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### **Invitation til konference om journalisters arbejdsvilkår i Rusland og Hviderusland**

Journalisters vilkår og muligheder for at arbejde frit i Rusland og Hviderusland har i de seneste år udviklet sig dramatisk i den forkerte retning. Eksempler på begrænsninger i ytringsfriheden er efterhånden mange og censur er i en række medier snarere reglen end undtagelsen. Også en række udenlandske journalister har mærket hvordan arbejdsvilkårene er blevet vanskeligere, deres bevægelsesfrihed begrænses eller de nægtes simpelthen visum.

Denne udvikling er bekymrende, og det er baggrunden for en international konference som Den Danske Helsinki Komité og Dansk PEN arrangerer i samarbejde med Dansk Journalistforbund.

#### **Working conditions for journalists in Russia and Belarus**

Konferencen finder sted tirsdag den 10. maj i Fællessalen på Christiansborg kl. 13-17.30 og foregår på engelsk.

Vedlagt er programmet.

Tilmelding er nødvendigt. Kontakt Dansk PEN telefonisk på 32 95 44 17 eller e-mail: [pen@pen.dk](mailto:pen@pen.dk) senest **onsdag den 4. maj**.

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## Programme

- 13.00 – 13.10**      **Opening Remarks by Mr. Ole Espersen, Chairman of The Danish Helsinki Committee**
- Moderator:**
- 13.10 – 13.25**      **Inside Russia by Mr Sergei Strokan, journalist at Kommersant (Russia)**  
What are the primary measures used by Kremlin in order to pressure critical journalists and media outlets? How does this influence journalism and public debate in Russia?
- 13.25 – 13.40**      **Acces Denied, by Mrs. Vibeke Sperling, journalist at Politiken, and former correspondent to Moscow (Denmark)**
- Vibeke Sperling is one of those journalists who have been denied access to Russia despite her well-established reputation as a qualified commentator on Russian affairs. How has the shift in attitudes from the Russian authorities affected her and her journalist colleagues?
- 13.40 – 13.55**      **Perspectives from Belarus, by Mr. Aliaksandr Antsipenka, Belarusian Association of Journalists (Belarus)**
- Alexandr Antsipenka examines the situation of the press in what has been called the only remaining European dictatorship and the need for international support to independent media in Belarus.
- 13.55 – 14.30**      **Questions from the audience**
- 14.30 – 14.50**      **Coffee break**
- 14.50 – 15.05**      **The Political Responsibility,**  
**Mr Karol Jakubowicz, Chairman of the Council of Europe, Steering Committee on the Mass Media (Poland)**  
**Mrs. Hanne Severinsen, MP, (Denmark's Liberal Party)**  
**Mr. Jeppe Kofoed, Dep. Chairman of the Foreign Policy Group, MP (Soc. Dem.)**
- What are the relevant political institutions, including Council of Europe, EU and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, doing in order to ensure that Russia and Belarus comply with the intentions of the Helsinki Agreement

regarding freedom of information and specifically improvement of working conditions for journalists?

**15.35 – 16.00**

**Questions from the audience**

**16.00 – 16.30**

**The Responsibility of the Professional Media Community**

**Ms Manana Aslamazyan, General Director, Internews, Russia.**

**Mr Mogens Blicher Bierregaard, President of the Danish Union of Journalists.**

How can the professional media community/NGO's influence the working conditions of journalists and support press freedom in Russia and Belarus?

**16.30 – 16.55**

**Questions from the audience**

**16.55 – 17.00**

**Concluding Remarks by Mr. Ole Espersen**