Access to Information Programme
Foundation

Annual Report 2002

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A narrative summary of Access to Information Programme
Foundation’s major activities for the period ended December 31, 2002

1. Characteristic of the period

The primary goal of the Access to Information Programme (AIP) activities in 2002 has been to actively assist in the process of the Access to Public Information Act (APIA) implementation. The strategic priorities that supported this primary goal were:

- Clarifying the provisions of APIA and the international standards in the FOI area through trainings and publications
- Legal assistance in cases when access to information has been unlawfully denied to citizens, NGOs, and journalists, including litigation
- Monitoring and advocacy for modern legislation concerning the exemptions of freedom of information
- Monitoring the practices of APIA implementation

Trainings and clarifying the provisions

During 2002 the team of Access to Information Programme concentrated their efforts to explain the provisions of APIA and the provisions regulating the exemptions of the right to information access. AIP has organized trainings for officials from central, regional and municipal authorities. These trainings were held with the training team of AIP and experts from Article 19 and ABA CEELI.

We have continued our regular meetings with AIP coordinators from the country to acquaint them with novelties in the legislation and to present to them the summarized results from monitoring of the access to information practices in the country.

AIP has organized several education seminars for a wider range of people in the regional towns, where trainings on the right to information access have not been organized before.

In the same time a representative of AIP has lectured in all trainings for journalists and NGOs organized by the Bulgarian Media Coalition (BMC).

An important part of the education campaign on the right to information access has been the participation of AIP staff in radio and TV programs and the publications in the press. The number of these publications and participations has significantly increased in 2002 (See the Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).

Legal assistance and court cases

Like in previous years, in 2002 the legal team of AIP has assisted citizens, NGOs and journalist in submitting APIA requests, and has provided advice in cases when access to
information has been refused unlawfully. We have consulted both clients coming
directly to our office in Sofia or when cases have been referred to us by our network of
26 coordinators from all regional towns of Bulgaria.

The legal assistance in 2002 has been focused on the appeals against illegal decisions to
refuse access to information. The number of court appeals has significantly increased
this year.

The AIP experience from the court cases has been summarized and published as a book
*Access to Information Litigation in Bulgaria. Selected Cases*. Our litigation expertise
was presented on an international seminar in Sofia organized by AIP in September
2002. The book of selected cases was translated to English and disseminated to
international organizations, to the network of democratic institutes supported by the
National Endowment for Democracy (NED), to the newly established Freedom of
Information Advocates Network (FOIA Net), and to experts in the FOI area.

The fact that Alexander Kashumov was invited to present our experience in the book
*The Right to Know. The Right to Live. Access to Information and Socio-Economic
Justice* (ed. By Richard Calland and A. Tilley) published in 2002 by the Open
Democracy Advice Center (ODAC) in South Africa shows that our expertise is
acknowledged in the global campaign for freedom of information.

Monitoring and advocacy for modern litigation regulating the exemptions of the
right to information access

In February 2002 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted
Recommendation R(2002)2 on access to official documents. Access to Information
Programme, in cooperation with the Media division of the Council of Europe and with
the financial support of the Government of Luxembourg organized a round table
"Access to Public Information Act and the Recommendations of the Council of
Europe". Representatives from the media, NGOs, the court and MPs discussed the
proposed Amending draft to APIA and its conformity to the recommendations of the
Council of Europe.

In 2002 the team of AIP has actively participated in public discussions on draft laws and
has prepared comments on these drafts. All comments and suggestions have been
published on the web site of AIP.

In cooperation with InfoEcoClub, an environmental organization from Vraca, the team
of AIP has participated in several public discussions on the Environmental Protection
Draft Act. AIP presented its critiques on the draft, specifically in its section on access to
information to the Parliamentary Environment and Water Committee.

As part of the annual report of the organization “The Current Situation of Access to
Information in Bulgaria” we have included evaluation of the adopted and proposed draft
regulations, concerning the implementation of the right to information access.

