



REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL Charles Kaufhold

**presented to the General Meeting
in Bologna on 19 May 2018**



J'ai le plaisir de vous présenter mon rapport couvrant la période depuis la dernière Assemblée générale à Londres. ¹

La composition de la présidence était la suivante :

Sara CHANDLER, présidente,
Michele LUCHERINI, vice-président,
Silvia GIMÉNEZ-SALINAS COLOMER,
Christoph MUNZ, trésorier,
Marta CUADRADA, secrétariat à Barcelone
Philippe LOEW, secrétaire aux commissions de Strasbourg
Charles KAUFHOLD, secrétaire général.

Le président sortant Yves Oschinsky, a participé à toutes les réunions de la présidence.

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Les réunions de la présidence depuis l'assemblée de Londres du 11 novembre 2017, étaient les suivantes :

- à Paris, les 1^{er} et 2 décembre 2017,
- à Bruxelles, le 25 janvier 2018,
- à Barcelone, le 22 février 2018,
- à Ragusa, le 12 avril 2018 et
- à Bologna, le 17 mai 2018.

Une partie du temps des réunions a été consacré à l'organisation d'évènements, respectivement à la participation et à la représentation à ces événements. C'est un élément important de la vie de la Fédération, puisque l'organisation de congrès et la représentation à des évènements permet de faire connaître et de faire grandir la Fédération.

Les prochaines réunions de la FBE qui sont prévues sont :

Pour la présidence :

- une réunion à la suite de la présente assemblée avec les nouveaux membres de la présidence,
- une réunion le 15 juin 2018 à Bilbao,
- une réunion le 9 juillet 2018 à Lucca et
- une réunion le 20 septembre à Varsovie.

Pour les congrès :

- Varsovie, du 20 au 22 septembre 2018 et
- Barcelone, probablement du 30 mai 2019 au 1er juin 2019
- Lisbonne, automne 2019 ensemble avec le CCBE
- Sofia, mai 2020.

La représentation de la FBE à des événements extérieurs a été assurée par la présidence aux événements suivants :

- Programa del Campus Europeo, Madrid, 13 – 14 Noviembre 2017.
Silvia attended on behalf of FBE.
- Sofia Bar for 23 & 24 November 2017: "The Rights of the Child, children and legal rights".
Michele attended on behalf of FBE.
- "Day of Pride of Membership in Attorney's Office and the Reception of young people" – Palermo, 15 December 2017
Sara and Michele attended on behalf of FBE.
- Rentrée de Bruxelles 18 janvier – 21 janvier 2018.
Presidency was represented in Bruxelles by Sara, Yves and Charles.

- Joint dinner of the Presidencies of the CCBE and the FBE, Brussels, 25 January 2018



On 25 January the Presidency of the FBE met with the new Presidency of the CCBE. This meeting is now a regular event in the calendars of both organisations. In addition to a useful exchange of views, the FBE expressed support for the CCBE initiative on the draft Code for the Profession of European Lawyer. It was agreed to hold a joint congress in September 2019 in Lisbon with the Presidents of CCBE José de Freitas, and FBE Silvia Gimenez Salinas presiding.²



- Conférence des Bâtonniers à Paris – 26 janvier 2018.
Yves attended on behalf of FBE.
- Opening of the legal year 2018 – Milano Bar: 26 January 2018.
Sara and Michele attended on behalf of FBE.

The opening of the Milan legal year was held on 27 January and the formal ceremonies were attended by Michele Lucherini (FBE Vice President) and Sara Chandler (FBE President) and Iza Konopacka (FBE New Technology Commission President). A conference on Artificial Intelligence was held on 26 January and speakers included Sara Chandler and Iza Konopacka. There was concern raised about AI and how it might reduce the job opportunities for young lawyers, however it is clear that there are algorithms which are already assisting lawyers in devising quicker and cheaper legal services. There was discussion of how AI might also replace judges and this was seen as highly controversial. Sara Chandler's speech can be read on the website of FBE.

- Wiener Konferenz 9. Februar 2018.
Sara and Charles attended on behalf of FBE.
The leadership of the international legal profession meets once a year in Vienna for an important exchange of information. This year the meeting was held on 9 February and the focus was on Poland and Turkey. The constitutional changes carried out by the Polish government have reduced the independence of Polish

² My thanks to Sara for the written reports of the events.

judges, and there was grave concern expressed. There were also expert speakers from Turkey on the arrest, detention trial and imprisonment of lawyers and the delegates heard of the over 500 lawyers detained.



- CERIMONIA DI APERTURA DELL'ANNO GIUDIZIARIO 2018 DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE FORENSE (Roma, Palazzo Brancaccio, venerdì 9 FEBBRAIO 2018, ore 11).

