

CLUB DE MADRID MEMBERS



Aleksander Kwaśniewski
Former President of the Republic of Poland (1995 – 2005)

Aleksander Kwaśniewski is the former President of the Republic of Poland (1995 – 2005). He was born on the 15th November 1954, in Białogard, Poland. He participated in the famous “Round-Table” negotiations in Poland that finally brought the peaceful transformation of Poland and the whole Central and Eastern Europe from communism to democracy. A co-founding member and first chairman of the Social Democratic Party of the Republic of Poland. He won the presidential elections for the first time in 1995, starting against Lech Wałęsa. Co-author of the new democratic Constitution of Poland, which he signed into law on July 16th, 1997.

A great advocate of Poland’s membership in both NATO and the European Union. It was under his leadership that Poland finally joined NATO in 1999. He is an active supporter of further alliance enlargement under the "open door" policy. A strong proponent of European integration, Kwaśniewski campaigned for approval of the European Union accession treaty in 2003, and saw Poland become a member on May 1, 2004.

On March 7, 2006, Kwaśniewski was appointed Distinguished Scholar in the Practice of Global Leadership at Georgetown University, where, as a visiting faculty member, he teaches students in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service about contemporary European politics, the trans-Atlantic relationship and democratization in Central and Eastern Europe. He is also i.a. member of the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group, member of the Atlantic Council of the United States, member of the Bilderberg Group, Head of the Supervisory Board of the Amicus Europae Foundation in Warsaw and International Center for Political Studies in Kiev, Head of the International Council on Tolerance and Reconciliation, Head of the Board of Yalta European Strategy. Currently, President Kwaśniewski co-leads a European Parliament monitoring mission in Ukraine to monitor the criminal cases against Yulia Tymoshenko, Yuriy Lutsenko and Valeriy Ivaschenko.



Rexhep Qemal Meidani
Former President of Albania (1997-2002)

Prof. Dr. Rexhep Meidani (17-th August 1944, born in Tirana, Albania), **Former President of Albania** (1997-2002), Member of Academy of Sciences since 2003, Professor, teaching and lecturing activities in different universities and organizations in Albania or abroad. **Political activity:** General Secretary of the SP, August 1996 - July 1997, Deputy of Parliament, July 1997, **President of Albania**, July 1997-July 2002, Member of Steering Committee of Socialist Party, since 2003; **Public and Social Activity:** Chairman of Central Election Commission of ALBANIA; 1991-92; Member of the Albanian Committee for Understanding and Cooperation in the Balkans, 1986-

1990; Chairman of the Board of the Albanian Center for Human Rights, 1994-1996; Editor-in-Chief of the "Human Rights", 1994-1996; Virtual Embassy (ICDC) in Latin America, 2006; Co-leader of the mission in International Observer Delegation to the Palestinian Legislative Council Elections, 2006; Editorial Board (Chairman) of an Albanian TV (2010); Editorial Board of IDM’s journal (2011), Civil Forum (since 2011), etc.

Member or Honorary Member: Club of Madrid, since 2003; Member of Executive Committee of CoM (Club of Madrid), 2004-2006; ICDC, since 2005; Editorial Advisory Board member -World Leaders Magazine, 2002; War Invalids' Association against Nazism, 2003; Honorary Ambassador of Millennium Goals, 2003; Honorary Member of Cultural National Association “Liberia”, 2006; Chairman of Advisory Board of “M. Barleti” University, since 2006; Member of the Board (Eurosig); since 2008; **ICD** (Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Berlin) Consultative **Advisory Board Member** since 2011, etc.

Political Publications: Many articles and studies; Books: *President Meidani and Kosova, (Interviews and speeches)*, (in Albanian), Edition “Toena”, 2000; *Balkans a general overlook (Montenegro, Bosnia, Kosova, FYR-of Macedonia, Serbia: near-term challenges)*, (in Albanian and English), Toena, 2001; *Dall' Indipendenza verso L'Interdependenza dell'Integrazione*, (in Albanian and Italian), Toena, 2002; *Globalization, integration and Albanian Nation* (in Albanian), Toena, 2002; *Jus Gentium*, (in Albanian), Edition “Dita”, 2003; *Politics, Moral and State* (in Albanian), Toena, 2003, *Agreement with myself* (in Albanian), Toena, 2004; *Traps of Nation-State*, (in Albanian), Toena, 2005; *Politics in vivo- in vitro*, (in Albanian) Toena, 2006; *Las trampas del Estado-nacion*, (in Spanish), Siddharth Mehta Ediciones, Madrid 2007; *Constitution: Bilan and perspektive*, (in Albanian), Toena, 2009; Edition Dudaj (in Albanian): *On the government (I)*, 2009; *On the government (global governance) (III)*, 2010; *On the government (II)*, 2010; *Battle on the voting right in Albanian*, (in Albanian), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2010, *Falls and Rises of democracy*, Toena, 2011.



Boris Tadic
Former President of the Republic of Serbia (2004-2012)

Boris Tadic is Former President of the Republic of Serbia (2004-2012) and leader of New Democratic Party. Born in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (part of Yugoslavia at the time), in 1958, Tadic graduated from Belgrade University with a degree in clinical psychology. As a pro-democracy activist Tadic was arrested and imprisoned several times in the 1980s by the Yugoslav communist regime. After democratic changes in Serbia, in 2000, Mr. Tadic served his country as a Member of Parliament, Minister of Telecommunications of Serbia and Montenegro and as Minister of Defense of Serbia and Montenegro before being elected President of the Republic of Serbia in 2004. He was reelected President of the Republic of Serbia and became head of state in 2008 after dissolution of state union of Serbia and Montenegro. During his Presidency Serbia paved its way towards membership in the European Union by signing Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU in 2008 and became official candidate for EU membership in March 2012. Serbia also joined Partnership for Peace program (PfP) in 2006. President Tadic has initiated and actively promoted regional cooperation and reconciliation in Western Balkans. President Tadic was leader of Democratic Party from 2004 to 2012 and then Honorary President of Democratic Party from 2012 to 2014. In 2014 he founded New Democratic Party and will lead into early parliamentary elections in Serbia in March this year. President Tadic was Presidency Member of Party of European Socialists (PES, 2012-2014) and one of the founders of Progressive Alliance, a global network of Social Democratic Parties. For his work President Tadic was awarded numerous prestigious international awards- Council of Europe North South Prize, European Medal on Tolerance, Quadriga award, Red Bock etc. Married, father of two daughters.