January 30, 2003
Monitoring of the practices of APIA implementation

In 2002 AIP has continued to monitor and systematize the practices of AIPA implementation. In October 2002 AIP conducted a specialized survey “Fulfillment of the Obligations under APIA by the Bodies of Executive Power”. The goal of the survey was to outline the trends in the area of APIA implementation comparing the results from a similar survey held during September-October 2001. The survey report “The Year of the Rational Ignorance” was disseminated to all Members of Parliament, to the media, public authorities and partner organizations.

2. Achieved results by areas of activity

Trainings and Public discussions

The total number of trainings, discussions, seminars, conferences and international events on which members of the AIP have participated with lectures or presentations is 58.

A total of 1155 people have taken part in seminars and conferences that were either organized by AIP, or where AIP staff members have lectured or presented our experience. Of these participants 834 were public officials both from the central and local administration and 321 were media or NGO representatives.

These educational seminars can be summarized in several categories:

Trainings for officials from the bodies of executive power on the APIA, the Protection of Classified Information Act (PCIA) and the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA). Access to Information Programme has participated and lectured in a total of fourteen such seminars in 2002.

In February 2002 AIP and Article 19 (The global campaign for free expression) have held an educational workshop for Central Government officials. Sixty-seven officials have taken part in this two-day training seminar.

In the beginning of 2002 AIP and ABA CEELI started a project “Training for the Administration on APIA Implementation”. The trainings for officials were organized by the local coordinators of AIP in the country. A total of 268 officials from the municipal and regional administration from 23 towns of Bulgaria have attended the seminars. Gergana Jouleva, Alexander Kashumov, Fany Davidova and Keith Thomas (a representative of the Sofia office of ABA CEELI) were lecturers on the six seminars. The evaluations of the trainings given by the officials was very positive.

The main conclusion from these seminars is that for the trainings to be effective they should be attended not by any officials, but by those officials who are actually responsible to work under APIA. Another conclusion that was formulated by the participants themselves is that specialized and continuous training is needed on the right to information access and on the exemptions from this right.

The experience from these trainings was summarized and used in analyzing the results from the continuous monitoring of the practices of APIA implementation and in
analyzes of the results from the sociological survey of these practices published in the report *The Year of the Rational Ignorance*.

Members of the AIP staff have taken part in training seminars organized by other NGOs or institutions: Legal Initiative for Education and Development (LIED), Balkan Assist, The Regional Court of the town of Varna, Green Bourgas etc.

**Discussions and trainings for NGOs and journalists**

In 2002 AIP have organized seven training seminars for NGO representatives, journalists and AIP coordinators. The goal of these seminars was to discuss important problems of access to information implementation and to increase the demand for access to information using the provisions of APIA. These seminars were also used to clarify and explain to the participants the newly adopted acts, regulating the exemptions from the right of information access.

An AIP representative has lectured on all five educational seminars organized by the Bulgarian Media Coalition for local media and NGO representatives.

**Public discussions on the operative Freedom of Information legislation**

The total numbers of the discussions, where members of the AIP team have taken part is twenty. Part of these public discussions was organized by AIP. AIP staff members have participated in the discussions on the APIA amendments, the Environment Protection Draft Act, the Radio and TV Draft Act, and the Lobbying Act.


**International participations** of AIP team members to present the work of AIP, the Bulgarian Freedom of Information legislation and to take part in discussions.

AIP team members have taken part in twelve such meetings.

Members of the AIP team have taken part in discussing the FOI draft acts in Armenia and Croatia.

Members of the AIP team have taken part in discussions on FOI legislation implementation in Hungary, Italy, France, Mexico, Latvia and Estonia.

There has been an increasing interest in the experience of AIP in campaigning for the adoption and better implementation of the Access to Public Information Act. Gergana Jouleva was invited to present the experience of AIP in an essay, published on the Internet site, maintained by the Non-governmental organization National Security...
Archive – http://www.freedominfo.org. The executive director of AIP was invited as a member of the editorial board of this Internet site, a fact that shows that our experience has been highly valued in the global Freedom of Information campaign.

