

Provisional programme

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Wednesday, 7 May 2014

18:00 - 20:00 Welcome reception, sponsored by the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice

Thursday, 8 May 2014

08:30 - 09:30 **Conference registration and coffee**

09:30 - 09:45 **Opening of the conference**
Ms Els Prins, general manager International Child Abduction Center *(the Netherlands)*
Mr Paul Vlaardingerbroek, chair of the board International Child Abduction Center *(the Netherlands)*

09:45 - 10:00 **Welcome speech**
Mr Fred Teeven, State Secretary of Security and Justice the Netherlands *(the Netherlands)*

10:00 - 10:45 **Hague Conference on Private International Law (Hcch)**
Mr Christophe Bernasconi, the Secretary General Hcch *(Switzerland)*

10:45 - 11:30 **European Commission**
Ms Joanna Serdyska, European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice *(Poland)*

11:30 - 12:00 **Eurojust**
Mr Lo Voi, Eurojust's National Member for Italy and Contact Point for Child Protection *(Italy)*

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**

13.00 - 15:00 **Seminar of choice**

- ❖ **1) Case law: discussion of the newest and most important case law**
Ms Thalia Kruger, professor University of Antwerp *(Belgium)*
Ms Karin Verbist, lawyer *(Belgium)*
- ❖ **2) Application of the grounds of refusal**
Ms Sabine Brieger, judge *(Germany)*
Ms Kerstin Niethammer-Jurgens, lawyer *(Germany)*
- ❖ **3) The Brussels II bis Regulation in relation to the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention**
Mr Ian Curry-Sumner, specialist private international law *(United Kingdom)*
- ❖ **4) Liaison judges: their role in the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention cases**
Mr Francisco Javier Foracada Miranda, legal advisor Spanish Ministry of Justice and judge *(Spain)*

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee break**



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15:30 - 17:00 Seminar of choice

- ❖ **5) The practical challenges of the enforcement of return orders**
Mr David Urwyler, Head of the Central Authority Switzerland (*Switzerland*)
- ❖ **6) Interaction between criminal law and civil law in international parental child abduction cases**
Mr Dirk de Waele, Attorney General Court of Appeal Antwerp (*Belgium*)
- ❖ **7) The 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention: what can it do for you?**
Mr Nigel Lowe, professor Cardiff Law School (*United Kingdom*)
- ❖ **8) The voice of the child in the 1980 Hague Convention proceedings**
Mr Eberhard Carl, judge (*Germany*)
Mr Michael Karle, psychologist and child psychiatrist (*Germany*)

19:00 - 21:30 **Conference dinner, hosted by the City of The Hague**
Welcome address by Mr Jozias van Aartsen, Mayor of the City of The Hague (*the Netherlands*)

Friday, 9 May 2014

- 08:30 - 09:00 **Walk in / registration when necessary**
- 09:00 - 10:30 **Cross border family mediation in practice**
Mr Christoph Paul, lawyer - notary - mediator (*Germany*)
Ms Anke Loebel, lawyer - mediator (*Germany*)
Ms Sandra Fenn, mediator (*United Kingdom*)
Ms Katharina Kriegel-Schmidt, mediator - research fellow (*Germany*)
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Article 11 Brussel II bis**
Mr Milos Hatapka, Director of Private International Law Division Ministry of Justice Slovakia (*Slovakia*)
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Seminar of choice**
- ❖ **9) Could this be a case for mediation? Mediation and abduction: what lawyers need to know and never dared to ask**
Mr Christoph Paul, lawyer - notary - mediator (*Germany*)
Ms Sybille Kiesewetter, psychologist - mediator (*Germany*)
 - ❖ **10) The timing of the 1980 Hague Convention proceedings**
Mr Nigel Lowe, professor Cardiff Law School (*United Kingdom*)
 - ❖ **11) Relocation**
The Rt. Hon Sir Mathew Thorpe, former judge (*United Kingdom*)
 - ❖ **12) The role of the Central Authority**
Mr Agris Skudra, Head of Children Affairs Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia (*Latvia*)



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14.00 - 15.30 **Seminar of choice (*Repeated seminars*)**

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❖ **15) The Brussels II bis Regulation in relation to the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention**

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❖ **16) Relocation**

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15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Conclusions and recommendations are shared and floor open for discussion**

Mr Francisco Javier Forcada Miranda, chair Advisory Board LEPCA (*Spain*)

17:00 - 18:00 **Farewell reception**

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Optional

09:00 - 12:00 The future: establish a platform of specialised lawyers



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