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**Ethics Commission
Lisbon, 24th October 2019**

REPORT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- President: Mr. Michael Auer
- Secretary of the Commission: Maria Begoña Angulo
- Mr. Florenzo Storelli
- Mr. Tiziano Simi
- Mr. Klaus Edelthalhammer

1.- NEW MEMBERS

- We welcome Mr. Florenzo Storelli (Lucca), Mr. Tiziano Simi (Lucca), and Mr. Klaus W. Edelthalhammer (Nürnberg) as new members of our Commission.

How to increase membership?

FBE contact in each country: FBE is the Organization of bars and not of national bars like CCBE is. But the idea should be pushed on. It is important to have one or two Bars members in each country, so that they are notifying us both legislative developments that may arise in each country in terms of Ethics, to try to establish, as far as possible, common guidelines.

We have contacted the colleagues who are listed as members of our Commission in the Website and who have not participated in the Commission's meetings in the last three years and only Mr. Lange has answered informing he was not going to participate at the Commission anymore because he has retired. Many email addresses were inexistent in the moment we sent the communication so we suppose they are not interested in being members of the Ethics Commission anymore. We will ask the Secretary of the Commissions of the FBE to actualize the list of members of our Commission.

Attendance to the Congresses

We know sometimes it is difficult to be present in all the meetings of our Commission; that is why it might be interesting to meet and share using Skype. It is an easy way to keep in touch, share opinions and make decisions.

2.- DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

- Report of the Task Force on the Role of Lawyers and International Commercial Structures of the OECD and the IBA.

According to the wish of the Presidency of the FBE, the members of the Ethics Commission present in the meeting discussed about the report elaborated by the International Bar Association and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development dated May 2019.

Accepting the petition of the President of our Commission, Mr. Storelli will examine the report and will extract the conclusions to send to the Presidency of FBE.

- Candidature of Bilbao Bar to host this Commission for the next two years.

Bilbao Bar Association presented its candidature to continue hosting the Ethics Commission for the next two years and it was elected by the Presidency of the FBE and announced in Lisbon on 24th of October. The President of the Commission will be Mr. Auer (Wien).

- Convenience of cooperating with CCBE for protection of professional independence & confidentiality;
- Convenience of protecting the right of citizens to confidentiality. Necessary change of words (confidentiality instead of secrecy).
- Contribution of self-regulation to achieving a balance between the quality of services and respect for ethical principles. The balance between ethical values and quality in lawyer's work.

3.- ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

Next meeting will be in Barcelona, 30th January - 1st February (Festividad de Sant Raimon de Penyafort - Trobades de Barcelona) but we might meet before via Skype.