Another indication for the acknowledgement of our work was the invitation to take part in a seminar “What Access to Official Documents?” in Strasbourg, organized in November last year by the Human Rights Directorate of the Council of Europe. The Executive Director of AIP Gergana Jouleva took part in the seminar, along with experts from the member states and international NGOs working in the field of Freedom of Information.

Access to Information Programme has organized an international conference “Implementation of the Freedom of Information Laws. Litigation” in September 2002. AIP also suggested the idea to establish an International Freedom of Information Advocates Network (FOIA Network). The Executive Director of AIP was nominated for a member of the Steering Committee of the Network.

**Publications in the media and participation in radio and TV shows** is another widely used means of communicating Freedom of Information standards to the public.

The total number of own publications and publications prepared with the help of AIP staff members or coordinators is 158. Forty-nine of them have been published in local media and 109 have been published in central media. (See Attachment 2)

We consider extremely important for the permanent education campaign the participation of AIP staff members in radio and TV shows. Their total number is 168; 112 of them are in radio shows and 54 times people from our staff have appeared on TV (See Attachment 3).

In 2002 the team of AIP prepared and published a second edition of the handbook for citizens *How to Get Access to Information* (printed in 4000 copies). We are distributing the handbook upon requests on the training seminars of AIP.

**Legal assistance**

The total number of cases that have been registered in the office of AIP for the year 2002 is 515. Most cases are referred to us through our network of coordinators, but there are a number of cases when citizens and NGOs turn to directly to the office of AIP seeking advice and legal assistance (See the statistical data from our Database of information refusals, Attachment 4).

The cases coming from our nationwide network of coordinators are commented by the lawyers in our office and referred back to all coordinators in what we call a "bulletin of assisted cases". In many cases the coordinators of AIP prepare their publications in the regional media using the monthly systematized information about the commented cases.

The number of citizens who have come to the office to seek legal help in seeking information from the public authorities has increased. This number has nearly doubled in 2002, compared to 2001. Factors that contribute to the increased demand for the services of AIP are:
• The participation of AIP staff members in TV and radio shows in clarifying the regulations of the FOI litigation
• The court decisions in cases of unlawful refusal to grant access to public information and the media coverage of the court cases
• The increasing prestige and expertise of AIP as an organization specializing in the right to information access area

In 2002 the team of AIP discussed and improved the rules for working with the cases referred to our office and for providing advice and legal assistance.

1. Total number of consulted cases – 515.
3. Assistance in preparing a written request – 52
4. Personal consultations – 26
5. Preparation of court appeals – 25
6. Telephone consultations – 21
7. E-mail consultations – 11

In 2002 the legal team of AIP has been providing free legal assistance to citizens and NGOs and has represented their interest in court in cases of unlawful refusal to grant information access. The number of court appeals prepared by our team this year is 25. We continue to work on court cases that had already started before 2002. The total number of court cases, where Alexander Kashumov or other members of the legal team have been working through the year is 49.

1. Number of enforced decisions – 12
2. Number of enforced rulings on admissibility – 4
3. Number of cases waiting for decision – 10
4. Number of appealed decisions – 4
5. Number of appealed rulings – 1
6. Number of decisions waiting for enforcement – 1
7. Number of appeals withdrawn /information provided/ - 1
8. Number of submitted appeals – 7
9. Number of appeals /where information has been provided after the appeal had been submitted/ - 1
10. Number of appointed cases – 8

A new direction of the legal assistance provided by AIP is attracting lawyers from the country to consult citizens and NGOs in cases when local institutions unlawfully refuse to provide access to public information. We have identified – with the help of our coordinators - lawyers who are willing to work in the protection of human rights area and would like to specialize in working in the field of access to information. AIP has organized two meeting of this network and used them to discuss and elaborate the rules for cooperation when appealing unlawful refusals to grant access to public information. The lawyers from the country participated in the international workshop “Implementation of the Freedom of Information Laws. Litigation” organized by AIP in September of 2002.
Monitoring the practices

