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Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance visits IPN - Warsaw, 6-7 October, 2014





Réka Földváryné Kiss, President of the newly formed Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance (Nemzeti Emlékezet Bizottságának) discussed with the IPN's president Łukasz Kamiński the details of future cooperation between the two institutions.

The Committee is a scientific institution. It aims at creating scientific and research programs for a thorough examination of the mechanisms and structures of power during the communist dictatorship. The Committee's task is to collect and analyze data, to create reports on the structures of power and people in leadership positions in the party and the communist state apparatus. In addition to research activities,

the Committee will also have an educational role, among others, publishing their findings on the Internet.

Committee on the basis of acquired information is also entitled to initiate criminal procedure in the General Prosecutor's Office, therefore it will work closely with the department of the Prosecutor's Office, which deals with the prosecution of the crimes of the past.

Members of the Committee are appointed for 9-year terms of office. Parliament appoints three members and the president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Minister of Administration and Justice appoint one member each. The current five members were appointed at the beginning of this year, the Committee is therefore at early phase of organization-building. An interesting fact is the age limit for the members of the Committee - none of them can be born before 14 February 1972, which ensures that at the time of the reorganization of the communist security services, none was more than 18 years old. Réka Földváryné Kiss, the four other members of the Committee and the head of Committee's Legal and International Department met with representatives of all the four IPN's departments during their two-day visit to Warsaw.

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