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The Ombudsman Agenda

April 8th: The Portuguese Ombudsman was heard at the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees as The National Preventive Mechanism under the scope of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.



The Portuguese Ombudsman and the President of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees

April 15th: The Portuguese Ombudsman issued a communication entitled *The citizens' rights and guarantees towards tax administration* at the Portuguese Tax Observatory held at the Pestana Palace Hotel in Lisbon.

April 16th: The Portuguese Ombudsman received compliments from the Portuguese Judges Union Association.

April 16th: The Portuguese Ombudsman delivered to the Portuguese Parliament President the 2014 Activities Report.



The Portuguese Ombudsman and the Portuguese Parliament President

April 21st: The Portuguese Ombudsman celebrated with a Solemn Session in the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament, 40 years in the service of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights of citizens.



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On this occasion the Portuguese Ombudsman delivered the speech entitled *Memorate with the Portuguese forty years of the Ombudsman.*



Cantus Certus



The closing of the Solemn Session with the National Anthem

April 21st: The Portuguese Ombudsman promoted an institutional seminar entitled *The Ombudsman in the future - new challenges*, held in the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament, in which was made a communication entitled *The Ombudsman in the future.*



Vice-President of the Portuguese Parliament and the Portuguese Ombudsman



Jorge Sampaio, Portuguese Ombudsman and the Sweden Ombudsman



Parliamentarian, Portuguese Ombudsman and Angolan Ombudsman

April 22nd: The Portuguese Ombudsman received the first meeting of Ombudsmen, Human Rights National Commissions and other institutions of Human Rights from the Portuguese Community Speaking Countries.



April 26th: The Portuguese Ombudsman went to Warsaw to take part in the 10th National

Seminar of the European Network of Ombudsmen, entitled *The Ombudsmen against discrimination*.

May 5th: The Portuguese Ombudsman, as part of the celebrations of the 40 years of this state body, promoted at the Basic and Secondary School José Silvestre Ribeiro in Idanha-a-Nova, an awareness session for human rights.



May 8th: The Portuguese Ombudsman has participated in the symposium *New trends in law and criminal proceedings* at the Law School in the University of Coimbra.

May 8th: The Portuguese Ombudsman promoted, sponsored by *Idealmed*, a concert with the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of this state body, at the Thalia Theatre in Lisbon.

May 10th: The Portuguese Ombudsman traveled to Bogota to attend the meeting of the Iberoamerican Ombudsman Federation Rector Council and the *First Iberoamerican Summit on Human Rights, Migrants and Human Trafficking*. Within this journey the Ombudsman, visited a Portuguese citizen in *La Picota* prison at the Colombian capital.



Regional Secretary for Education, the Portuguese Ombudsman and the Jaime Moniz School Director

May 18th: The Portuguese Ombudsman visited the Autonomous Region of Madeira (RAM), from 18th to 20th May as part of this state body 40th anniversary celebration. In addition to the institutional visits, the Ombudsman received at the S. Lourenço Palace, citizens who requested its intervention in the defense of their rights.

May 21st: The Portuguese Ombudsman as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations promotes a cinema cycle on Human Rights in partnership with the Portuguese Film Institute (Cinemateca Portuguesa). The first stage of this partnership took place on May 21st with the screening of *Wild River* from the director Elia Kazan.

May 19th: The Portuguese Ombudsman, under the celebrations of the 40 years anniversary, promoted at the Jaime Moniz Secondary School in Funchal, a meeting to address Human Rights and the role of the Ombudsman, aimed to awake and sensitize young people on these matters.



The Portuguese Ombudsman, Teresa Belezinha PhD, and the Portuguese Film Institute Assistant Director

At the end was held a brief discussion with the Ombudsman, the guest Teresa Belezinha PhD. and



the Portuguese Film Institute Assistant Director.

May 22nd: The Portuguese Ombudsman participated in the International Conference *Mind and Responsibility. Philosophy, Science and Criminal Law* organized by the Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences Research Centre, held in the Law School auditorium of the University of Lisbon.

May 22nd: The Portuguese Ombudsman attended the opening of the National Coaches Museum invited by the Secretary of State for Culture and the Director-General for Cultural Heritage.

May 25th: The Portuguese Ombudsman participated in the VIII Conference entitled *Missing children and sexually exploited*, promoted by the Child Care Institute in the Parliament's New Hall in Lisbon.

May 27th: The Portuguese Ombudsman visited the Autonomous Region of Azores (RAA), as part of 40th anniversary celebration of this state body. In addition to the institutional visits, the Ombudsman contacted citizens who requested its intervention in the defense of their rights.

May 27th: The Portuguese Ombudsman, under the celebrations of the 40 years of this state body, foster an awareness session for Human Rights at the High School Antero de Quental, in Ponta Delgada. This meeting was aimed to awake and sensitize young people to children's rights, human rights and the role of the Ombudsman.



Executive Council President, Portuguese Ombudsman, Regional Education Directorate Pedagogical Services Director

June 1st: The Portuguese Ombudsman commemorated the International Children's Day with a concert by the Vialonga Generation Orchestra which took place in the Orient Foundation auditorium in Lisbon.

July 15th: The Portuguese Ombudsman in a partnership with CTT launched a philatelic emission formed by a stamp and paper pad designed by the awarded artist João Machado.



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The launch ceremony took place at the Portuguese Film Institute (Cinemateca Portuguesa).



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July 15th: The Portuguese Ombudsman as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations promotes a cinema cycle on Human Rights in partnership with the Portuguese Film Institute (Cinemateca Portuguesa). The second stage of this partnership took place with the screening of *This land is mine* from the director Jean Renoir.



The Portuguese Ombudsman, the CTT Chairman of the Board, the Director of the Portuguese Film Institute, the representative of the Bar Association, the Minister of Justice, President of the Supreme Court of Justice and the CTT Master of Ceremony
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Portuguese Film Institute Programmer, Portuguese Ombudsman and Ana Paula Costa e Silva PhD.

At the end was held a brief discussion with the Ombudsman, the guest Ana Paula Costa e Silva PhD. and the Portuguese Film Institute Programmer.