The monitoring of the practices of APIA implementation is carried out through:

- Systematizing the monthly reports of AIP coordinators of the practices of APIA implementation
- Systematization the cases of information refusals referred to the office of AIP in our electronic database
- Specialized survey on the fulfillment of the obligations under APIA by the bodies of the executive power
- Publishing the results from the survey and disseminating the report to the surveyed institutions and other interested parties
- Presenting the results to the media
- Presenting recommendations for better policies in the field of freedom of information
- Annual report of AIP “The Current Situation of the Access to Information Situation in Bulgaria”, summarizing and analyzing the results from monitoring of the practices of the freedom of information legislation, the results from monitoring the implementation of this legislation, and the fulfillment of the obligations under APIA by the obliged bodies. The report also includes recommendations to the bodies of the executive and legislative power for improving the access to information situation.

The specialized survey was held between October 10-30, 2002. We approached all bodies of the executive power and their territorial branches, as they are defined by the Administration Act and listed in the Register of Administrative Structures and Acts of the Executive power.

Besides the bodies of the executive power we approached the 101 largest municipalities by population from all 263 municipalities in Bulgaria.

We turned towards 394 institutions asking them to participate in the survey. From them 308 answered our questions, while in the other cases we received either a silent or explicit refusal to participate.

The report on the survey The Year of the Rational Ignorance was published and disseminated in Bulgarian (1000 copies) and in English (500 copies)

3. Institutional development of the organization

In 200 the board of AIP has held two regularly summoned meetings.
On the meeting of March 11, 2002 the Board accepted the annual report for the work of AIP, approved the budget of the organization for 2002, released Filip Harmandjiev from the Board on his request and accepted Luba Rizova as a new member of the Board.

On the meeting of September 17, 2002 the board accepted the six-month report of the Executive Director and released Konstantin Palikarski from the Board on his request.

On October 30, 2002 AIP was registered in the Central Register of Not-for-Profit Legal Entities Acting in Public Interest.

At the moment nine people work in the office of AIP: Executive director, office coordinator, accountant, four lawyers, coordinator of the local network and a computer specialist, who maintains the database and the Internet page of AIP.

Each Monday the team plans their activities based on the operational monthly plan and based on the current implemented projects.

In 2002 we have held several team building meeting to strengthen the organizational capacity and to plan the strategies of the organization. We have invited an outside expert to help us in our discussions.

AIP continues to sustain and develop its network of coordinators in all regional towns of Bulgaria. In 2002 we have held four meetings with our coordinators.

4. Strategies for development

The results from AIP activities in 2002, the increased demand for the services of AIP on a national and local level show that we have correctly identified our strategic direction of our activities. AIP will continue to work in the chosen spheres with the aim to support the citizens and NGOs in exercising their right to information:

Educating the public on the right to information and its exemptions

In 2003 education will be directed mainly to NGOs, the network of lawyers, and the administration. There is an increased demand for trainings organized by AIP. In most cases when we receive invitations to lecture on the right to information, we demand that our services be paid.

AIP has elaborated a methodology for the trainings, which can be used by similar organizations in Bulgaria and in the region. This is one of the directions for cooperation in the FOIA Network.

Legal assistance in cases of unlawful refusals to grant access to information and representation in court when necessary

Legal assistance and court appeals against unlawful refusal in particular will remain a strategic direction of the work of AIP. We will further elaborate the criteria for
choosing cases, when the court representation will be financially supported by AIP. We have started to prepare a database for the court appeals on APIA.

There was a huge interest in the book *Access to Information Litigation in Bulgaria. Selected Cases* and all copies that were published for free distribution were quickly exhausted. AIP published a second edition of the book, which is sold through the distribution network of SIELA.

