

FBE - HRFC COLOGNE 13.01.2018
Rechtsanwaltskammer Aachen – Köln

Present :

Sara, Artur, Karina, Christoph, Monique

Artur expresses the thanks to the Council of the Aachen-Köln Bar for the hospitality and Karina for the whole organization.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of London approved (MS)
2. Artur confirms that the Poznan Bar will be the hosting Bar of the HRFC for the next 2 years, till the end of 2019.
3. It is especially important as the Poznan Bar will be the hosting Bar for the HR-Competition for young lawyers in March 2018 and this year, there is the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the HR-Declaration Paris 1948.

Leaflet: recommendations to be sent to all Bars; legal education at schools; to implement the knowledge of law – responsibility

4. INTERMEDIATE MEETING 21-22 SEPTEMBER WARSAW

Sara confirms that the intermediate FBE Meeting will take place in Warsaw on 21-22 September 2018.

The topic will be: “RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL WORLD”

Sara underlines that this meeting should be a success especially as it will be organized together with both the Polish Legal Advisers and Advocates.

5. OBERVERS IN TURKEY

Sara informs the Commission that the Law Society organizes a training for lawyers to become observers(one day).

Sara will take part to this training; the lawyers who takes part to this training can then themselves train other lawyers ; there is the suggestion that Sara would organize a training in Bologna for the members of the HRFC: for example on Wednesday or Thursday morning before the beginning of the FBE-Congress.

6. SURVEY

Artur has contacted with Marta (Barcelona) who very effective and gave the coordinates of the responsible contact for HR in every Bar.

Artur will slightly change the questions and send the survey to all these contacts.

Artur has been invited by Verona Bar to participate to the its Bar ceremony with a speech about refugees/migrants from Syria

HRFC will prepare a report (GB for Warsaw) situation based on statistics

7. Guidance in business

Artur says that he received no news any more from the Madrid Bar: the text is ready in English and Spanish and it was agreed that this text should be translated in all official languages of FBE and in Polish.

Sara says that there has been some election in the Madrid Bar in December 2017.

There no news from the new Dean and new Council: it is possible that there could be not enough budget for the translation and publishing.

Artur reminds that the best price would be in Poland (translation in 4 languages+Polish for about 3.000 €).

It is difficult as this document has been created by the Madrid Bar after the Congress in Bilbao.

Furthermore Jose-Ramon doesn't work anymore for the Madrid Bar.

But the Madrid Bar was supposed to host the other HR commission directed by Yves.

8. COLOMBIAN

Sara has been informed by the Directors that it will be difficult this year to organize a big delegation as the budget has been strongly reduced.

Therefore they will in 2018 a small delegation (about 10 persons), a Spanish speaking delegation.

Sara may have the chance to participate, maybe as well as both on behalf of the HRFC of FBE.

At the moment, the Directors concentrate their activities on funds raising (after the subvention has been very strong reduced).

In 2019-2020 they hope to have a bigger delegation.

The situation in Colombia has changed: Now there a less attacks on lawyers but these are more attacks on human rights defenders; there is a very difficult situation.

Artur underlines that is why the presence of European lawyers is very important.

9. Attacks on lawyers

The 24. January is the Day of "Lawyers in Danger".

In 2018 the Focus is on Egypt.

Prix Ludovic

Egyptian young lawyer who received the Ludovic Tardieux Price in Geneva is in prison at the moment....

There different possibilities of action for the FBE:

- There will be a CCBE-Meeting on 25. January in Strasbourg but it is a closed event.
- Monday: the HRFC will send a notice to all member-Bars of FBE to find out what is organized on this day and ask them to participate actively to this day.
- FBE could send a letter to Turkish Embassy in Strasbourg
- In Bologna, the HRFC will discuss the preparation for a more important action of FBE on 24. January 2019
- There is the example of the Berlin Bar: they started in September 2017: once a month, every 3th Thursday, they go before the Turkish Embassy.
- The FBE- HRC accesses its actions on protests when Lawyers are arrested : the commission organizes observation on critical situations for lawyers and actions to the concerned Embassies.

- Sara has already sent letters to Sicily to President of the Bars after lawyers having being killed in Syracuse where the Mediterranean Congress is organized

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10th December: Day of Human Rights

And in 2018: 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION

The Poznan Bar will organize the HR Competition for Young Lawyers.

The HRFC has received the of Constance in Madrid who has already sent all documentation.

The competition is organized for young lawyers under 26 years: students of law (last year of University or training time): it means young people, already with a law education but not yet professional.

There should be 10 – 15 participants .

First Day, Friday morning: individual prepared presentation about an article of the Human Rights Declaration: oratory competition with a presentation of about 10 mn.,

Friday afternoon: Meeting of the HRFC

Second day: Saturday morning: Discussion between the 4 Winners of the first Day about a non-prepared subject: **Is the HR-Declaration still a living document?**

The winner will be invited to the FBE-Congress in Bologna.

The travel costs of the participants are covered by the Bars;

The costs in Poznan are covered by the Poznan Bar.

FBE covers the costs of the winner for the participation in Bologna.

It is important to make young lawyers aware about risks; the Winner of the Madrid Competition said in his speech in London that he changed after the competition about human rights, he changed his thinking after his preparation (read a lot).

The HRFC will make a special presentation in Bologna (on Saturday by the Presidency Forum) about the 70th Anniversary of HR Declaration.

- 12 – 13:

Sara: proposes that If the Madrid Bar doesn't continue to host the other HRC, the HRFC should cooperate with the HRC to focus on this special international work: Contacts with other organizations, checking events, actions and protests, etc.

Artur mentions the example of the Polish Obudsman: he sent an official letter to all lawyers underlining the obligation to overtake the responsibility to act against all sorts of mistreatments, to train the lawyers in this field.

All actions seem especially in a time where nationalism is stronger in different countries.

Christoph underlines the difficulty for lawyers to get informations about violation of HR in Europe, to find possibilities for local concrete actions.

Monique mentions the case of access of justice for refugees.

Karina recalls the example of Law students at the University in Cologne who organized help for refugees.

Local Bars could organize exhibitions, conferences, actions (like in Berlin), distribution of a Special Price.

Artur underlines again the necessity for all members of the HRFC to be active the whole year, at least to react to emails.

15. NEXT HRFC MEETING: BARCELONA – FRIDAY 23.02.2018 2.15 pm