

**FEDERATION DES BARREAUX D'EUROPE
EUROPEAN BARS FEDERATION
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FEDERACION DE LOS COLEGIOS DE ABOGADOS DE EUROPA
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Secrétariat des Commissions

REPORT ON FBE COMMISSIONS

Presidency Meeting - Barcelona, May, 30th , 2019

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

COMMISSION ACCESS TO JUSTICE - LUCCA

President : Enrico Lattanzi - Vice President : Suzanne Stern - Secretary : Elena Picchetti

President Lattanzi has sent a complete report on access to justice, updated on May 2019. See enclosure.

During the meeting in Barcelona, the commission will determine its future activities.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - POZNAN

President : Artur Wierzbicki - Vice President : Marc Wesser - Secretary : Renata Karbowska-Kuźma

President Wierzbicki has sent the following report to SeCO :

Dear Mr President, Dear Presidency, Dear Secretary,

In accordance to the mail - I send the composition of FBE Human Rights Commission (HRFC) activities:

- 1. preparation to the report on refugee action - encouraging our members to develop their own initiatives, assist member bar associations with training ideas for refugee action*
- 2. work on the Second International Human Rights Competition for young lawyers and law students (Germany, Berlin Sept 13-14, 2019)*
- 3. develop a training programme for community legal education programme at schools and community centers on human rights for the use of our member bar associations,*



4. *carry the studies on the HRC new project "International Trial Observation - Turkey", training Bilbao Dec 15, 2018*
5. *start the cooperation between FBE and National Bar of Turkey (FBE delegation 2019 in Ankara Mr M. Laucherini, Mr Ch. Kaufhold, Mr P Loew, Mr A. Wierzbicki)/ Mr Charles Kaufhold & Mr Artur Wierzbicki by FBE Team*
6. *"Dark side of the Moon" Turkey Conference, Istanbul September 2018 (Ms Dominique Attias & Mr Artur Wierzbicki)*
7. *Day of the Endangered Lawyer, Berlin January 24, 2019 (Mr Artur Wierzbicki)*
8. *proposal of the FBE Resolution on independence of Judiciary and Lawyers in Poland and Romania/ done*
9. *The Colombian Caravana Report 2018, London March 25, 2019*
10. *The Colloquium Fundamental Rights Project Nov 26-27, 2018 and 2019, Brussels (Mr Artur Wierzbicki)*
11. *consider the European lawyers access to their profession / all*
12. *support all international activities on human rights / all*
13. *FBE CONGRESSES (incl. Barcelona in February each year) / all*
14. *working regular meetings of HRC (Barcelona, Madrid, Bologna, Warsaw, Bilbao, Barcelona) / all*

Yours sincerely,

ARTUR WIERZBICKI

President of Human Rights Commission , FBE

President Wierzbicki has also sent a report on the Columbian Caravana, which has been put on the homepage of our website.

ETHICS COMMISSION – BILBAO

President : Michael Auer - Vice President : Rod Mole - Secretary : Nazario de Oleaga

Following report has been sent by Maria Begoña Angulo to SeCo :

1.- NEW MEMBERS

- *How to increase membership.*
- *Attendance to the congresses*

How to increase membership?

This is a point that should be worked on.

FBE contact in each country: *FBE is the Organization of bars and not of national bars like CCBE is. But the idea is 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*

Is the way that FBE Ethics Commission is actually communicating the right way? Are there things that have to be improved or changed?

Lobbying, writing, acting proactive ... is interesting.

Attendance to the Congresses

Difficult to say what subjects could be interesting. Having two meetings a year, all subjects have a chance to come through. Possibly a completely different type of congress? To have the opportunity to treat the contents of the various committees in "Workshops"

Permanent contact between the members of the Commission.

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

- *Convenience of cooperating with CCBE for protection of professional independence & secrecy;*
- *Cross-border litigation: Different regulation in FBE countries about the presentation of letters and communication acts to the Court that were exchanged with the opposing party in pre-procedural negotiations.*
- *Secrecy or publicity of the sanctions imposed by FBE Bar Associations on members.*

3.- ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION - MADRID

President : Raúl Ochoa Marco - Vice President : To be determined - Secretary : Constance Lubet

No report has been sent to SeCo.

AD HOC COMMISSIONS

ARBITRATION COMMISSION - NAPOLI

President : Alessandro Senatore - Vice President : No information - Secretary : No information

No report has been sent to SeCo.

COMMISSION PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE - ANTWERP

President : Leo Bouteligier - Vice President : Luc De Somer - Secretary : Stefanie Verstraete

No report has been sent to SeCo.

EASTERN BARS COMMISSION - CLUJ

President : Stanca Gidro - Vice President : Christoph Munz - Secretary : Diana Andrasoni

Following report has been sent to SeCo by Calin Iuga :

RAPPORT D'ACTIVITÉ

Réunion des présidents F.B.E., 29 Mai 2019

À compter de la date du dernier congrès, la Commission des Barreaux de l'Est a été et est impliqué dans le activités suivantes:

1. Participe à l'organisation de l'événement marquant le centenaire de Barreau de Cluj et participera à ces événements du 29 mai au 1er juin 2019 par l'intermédiaire de son président et de ses secrétaires. Les événements ne pouvaient pas être planifiés plus tard en raison du programme de six juges de la CEDH qui ont accepté l'invitation du 29 mai au 1er juin 2019. Des avocats et des doyens des barreaux roumains et européens ont été invités à l'événement.

2. Participe au projet de jumelage avec le Barreau de Varsovie, l'acte de jumelage devant être signé le 29 mai 2019.

*3. Il travaille à créer une plateforme en ligne visant à aider les ressortissants étrangers dans un État membre à identifier les avocats de cet État qui parlent leur langue maternelle ou une langue commune et qui sont disposés à offrir leurs services.
Par exemple, à l'heure actuelle, un citoyen roumain aura des difficultés à identifier un avocat polonais en Pologne sans connaître le polonais ou une langue commune.*

*Président du comité
av. Dr. Stanca GIDRO*

*Secrétaire suppléant
av. Călin Viorel IUGA*

ACTIVITY REPORT

Meeting of Presidents F.B.E., May 29, 2019

Since the last congress, the Eastern Bars Commission has been and is involved in the following activities:

1. It is involved in organizing the event that marks the centenary of the Cluj Bar and will take part in May 29th - June 1, 2019 at this event through its president and its secretaries. The event could not be planned in another period of time due to the program of six judges from ECHR who accepted the invitation only in the period 29 May - 1 June 2019. Lawyers and deans from Romania and from the European bars were invited to the event.

2. It is involved in the twinning project with the Warsaw Bar Association, the twinning agreement being scheduled for signature on 29 May 2019.

3. It is working to create an online platform to help foreign citizens in a Member State identifying lawyers from that state who speak in their mother tongue or in a common language and who are willing to offer their services. For example, nowadays, a Romanian citizen will find it difficult to identify a Polish lawyer in Poland without knowing Polish or a common language.

Chairman of the committee
av. Dr. Stanca GIDRO

Alternate Secretary
av. Călin Viorel IUGA

MEDIATION COMMISSION - BARCELONA

President : Eugenia Gay - Vice President : No information - Secretary : No information

No report has been sent to SeCo

COMMISSION ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND LAW SOCIETIES - FFM

President : Andrea Griem - Vice President : Rudolf Lauda - Secretary : Heike Steinbach-Rohn

No report has been sent to SeCo.

COMMISSION FUTURE OF THE PROFESSION – THE HAAGUE

President : Bas Martens - Vice President : Arjen van Rijn - Secretary : Saskia van der Toorn

Following email has been sent by Bas Martens to the members of the Commission :

Dear Members of commissions Future of the Profession,

*I am pleased to remind you that our **Commission will meet on Thursday, May 30th 2019 at 5.00 pm in Barcelona, at ICAB, Mallorca 283.** Kindly please confirm your attendance.*

On April 12th, in Wroclav, young lawyers and law students competed in the competition 'law firm of the future'. The competition was organized by the Wroclav- and the Hague Bar and hosted in Wroclav. It was an exciting day.

