

Objective

The Annual Conference on European Family Law aims to meet the requirements of family lawyers involved in cross-border litigation and to keep them informed about the recent case law and the latest developments at international and EU level.

Key topics

- Cross-border divorce and parental responsibility: recent case law
- The Franco-German matrimonial property regime in force since 1 May 2013
- Cross-border maintenance in legal practice
- International adoptions
- Protection of vulnerable adults abroad
- Life in cross-border situations: consequences for name and status
- The Commission's proposal on public documents of 24 April 2013

Who should attend?

Family lawyers, lawyers in private practice and notaries involved in family litigation

Travel to Trier:

Shuttle services from Luxembourg airport to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates with our partner Taxi Franken: www.taxi-franken.de/era

Speakers

Levent Altan, Principal Legal Advisor, Milieu Ltd., Brussels

Véronique Chauveau, *Avocat à la Cour*, Cabinet CBBC, Paris

Dr Robert Fucik, Lead Prosecutor, Federal Ministry of Justice, Vienna

Maja Groff, Senior Legal Officer, Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague

Juliane Hirsch, Consultant to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, Paris

Peter Junggeburth, DEA (Panthéon-Assas, Paris), Rechtsanwalt, Berlin

Dr Zdeněk Kapitán, Director, Office for International Protection of Children, Brno

Dr Andrea Schulz, Head of the Central Authority, Federal Office of Justice, Bonn

Dr Geoffrey Shannon, Solicitor, Chairman, Adoption Authority of Ireland, Special Rapporteur on Child Protection, Ireland

Michael Wells-Greco, Partner, Maitland Advisory LLP, Geneva; Lecturer in European Family Law, Maastricht University

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW 2013

FAMILY LIFE, DIVORCE AND
MAINTENANCE IN CROSS-
BORDER SITUATIONS

Trier, 26-27 September 2013
ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, Trier, Germany

Conference organiser:
Dr Angelika Fuchs

Languages:
English and German
(simultaneous interpretation)

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Thursday, 26 September 2013

08:45 Arrival and registration

Chair: *Robert Fucik*

09:10 Welcome
Angelika Fuchs

Chair: *Zdeněk Kapitán*

I. CROSS-BORDER DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY REGIMES

09:15 **Pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements in the context of EU family law**
Michael Wells-Greco

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **The new Franco-German matrimonial property regime: a model for Europe?**
Peter Junggeburth

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

II. CHILDREN LAW

11:30 **Parental responsibility, cross-border child abduction and placement of a child: recent case law**
Andrea Schulz

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

III. CROSS-BORDER MAINTENANCE

14:00 **Recovery of maintenance claims**

- Which court is competent?
- Which law applies?
- Recognition, enforcement and cooperation among central authorities

Véronique Chauveau

14:45 Discussion

15:00 **Looking ahead: IT solutions**
Juliane Hirsch

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

Chair: *Véronique Chauveau*

16:15 **First practical experiences with the EU Maintenance Regulation**

- *Robert Fucik*
- *Zdeněk Kapitán*

17:45 End of the first conference day

18:00 City guided tour

19:30 Conference dinner

Friday, 27 September 2013

Chair: *Andrea Schulz*

IV. CROSS-BORDER ADOPTION

09:00 **International adoption procedures and barriers**
Geoffrey Shannon

09:30 Discussion

V. PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

09:45 **How to protect vulnerable adults who spend the last part of their lives abroad?**
Maja Groff

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

Chair: *Geoffrey Shannon*

VI. PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, NAME AND CIVIL STATUS

11:00 **Life in cross-border situations**

- Consequences for name and civil status
- The Commission's proposal on public documents

Levent Altan / Markus Zalewski

12:15 Discussion

VII. REPORT FROM BRUSSELS

12:45 **Towards new legal instruments**
Markus Zalewski

13:15 End of the conference

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