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## His Eminence Metropolitan Irineu Popa Honorary President of IPSEC

The Institute for Peace Studies in Eastern Christianity (IPSEC) is pleased to announce that His Eminence, Acad. Prof. Dr. Irineu Popa, Archbishop of Craiova and Metropolitan of Oltenia, Romania, has been elected Honorary President of IPSEC.

His Eminence Irineu is a leading member of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church, and a Member of the Romanian Academy. He is also a university professor at the University of Craiova, in Romania.

According to Dr. Marian Gh. Simion, President & Chief Executive Officer of IPSEC, "His Eminence Irineu takes a genuine interest in the importance of religion in peace research and education. Having him as a spiritual mentor is a real gain for IPSEC, as we hope he will help us implement some of our educational goals."

His Eminence Irineu Popa holds one doctorate in Theology from Saint Serge Theological Institute in Paris, and a second doctorate in Civil Law from Nicolae Titulescu School of Law in Craiova. He is the author of twenty-one books and of more than eighty scholarly articles of theological research. He taught Church History and Byzantine History and Civilization at Saint Serge Theological Institute in Paris, as well as Moral Theolgy at Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca.

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