The 11 finalists were all very well prepared and made a great effort. At the end of the day, the jury had to decide. Rumyana Yordanova and Gabriela Hristova from the international law firm Penkov Markov from Sofia were the winners. In their point of view, to survive, the law firm of the future should be run as a commercial business. Law firms should deliver 'more for

less' and run on technology like artificial intelligence. Outsourcing of tasks and cooperation with other disciplines will be key factors in the future. And with a warning: we should be very careful that artificial intelligence does not take over the role of humans. Runner up was Ludmila Glembotzky Goya from Akro Abogados y asesores Bilbao, Spain was the runner up. She had very innovative ideas and elaborated about the benefits of Blockchain-technology, video-conferencing, legal outcome prediction and smart contracts. She emphasized that Legal Tech 'is and must remain only a tool and must never replace the lawyer'. The brothers Yavor Stoychev (Stoychev & Stoycheva law firm) and Yassen Stoychev (KPG Bulgaria) from Sofia came in third. In a very profession presentation they envisioned a fully digital law firm where face to face contact with the client is no longer necessary. They mentioned digital archiving of documents with real time access for clients, digital conference rooms, more control for clients, digital assistants and innovations on time management. The jury especially recommended Cem Sanap Alperen (Guner law office) from Istanbul for his swirling presentation: 'Cem has the energy and persuasiveness every client wishes from his lawyer'.

In Barcelona, the winners will have the opportunity to give their presentation again.

As a suggestion, I want to propose to you to talk about the 'law firm of the future' in our commission-meeting. As an intro to the winners' presentation, we could give our view on this subject. How will the law firm of the future be organized in the view of the international group of lawyers in the commission Future of the Profession? And how does this relate to the presentations of the competitors in Wrocław?

You are all very welcome to join the discussion! See you in Barcelona.

With warm regards,

*Bas Martens
Commission Future of the Profession*

COMMISSION NEW TECHNOLOGIES - WROCLAW

President : Iza Konopacka - Vice President : Franceso Tregnaghi - Secretary : Anna Materla

President Konopacka sent the following agenda to SeCo :

1. Discussion on: "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI" (on 8 April the High-Level Expert Group on AI (AI HLEG) of the European Commission published its guidelines). They may be accessed here: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/ethics-guidelines-trustworthy-ai>
2. European Ethical Charter on the use of AI in judicial systems and their environment-protection of human rights.
3. <https://rm.coe.int/ethical-charter-en-for-publication-4-december-2018/16808f699c>
4. Recent developments on Multi-disciplinary practices – non-lawyers' participation – alternative legal providers. Ernst & Young entity acquires Thomson Reuters' business (http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/ernst-young-entities-acquire-legal-managed-services-business-pangea3-should-law-firms-worry/?icn=most_read)
5. (New) Model of Law firms with IT developments.
 - a) summary of the FBE FUTURE OF LAW FIRM COMPETITION held in Wrocław and co-organized by the Bar Association in Wrocław and in Hague.
 - b) IntelliLex -the application that won Global Legal Hackathon 2019.
6. Data protection and a big recent leak in Italy (stolen from a email provider's server of the password of the certified email of thousands of Italian lawyers and bad habits in maintaining

the passwords from the users). Lesson learnt and possible actions from the Commission or Federation.

EQUALITY COMMISSION - PARIS

President : Valence Borgia - Vice President : To be determined - Secretary : To be determined

As President, Valence Borgia is setting up the new Equality Commission. An email has been sent to the member Bars on this purpose.

COMMISSION LAW WITHOUT BORDERS - FFM

President : Rudolf Lauda - Vice President : Sergiusz Foltynowicz - Secretary : Tanja Wolf

No report has been sent to SeCo.