

FBE
HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM COMMISSION
September 16, 2017 in VIENNA/Austria
minutes

Present:

1. Artur Wierzbicki,
2. Sara Chandler,
3. Monique Stengel (MS),
4. Jose Ramon Anton,
5. Paweł Koehler

Apologies: Marc Wesser, Carles Macgrah Emma and others

Artur welcomes the members and thanks them to be present.

1. **Approval of the last minutes from The Hague: MS has prepared the minutes and Artur will send it to the members for eventual observations and approval.**
2. **HRF Commission in Vienna**

Artur: there are not many members present; of course, it is difficult to come to Vienna for one meeting.

The next meeting will take place in London: Thursday November 09, 2017 at 3.00 pm

It will be before the Congress and all members of the HRF Commission should be present for the Congress.

3. **London : Celebration 25th Anniversary**

Sara: Opening of the Congress on 10th November

There will be speeches of the Presidency of UIA, CCBE, AEA-EAL Sara would underline the European Female Leadership

The HRFC will also diffuse a information:

SAVE THE DATE: Katowice; Conference about Independence of Lawyers 19th-21. April 2018

4. **Project International Obsevation**

Artur reminds on the Project from the Girona-Bar/Spain

There should be a group of lawyers to attend some trials, for example in Turkey to support the lawyers at risk.

There is the support from London with relation between HRFC and lawyers in Turkey
There should be a training for the volunteers before the project starts.
The project should be implemented before London

5. Project Human Rights at Schools

Project in cooperation with the Verona Bar : Nicoletta has to report about the survey in the different Bars of FBE.

Artur reports about the experience during the seminar in Olsztyn (BAR + AEA-EAL): visit in jail
It should be done for young people to realize how impressive it is to be caught in a small space, the pressure – risk of suicide.

Sara reminds the Document presented by a Judge in Romania

There is also a project in England: law at school and in the street: not specific for Human rights but they have the methodology (Law students)

Poland: Street law in High schools

France (Paris) has already organized a presentation by lawyers in schools

Madrid Bar: draft of a project Human Rights in Spanish; English version for London

Annexe to the minutes

6. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

Artur reports about the congress of the Olsztyn Bar and AEA-EAL about GDPR: there was a very speaker from Hungary (Chairman IT-Commission CCBE): Presentation about the Consequences for Lawyers

The HRFC should make an announcement in London? Awareness about this new Regulation and its consequences for lawyer

7. Madrid Bar: 6/7th October, 2017 : Oratory Human Rights Competition for Lawyers under 40 years

Artur: will be one of the judges

8. Competition for Students: 23-24 march 2018 Poznan

Competition for students about human rights

Emma Izas MS: will prepare the project

Constance will support the project for the practical organization.

The competition will take place at the university or in the Court room for trainees at the Poznań Bar/ Poznań , Poland

Sara: should be invited to this competition:

- The Association of European Students for Liberty
- ELSA: European Law Students Association

9. Survey on Human Rights

Artur reports again about the survey: it was a failure : the survey has been distributed twice but too late to be presented at the following FBE-congress.

Sara: The problem is probably that the survey doesn't reach the right person in each Bar. For the quality of the survey, personal contacts with the right person are necessary.

Pawel: the HRFC should send a first question to personal contact to obtain the name of the responsible who is personally competent for HR in each Bar; the HRFC could then contact the right person.

The HRFC will prepare a questionnaire to the Deans at the general assembly in London to obtain Name and email address of the competent person for HR.

Sara: it should search in each country if HR topics are of the competence of the Local and/or national council.

10. Guidance HR and commercial activity

The Guidance established has been translated and published in English.

They still need a translation in the other FBE Languages French – German – Italian and also Polish.

It is still necessary to obtain a financial support: Maybe from the Madrid Bar?

Artur: Maybe the translation would be cheaper in Poland.

The guidance should be distributed to all Bar members as soon as possible.

