Conference on Developments in European Law:
European Initiatives (CFR)
and Reform of Civil Law in New Member States

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Programme

Thursday, 15 November 2007

9:00-9:30   Registration
9:30-10:00   Opening Speeches
             Prof. Alar Karis, Rector, University of Tartu
             Mr. Rein Lang, Minister of Justice
             Mr. Märt Rask, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
             Representative of the EC Commission

I  The Present State and Future Perspectives of Harmonization of Private Law
   Chair:  Mr. Rein Lang, Minister of Justice, Estonia
           Prof. Norbert Reich, University of Tartu, Estonia

10:00-10:30  Prof. Christian von Bar
             University of Osnabrück, Germany
             An Introduction to the Academic Draft Common Frame of Reference

10:30-11:00  Prof. Hugh Beale
             University of Warwick, Great Britain
             The Nature and Purposes of the Common Frame of Reference

11:00-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-12:00  Prof. Walter van Gerven
             University of Leuven, Belgium
             The Open Method of Convergence, Coordination and Education

12:00-12:30  Prof. Hans Schulte-Nölke
             University of Bielefeld, Germany
             From the Acquis Communautaire to the Common Frame of Reference –
             the Contribution of the Aquis Group
The Influence of Harmonization of Private Law upon the Development of the Civil Law in New Member States of the European Union and Non-Member States

Chair: Prof. Thomas Wilhelmsson, University of Helsinki, Finland
       Prof. Paul Varul, University of Tartu, Estonia

15-minute presentations from the representatives of the new member states and non-member states regarding their states, followed by discussion.

14:00-15:30
Prof. Jerzy Rajski, University of Warsaw, Poland
Dr. András Kifaludi, University of Budapest, Hungary
Prof. Valentinaes Mikelenas, University of Vilnius, Lithuania
Prof. Luboš Tichy, University of Prague, Chech Republic
Dr. Damjan Možina, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Prof. Kalvis Torgans, University of Riga, Latvia

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:15
Prof. Irene Kull, University of Tartu, Estonia
Dr. Monika Józon, University of Transylvania, Roumenia
Dr. Monika Jurcova, University of Trnava, Slovakia
Prof. Christian Takoff, University of Sofia, Bulgaria
Prof. Andreas Furrer, University of Luzern, Switzerland

17:15-17:45 Discussion

Friday, 16 November 2007

During the second day of the conference three topics are discussed mainly from the point of view of what has been done to harmonize the law in the given field and how the given problems are dealt with in the new member states. The presenters will give 30-minute presentations followed by discussion.

9:00-11:00 Pre-contractual Obligations
Chair: Prof. Christian von Bar, University of Osnabrück, Germany
Speakers: Prof. Hugh Beale, University of Warwick, Great Britain
          Prof. Thomas Wilhelmsson, University of Helsinki, Finland
          Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Unfair Terms
Chair: Prof. Hugh Beale, University of Warwick, Great Britain
Speakers: Prof. Fryderyk Zoll, University of Krakow, Poland
          Prof. Thomas Wilhelmsson, University of Helsinki, Finland
          Prof. Norbert Reich, University of Tartu, Estonia
          Discussion

14:30-16:30 Secured Transactions
Chair: Prof. Hans Schulte-Nölke, University of Bielefeld, Germany
Speakers: Prof. Anna Veneziano, University of Teramo, Italy
          Prof. Hugh Beale, University of Warwick, Great Britain
          Discussion

16:30-17:00 Closing Remarks
Prof. Norbert Reich, University of Tartu, Estonia
Prof. Christian von Bar, University of Osnabrück, Germany
Prof. Paul Varul, University of Tartu, Estonia