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a Camerei Deputaților
în data de 23 iunie 2008



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Domnule Secretar general,

Vă transmit, în anexă, Nota GRUI privind participarea la cea de-a opta Reuniune a parlamentarilor și experților în probleme parlamentare (Oxfordshire, 26-27 iulie 2008), cu rugămintea de a o supune atenției Biroului Permanent al Camerei Deputaților, spre aprobare.

Cu mulțumiri,

PREȘEDINTE,

M. Ilcan

Senator Ion Solcanu



Domnului

Titu Nicolae Gheorghiof

Secretarul general al Camerei Deputaților



PARLAMENTUL ROMÂNIEI
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privind participarea la cea de-a opta Reuniune a parlamentarilor
și experților în probleme parlamentare
- Oxfordshire, Marea Britanie, 26 - 27 iulie 2008 -

În zilele de 26 și 27 iulie a.c., va avea loc la Oxfordshire **cea de-a opta Reuniune a parlamentarilor și experților în probleme parlamentare**, organizată de Uniunea Interparlamentară, Asociația pentru Științe Politice Internaționale și Centrul de Studii Legislative al Universității Hull.

Acțiunea, care se organizează la fiecare doi ani, are drept obiectiv prezentarea și dezbaterca unor subiecte de actualitate din domeniul parlamentar. Participanții au posibilitatea de a examina rezultatele unor studii care abordează diferite aspecte ale activității parlamentare, în ideea preluării și aplicării lor în activitatea practică.

Dintre temele de interes incluse pe ordinea de zi a reuniunii din acest an, menționăm: ***răspunderea guvernamentală în democrațiile parlamentare; parlamentele europene on-line; contribuția aspectelor socio-culturale în comportamentul opoziției parlamentare; parlamentele și internetul; etica în comunicațiile electronice; rolul legislativ al parlamentelor în procesul democratizării.***

Vor fi prezentate, de asemenea, informații privind evoluția și caracteristicile vieții parlamentare din Marea Britanie, dar și din Africa de Sud, Canada și India.

Subiectele vor fi discutate în ateliere, pe baza unor prezentări și rapoarte. În finalul dezbaterilor, participanții vor avea ocazia să aducă în atenția colegilor lor diferite aspecte ale activității din parlamentele pe care le reprezintă, altele decât cele de pe ordinea de zi.

Reuniunea face parte din calendarul activităților permanente ale UIP și este inclusă în Programul relațiilor externe ale Parlamentului României pe anul în curs. Delegații ale GRUI au participat la edițiile anterioare, începând cu anul 1998.

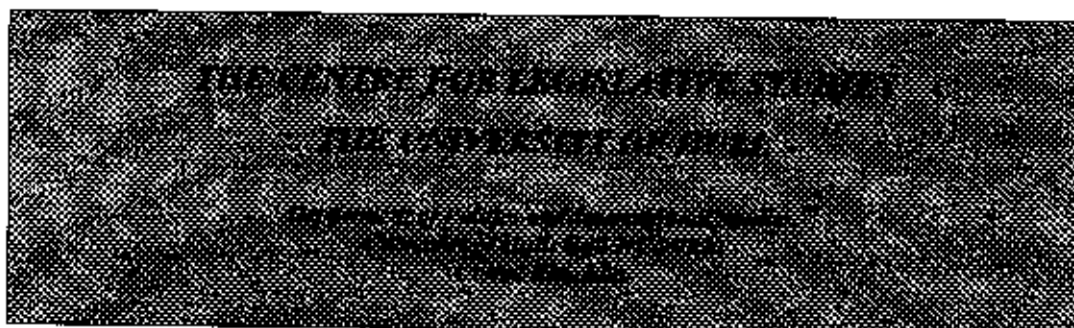
Referitor la cele de mai sus, Biroul Executiv al GRUI **propune** Biroului Permanent al Camerei Deputaților să aprobe participarea la cea de-a opta Reuniune a parlamentarilor și experților în probleme parlamentare (Oxfordshire, Marea Britanic, 26-27 iulie 2008) a domnilor deputați **Vladimir Alexandru Mănăstireanu, Liviu Alexandru Miroșeanu și Dumitru Avram**, cu suportarea, din bugetul Camerei Deputaților, a cheltuielilor aferente.

