

Conference resolution

"The right to human dignity" was the name of the first conference of Visegrad countries (V4), which took place in Trenčín during 4th to 6th of November 2014. It was attended by the twenty representatives from each country, such as experts from the funeral, medical and government authorities, who adopted this resolution based on the ideas of the conference participants.

Conference participants:

1. Emphasized the need for closer cooperation in the practical matters of funeral services. Mainly on exchanging information about the deceased, hygiene standards, public health and infectious preventive measures. It is recommended to work on these tasks with the government bodies to streamline and simplify the procedures of transporting the bodies across the borders.
2. In matters of human dignity, all the participants agreed on the legitimacy of such claim, which should provide a guarantee of a dignified and pious treatment of body or remains. It covers the road from a fetus to an abortion and to the final point of putting the remains to the cemetery as well. All legislative activities in Visegrad countries should be subordinated to this claim.
3. Based on the current imminent danger of infectious diseases and viral epidemics, the participants of the conference recommend to approach the competent national authorities, with a request for a detailed manual on how to proceed in handling of the deceased (ebola), which sanitizers should be used and what should the staff of funeral homes wear as protective equipment.
4. The parties further agreed to create a committee that will meet regularly to assess progress and implementation of the recommendations adopted together. The Commission has four members, one from each state. Composition of the Committee: Ladislav Stríž - Slovakia, József Horváth - Hungary, Krzysztof Wolicki - Poland, Pavel Lacina – Czech republic.

Lectures and conclusions of the conference can be found on pages of the organizer www.sapaks.sk

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