

Preventing torture in places of detention through systems of regular visit to places of detention

International conference

Preventing torture in places of detention through systems of regular visits - Monitoring, documentation and research

Programme



Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT)

**Venue: Alexandersalen, Bispetorvet 1-3, ground floor
Copenhagen University, Copenhagen**

25-27 May 2005

Wednesday 25 May 2005

Opening Session I
Prevention of torture and the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention
against Torture (OPCAT)

- 8.30-9.00 Registration of conference participants
- 9.00-9.15 Welcome and outline of the purpose of the seminar
Prof. Bengt Sjölund, Director General of the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT), Copenhagen
- 9.15-9.45 Key note address on the OPCAT
Mr. Friis Arne Petersen, Permanent Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
- 9.45-10.30 The challenges of preventing torture in places of detention
Prof. Ole Espersen, Senior Consultant at the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT), Copenhagen
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.45 The Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture: Perspectives for preventing torture in places of detention
Mr. Mark Thomson, Secretary General of the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva
- 11.45-12.30 Panel discussion
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch

Session II
International monitoring mechanisms

- 13.30-14.15 Visiting mechanisms and the protection of human rights
Prof. Malcolm Evans, School of Law, Bristol University, United Kingdom
- 14.15-15.00 The model and experience of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)
Dr. Ole Vedel Rasmussen, M.D., Senior Medical Consultant at the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) and Member of CPT and CAT
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30-16.15 The model and experience of the ICRC
Mr. Alain Aeschlimann, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross Central Tracing Agency, Geneva
- 16.15-17.00 Panel discussions
Mr. Magne Barth, Norwegian Red Cross, Oslo
- 17.00-19.00 Reception at the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims**

Thursday 26 May 2005

Session III
National monitoring mechanisms

- 9.00-9.45 Preventing torture via national systems of visits to places of detention:
The case of the UK
Prof. Diana Medlicott, Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Humanities, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, United Kingdom
- 9.45-10.30 Preventing torture via national systems of visits to places of detention:
The case of Nepal
Dr. Bidur Osti, People's Dental College, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.45 Preventing torture via national systems of visits to places of detention: The case of Kenya
Mr. Evans Wafula and Dr. Ahmed Kalebi, Independent-Medico Legal Unit (IMLU), Kenya
- 11.45-12.30 Panel discussion
Mr. Levent Kutlu, Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (HRFT)
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch

Session IV
Medical documentation of torture in places of detention.

- 13.30-14.00 The Istanbul Protocol: A tool for medical documentation of torture
Dr. Ole Vedel Rasmussen, M.D., Senior Medical Consultant at the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) and Member of CPT and CAT
- 14.00-14.30 Preventive medical examination in police stations in Spain.
A quality assessment.
Dr. Hans Draminsky Petersen, M.D. Consultant at the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT)
- 14.30-15.15 Challenges and possibilities of medical documentation of torture
Dr. Derrick Pounder, M.D., Dept. of Forensic Medicine, Dundee University, United Kingdom
- 15.15-15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45-16.30 Practical challenges of medical documentation in the field
Dr. Hernán Reyes, M.D. Medical Coordinator for Detention- Related Activities, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
- 16.30-17.00 Panel discussion
Dr. Bent Sørensen, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), Copenhagen

Friday 27 May 2005

Session V

The role of research in the prevention of torture in places of detention

- 9.00-9.45 Analysis of (bad) prison practice and the implication for change
Mr. Andrew M. Jefferson, Ph.D., Researcher at the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT)
- 9.45-10.30 Identification of best practices within national and international visiting mechanisms
Ms. Ester Schaufelberger, Visit Programme Officer at the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.45 **Prison Governance in Bangladesh**
Dr. Akram Chowdury, Executive Director of the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Centre for Trauma Victims (BRCT)
- 11.45-12.30 Panel discussion
Mr. Peter Vedel Kessing, Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), Copenhagen
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch

Session VI

Perspectives for the future and closing

- 13.30-14.15 State-NGO cooperation and co-responsibility for the prevention of torture in places of detention: The case of Honduras
Dr. Juan Almandares, Director of the Centro de Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares (CPTRT), Honduras
- 14.15-15.00 Perspectives for the future and closing
Mr. Henrik Ronsbo, Ph.D, Senior Researcher and Ms. Therese Rytter, Programme Manager, the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT)