



International Conference in Heidelberg from 5 – 8 March 2013

## „Recovery of Maintenance in the EU and Worldwide“

### CALL FOR PAPERS

We cordially invite you to submit your papers to the upcoming international conference and to help make it a success.

Contribute to the conference by sharing your experience in dealing with the new legal framework for the international recovery of maintenance (i.e., the 2008 EU Regulation<sup>1</sup> and the 2007 Hague Child Support Convention<sup>2</sup> and Protocol<sup>3</sup>) and its national implementation or by reporting on your country's maintenance law in forum or workshop presentations or panel discussions. Take part in the discourse on the new international legal bases and their relevance for domestic reform of the systems for recovery of maintenance. Share your expertise with our conference attendees.

People from all relevant fields of endeavour: academia, politics and practice are invited to attend the conference. We expect government and central authority representatives as well as lawyers, judges and academics. The conference serves the purpose of enhancing knowledge and exchanging experiences as well as of getting to know each other.

Conference topics will include the following, among others:

- Cross-border communication as a basis for the fast and effective recovery of maintenance (e.g. communication frameworks for practitioners; simplifying cooperation in difficult cases; electronic communication; facilitating the transfer of funds)
- Development of private international law (e.g. analysis of the Hague Protocol of 23 November 2007 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations; legal aspects of the cross-border enforcement of monetary claims; compatibility of national concepts of adult maintenance)
- "Getting to know each other" (e.g. presentation of national maintenance laws; tasks of the Central Authorities; feasibility of applying foreign law)
- Problematic procedural issues (e.g. recognition; enforcement; application procedures; jurisdiction; data protection; protection against domestic violence; legal aid)
- The realities of children's lives (family conflict and maintenance; maintenance and visitation across international borders)
- Child support systems and systems of paying child support in advance in the light of the principles of the UNCRC (Art. 27)

Report on your experiences in dealing with the new regulations as a representative of a Central Authority, judge or lawyer and on the questions you are faced with: Do the intended electronic communication channels work? Does the cross-border transfer of funds work? What does the reality of single parents and maintenance debtors in transnational families look like?

Discuss questions of private international law and civil procedure law as well as progress, unresolved questions and reform proposals in the international recovery of maintenance. Develop improved methods, concepts and proposals for implementing the new legal instruments.

<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on maintenance obligations.

<sup>2</sup> Convention of 23 November 2007 on the international recovery of child support and other forms of family maintenance.

<sup>3</sup> Protocol of 23 November 2007 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations.

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Please register your contribution via the online form and send it to [unger@dijuf.de](mailto:unger@dijuf.de). The **deadline** for submissions is **30 April 2012**. Abstracts can be submitted in German, English, French or Spanish.

You may hand in papers and proposals for the following types of events:

- Short presentation (20-30 min.) with discussion (15 min.) whether in plenary or in parallel sessions
- Long presentation (40-45 min) with discussion (15 min.) whether in plenary or in parallel sessions
- workshops with three to four presentations (90 min.)
- workshop contribution (15 min.) with discussion (5 min.)
- panel discussion with three to four participants and moderation (90 min.)
- contribution (10-20 min.) to a panel discussion lasting 90 min.

The short versions (abstracts) of all accepted papers will be published beforehand on **[www.heidelberg-conference2013.de](http://www.heidelberg-conference2013.de)** and handed out to conference attendees in hard copy.

After submitting your paper, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you have questions, please contact

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We are looking forward to receiving your paper!