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### His Eminence Metropolitan Irineu Popa *Interim Vice-Chair of IPSEC Board of Trustees*



The Institute for Peace Studies in Eastern Christianity (IPSEC) is pleased to announce that His Eminence, Acad. Prof. Dr. Irineu Popa, has joined IPSEC's Board of Trustees as Interim Vice-Chair; replacing Father Raymond G. Helmick, SJ, who passed away on April 21, 2016.

His Eminence Irineu is the Archbishop of Craiova and Metropolitan of Oltenia, in southern Romania. He is also a university professor at the University of Craiova, and a Member of the Romanian Academy.

His Eminence Irineu received his theological training at the Theological Seminary of Craiova, the Theological Institute of Bucharest, and at Saint Serge Theological Institute in Paris, where he received his first doctorate in theology in 1990, with Professor Boris Bobrinscoy. Between 1986 and 1987, he studied French language and literature at the University of Grenoble. His Eminence also taught Church History and Byzantine History and Civilization at Saint Serge Theological Institute in Paris. In 1995 he was appointed tenured professor of Ethics and Dogmatic Theology at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Craiova, and served as its Dean since 2008 until 2016. In 2005, His Eminence received his second doctorate in Civil Law from Nicolae Titulescu Law School in Craiova.

His Eminence Irineu published 21 books and over 80 scholarly articles of theological research, and takes active part in national and international congresses and theological conferences. His Eminence was a voting member in the Holy and Great Council in Crete, and also co-authored several canonical documents that were adopted by the Holy and Great Council in Crete.

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