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Minutes of the Wrocław Meeting
4 December 2021

Wrocław Bar Association of Attorneys-at-law (*Okręgowa Izba Radców Prawnych we Wrocławiu*)
ul. Włodkowica 8, 50-072 Wrocław, Poland
(and online via Zoom)

Attendance list
(in alphabetical order)

Member	Bar Association	Function	Attendance
Mario Arabistanov	Sofia (Bulgaria)	Member	excused
Maria Dymitruk	Wrocław (Poland)	President	✓
Ludmila Glembotzky	Bilbao (Spain)	Member	excused
Paulina Kolowca	Warszawa (Poland)	Member	excused
Izabela Konopacka	Wrocław (Poland)	Former President	✓
Christoph Munz	Dresden (Germany)	Member	✓
Grzegorz Policht	Wrocław (Poland)	Candidate	✓
Agnieszka Poteralska	Wrocław (Poland)	Member	✓
Michał Skrzywanek	Wrocław (Poland)	Member	✓
Francesco Spina	Lucca (Italy)	Member	excused
Sławomir Szczerba	Wrocław (Poland)	Member	✓
Francesco Tregnaghi	Verona (Italy)	Vice-President	excused

Agenda:

- **Opening of the meeting** (*Maria Dymitruk, President of the Commission*)
- **Discussion on:**
 - International Legal Tech Competition “E-access to justice”
 - FBE participation in CREA II project
 - FBE participation in SCAN II project
 - Candidates for the new members of the Commission
- **Open debate**

Organizational issues:

The Commission meeting was organized on 4th December 2021 during the 2nd International Forum of Law Firm – the annual conference organized by Wrocław Bar Association of Attorneys-at-Law, this year together with the Opole Bar Association of Attorneys-at-Law and the Polish National Bar Association of Attorneys-at-Law. This two-day event was held in Wrocław under the auspices of the European Bar Federation (FBE) and the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA). During the Forum, practitioners and academics from many European countries gave speeches on artificial intelligence and its relation to human rights (first day of the event) and providing legal services to international businesses as well as the increasing role of women in business (second day of the event). During the second day of the Forum, the meeting of the FBE New Technologies Commission was held. All members of the Commission have been invited to take part in the Forum free of any charge. The members could participate in the meeting both on-site and online via the Zoom platform.

Meeting:

After welcoming the members of the Commission and persons who wished to join the Commission, Maria Dymitruk opened the substantive part of the meeting presenting the Commission’s plans for the first half year of 2022.

Firstly, the issue of International LegalTech Competition were discussed. Maria Dymitruk presented the general outline of the contest rules. The LegalTech International Competition will be addressed to lawyers interested in the use of technology and software to provide legal services and support the legal industry. The theme of this year's edition of the competition will be "E-access to Justice". It will be a continuation of the idea behind the first FBE international competition on legal technologies, i.e. "Law Firm of the Future" competition that took place in Wroclaw in 2019.

The contest will be formally announced later this month. The first stage of the competition will be in the remote form (completely online) - participants will send presentations/videos by 31 March 2022. On this basis, the finalist will be selected, and they will take part in the second stage of the contest (which will take place as an on-site meeting during the next FBE Congress in Sofia in June 2022).

The competition will focus on the significant expansion of digital technologies in the justice sector and how it has changed the way the legal profession is practiced. The objective of the competition participants will be to identify the manner in which the digitalization of justice can increase the efficiency of the legal system and facilitate access to judicial processes.

Maria Dymitruk presented the draft version of the posters of the competition and the content of the inviting letter. Members of the Commission accepted the proposals. Then, all members of the Commission discussed the technical aspects of contest rules, including:

- the age limit for the participants (all agreed that there should be no limitation in this regard)
- the possible participation of teams (not only individuals) (accepted)
- the potential support of the external entities (legal associations, law firms, etc.) aiming to promote the contest among their lawyers (accepted),
- the financial support for finalists' travel and accommodation cost in Sofia,
- organisational issues concerning the second stage of the contest (on-site event during the FBE Sofia Congress in June 2022).

In conclusion, the President of the Commission undertook to contact both local organizers of the Sofia Congress, and the Presidency of the European Bar Federation to work out the financial and organizational issues.

Secondly, Maria Dymitruk presented the involvement of FBE in two international scientific projects funded by the European Commission as a part of the Justice Program (JUST): CREA II and SCAN II.

CREA II is a scientific project in the field of AI and access to justice. The full title of the project is “Conflict Resolution with Equitative Algorithms 2”. It aims at introducing AI-driven tools to assist natural and legal persons in resolving their disputes through the application of innovative game-theoretical algorithms. It will help users to locate information of interest and follow them step-by-step through dispute resolution procedures. Maria Dymitruk outlined planned activities of the FBE as a partner in the project (FBE will be a partner responsible for the dissemination activities).

SCAN II – on the other hand – is a scientific project aiming at better enforcement of the European Small Claims Procedure judgments through creating a Roadmap of the 26 EU Member States’ enforcement rules on the one hand, and simplification and digitalization of the enforcement procedures on the other. The full title of the project is “Small Claims Analysis Net II”. Maria Dymitruk emphasized that in this project FBE will be responsible for the circulation of the Roadmap of the relevant enforcement procedural rules. We will also participate in collecting national data on the enforcement rules.

Members of the Commission highly appreciated the planned involvement in the projects and showed their support for achieving the project’s and FBE’s goals in this regard.

Subsequently, the President of the Commission opened the discussion on the candidates for the new members of the Commission: Mario Stoychev Arabistanov, Gabriela Bar and Grzegorz Policht. Grzegorz was present at the meeting, hence he had an opportunity

to present himself. There were no objections to the proposed candidates. Maria Dymitruk will contact Philippe Loew to formally ask for updating the list of the Commission's members.

Finally, Maria Dymitruk thanked everyone for attending the meeting and promised to send the summary of the meeting to all members of the Commission (including the absent ones).

The presentation used during the meeting has been annexed to the minutes.

Photos:



From left to right on the photo: Agnieszka Poteralska, Grzegorz Policht, Izabela Konopacka, Christoph Munz (on the screen), Maria Dymitruk, Michał Skrzywanek



From left to right on the photo: Michał Skrzywanek, Agnieszka Poteralska, Izabela Konopacka, Grzegorz Policht, Maria Dymitruk, and below on the screen: Sławomir Szczerba and Christoph Munz

Attachment:

1. Maria Dymitruk's presentation

Maria Dymitruk

President of the FBE New Technologies Commission