

European Assembly Break-out session on UPF – IAPP

Prague, Friday 10th March

First Breakout session:

Panel: Jacques Marion, Robin Marsh, Juraj Lajda and Peter Haider

Robin Marsh reported about UPF Plan in UK:

- Create a think-tank in order to develop public policy in the heavenly direction.
- It should bring the nation to self-reflection. Need to consider religious sensitivities.
- to make structure for the think-tank, choose advisors, needs to have an academic foundation
- for UPF to organize 25 local centers. For a local chairperson there needs to be a code of standards

Peter Haider:

- reported he is looking for a way to enter the parliament and work practically with MPs and their staff and parliament employees. But to have serious results, the Unification movement needs to invest in the resources. Need serious discussion within our movement.

Steinar Murud: we need to define the purpose of IAPP. Focus on specific issues.

Carlo Zonato: Initial success with MPs in Italy. Now the challenge is how to continue. MPs feel that we have a clear vision. In Italy they had after the London ILC a one-day meeting in Rome on 13. Sept. Those who went to Soul saw that we have a big foundation.

Jacques Marion: the role of PWPA is important, as MPs need academic arguments, input from PWPA.

Robin Marsh: In parliament MPs have parliamentary groups on different issues. And following UN-days, we make contacts based on those issues. We use web-sites to publicize our events; unexpected and prepared people have come through that.

Jacques M: AfPs need to know True Parents' view. The European UPF web-site is now opened, managed by Alan Sillitoe.

Robin Marsh: In UK every 2nd Thursday of the month we have an introduction to UPF.

Dieter Schmidt: we need a common strategy in law-making.

Second Session

Panel: Jacques Marion, Peter Haider, Robin Marsh, Gani Rroshi

IAPP is a UPF project, not a separate organization. Should be centered on the core values of UPF. UPF will cooperate with WFWP and Youth Association.

Report by Gani Rroshi

2005-2007 Intense development with 800 AFPs

2007 National Peace Council and now 9 local Peace Councils.

Several have received the Blessing.

Presentation of a 2017 UPF UK Plan by Robin Marsh

Vision 2020

Influence UK policy

Able to meet the Prime Minister

Able to meet the Royal Family

Commonwealth – restoring past failures

Working with Christianity

Key areas of activities:

Interface of Politics and Religion

Marriage and Family

Womens' Empowerment

Sustainable Development Goals

Youth Empowerment

Plan for developing local branches in UK

2017 8 branches

2018 14 branches

2020 25 branches (most major UK cities)

Christian Haussmann:

We say we need to solve critical problems. But becoming concrete brings trouble since it forces us to take sides in sometimes dirty battles.

We should identify problems we can have a solution for in Europe.

Peter Haider responded: we are fundamentally trustworthy so we should not worry.

Our movement is founded on persecution and we don't have hidden agendas. People fundamentally admire us.

Tyler Hendricks: We need to “change the entire conversation” that locks us into “enemy positions” on an issue. We need to get rid of this “enemy setting” (transcend the debate from a higher viewpoint, as True Father did).

David (?): pick our battles, the Blessing develops and will be more public. Parental heart means that we have people's best interest at heart.