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Programme

Terms of trade: the status of CISG, INCOTERMS and other model laws and contracts

Session Co-Chairs

Wolfgang Hahnkamper *Neudorfer, Vienna, Austria; Chair, Vienna Convention Subcommittee*

Bruce Thelan *Dickinson Wright PLLC, Detroit, Michigan, USA; Chair, Financial Aspects of International Sales*

This is the 25th anniversary of the CISG, which is one of a number of efforts to harmonise the laws of international sales. This programme will look at the status of the CISG, and other model laws and contracts such as INCOTERMS and UNIDROIT Principles of International Contracts, together with the electronic tools and resources available as an aid to the international practitioner in relation to the international sale of goods.

Speakers

Patrick Lindgren *Advocare Patrick Lindgren, Helsinki, Finland*

Salli Anne Swartz *Phillips Giraud Naud & Swartz, Paris, France; Newsletter Editor, International Sales and Related Commercial Transactions*

Gustáv Bacher *Szecskey Attorneys at Law, Budapest, Hungary*

Guido Carducci *UNESCO, Paris, France*

Nicole Van Crombrughe *Lafili Van Crombrughe & Partners, Brussels, Belgium*

Luca Castellani *UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria*

0930 – 1230 FRIDAY
North Hall, PCC

Government Procurement

Chair

Lisa K Miller *Arent Fox PLLC, Washington DC, USA*

Public procurement

Joint session with United Nations and Other World Wide Organisations Committee. See page 79 for details.

0930 – 1700 TUESDAY
Meeting Room B, Holiday Inn Hotel

Procuring GALILEO and making it work – Europe installs its navigation satellites system

Joint session with Outer Space Law. See page 53 for details.

1400 – 1700 THURSDAY
Meeting Room D, Holiday Inn Hotel

Product Law and Advertising

Chair

Jorge Santiago Neves *Barrocas & Alves Pereira, Lisbon, Portugal*

The impact of model laws on the legal principles of civil law and common law systems

Joint session with International Sales and Related Commercial Transactions.

Session Chair

Jürgen Brandstätter *Foglar-Deinhardt & Brandstätter, Vienna, Austria; Vice-Chair, Product Law and Advertising*

The Working Group IV (electronic commerce) of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) is expanding a draft Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in

International Contracts. Such Convention contains regulations regarding:

- form requirements;
- time and place of dispatch and receipt of data messages;
- invitations to make offers;
- use of automated information systems for contract formation; and
- error in electronic communications.

Mr Jeffrey W T Chan, Principle Senior State Counsel (Singapore) and head of Working Group IV will provide an overview about such Convention. A high-ranking Austrian judge and academic, Professor Dr Georg Kodek, University of Vienna, will discuss the repercussions of the transformation of such convention into the national legal system of civil law countries (like most of the countries of the European Union are) on some basic legal principles. Professor Ewan McKendrick, University of Oxford, will examine the same aspects with regard to common law systems.

Speakers

Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck *Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore*

Georg E Kodek *Court of Appeal, Vienna, Austria*

Ewan G McKendrick *University of Oxford, Oxford, England*

1400 – 1700 MONDAY
Terrace 1, PCC

A DINNER will be held for Committee members and guests.
See page 91 for details.

2000 THURSDAY

Law and Individual Rights Section

Family Law

Chair

Stephen P Komie *Komie & Associates, Chicago, Illinois, USA*

Locate the loot: transnational asset tracing

Joint session with Criminal Law.

Session Chair

Stephen P Komie

Practitioners and courts are confronted with the highly mobile family and society. This mobility challenges the ability of the courts and the profession to locate assets to pay judgments, family obligations and restitution to victims of crimes. This programme will concentrate on tips for Bench and Bar to locate assets, whether visible or concealed.

Speakers

Roberta Ceschini *Sinisi Ceschini Mancini & Partners, Rome, Italy*

Wendy Galvin *Wendy Galvin Solicitors, Auckland, New Zealand;*

Vice-Chair, Family Law

Martin S Kenney *Martin Kenney & Co Ltd, Tortola, British Virgin Islands*

Buddy Parker *Gillen Parker & Withers LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, USA*

0930 – 1230 WEDNESDAY
Chamber Hall, PCC