Conference on Judicial Cooperation in South-Eastern Europe

The final program for the international conference titled **?Regional Cooperation in the Field of Civil Proceedings with an International Element**? was distributed this week. This is actually the sixth regional conference where academics and practitioners exchange their views and comments on different topics of conflict of laws and related areas. Commencing in 2002 in Niš (Serbia), these conferences continued in the following years in Maribor (Slovenia), Belgrade (Serbia), Zagreb (Croatia) and Be?i?i (Montenegro). This year the Faculty of Law of the Univeristy of Banja Luka (Bosnia and Hercegovina) is hosting the conference from 16 to 18 October 2008. The conference is to be held in the hotel Bosna.

The topics to be presented and discussed are divided into four sections as follows:

Comparative Legislation and Practice in the European Union Member States
Christa Jessel-Holst (Max Planck Institute for Foreign and Private International Law, Hamburg), *Regional Cooperation in the Field of Civil Proceedings with an International Element – the Case of South East Europe*
Bea Verschraegen (University of Vienna), *Critical Appraisal of Brussels II a Regulation*
Vesna Lazi? (Utrecht University and T.M.C. Asser Institute), *Improving Service of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in European Union: the Regulation (EC) No. 1393/2007 of 13 November 2007*

Comparative Legislation and Practice in the Countries of the Region
Bernadet Bordaš (University of Novi Sad), *Regional Cooperation for the Improvement of the National Courts Proceedings – Selected Practical Examples*
Suzana Kralji? (University of Maribor), *Problems of International Adoption in Slovenia*
Ivana Kunda (University of Rijeka), *Regional Cooperation in the Field of Civil Proceedings with a Cross-Border Element: Practice of the Croatian Courts in*

Applying the Hague and Bilateral Conventions
Toni Deskoski (University "Ss Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje), *International Legal Aid According to Bilateral Agreements Concluded by the Republic of Macedonia*
Vladimir ?olovi? (University Megatrend, Belgrade), *Regulating International Legal Aid in Insolvency Proceedings with an International Element*
Valerija Šaula (University of Banja Luka), *Regional Cooperation in the Field of Civil Proceedings with International Element in the Legislation and Practice of the Republic of Srpska*

Practical Problems
Nikola Sladoje, Assistant Minster of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Practical Problems in Requesting and Providing International Legal Aid – Bosnia and Herzegovina Experience*
Mirko Živkovi? (University in Niš), *Municipal Civil Registers and Social Work Centres in Serbia – Some Issues of Private International Law*
Jasmina Alihodži? (University in Tuzla), *Presumed Reciprocity Principle in the Function of Efficient Implementation of International Legal Aid in the Region Countries*

Other Issues and Problems
Maja Stanivukovi? (University in Novi Sad), *Default Interest Rate Applicable to Foreign Currency in Contractual Claims Governed by the Serbian Law*
Ana Kneževi?-Bojovi? (Union University in Belgrade), *Insolvency Proceedings with an International Element*
Michael Wietzorek (Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nürnberg), *Particularities of United States of America Procedural Law from a German Perspective*
Predrag Cvetkovi? (University in Niš), *Relationship between the Communitarian and the Law of the World Trade Organization (WTO): Basic Considerations*

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