

Zbigniew LASOBIK (Poland)

Date and place of birth

3 April, 1957, Poland

Working languages

Polish, English, Russian

Current position/function

Member of the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Lazarski Law School – Dean

Warsaw University, Human Trafficking Studies Center – Head

Warsaw University, Human Rights Center – Program Officer

Main professional activities

- extensive experience of research and studies in criminology and prisons
- teaching criminology, sociology of prisons and human rights
- over 50 professional missions to CEEC, NIS countries and Kosovo to monitor and develop human rights
- expert of the EU on human rights, rule of law, death penalty, torture and democracy
- membership of professional associations including International Commission of Jurists, International Senior Lawyers' Project, Association for Helping Prisoners "PATRONAGE"
- civil society development, including activities to protect human rights and to enhance justice systems

Educational background

1981, Warsaw University, Law School, Master of Law, LL.M

1982, Warsaw University, Institute of Crime Prevention MA in Criminology and Sociology

1991, Warsaw University, Law School, Doctor of Law/Criminology

2004, Warsaw University, Law School Postdoctoral Degree of Law/Criminology

2007, Warsaw University, professor of law

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- Since 1997 participation in international projects and initiatives to prevent torture in closed institution financed by the EU
- cooperation with national and international organizations (Helsinki Committee, Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, OSCE, UN to prevent torture
- 2004 EU Fact Finding Mission to Georgia – monitoring of prisons
- 2004 – International mission to monitor prisons in Macedonia
- 2005 – assistance to Tajik government to prepare report for UN Committee Against Torture
- 2007-2008 Membership of Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, two missions in the field: Maldives and Benin

List of most recent publications in the field

Z. Lasocik, *American prisons. My visits*, Warsaw 2005

Z. Lasocik, *Treatment of Prisoners in Nysa Prison*, in: Prevention of Torture in Closed Institutions of CEEC, Warsaw 2006

Z. Lasocik, *On prison experiment in Bialystok*, in: Special prison unit, Bialystok 2007

Z. Lasocik, *Treatment of murders in prison*, in: Prison systems of XXI Century, Warsaw 2008