We are planning to publish a similar book in 2003.

Sharing the experience of the AIP legal team with lawyers from the country is another important area of the organization’s activities.

AIP’s experience in providing legal assistance and in appealing against unlawful decisions of denying access to public information will be interesting for the members of the Freedom of Information Advocates Network.

**Monitoring of the legislation and monitoring of the practices**

This direction of AIP activities also remains a strategic one. AIP will play an important role in discussing and applying the methodology for monitoring the practices of FOI litigation implementation, which is being developed by the Open Society Justice Initiative. I believe that while improving the methodology for monitoring the practices on the national level AIP will help elaborate the methodology for a global monitoring and vice versa.

**Permanent media campaign for freedom of information**

The experience of AIP from the last years shows that the effect of every single strategic direction of activities is significantly increased from our contacts with the media.

AIP will work on all level when trying to inform the public of news, activities, and cases in the freedom of information area.

The role of AIP as a member of the Freedom of Information Advocates Network is a new stage of the organizational development. Our experience will be shared and discussed with other members of the Network. In the same time the team of AIP will increase their expertise learning from the experience of other organizations working in the FOI area around the world.

Gergana Jouleva,
Executive Director of AIP
### Statement of net changes in net assets for the year ended 31 December 2002

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2002

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Svetlana Ganevska-Accountant

Gergana Jouleva-Executive Director
List of seminars, workshops, and conferences organized by AIP or in which AIP representatives have lectured in 2002

1. January 11, 2002, Sofia, Rila hotel, AIP organized a presentation of the report *Fulfillment of the Obligations under APIA by the Bodies of the Executive Power*


5. February 13, 2002 Sofia, Gergana Jouleva participated in a seminar “Police and Media – Public Trust”

6. February 14-15, 2002, Sofia, Rila hotel, AIP organized a training workshop for public officials “How to Implement the Access to Public Information Law” in the framework of the project funded by EC “Practical Access to Democracy”

7. February 14, 2002, Sofia, Gergana Jouleva and Alexander Kashumov participated in a discussion on the proposed amendments to the Access to Public Information Act (APIA) in Parliament

8. February 22, 2002 Varna, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov participated in a discussion organized by the Varna District Court and presented APIA and the Personal Data Protection Act


10. February 28, 2002, Sofia, Gergana Jouleva and Alexander Kashumov participated in a discussion on the proposed amendments to Access to Public Information Act (APIA) in Parliament


12. March 8-9, 2002, Budapest, Hungary, Alexander Kashumov lectured on an international workshop “Communications Between the Government and Citizens” organized by the Open Society Institute. Participants were NGO representatives from Eastern European and Central Asian countries.

13. March 15, 2002, Plovdiv, Gergana Jouleva, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov lectured in a seminar “Training for the Administration on APIA Implementation” organized by AIP and ABA/CEELI, 45 participants


17. April 02, 2002, Omurtag, Fany Davidova lectured on a seminar “Civil Participation” organized by Balkan Assist
18. April 04, 2002, Sofia, Fany Davidova participated in a discussion in the Parliamentary Environment and Water Committee on the second reading of the Environmental Protection Draft Act
19. April 05, 2002, Straldja, Alexander Kashumov lectured on a seminar “Civil Participation” organized by Balkan Assist
20. April 09, 2002, Sofia, Alexander Kashumov participated in public discussion “Ombudsman Institution” organized by the Association of Bulgarian Jurists, Parliamentary Information Center and ABA/CEELI
21. April 11, 2002, Sofia, Gergana Jouleva, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov participated in a discussion on the proposed amendments to the Access to Public Information Act (APIA) in the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs
22. April 19, 2002, Montana, Gergana Jouleva and Alexander Kashumov lectured in a seminar “Training for the Administration on APIA Implementation” organized by AIP and ABA/CEELI, 52 participants
26. May 16, 2002, Zagreb, Croatia, Gergana Jouleva, Alexander Kashumov and Ivaylo Kolev participated in planning meeting on the frame of the project “Practical Access to Democracy”
32. June 05, 2002, Sofia, Hilton hotel, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov lectured in a forum “Informational security” organized by IDG

