



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

HONORARY CONSULATE IN BULGARIA

Report

of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Moldova
in the Republic of Bulgaria – Plovdiv
for year 2018

During 2018, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova in the Republic of Bulgaria – Plovdiv, Mr. VESELIN CHIPEV, with consular authority on the regions Plovdiv, Haskovo and Stara Zagora gave personal contribution to intensify the relations between Republic of Moldova and Republic of Bulgaria at political, economic and cultural level, as well as actively promoted the economic interests of the Republic of Moldova in the region of Plovdiv.

One of the main events for the past year was the roundtable meeting of the French-speaking ambassadors and officials in the capital city of Bulgaria on the 14th of November, hosted by the Ambassador – Mr.Stefan Gorda. The Honorary Consul – Mr.Veselin Chipev, contributed for the organization and sponsored the event. Another event was the participation at the Consular Reunion in Chisinau, where Mr.Veselin Chipev had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova – Mr.Tudor Ulianovschi.

In February 2018, the Honorary Consul made a donation for the traditional Moldovan holiday of *Martisor* – a celebration of spring and nature revival.

The Honorary Consul attended and supported the Moldovan students at the event “*Night of the foreign students*” in the University of food technologies – Plovdiv on the 22nd of March. The students represented their countries by talking about the traditions, showing national dishes and photos.

On the occasion of the visit of Mr.Iurie Leanca, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration of Moldova, a diplomatic dinner was held on the 4th of April, hosted by the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova in Bulgaria – Mr.Stefan Gorda and the Honorary Consul – Mr.Veselin Chipev. The main topic of discussion at the event in Sofia was the preparation of Moldova for its accession to the European Union. Guests at the event were the US Ambassador – H.E. Eric Rublin, the German Ambassador – H.E. Helbert Salber, as well as the Ambassadors of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine and the Czech Republic.

Among the guests were the president of the Konrad Adenauer Bulgaria Foundation – Mr. Thorsten Geissler, the head of the European Commission Representation in Bulgaria – Ognian Zlatev, the chairman of the Sofia Security Forum – Yordan Bozhilov, the director of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Gancho Ganev and the Head of Bilateral Relations General Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Kostadin Kodjabashev.

The Honorary consul was the main sponsor of the conference “Investment Prospective: Western Balkans” co-organized by the Bulgarian Business Leaders Forum and the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018, held on the 16th of May.

Mr. Veselin Chipev attended the First South East Europe meeting on “*Honorary Consuls for improving business climate and promoting cultural togetherness in the Balkans*” on May 22nd, in which special guests were the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, and the Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The Honorary Consul was a special guest on the 30th of May at the International exhibition “*Hemus 2018 – Defense, Antiterrorism and security*”.

In June, Mr. Veselin Chipev supported and donated to the Children’s choral Formation “Evmolpia” for their participation in concerts in Podgorica, Montenegro.

The Honorary Consul attended the “*FICAC 2nd South East Europe Consular Conference*”, which took place in Thessaloniki, Greece from the 21st – 24th of June.

Personally, the Honorary Consul made a donation to the Association “*Children with Oncohematologic Diseases*” in October, which is a parent organization, supporting children with cancer and their families.

On the 18th of September, the Honorary consul had the honor to support the official reception of the 27th *Independence day of the Republic of Moldova*. The Honorary Consulate gave support to the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova in Sofia, concerning the organization of the reception at Hotel Marinela Sofia. The reception was hosted by the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova – Mr. Stefan Gorda and his wife – Mrs. Lidia Gorda. At the reception over 200 guests have attended and many important officials and gave the opportunity to enhance the cooperation between the members of the Diplomatic Corps in the country, including the good diplomatic relations between the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Bulgaria.

In October, the Honorary Consul participated in the “Reunion of Honorary Consuls of the Republic of Moldova” held from the 4th-6th in Chisinau, Moldova.

On the 10th of October, the Honorary Consul took part and made a donation at the organized charity photo exhibition “*Mount Nemrut*” by the General Consulate of Turkey.

Mr. Veselin Chipev was a special guest at the ceremony for the Centennial Anniversary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic organized by the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Bulgaria on the 15th of October.

The Honorary consul participated in the “*Ball of the German economy*” held on the 27th of October and organized by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and was held with a cause to support two social projects.

Throughout the past year, the Honorary consul of the Republic of Moldova was intensively engaged in projects of social, economic, cultural and political sphere in the country and abroad, and he honestly and honorably represented the interest of the Republic of Moldova.