

It was the second case in history of Postal Trade Unions' Conference of Neighbouring Countries that participants met in Budapest – this time from 21st to 23rd May, 2008. Invitation of Hungarian Postal Trade Union's President, Mr. Pál Pecze was followed by representatives of Croatian, Macedonian, Serbian, Slovakian, Czech, Austrian and German trade unions, as well as President of UNI Post & Logistics, Mr. Rolf Büttner, Board members of Hungarian Post Office Ltd. and President of National Federation of Hungarian Trade Unions (MSZOSZ), Mr. Péter Pataky.

On second day of the event participants were informed by General Director, Ms. Ildikó Szűts on achievements of Hungarian Post Office in preparing for liberalization and perspectives of the company; then they listened to presentation of Director Development of Human Resources, Ms. Erika Kiss on topic "Human Resources management in Hungarian Post Office – current issues in 2008". This section was closed by presentation of Director Management of Human Resources, Mr. Tamás Potykiewicz: "European Social Dialogue in postal sector – Relations between employer and employees".

Rolf Büttner gave a report ("UNI Europa active") on international developments during three month since the last meeting of neighbouring countries and on support provided by experts of UNI to different national postal trade unions.

President of MSZOSZ, Péter Pataky offered a brief survey of issues arising in practice of a liberal market economy and affecting all employees, duties of trade unions connected with these problems. He laid special emphasis on high importance of international exchange of experiences in order to be able to develop a common attitude of trade unions in representation of interests.

During the further programme heads of delegations, trade unions' presidents took the floor: they provided a review of developments since the last conference and informed the participants on the status of their negotiations in process of preparing for liberalization.

The conference ended – in conformity with traditions – with adoption and signing of a Common Declaration.

The next Postal Trade Unions' Conference of Neighbouring Countries will be held in Berlin, November of this year. A detailed information on meeting in Budapest will be published in the next issue (in June) of Hungarian Trade Union's periodical, "Postás Dolgozó".