

**FEDERATION DES BARREAUX D'EUROPE**  
**EUROPEAN BARS FEDERATION**  
**VERBAND EUROPÄISCHER RECHTSANWALTSKAMMERN**  
**FEDERACION DE LOS COLEGIOS DE ABOGADOS DE EUROPA**  
**FEDERAZIONE DEGLI ORDINI FORENSI D'EUROPA**



*Secrétariat des Commissions*

## **REPORT ON FBE COMMISSIONS**

**Presidency Meeting - Paris, May, 6<sup>st</sup> , 2019**

### **PERMANENT COMMISSIONS**

#### **COMMISSION ACCESS TO JUSTICE - LUCCA**

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - POZNAN**

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

The Commission met in Barcelona and in Wroclaw the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

As President of the HRC, Artur Wierzbicki visited the Union of Turkish Bar Associations with the FBE Presidency delegation, the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

#### **ETHICS COMMISSION – BILBAO**

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

There was no information sent to SeCo since February 2018.



**LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION - MADRID**

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

**AD HOC COMMISSIONS**

**ARBITRATION COMMISSION - NAPOLI**

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

**COMMISSION PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE - ANTWERP**

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

**EASTERN BARS COMMISSION - CLUJ**

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

**MEDIATION COMMISSION - BARCELONA**

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

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

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

There was no new information sent to SeCo since the Presidency meeting in Barcelona.

**COMMISSION FUTURE OF THE PROFESSION – THE HAAGUE**

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

The Commissions Future of the Profession and New Technologies co-organized a Young Lawyers' Competition on the topic "LAW FIRM OF THE FUTURE" in Wroclaw.

Following report has been sent by Bas Martens to SeCo :

*On April 12th, in Wroclaw, young lawyers and law students competed in the competition 'law firm of the future'. The competition was organized by the Wroclaw- and the Hague Bar and hosted in Wroclaw. 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. Romyana 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 Wroclaw?*

The 18th of March 2019, President Lucherini has sent to Iza Konopacka the five principles of the Ethical Charter on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Judicial Systems, asking the commission to report on the Charter.

President Konopacka replied as following :

*The IT Commission will present its comments on the Ethical Charter to the Presidency within a couple of weeks.*

*I will contact also Artur Wierzbicki, the President of the Human Rights Commission, to propose to discuss the issues during the joint meetings of the two Commissions as the Charter makes references to the safeguards regarding the human rights in use of AI.*

### **COMMISSION NEW TECHNOLOGIES - WROCLAW**

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

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**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.

**COMMISSION LAW WITHOUT BORDERS - FFM**

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

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