PREȘEDINTE,

Ion Solcan

Senator Ion SOLCAN





February 2008

**EIGHTH WORKSHOP OF PARLIAMENTARY
SCHOLARS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS**

**WROXTON COLLEGE, OXFORDSHIRE, UK
26-27 JULY 2008**

I have pleasure in inviting you to participate in the Eighth Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians being held on Saturday, 26th July and Sunday, 27th July 2008 at Wroxtton College, Wroxtton, Oxfordshire, in the United Kingdom.

The purpose of the Workshop is to bring together scholars and parliamentarians in order that research findings likely to be of practical use to parliamentarians can be presented and discussed. The Workshop builds on the success of the previous Workshops, the first held in Berlin in 1994 and the other six at Wroxtton College, now the established venue for the event.

Among themes to be covered at this Workshop are (1) *legislative ethics and accountability*, with papers on the adoption of the accounting officer model in Canada, the domestic effects of legislative ethics reform in the UK, parliamentary scrutiny and oversight of the 'war on terror', and government accountability in parliamentary democracies: a case study of Sweden. (2) *Parliaments and the Internet*, with papers on European Parliaments online, the impact of the Internet on the Chinese National People's Congress, and the ethics of electronic communication. (3) *Developments in the UK Parliament*, with papers on Westminster territorial select committees, early day motions, the role of independent MPs, the House of Lords, and a comparison of the Westminster and Scottish parliaments. (4) *Gendered ceremony and ritual in parliaments*, with papers on India, South Africa and the UK.

Sponsors

The Workshop is sponsored by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and the Centre for Legislative Studies at the University of Hull. The Workshop is organised by the Centre for Legislative Studies, in conjunction with the Dean of Wroxtton College, Dr Nicholas Baldwin.

Programme

A provisional list of papers is enclosed. The final programme, giving the timing and composition of panels, will be included in the package of material sent to all participants. The Workshop will commence at 9.15 a.m. on Saturday 26th July and conclude mid afternoon on Sunday 27th July.

There will be a concluding panel comprising some of the parliamentarians who are attending the Workshop. The panel will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to raise issues and answer questions of concern to them as working legislators. A concluding panel was introduced at the Fourth Workshop and proved stimulating and popular; given its success, it was utilised again at the succeeding Workshops.

Any participant interested in chairing a panel should indicate this on the registration form. Parliamentarians are also invited to indicate if they would wish to be included in the concluding panel.

Papers

Abstracts of papers will be circulated in advance and copies of the papers will be available at the Workshop. In the panel sessions, paper givers will briefly summarise their findings, providing time for comments and questions from the floor.

Venue

The venue for the Workshop is Wroxton College, Wroxton, Near Banbury, Oxfordshire, in the United Kingdom. Wroxton College is the overseas campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The College is housed in a magnificent 17th Century Jacobean mansion, the ancestral home of Lord North (Prime Minister under King George III), and nestling in 50 acres of its own landscaped grounds. When not attending sessions, participants will have an opportunity to explore the mansion and the grounds. The mansion has its own library, chapel, and spacious reading room. There is also a gymnasium in the building. A guided tour of the house will be available during the weekend of the Workshop.

The village of Wroxton is also of interest, with thatched cottages and a parish church housing the remains of various members of the North family, several of them significant figures in the history of England. The village lies three miles outside Banbury. It is within easy reach of Oxford and Shakespeare's birthplace of Stratford upon Avon. It is also within easy reach of London both by road and rail. The town lies just off the M40 motorway. There is a regular Flightlink coach service between London Heathrow airport and Banbury. There is also a regular Flightlink service between London Gatwick and Banbury. There are taxis available for the short journey from Banbury to Wroxton.