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34. June 19, 2002, Varna, Gergana Jouleva, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov lectured in a seminar “Training for the Administration on APIA Implementation” organized by AIP and ABA/CEELI, 36 participants
35. June 21, 2002, Bourgas, Gergana Jouleva, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov lectured in a seminar “Training for the Administration on APIA Implementation” organized by AIP and ABA/CEELI, 63 participants
39. August 26-28, 2002, Shibanek, Croatia, Gergana Jouleva and Alexander Kashumov took part in a press conference concerning the president veto on the Environmental Protection Act
40. September 03, 2002, Agency Sofia Press, Sofia, Gergana Jouleva, Fany Davidova and Alexander Kashumov took part in a press conference concerning the president veto on the Environmental Protection Act
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147. September 28, 2002 TV”Evrokom”, presentation for workshop in connection with the workshop ”Implementation of the Freedom of Information Laws. Litigation”
148. October 08, 2002 Bulgarian National Radio “Hristo Botev”, broadcast “Doburden”- participation of Gergana Jouleva and Fany Davidova in two hours broadcast “Access to Public Information - from Culture of Secrecy to Transparency”.
151. October 17, 2002 TV”Rent”- interview with Alexander Kashumov in connection with the defamation case for “Katia Kasabova”.
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TARGET GROUPS WHICH AIP HAS SERVED

- NGOs: 55
- Bulgarian Citizens: 101
- Journalists: 369

LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY AIP

- Written Consultation: 380
- Help in Writing APIA Requests: 52
- Personal Consultation: 26
- Court Appeal: 25
- Consultation Over the Phone: 21
- E-mail Consultation: 11

LEGAL QUALIFICATION - NUMBER OF CASES

- Right to Access: 8
- Right to Information: 91
- Freedom of Expression: 414

Sources:
- AIP Database 2001
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AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH REFUSE INFORMATION

- EXECUTIVE AGENCIES: 5 cases
- STATE AGENCIES: 15 cases
- STATE COMMISSIONS: 18 cases
- REGIONAL GOVERNOR: 23 cases
- SPECIALIZED AGENCIES: 27 cases
- PUBLIC LAW ENTITIES: 27 cases
- NATURAL PERSONS AND LEGAL ENTITIES, FINANCED BY THE BUDGET: 28 cases
- COURT: 38 cases
- OTHERS (NOT OBLIGATED UNDER APIA): 61 cases
- LOCAL ADMINISTRATION: 64 cases
- CENTRAL BRANCHES OF EXECUTIVE POWER: 87 cases
- TERRITORIAL BRANCHES OF EXECUTIVE POWER: 127 cases

Number of cases 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140

Source: AIP database 2001

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES BY GENDER

- Female: 182 cases
- Male: 333 cases

Source: Aip Database 2001
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Grounds for Refusals

- Information Already Presented: 1 case
- Trade Secret: 2 cases
- Not to Intrude Upon Decision Taking: 2 cases
- Forwarding to Presscenter: 2 cases
- Lack of Legitimate Interest: 3 cases
- Lack of a Procedure: 3 cases
- Personal Data: 6 cases
- Information is Not Available: 8 cases
- Third Party Concerned: 10 cases
- Investigators Secret: 10 cases
- We Don't Have Powers: 11 cases
- We Are Not Obliged to Give Information: 12 cases
- Lack of Time: 13 cases
- Others: 14 cases
- Forwarding to the Central Office in Sofia: 15 cases
- Silent Refusals: 25 cases
- Official Secret: 31 cases
- Officer's Discretion: 46 cases
- Instruction from Superior: 48 cases
- No-Motive-Refusals: 128 cases
- Not a Refusal under APIA: 125 cases

Source: AIP database 2001