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THEIR RESTING PLACE IS UNKNOWN

Conference

INVITATION

After World War II, the communist regimes in the East-Central European countries having been trapped in the Soviet Union's sphere of interest murdered large numbers of innocent people. The remains of the victims were often buried in unmarked graves, thus depriving the relatives of the deceased of the possibility of a final respect. It was 35 years ago when, after the regime change, the research work to locate, exhume, identify and rebury the remains of the victims of the dictatorship could be launched.

The Committee of National Remembrance
cordially invites you
to the academic conference, entitled

THEIR RESTING PLACE IS UNKNOWN
The Search and Identification
of the Remains Buried in Unmarked Graves
under the Communist Dictatorship.

Date
25 February 2025, Tuesday, 9.15

Venue
Conference Hall, Office of the Committee of National Remembrance
10 Vas street, District VIII Budapest 1088

Language of the conference: Hungarian, English.
Simultaneous translation is provided.

Please send your interest to info@neb.hu
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PROGRAM

9.15 Short documentary

9.30 Greetings
Áron Máthé, vice-chair of the Committee of National Remembrance

9.40 Opening
Boglárka Illés, state secretary for Bilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

PANEL I

Chair: Gábor Szilágyi, Office of the Committee of National Remembrance

9.50 **Éva Susa,** Hungary, National Memorial and Mercy Committee, Office of the Committee of National Remembrance: Sentenced to Oblivion. Exhumation and Identification of the Victims of the Communist Dictatorship

10.15 **Eszter Dudás-Boda,** Hungary, Hungarian Institute for Forensic Sciences: The Identification of Blessed István Sándor

10.40 **Barbara Bank,** Hungary, Committee of National Remembrance: 'To Erase Even Their Memory Without a Trace.' Hungarian Royal Military Officers Executed or Died During Their Captivity

11.05 Coffee break

PANEL II

Chair: András Joó, Office of the Committee of National Remembrance

11.35 **Rafał Michliński,** Poland, Identification Department of the Office of Search and Identification, Institute of National Remembrance: From Un- to Known. Process of Identification of Victims Led by the Office of Search and Identification of the Institute of National Remembrance

12.00 **Jacek Milczarski,** Poland, Archeology Department of the Office of Search and Identification, Institute of National Remembrance: Buried in Secret and Never Meant to Be Found. Search for the Remains of Victims of the Communist Regime in the Light of Research by the Institute of National Remembrance

12.25 **Kamil Nedvědický,** Czech Republic, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes: The Exhumation of Victims of the Communist Regime in the Czech Republic. The Example of Ďáblice

12.50 **Jerguš Sivoš,** Slovakia, Nation's Memory Institute: 'Buried in Unmarked Graves'. Slovak Experiences in Locating the Final Resting Places of Political Prisoners after 1948

13.15 Lunch break

PANEL III

Chair: Gergely Isó, Office of the Committee of National Remembrance

14.00 **Ludmila D. Cojocaru,** Moldova, Museum of Victims of Political Repressions and Deportations and **Virgiliu Birladeanu,** Contemporary History Institute of History, Moldova State University: The History and Memory of the Victims of the Great Terror (1937–1938) in the Moldavian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic in the Light of New Research on the Sites of Mass Executions

14.25 **Jože Dežman,** Slovenia: Concealing the Victims of Titoism and Transitional Justice in the Republic of Slovenia

14.50 **Magdolna Cseresnyésné Kiss,** Hungary: Mass Graves in the Voivodina

15.15 **György Dupka,** Ukraine: Searching for and Identifying the Remains of the Victims of the Communist Dictatorship, Establishing Memorials in Subcarpathia and in the Region beyond the Carpathians

15.40 Closing remarks