Accommodation

Rooms are available in Wroxton College itself. Each is a very pleasant study bedroom, with *en suite* facilities. A number have excellent views of the grounds. For the weekend of the Workshop, an inclusive residential rate has been arranged, though participants may also book for specific meals and accommodation. Those wishing to book accommodation and meals in College should use the enclosed registration form. *Please note that the number of rooms available in College is limited and early booking is therefore advisable.*

For those wishing to stay in a hotel, there are a number of hotels in Banbury, close to Wroxton, and one in Wroxton itself, within walking distance of the College. The hotel in Wroxton is the three-star Wroxton House Hotel (tel: +44 (0)1295-730777, reservations@wroxtonhousehotel.com, www.bw-wroxtonhousehotel.co.uk/). Hotels in Banbury include the three-star Banbury House Hotel (tel: +44 (0)1295-259361), Mercure Whately Hall (tel: +44 (0)1295-271736), and Cromwell Lodge Hotel (tel: +44 (0)1295-259781, www.cromwelllodgehotel.com/). Some of these offer special weekend rates.

Details of these and other hotels can be found on www.bookabedinbritain.com/hotels-in-Banbury.htm or www.information-britain.co.uk/hoteltowns.cfm?town=Banbury&county=11. Participants wishing to stay in a hotel should make a booking direct with the hotel. Banbury is a popular venue and early booking is advisable.

Meals

Meals will be available in College during the Workshop. Reservations for dinner and other meals may be made on the registration form. The special residential rate for the Workshop includes meals from Friday dinner through to Sunday lunch inclusive. Anyone with particular dietary, or other, requirements should indicate this on the booking form.

Registration fee

The registration fee, as well as payment for accommodation and meals, should be paid in sterling. (If paying in another currency, please add sufficient to cover conversion charges.) The registration fee covers administrative expenses as well as the cost of light refreshments. Payment should accompany the registration form. *Please note that bookings for accommodation and meals must be made in advance of the Workshop. No changes are possible during the weekend of the Workshop.*

Booking forms should be returned no later than Monday, 7 July 2008.

Certificates of attendance

All those attending will receive a formal Certificate of Attendance to attest to the fact that they participated in the Workshop.

Further information

Queries or requests for further information may be directed to

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I very much hope that you will be able to join us for what should be a very stimulating and enjoyable occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Norton

PROFESSOR THE LORD NORTON OF LOUTH
Director, Centre for Legislative Studies

Capacity building for new MPs: Survey of orientation and induction programmes
Ken Coghill, Monash University, Peter Holland, Monash University, Ross Donohue,
Monash University, Andy Richardson, Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Cristina
Neesham, Monash University

Governmental accountability in parliamentary democracies: The case of Sweden
Ingvar Mattson, Parliament of Sweden

Adoption of the Accounting Officer Model in Canada
Donald H. Oliver, Senate of Canada

Gendered Ceremony and Ritual in Parliament: India, South Africa and the UK
Carole Spary, University of Warwick, Surya Monro, University of Sheffield, and Faith
Armitage, University of London.

*When the Internet turns Digital: What impact does the Internet have upon the
Chinese National People's Congress?*
Xiudian Dai, University of Hull

European Parliaments Online
Cristina Leston-Bandeira, University of Hull

*The contribution of socio-cultural aspects to the behaviour of parliamentary
opposition: some empirical findings*
Katrin Steinack, University of Kent

*Legislative ethics reforms and their domestic effects:
a case study of the British House of Commons*
Nicholas Allen, University of Essex

*The legislative role of parliaments in democratisation:
the case of the Iranian parliament (Majles)*
Pedram Saeid, University of Hull

Diminishing the Oath of Allegiance: The MP's right to salary
Hamid Ghany, University of the West Indies

*The 'United Parliaments of Europe' and further considerations on subsidiary
democracy*
Gerd Grözinger, Universität Flensburg

President Clinton's State of the Union addresses
Jose J. Sanmartin, University of Alicante

UK Parliamentary Scrutiny and Oversight of the 'War on Terror'
Mark Shephard, University of Strathclyde

The Westminster territorial select committees after devolution
Oonagh Gay and Judy Goodall, Library of the House of Commons, UK

