



FBE 52nd CONGRESS, Warsaw, Poland

"The right to privacy in the digital age." Under this title, on September 20th-22nd, 2018, in Warsaw, the 52nd Congress of the European Bars Federation (FBE / Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe) took part.



On behalf of the hosts, the Congress had opened Adv. Mikołaj Pietrzak who, bearing in mind the changes made in the Polish system of justice, emphasized the symbolism of this event: "the right to privacy, as any fundamental human rights, does not exist without a procedural aspect that can only be provided by an independent court and independent lawyers and legal advisers".

That event was attended by distinguished guests, among others Advocate Mr Jacek Trela, President of the Supreme Bar Council, Legal Advisor Mr Maciej Bobrowicz, President of the National Council of Legal Advisers, Judge Mr Krystian Markiewicz, Chairman of "Justitia Polska", dr Adam Bodnar, Polish Ombudsman and hosts: Michele Lucherini, President FBE, Advocate Mr Mikołaj Pietrzak, Dean of the District Bar Council in Warsaw and Legal Advisor Mr Włodzimierz Chruścik, Dean of the District Chamber of Legal Advisers in Warsaw.

The opening lecture of the Congress has been delivered by the Polish Ombudsman, Adam Bonar, in whose opinion, the main threat to the privacy of citizens is the use of technological innovations by the state authority in obtaining particular benefits.

In the following speech Michele Lucherini, President of the FBE drew attention to the common objectives guiding FBE and CCBE in the idea of law. He emphasized that in Europe we hear more and more about attempts to affect independence of the judges - and in that case lawyers can not be silent. He also referred to the congress's theme - "Nowadays, we need to find a balance between the right to privacy and general security," he said.



On the last day of the Congress, members of the FBE took eight resolutions, among them one about the independence of the judiciary in Poland:

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Unfortunately FBE still recognises progressing erosion of the independence of judges, prosecutors, lawyers and the administration of justice because of the widely understood intervention of the government in the appointment and dismissal of judges, failure to respect the decisions of the Courts and interference in the prosecution service. FBE also expresses its concern about the changes introduced in the Polish Supreme Court and the disciplinary and explanatory proceedings initiated against individual judges.”



At the end of the three-day Congress, special thanks were given to individual committees, including the Human Rights Commission of both Polish local Bars for their contribution to the

organization and factual side of the Congress (in particular adopted resolutions of FBE Human Rights Commission under the direction of Mr Artur Wierzbicki).

During the General Assembly on September 22nd, 2018, there had been another special moment. FBE as the organizer of the 1st International Oratory Human Rights Competition for students and young lawyers, awarded the winner of the first edition in the person of Christopher Banks (London).



NEXT FBE CONGRESS MAY 30th, 2019 IN BARCELONA

Resolutions full wording on FBE web site :

[Resolution on “Defend the Defenders” - Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

The General Assembly of the European Bars Federation (FBE), which represents 250 member Bars of Europe and their one million member lawyers, gathered in Warsaw on the 22nd of September 2018 and considered the resolutions proposed by the different commissions of the FBE warning about the current situation on: the violations of the rule of law in a number of ...

[Resolution on Women Human Rights, proposed by FBE Human Rights Commission – Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

The General Assembly of the European Bars Federation (FBE) in Warsaw September 22, 2018, which represents 250 member Bars of Europe and their one million member lawyers, expressed its grave concerns for the present situation of women in the World. The European Bars Federation recalls the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Humankind what comprises four principles, six rights and ...

[Resolution on Human Rights in Turkey, proposed by FBE Human Rights Commission –](#)

[Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

The General Assembly of the European Bars Federation (FBE) in Warsaw September 22, 2018, which represents 250 member Bars of Europe and their one million member lawyers, expressed its grave concerns for the present situation of judges, prosecutors, lawyers and journalists in Turkey. In accordance with the FBE previous and constant position we definitely call upon an end to arbitrary ...

[Resolution on Human Rights in Poland, proposed by FBE Human Rights Commission – Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

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[Resolution on attacks on the life and integrity of Serbian lawyers and their families - Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

On September 22nd, 2018, the FBE's General Assembly, representing 250 member bars together with its one million member lawyers, expressed its deep concern about the attacks on the life and integrity of Serbian lawyers and their families over the past three years, which resulted in the death of two lawyers, Dragoslav Ognjanovic and Vladimir Zrelec, and the death of the ...

[Resolution on the violation of the rule of law in Romania - Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

On September 22nd, 2018, the FBE's General Assembly, representing 250 member bars together with its one million member lawyers, expressed its deep concern about the continued violation of the rule of law by the ruling party through legislative initiatives that cut down the fight against corruption and make judges and prosecutors vulnerable to political interference, as well as through the ...

[Resolution on violation of the right of free speech in Romania - Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

On September 22nd, 2018, the FBE's General Assembly, representing 250 member bars together with its one million member lawyers, expressed its deep concern about the violation of the right of free speech of Romanian citizens, travelling for the most part from the diaspora to Bucharest, on August 10th, 2018, to protest against corruption, when the Romanian law enforcement, under the ...

[Resolution on the preservation of the rule of law in Hungary - Warszawa, 22.09.18](#)

On September 22nd, 2018, the FBE's General Assembly, representing 250 member Bars together with its one million member lawyers, Considering the need for the EU to act in the face of Hungarian government actions that pose a risk to the values of the Union, namely the independence of the judiciary, the functioning of the constitutional and electoral systems, the freedom ...
