



„Dark Side of the Moon” 2nd International Conference on Law Istanbul, Turkey

“The Normalization of the State of Emergency and The Situation of Judiciary in Turkey” Under this title on September 7-9 of 2018 the second International Conference on Law took part. Except invited guests from abroad, in the Conference (hosted by Istanbul Bar Association) took part 13 Bar Associations from Turkey and their Deans.



The opening speech had been delivered by **Mr Mehmet Durakoğlu**, The President of Istanbul Bar Association. He spoke about situation in Turkey and situation of Turkish legal system after all implemented changes. For the whole time as a topic was the treatment of Lawyers and Journalists in Turkey.

FBE was represented by **Ms Dominique Attias** 2nd Vice President of Federation and **Mr Artur Wierzbicki** President of FBE Human Rights Commission.



Ms D. Attias had a great speech and took part in the panel called : “Analyzing the State of Emergency through international Law”. She presented all aspects of the subject.

We agreed that the role of lawyers will be to cast light on the dark side of the moon, to analyse and to pave legal ways for struggle for rights and freedoms.



In the conclusions of that event all participants confirmed that as lawyers we cannot accept that human rights violations and war crimes have been committed without without significant criminal consequences, without compensation for the victims, without fundamental amendments of the law and the constitution. Turkey must restore the rule of law, release still-detained magistrates and journalists, and lawyers, restore the rights of teachers and magistrates (judges and prosecutors) who have resigned from July 2016, restore freedom of press and information, end the state of emergency and fully implement the European Convention on Human Rights.



The legal situation and situation of Turkish Lawyers/ Journalists is always very important to all of us. We work with the case for the whole time.

The next Conference **“PRESS FREEDOM AND THE RULE OF LAW IN TURKEY”** is planned in Berlin/ Germany in Nov. 28, 2018.