

THREE FAITHS FORUM



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Embassy of Romania hosts Three Faiths Forum

In the evening of Thursday 15 February, the Embassy of Romania hosted a reception in honour of the Three Faiths Forum and to mark the forthcoming Third European Ecumenical Assembly to be held in Sibiu, Romania in September 2007. The event was part of the celebrations devoted to Romania's accession to the EU.

Bringing together representatives of the UK's Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities, the event celebrated the friendship and dialogue between these religions and underlined the benefits of mutual understanding amongst the three faiths.

The event received a message of support from Traian Basescu, President of Romania. The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Richard Chartres, Bishop of London also sent an ecumenical message. The event was addressed by His Excellency Wolfgang Ischinger, German Ambassador, who quoted Chancellor Angela Merkel by highlighting the message that tolerance is the soul of Europe. The co-hosts - Sir Sigmund Sternberg KCSG, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and Raduta Matache, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Romanian Embassy - underlined the importance of inter-confessional dialogue.

The reception coincided with the meeting of national ecumenical delegates, taking place in Wittenberg, Germany, the penultimate stage of the Third European Ecumenical Assembly. The Third European Ecumenical Assembly will culminate in Sibiu, Romania from 4-9 September 2007.

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