

FBE – Congress in The Hague Legal Education Commission Meeting – 01/06/2017

Members present:

- Secretary of the Commission: Ana Casado Martín Madrid Bar Association
- Begoña Angulo Fuertes Vizcaya Bar Association (Bilbao)
- Monika Calkiewicz Warsaw Bar Association
- Constance Lubet Madrid Bar Association

Agenda

- 1. The report on the II International Contract Competition of the FBE in Warsaw and the choice of a Bar to host the next Competition.
- **2.** The Newsletter on Brexit.
- 3. Discussion on new projects possibilities.

1. II International Contract Competition in Warsaw and choice of a Bar to host the next competition.

• II International Contract Competition

8 teams from 7 different Bars participated (Madrid, Devon & Somerset, Cluj, Bucharest, Sofia, Warsaw, and Antwerp), and the team of judges was composed by representative of various Bar Associations from different countries (Poland, Spain, Rumania, and Vice President Michele Lucherini as representative of the FBE).

Based on the feedback of the competitors, the judges and the organizing Bar (Warsaw), it was agreed that the II edition of the competition was, again, a success.

• Choice of Bar to host the next competition

The Madrid Bar expressed its desire to host the competition. However, the Madrid Bar recalled that, as it was discussed during the last Commission Meeting in Luxembourg, they would rather organize an eloquence competition than another contract competition.

The Madrid Bar reminded the possible conditions in which could be organized such a competition, as they were laid out during the Luxembourg Meeting.

The Warsaw Bar and the Bilbao Bar agreed that the competition could be each time of a different content, according to the choice of the Bar hosting the competition, but also insisted on the fact the International Contract should be organized as well, since it has demonstrated to be such a good legal education tool and had a very good feedback from both the competitors and the judges.

The Bilbao Bar suggested to keep the contract competition format and just changed the area of Law examined.

The representatives of the Warsaw and the Bilbao Bar both expressed the possibility of hosting future competitions, subject to the approval of their Bar.

As a conclusion on the subject, it was agreed that the Madrid Bar would host the next competition, possibly in October 2017 before the FBE Intermediate Congress in London, and that the content of the competition, whether an eloquence or a contract competition shall be decided internally.

2. The Newsletter on Brexit

The Madrid Bar reminded to the other members of the Commission the programme for the Newsletter on Brexit and insisted on the necessity to find and contact possible writers in order to start publishing it as soon as possible.

3. Discussion on new projects possibilities.

The three Bars discussed the possibility of an online legal education activity for the Commission.

The Bilbao Bar indicated that there were already many courses online at European level, in different languages and which also deliver certificates.

The Warsaw Bar suggested the possibility of presenting cases to resolve through an online platform. The participants could work on the case, with or without physical supervision, and their writing skills could be assessed through the platform.

The Bilbao Bar mentioned that a criminal case based on a cross-border dispute, for instance a car accident, could be an interesting case to study using this kind of platform.

The Warsaw Bar also mentioned the possibility of analyzing cases using virtual goggles.

The Madrid Bar agreed that an online training would be a great project but also pointed out that it might be complicated to carry out on a technical point of view.

Since it was decided to organize a third edition of the competition and to publish the newsletter on Brexit before the next Intermediate FBE Congress, it was agreed that other possible new projects will be discussed at the Intermediate Congress in London during the meeting of the Commission.