultant to the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe)
- 13.30—14.00 **Multilingualism — Micro and Macro Connections between East and West"**
dr. Gabrielle HOGAN-BRUN (Bristol University, United Kingdom)
- 14.00—14.15 Questions & answers
- 14.15—15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00—15.30 **Impact of the EU Multilingualism Policy on the Development of Lithuanian Language**
Jonas MORRIS (European Commission Representation in Lithuania, Lithuania)
- 15.30—16.00 **Use of Native Language in Businesses**
Mykolas KATKUS (VRP I Hill & Knowlton, Lithuania)
- 16.00—16.30 **Word and its Shapes**
Marcelijus MARTINAITIS (poet, Lithuania)
- 16.30—17.00 Questions & answers.
Coffee
- 17.00—19.00 Round trip excursion for conference guests (optional)
- 20.00 Dinner for invited guests at the hotel 'Best Western Vilnius', Glass B Hall (Winter Garden) Konstitucijos ave. 14, Vilnius

September 20, 2008

Parallel sections

Premises — hotel 'Best Western Vilnius', Konstitucijos ave. 14, Vilnius

09.00—14.00 Speeches

11.00—11.30 Coffee brake

I section. Language Policy and Society (Amber A/B Hall)

Moderators: assoc. prof dr. Irena SMETONIENĖ (Lithuania), prof. habil. dr. Andrejs VEISBERGS (Latvia)

Lithuania's Language Policy

Regina DOBELIENĖ (Lithuanian State Language Commission, Lithuania)

Challenges for Lithuanian Language: Its Preservation, Research, Dissemination

Violeta MEILIŪNAITĖ (Lithuanian Language Institute, Lithuania)

Some Aspects of Latvia's Language Policy: Present Situation, Asymmetries and Challenges

prof. habil. dr. Andrejs VEISBERGS (University of Latvia, Commission of Latvian Language, Latvia)

Different Society's Approaches to Native Language Policy: Overview of Research

dr. Tadas TAMOŠIŪNAS (Adult Education and Information Centre, Lithuania)

Policy and Supervision of Lithuania's State Language

Donatas SMALINSKAS (State Language Inspectorate, Lithuania)

II section. School, Studies and Language Teaching (Glass A Hall)

Moderators: Audronė RAZMANTIENĖ (Lithuania), dr. Eike THÜRMANN (Germany)

State Language and Higher Education

assoc. prof. Antanas SMETONA (Vilnius University, Lithuania)

Native Language and Initial Teachers Training: Problems and Perspectives

prof. Vilija SALIENĖ (Vilnius Pedagogical University, Lithuania)

The Structure of Area 'Language' in Latvian Compulsory Educational System

Anta LAZAREVA, Līga CĪRULE (The Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia)

National Students' Achievements' Research: Correlation between the Main Findings and the Updating of Education Content

Raimonda JARIENĖ (Education Development Centre, Lithuania)

National Language at School — Challenges for Teacher

Nijolė BARTAŠIŪNIENĖ (Klaipėdos „Ažuolyno“ Gymnasium, Lithuanian Language and Literature Teachers Association, Lithuania)

III section. Aspects of Multilingualism Policies. Granite Hall

Moderators: dr. Meilutė RAMONIENĖ (Lithuania), Markus Oskar RODUNER (Switzerland)

Multilingualism: Awareness Raising and Motivation to Learn Languages

assoc. prof. dr. Ineta SAVICKIENĖ (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)

Social Context of Assimilation in Lithuania

dr. Tadas LEONČIKAS (Centre for Ethnic Research, Lithuania)

Dealing with Increasing Diversity in Multilingual Europe: Sociolinguistic and Educational Perspectives

prof. dr. Guus EXTRA (Tilburg University, Holland)

Raising Multilingual Awareness at School

dr. Gabrielle HOGAN-BRUN (Bristol University, United Kingdom)

Bilingualism in Latvia: What has Changed?

assoc. prof. dr. Laimute BALODE (University of Latvia, Latvia, University of Helsinki, Finland)

Multilingualism Strategies in Estonia

prof. Birute KLAAS (University of Tartu, Estonia)

14.00—15.00	Lunch
15.00—17.00	Presentations of sections' work (Granite Hall) Conclusions of the conference Closing plenary
19.00	Diner for invited guests at the restaurant 'Neringa', Small Hall, Gedimino ave. 23, Vilnius

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