

PRACTISING FAMILY LAW IN EUROPE

Thursday, 11 December 2008

Conference

- 13.00 - 14.00 **Registration**
- 14.00 - 14.15 **Welcome address by First Vice-President of the CCBE – Anne Birgitte GAMMELJORD**
- 14.15 - 14.30 **Welcome address by an ERA representative**
- 14.30 - 16.00 **Brussels II bis Regulation**
Moderator: Béatrice WEISS-GOUT
- Conflict of laws: Which jurisdiction for divorce?
 - **Thalia KRUGER** (South Africa)
 - Which jurisdiction for parental responsibility? (general rules and rules with regard to child abduction)
 - **Peter Mc ELEAVY** (Scotland)
 - Enforcement of decisions concerning children
 - **Peter Mc ELEAVY** (Scotland)
- 16.00 - 16.15 *Coffee break*
- 16.15 - 16.45 **Brussels I Regulation**
Moderator: Béatrice WEISS-GOUT
- **Cyril NOURISSAT** (France)
- 16.45 - 18.30 **Draft proposals**
- Maintenance obligations
 - **Diana Wallis** (European Parliament)
 - Rome III
 - **Fernando Rui Paulino PEREIRA** (Council of the European Union)
 - Mediation
 - **Fernando Rui Paulino PEREIRA** (Council of the European Union)
 - Matrimonial regimes
 - **Olivier TELL** (European Commission)

Friday, 12 December 2008

Workshops

- 9.00 - 10.30 **Practical Workshops**
- Brussels II bis—Practical divorce cases *[with 2 interpreters]*
 - **Hélène POIVEY-LECLERCQ** (France)
 - **Frederic RENSTRÖM** (Sweden)
 - Overview and mutual recognition of partnerships in Europe *[in English]*
 - **Richard FRIMSTON** (United Kingdom)
 - **Mia REICH-SJÖGREN** (Sweden)
- 10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Workshops which look to the future**
- Future of family contracts, comparative law and European law *[with 2 interpreters]*
 - **Luis ZARRALUQUI** (Spain)
 - **Guido ALPA** (Italy)
 - **Michel BENICHO** (France)
 - Maintenance obligations: conflicts of laws, conflicts of jurisdictions, enforcement of judgments (The Hague Convention and the future European regulation) *[in French]*
 - **Philippe LORTIE** (The Hague Conference)
 - **Marina BLITZ** (Belgium)
 - **Marie SALORD** (Permanent Representation of France to the EU)
- 12.30 - 14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Practical Workshops**
- Brussels II bis and The Hague Convention (illegal removal of children) / Practical cases *[with 2 interpreters]*
 - **Véronique CHAUVEAU** (France)
 - **Anne Marie HUTCHINSON** (United Kingdom)
 - **Liis HALLIK** (Estonia)
- 15.30 - 15.45 *Coffee break*
- 15.45 - 17.15 **Workshops which look to the future**
- Divorce under common law and under civil law: convergences and differences *[in English & in French]*
 - **Tim AMOS** (United Kingdom)
 - **Isabelle REIN-LESCASTERYRES** (France)
 - **Béatrice WEISS-GOUT** (France)
 - The child in the proceedings: hearing of the child and other issues, European and international conventions *[with 2 interpreters]*
 - **Eva BECKER** (Germany)
 - **Kerstin NIETHAMMER-JÜRGENS** (Germany)
 - **Malgorzata KOZUCH** (Poland)
 - Alternative dispute resolution: comparative law and European law *[in English]*
 - **Charlotte BRADLEY** (United Kingdom)
 - **Rachael KELSEY** (United Kingdom)
- 17.30 **Conclusions**
Reflection of the CCBE on the role of the lawyer in a European family
by Béatrice WEISS-GOUT

Translation will be available in English and French in the plenary sessions; otherwise language in the workshops is as indicated on this programme.