Judicial review of legislative and executive decisions: overlapping or necessity?
Hom Raj Dahal, Association of former members of parliament, Nepal

Divergence or convergence: the Westminster and Scottish parliaments
Barry Winerobe, Member of the Executive, UK Study of Parliament Group

Reform of the House of Lords: A Test of Lijphart and Tsebelis
Meg Russell, Constitution Unit, University College London

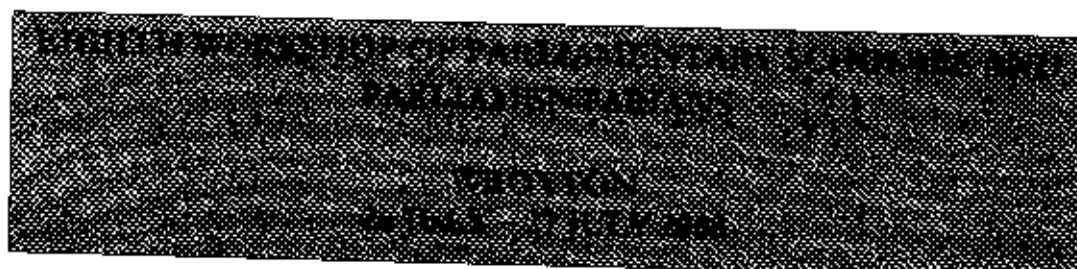
Why do they turn up?
David J. Morgan, Universities of Leicester and Hull

Parliaments and the Internet: the ethics of electronic communication
Philip Norton, University of Hull

Gravitas or Graffiti: The use of Early Day Motions in the House of Commons
Michael Rush, University of Exeter, and Philip Giddings, University of Reading

The Mavericks: The role of Independent MPs in the House of Commons
Mark Stuart, University of Nottingham

Please note that the list is not definitive. Some papers may be added or withdrawn.



REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to register for the Eighth Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians, being held at Wroxton College, Wroxton, Near Banbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, on Saturday 26th July and Sunday 27th July 2008.

Name (including title):

Institutional affiliation:

Mailing address:

E-mail:

I enclose a cheque/international money order, drawn in sterling and made payable to 'The University of Hull' for:

	£
Registration fee*	_____
Accommodation/meals [see over]	_____
TOTAL (enclosed)	_____

* £35 for parliamentarians and academics, £20 for research students
Registration fee includes cost of mid-session refreshments

Please tick as appropriate:

[You may tick more than one. Equally, you may leave all blank.]

☐ I am giving a paper

☐ I am willing to chair a panel

☐ I am willing to serve on the concluding panel [parliamentarians]

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Please note that rooms available in College are limited in number. Early booking is therefore advisable.

I wish to book the following:

[Please tick as appropriate]

Special residential rate

- ☐ Weekend residential package, comprising all of the below (Friday dinner through to Sunday lunch) (£150.00)

Part rate

- ☐ Dinner on Friday 25 July (£15.00)
- ☐ Accommodation in College for the evening of Friday 25 July (£50.00)*
- ☐ Lunch on Saturday 26 July (£15.00)
- ☐ Dinner on Saturday 26 July (£35.00, including wine)
- ☐ Accommodation in College for the evening of Saturday 26 July (£50.00)*
- ☐ Lunch on Sunday 27 July (£15.00)

* Price includes full breakfast

TOTAL (for accommodation and meals) £_____

☐ *Partners.* For those accompanied by a partner, double rooms are available (each comprising two single beds). Charges are per bed rather than per room. The special residential rate for two people is therefore £300. Please tick if a double room is required and add the appropriate amount.

☐ *Sunday evening accommodation.* Sunday evening accommodation may also be booked. The cost, including breakfast, is £40.00 per person. Dinner can also be provided at £14 per head. Please tick if you require Sunday dinner and accommodation and add £54 to the total above.

Special dietary requirements (if any):

Please complete and return this form, no later than Monday 7 July 2008 to:

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Forms may also be faxed on +44 (0)1482 466208 in order to ensure that reservations are made, though payment should be mailed in order to arrive by 7 July.