Jose: the Madrid Bar has established a plan for companies and for the Bar;

They will try to get the English version for London.

And the document would be launched in Bologna/ May 2018

11. HRFC – meeting in Cologne on Invitation of the Bar: January 13 or 27 January 2018

12. Cooperation with other commissions

HRC (Yves) : Brussels doesn't want to host HR Commission

(Sara) It is one of the 5. Standing commissions but it is a "Virtual commission" with no real activity.

(Sara) The HRFC is a very active Commission of FBE and the Presidency decided to host it in Poznań form next two years (2017/2019) with Artur as the President, The Presidency believes the Madrid Bar will understand that

(Sara) Presidency would like the Madrid Bar to host the FBE permanent HR commissions

Discussion before:

Jose: do we need 2 commissions?

For Madrid Bar it is difficult to present the projects of the HRFC to obtain budgets if there are other FBE-Commissions.

Artur: Poznań with HRFC Members did a great work with and for HRFC, it started and built it from the beginning and work in FBE structures well during last two years, if Poznan is not hosting HRFC the Poznan Bar will go off the FBE, Poznań Bar Dean as the Member of FBE from 2012 sees no reason to take the HRFC from Poznań, Poznań Bar hosts only that one Commission
Madrid is already hosting a FBE Educational Commission and with that reason can obtain necessary funds for its activity in FBE

Poznan must have a leading position (as young member of FBE); it is specially important at the moment in FBE and in Poland as well

Pawel: the National Polish Council: suppressed the foreign affairs commission! If this continues, Poland will be soon closed for international relationship. That is why it is specially important that the Polish local Bars apart from Warsaw stay in FBE.

Artur: it is necessary to support Poland (Macron, Juncker....) in the 2-5 next years (in 2 years new elections, even if new party, needs time to re-establish new relationship with Europe)

Pawel: important because FBE represents local Bars

Sara / FBE Prersidency wants generally to encourage small bars and law societies: Internationalism is very important at the moment (anti-populism, racism)

FBE has to encourage small bars and individual members

HR Commission could represent FBE outside (foreign authorities, courts, other organizations)

HRFC: do many other projects but no budget because it is an ad hoc commission; it would be possible to cooperate between the 2 commissions.

Madrid could manage to contact other HR organizations

Jose: To get budget from Madrid, necessary cooperation between the 2 commissions

Sara: suggests for the next meeting in London to book the same room for the 2 commissions: there will be then the opportunity to cooperate

Artur: possible common projects, common meetings, better exchange of information

13. How to encourage the members to participate to the HRFC?

Choice of the date (On week-end?)

Choice of the Place?

Costs?

Artur: he is conscious about the extra costs but he thinks it is necessary to meet not only twice a year at congresses; to be effective in the different projects, it is necessary to meet more often.

Sara: the problem is that some members are members in other commissions.

The HRFC decides to establish a Skype-Connexion during the meeting to allow non-present members to participate.

Artur suggests to establish small reports about the projects of the HRFC to be sent to other commissions (twice a year):
There could be then a possible cooperation between commissions if they are informed about our projects.
Maybe all commissions will also do such reports.

Pawel: the Presidency should underline: being member of FBE, not only be present at congress (cocktails!) but being active in working commissions
Sara agrees absolutely (with Michele Lucerini support)

Artur reports about the example of the Cooperation with AEA-EAL
MS became "ambassador" of AEA-EAL to FBE by decision of the Board of AEA-EAL.
Artur is "ambassador" of FBE by AEA-EAL as he is member of both organizations so that information can be exchanged about the activities of both associations.

- **Artur Request to members: For London proposals for activities**

Madrid : Cooperation with commission access to justice:
For prisoners: first contact with lawyer in police and in court

- **14. Colombia Caravana 2018:**

Coordinator in Spain :

Film: October

August 2018: Host in Colombia: one organization + bilateral links with local place

- **OTHERS**