



Court's anniversary book: Russian edition to be launched in Moscow

The Russian edition of the Court's anniversary book *The Conscience of Europe: 50 Years of the European Court of Human Rights* is being launched today in Moscow in the presence of representatives from governmental bodies, legal professions, civil society and various media outlets.

The Russian edition was published in co-operation with iRGa 5 Ltd. (Moscow) and Third Millennium Information Ltd. (London). The richly-illustrated book is in large-format and comes with updated and additional content tailored to the Russian-speaking readership.

In connection with the launch of the Russian edition, President Dean Spielmann stated: "I should like to thank the Supreme Court and the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation, which supported this project and will be helping to disseminate the book in Russian legal circles. The Court has many friends in Russia and I know they were eagerly awaiting this translation. For those Russian-speakers who do not yet know our Court, or do not know it well and would like to learn more, this anniversary book is the perfect place to start."

The Court's anniversary book was published in early 2011 – with the help of a generous contribution from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg – to conclude the celebrations marking the Court's 50th anniversary in 2009 and the 60th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights in 2010.

The original editions in English and French are no longer available from the publisher but can be downloaded from the Court's Internet site. Excerpts from the Russian edition will also be made available online at a later date.

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The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe Member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.