



## Overview

This Conference will provide both practitioners and academics with the opportunity to learn of the most significant developments in tort law within Europe in the year 2009. Experts from all over Europe will present the highlights of their contributions to the European Tort Law 2009 Yearbook, which will be published after the Conference by the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ETL) and the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL). The reporters will provide a comprehensive overview of the previous year's court practice and legislation in their respective jurisdictions. Furthermore, an overview of the developments in the field of EU law will be provided. A comparative analysis will review the essential aspects of all reports. In addition to these national reports, the Conference will feature special presentations on current key issues of tort law. Lord Bingham of Cornhill will present the opening lecture on Thursday evening and Saturday's presentations will focus exclusively on Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life. There will be ample room for discussion, both at the Conference as well as informally.

### Institute for European Tort Law (ETL)

Focusing on European jurisdictions, the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences conducts comparative legal research in the field of tort law.

With its research, ETL aims to enhance and promote the harmonisation and further development of tort law in Europe.

### European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL)

ECTIL, an independent association based in Vienna, is a research institute undertaking comparative studies in the field of national, international and common European tort and insurance law. The results of this research are published in its Tort and Insurance Law series. ECTIL is also the institutional basis for the European Group on Tort Law, whose core project is the drafting of Principles of European Tort Law. The results of this project are published in a series of the same name (Kluwer).

## ECTIL Supporting Members

ECTIL welcomes applications to become Supporting Members. Minimum annual membership fee is Eur 1,000. Supporting Members receive all ECTIL publications starting with the year they become a member. In the year 2010, publications will, for example, include at least four volumes on key issues of tort law. Supporting Members are entitled to a 50% reduction on the fee for the Annual Conference on European Tort Law. Furthermore, Supporting Members are eligible to participate in other conferences and presentations of ECTIL at no cost.

### Accommodation in Vienna

ETL and ECTIL have provisionally booked a number of rooms for Conference participants in the HOTEL REGINA\*\*\*\* (Eur 96 for a single room incl. breakfast), until March 8, 2010. Please contact the hotel directly and make your own reservation, indicating that the reservation is for the Annual Conference on European Tort Law. A credit card number will be required to secure the reservation.

#### Hotel Regina

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#### Heurigen Evening

(not included in the Conference fee)

Enjoy Viennese wines and Austrian specialities at this casual get-together of Conference speakers, participants, and the ETL/ECTIL team on Friday evening (April 9, 2010). In Vienna, Heuriger is the name for the wine harvested in the previous year and also for the taverns where it is sold. Most of these inns are located in picturesque wine-growing villages near the Vienna Woods.

Price per person: Eur 30 (including food and beverages); early booking and payment is much appreciated (preferably together with the Conference registration).

All information correct at time of going to press.

## Programme

### Thursday, April 8, 2010

Austrian Ministry of Justice (Palais Trautson)  
Museumstrasse 7, 1070 Vienna

- 18:00** Welcome Address
- 18:10** Lord Bingham of Cornhill: *Opening Lecture*
- 19:15** Reception

### Friday, April 9, 2010

Austrian Academy of Sciences  
Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

- 09:00** Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:  
Estonia | Latvia | Lithuania | Denmark  
Finland | Norway | Sweden | Malta
- 10:40** Coffee break
- 11:00** Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:  
Bulgaria | The Czech Republic | Hungary  
Poland | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia
- 12:30** Lunch break (light buffet provided)
- 13:30** Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:  
Belgium | The Netherlands | France | Italy  
Portugal | Spain | Greece | European Union
- 15:10** Coffee break
- 15:30** Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:  
England & Wales | Ireland | Austria  
Germany | Switzerland
- 16:30** K. Oliphant: *Comparative Summary*  
(Discussion at the end of each part)
- 19:30** Heurigen Evening

### Saturday, April 10, 2010

Austrian Academy of Sciences  
Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

- 09:00** B. C. Steininger: *Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life – Basic Questions*
- 09:45** M. Hogg: *Damages for Pecuniary Loss in Cases of Wrongful Birth*
- 10:30** Coffee break
- 11:00** E. Bagińska: *Wrongful Birth and Non-Pecuniary Loss: Theories of Compensation*
- 11:45** A. Ruda: *Wrongful Life*
- 12:30** Final Discussion

## Chairpersons

- P. Widmer Lausanne/Berne (Switzerland)
- J. Spier The Hague (The Netherlands)

## Speakers

- C. Alunaru Arad (Romania)
- H. Andersson Uppsala (Sweden)
- B. Askeland Bergen (Norway)
- E. Bagińska Torun (Poland)
- E. Bargelli Pisa (Italy)
- S. Bergenser Copenhagen (Denmark)
- T. Bingham (United Kingdom)
- A. Bitāns Riga (Latvia)
- G. Caruana Demajo Valletta (Malta)
- E. Dacoria Athens (Greece)
- A. Dulak Bratislava (Slovakia)
- I. Durant Louvain (Belgium)
- S. Hakalehto-Wainio Helsinki (Finland)
- M. Hogg Edinburgh (United Kingdom)
- J. Hrádek Prague (The Czech Republic)
- A. Keirse Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- B. A. Koch Innsbruck (Austria)
- L. Koman-Perenic Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- I. Kull Tartu (Estonia)
- P. Loser St. Gallen (Switzerland)
- A. Menyhárd Budapest (Hungary)
- O. Moréteau Baton Rouge (USA)
- A. Morris Cardiff (United Kingdom)
- K. Oliphant Vienna (Austria)
- A. Pereira Coimbra (Portugal)
- E. Quill Limerick (Ireland)
- J. Ribot Girona (Spain)
- A. Ruda Girona (Spain)
- L. Šaltinytė Vilnius (Lithuania)
- B. C. Steininger Vienna (Austria)
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