ERA Conference on Rome I and II

On 31 May and 1 June 2012, the European Academy of European Law (ERA) will host a conference on Rome I and Rome II in Trier (Germany). The conference will concentrate on day-to-day situations in cross-border context, notably consumer contracts and traffic accidents, and is supposed to provide a forum for debate between legal practitioners on the practical implementation of the two Regulations. Participants are invited to share and evaluate their own experiences in their member states.

The conference programme reads as follows:

THURSDAY, 31 May 2012

- 9:00 **Arrival and Registration**
- 9:30 **Welcome**

I. SYNOPSIS OF ROME I & II

- 9.35 **Scope of Application in the light of English and ECJ law,** *Alexander Layton*
- 10.00 **Mandatory rules and ordre public,** *Michael Hellner*
- 10.25 **Discussion**
- 10.45 **Coffee break**

II. ROME I: WHICH LAW APPLIES TO INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS?

1. General and Specific Rules

- 11.15 **Choice of Law and applicable law in the absence of choice,** *Jan von Hein*
- 11.45 **Discussion**
- 12.10 **Case law on employment contracts,** *Etienne Pataut*
- 12.40 **Discussion**
- 13.00 **Lunch**

2. Focus on Consumer Contracts

- 14.00 **Consumer contracts: recent developments,** *Giesela Rühl*
- 14.30 **Discussion**

Workshop (with coffee & tea)

- 14.45 **Cross-border consumer contracts in judicial practice,** *John Ahern*
- 15.45 **Results of the workshop and discussion**

3. What's Next

- 16.30 **Towards a revision? – Consumer contracts, insurance contracts and assignment,** *Stefania Bariatti*
- 17.00 **Discussion**
- 17.15 **End of the first conference day**
- 19.00 **Evening programme and dinner**

FRIDAY, 1 June 2012

III. ROME II: WHICH LAW APPLIES TO CROSS-BORDER TORTS?

1. General and Specific Rules

- 9.00 **Tort/delict under Rome II,** *Andrew Dickinson*
- 9.25 **Product Liability,** *Marta Requejo Isidro*
- 9.50 **Discussion**
- 10.15 **Coffee break**

2. Focus on Traffic Accidents

- 10.45 **Traffic accidents in the light of Brussels I, Rome II and the Hague Convention (including a case-study)**, *Thomas Kadner Graziano*
- 12.00 **Current issues on the traffic law and compensation**, *Marie Louise Kinsier*
- 12.30 **Discussion**

3. What's Next

- 12.45 **Amendment of the Rome II Regulation: a new rule on defamation?,** *Cecilia Wikström*
- 13.15 **Lunch and end of the conference**

More information is available here.