



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

II 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 Kisfaludi, University of Budapest, Hungary
Prof. Valentinas Mikelenas, University of Vilnius, Lithuania
Prof. Luboš Tichy, University of Prague, Czech 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 Józson, 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