REPORT ON FBE COMMISSIONS
Presidency Meeting - Brussels, January, 11th, 2017

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

COMMISSION ACCESS TO JUSTICE - LUCCA
President : Michele Lucherini - Vice President : Suzanne Stern - Secretary : Enrico Lattanzi

There was no information sent to the Secretariat of the Commissions since the Presidency Meeting of Paris.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - BRUSSELS
President : Yves Oschinsky - Vice President : Vincent Spira - Secretary : Julie Goffin

There was no information sent to the Secretariat of the Commissions since the Presidency Meeting of Paris.

ETHICS COMMISSION – DEVON
President : Rod Mole - Vice President : Michael Auer - Secretary : Nazario de Oleaga

Former President Nazario de Oleaga has sent the following information:

1. President, Rod Mole, from Devon & Exeter Law Society. FBE Past President
2. Vice-President, Michael Auer, from Wien Bar. FBE Past President.
3. Secretary, Nazario de Oleaga, from Bilbao Bar. FBE Past President. People from Bilbao Bar are in charge of doing the preparative works and will be the permanent link, under the supervision of the President and the Vice-President of the Commission, with the Secretary of
He has also sent a presentation of the commission for the booklet of the 25th Anniversary. The content will be translated in English.

**LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION - MADRID**

*President: Maria Sonia Gumpert Melgosa - No Vice President - Secretary: Ana Casado Martin*

Following the meetings of Paris, the commission has sent two proposals for the organization of the second International Contract Competition and the Seminar on Brexit.

The International Contract Competition would take place the 5, 6 and 7th May 2017 in Warsaw.

The Seminar on Brexit would take place the 24 and 25 March 2017.

The commission is waiting for the Presidency to confirm that those events fit their calendar, so the commission can start setting dates for these two activities.

**AD HOC COMMISSIONS**

**ARBITRATION COMMISSION - NAPOLI**

*President: Alessandro Senatore - Vice President: No information - Secretary: No information*

There was no information sent to the Secretariat of the Commissions since the Presidency Meeting of Paris.

**COMMISSION PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE - ANTWERP**

*President: Leo Bouteligier - Vice President: Luc De Somer - Secretary: Stefanie Verstraete*

There was no information sent to the Secretariat of the Commissions since the Presidency Meeting of Paris.
The following email had been sent to the Secretariat of the Commissions after the meeting of Paris:

> It is a real pleasure to announce you that Eastern Bars Commission will hold the next meeting in Craiova, Romania, on 4th 6th of May 2017.

> At this working session, please accept our Commission’s invitation to participate.

> One of the main topic and purpose of this meeting will be to attract new members in our federation, from Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia. As a follow up after the discussions that we had at Luxembourg, we suggest that an official invitation on behalf of a member of Presidency will have a greater impact to the Presidents of those Bars then the invitation that we, The Eastern Bars Commission will do.

The Presidency decided that Christoph Munz would represent the Presidency in Craiova.

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COMMISSION NEW TECHNOLOGIES - WROCLAW

President : Iza Konopacka - Vice President : Francesco Tregnaghi - Secretary : Anna Materla

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HUMAN RIGHTS FREEDOM COMMISSION - POZNAN

President : Artur Wierzbicki - Vice President : Marc Wesser - Secretary : Renata Karbowska-Kuźma

The commission met in Berlin the 10th of December 2016. The following report has been sent to the Secretariat of the Commissions.

Human rights & freedom FBE commission
Berlin, 10th December 2016

The President underlines that the commission Human Rights and Freedom of the FBE wants to testify with this meeting the will to participate actively to the European Day for Human Rights on 10th December.

Topics:

1. **Report of the last meeting of the Commission in Luxemburg**

   The report of the last meeting of the commission in Luxemburg on 13. October 2016 will be adopted on next meeting of the commission.

2. **Participation of the Commission to the 25th Anniversary of the FBE**

   The President reminds the members of the commission that the FBE will celebrates 25 years anniversary in 2017 on 3 meetings, in Barcelona (February), Den Haag (1-3 th June) and London (November).

   For the general brochure on the 25th anniversary, the President will prepare a short presentation of the various activities of the commission.

3. **Patronage to the Orchestra “Symphony Land”**

   On the last meeting in Luxemburg, Kinga presented the Orchestra of Refugees “Symphony Land” who has already the patronage of the Austrian Ministry of Culture.

   The presidency of the FBE has given its approval to the Commission to give its patronage to this orchestra.

4. **Closing ceremony**

   On this occasion, a brochure will be edited; the President will send the Presidency of the FBE a report about the closing ceremony of the Project in Colombia to be included in this brochure.
5. **European Survey**

The President reports again that very few chambers answered the survey (14 questions) sent by the commission; only 10 of 200!

The president proposes to contact all chambers to identify the competent person for human rights (a first letter till march 2017) and then, to send the survey again (April 2017).

A final report should be done for the meeting in June in den Haag.

6. **Presentation of the different studies of the Commission**

The President asks the members of the Commission to prepare the presentation of their project as decided in Luxemburg, to be presented in June in den Haag.

7. **Presentation of Nicoletta about Legal Education in schools**

This project of the Verona Bar will be also presented at the next meeting in Barcelona.

8. **Turkey**

The Commission has received a letter from a lady in prison in Turkey, asking for support. The FBE Presidency decided not to support this project, as the aim of the FBE is to support the lawyers. The FBE through Mr. Charles Kaufhold will answer her.

9. **Situation of Lawyers Turkey**

Marc (Berlin) reports about the situation of arrested and detained Lawyers in Turkey.

Different lawyers have written to the Berlin Bar about this situation.

The Berlin Bar has written an article about it in the Bar Newsletter and will continue to survey the situation in Turkey and will make a report for the meeting in den Haag.

In the same time, an agreement is about to be signed between the Berlin and the Istanbul Bar.

10. **Guidance in business and human rights for European law societies**

The Madrid Bar prepared a guidance in business and human rights for European law societies.

This report will be sent to all members of the Commission to be discussed on the next meeting in Barcelona.

11. **Proposal for the activity of the commission for the next 6 months**

a. **Competition for young lawyers on human rights in Europe: 7th April 2017 – Poznan**

The participants should be young lawyers from all European Bars to participate to a mock trial in the field of Human rights;

Each team will have 3 members: a lawyer, a judge, a prosecutor

There should be about 10 teams.

The competition will take place in the hearing room of the school for young lawyers in Poznan.

The subjects of the competition should be equally known for all participants: they should be chosen in the jurisprudence of the European Court for Human Rights.

The members of the commission should look for interesting cases.

This subject needs a financial support for the organization of the competition and to cover the costs of the young lawyers participating.

The commission will write to all most important European Bars to ask for their support (500-1.000 €?).
b. Budget of the FBE-Commissions

There is a general problem of the financial subject of the FBE-Commissions. There are some commissions non very active; there should be closed or integrated with other commissions. It seems that the finances of the FBE (budget presented in October 2016 in Luxemburg) could support the budget of the active commissions (as some Bars don’t want to support the budget of the commissions).

c. The Commission decides the following prior topics for the action of the commission for 2017:
- Turkey
- Ukraine
Acting Report resolution
- Poland

COMMISSION LAW WITHOUT BORDERS - FFM

President : Rudolf Lauda  -  Vice President : Sergiusz Foltynowicz  -  Secretary : Tanja Wolf

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