



**Extraordinary Meeting of the Association of European Senates
organized at the occasion of the 10th anniversary
of the renewal of the Czech Senate**

Prague, September 28 - 29, 2006

PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Arrival of the delegations, accommodation in the hotel Praha

- 11.45 a.m. Departure from the hotel Praha to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR
- 12 - 1.30 p.m. **Buffet-lunch given by H.E. Mr Pøemysl Sobotka, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR**
(Senate Restaurant, Waldstein Palace)
- 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. **Session on the theme "Upper Chambers of Parliaments and their functions in the 21st century" - 1st part**
(Meeting Hall of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, Waldstein Palace)
- festive opening:**
- addresses (10 minutes):***
heads of delegation in alphabetical order of the countries (in Czech)
- 3.30 - 4 p.m. Coffee break *(refreshments in the Senate Restaurant)*
- 4 - 5 p.m. **Session on the theme "Upper Chambers of Parliaments and their functions in the 21st century" - 2nd part**
(Meeting Hall of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, Waldstein Palace)
- addresses (10 minutes):***
heads of delegation in alphabetical order of the countries (in Czech)
- 5 p.m. Departure to the hotel Praha
- 6.45 p.m. Departure from the hotel Praha to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR
- 7 p.m. **Aperitif in the Waldstein Garden**
- Family photo of the heads of delegations in the Waldstein Garden**
- 8 - 10 p.m. **Dinner given by H.E. Mr Pøemysl Sobotka, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR**
(Main hall, Waldstein Palace)

addresses:
H.E. Mr Pøemysl Sobotka
H.E. Mr Christian Poncelet

10 p.m. Departure to the hotel Praha

Friday, September 29, 2006

Breakfast in the hotel Praha

9 a.m. Departure from the hotel Praha to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR

9.30 - 10.30 a.m. **Session on the theme "Upper Chambers of Parliaments and their functions in the 21st century" - 3rd part**
(Meeting Hall of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, Waldstein Palace)

addresses (10 minutes):
heads of delegation in alphabetical order of the countries (in Czech)

10.30 - 11 a.m. Coffee break *(refreshments in the Senate Restaurant)*

11 - 11.30 a.m. **Discussion**

11.30 - 12 a.m. **Final declaration**

closing speeches:
H.E. Mr Pøemysl Sobotka
H.E. Mr. Nicolae Văcăroiu

12 noon Break before the press conference

12.15 - 12.45 p.m. **Press conference of the heads of delegations**
(Frýdlant Hall, Waldstein Palace)

12.45 p.m. Departure from the Senate for Rašín quay

1 - 4 p.m. **Steamboat cruise on the river Vltava with a reception given by H.E. Mr. Pøemysl Sobotka, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR**

Departure of the delegations