Michele attended on behalf of FBE.

- San Raimon de Peniafort, Barcelone 23 February 2018



The annual Festivities of San Raimon de Penyafort always include a morning workshop, the Trobades in memory of Jaques Henry, and this year it was held on 23 February. This is run by the Barcelona Bar for the FBE. Speakers included President Sara who introduced the theme “Trade Secrets” The EU Directive which is being introduced will give greater protection. Speakers included lawyers from the USA, and all over Europe.

- Invitation to a joint conference: Turkey and the European Court of Human Rights – (In)effective remedy from Strasbourg held in Berlin on 5th of March 2018.

Sara attended on behalf of FBE.

- Le Code de Nuremberg 2017 - 1ère réunion du Comité de Suivi - 9 mars 2018 de 14h à 17h à la Cour pénale internationale. Yves attended on behalf of FBE.

- Convegno internazionale 16 marzo 2018 Napoli.

Sara, Michele and Yves attended on behalf of FBE. On 16 March the Ordini di Avvocati di Napoli held a very successful international meeting on several topics of particular interest under the title:Members of the FBE spoke including Yves Sara, Michele and Iza Konopacka (President New Technologies Commission) .

- Soirée des avocats 2018 à Genève – 23.03.2018.

Michele & Philippe attended on behalf of FBE.

- Assises de la Méditerranée Ragusa

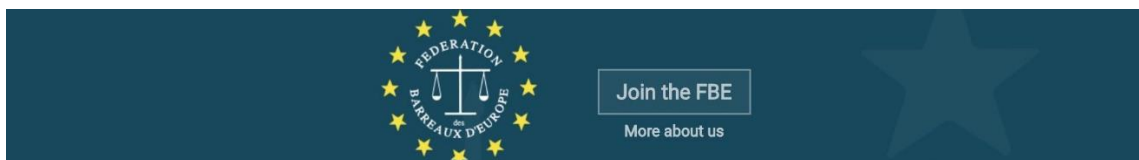


The FBE Assises of the Mediterranean brings together lawyers from the four shores of the Mediterranean. The Assizes was held on 13 April and delegates came from Lebanon in the East, Tunisia and Morocco in the South, Portugal, Spain, France and Italy in the North. There were also lawyers from northern Europe, including UK, Belgium, and Germany. The Assize was organised by the FBE Mediterranean Commission (FBEMC) by Giorgio Assenza (President of the Ragusa Bar, and President of the FBEMC), Dominique Attias (Vice President of the FBEMC), Omar Abbouzzohour (Secretary of the FBEMC), Yves Oschinsky (Past President FBE) and Michele Lucherini (FBE Vice President) together with members of the Ragusa Bar. Speakers included Silvia Gimenez-Salinas, Yves Oschinsky, Michele Lucherini and Sara Chandler from the Presidency.



- X edition of the “Madrid Meeting” – 19-21 April 2018.
Silvia & Sara attended on behalf of FBE.
- MISSION DE L’INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE, ISTANBUL, 25 – 28 AVRIL 2018.
Yves attended on behalf of FBE.

Eine neue modernere Webseite konnte endlich fertiggestellt werden. Dies ist hauptsächlich der fachkundigen Hilfe von Philippe zu verdanken. Er ist es auch, der die Webseite erneuert und die neuesten Ereignisse einfügt.



Wir hoffen in Kürze auch auf unserer Website eine Seite einzubauen, auf welcher alle Veranstaltungen anderer Organisationen zu finden sind. Wir erhoffen uns dadurch erst einmal die Möglichkeit zu schaffen eine bessere Planung dieser Veranstaltungen zu ermöglichen, und andererseits, hoffen wir, auf diese Weise neue Besucher auf unsere Seite anzuziehen.

The commissions are the life of FBE. Presidency is very grateful for their and their president's continuous work in the interest of the profession, to guarantee access to justice, ethics, legal education, professional insurance and reflect on the future as well as new technologies.



The perilous situation in Poland is of great concern for the Presidency. Presidency is very dedicated to help by any means our Polish friends for maintaining the rule of law in their country. Presidency will continue to work in close relationship with the Polish advocates and legal counsels to safeguard the independency of the judiciary and help wherever help is needed. Presidency greatly appreciates the involvement of the Polish lawyers in the work of FBE.

As for the situation in Turkey, Sara sent letters to the authorities of the country. Presidency also was represented at trials in Turkey to show the commitment to defend democracy and liberty of speech.

Presidency decided to become affiliated to the International Criminal Court Bar Association / Association du Barreau près la Cour Pénale Internationale (ICCB). An affiliation agreement is to be signed in the coming weeks.

And many more ...

Bologna, 19 May 2018

Charles KAUFHOLD