

## Programme

*Please note that the conference content, programme and speakers may be subject to change.*

### Wednesday, 7 May 2014

- 18:00 - 20:00 **Welcome reception at Carlton Ambassador Hotel, sponsored by the Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands**  
Welcome address by Mr Reinier ter Kuile, Directorate for Judicial Youth Policy

### Thursday, 8 May 2014

- 08:30 - 09:30 **Conference registration and coffee**
- 09:30 - 09:50 **Opening of the conference**  
Mrs Els Prins, general manager, International Child Abduction Center  
*(the Netherlands)*  
Mr Paul Vlaardingerbroek, chair of the board, International Child Abduction Center  
*(the Netherlands)*
- 09:50 - 10:10 **Welcome speech**  
Mr Fred Teeven, State Secretary of Security and Justice of the Netherlands  
*(the Netherlands)*
- 10:10 - 10:45 **Hague Conference on Private International Law (HcCH)**  
Mr Christophe Bernasconi, the Secretary General HcCH *(the Netherlands)*
- 10:45 - 11:15 **European Commission**  
Ms Joanna Serdynska, legislative officer , European Commission,  
Directorate-General for Justice *(Belgium)*
- 11:15 - 11:45 **Eurojust**  
Mr Lo Voi, Eurojust's National Member for Italy and Contact Point for Child Protection  
*(the Netherlands)*
- 11:45 - 12:00 **Conclusion of the plenary session**
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**



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13.00 - 15:00 **Seminar of choice**

- ❖ **1) Case law: discussion of the newest and most important case law (Academy hall)**  
Ms Thalia Kruger, professor University of Antwerp (*Belgium*)  
Ms Karin Verbist, lawyer (*Belgium*)
- ❖ **2) Application of the grounds of refusal (Small Hall of Justice)**  
Ms Sabine Brieger, judge (*Germany*)  
Ms Kerstin Niethammer-Jurgens, lawyer (*Germany*)
- ❖ **3) The Brussels II bis Regulation in relation to the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention (Seminar room)**  
Mr Ian Curry-Sumner, specialist private international law (*the Netherlands*)
- ❖ **4) Liaison judges: their role in the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention cases (Deliberation room)**  
Mr Francisco Javier Forcada Miranda, legal advisor Spanish Ministry of Justice and judge (*Spain*)

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 - 17:00 **Seminar of choice**

- ❖ **5) The practical challenges of the enforcement of return orders (Academy hall)**  
Ms Annegret Katzenstein, President of the 2nd civil chamber of Zurich Superior Court (*Switzerland*)  
Mr David Urwyler, Head of the Central Authority Switzerland (*Switzerland*)
- ❖ **6) Interaction between criminal law and civil law in international parental child abduction cases (Seminar room)**  
Mr Dirk de Waele, Attorney General Court of Appeal Antwerp (*Belgium*)
- ❖ **7) The 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention: what can it do for you? (Small Hall of Justice)**  
Mr Nigel Lowe, professor Cardiff Law School (*United Kingdom*)
- ❖ **8) The voice of the child in the 1980 Hague Convention proceedings (Deliberation room)**  
Mr Eberhard Carl, judge (*Germany*)  
Mr Michael Karle, psychologist and child psychiatrist (*Germany*)

19:00 - 21:30 **Conference dinner at Kurhaus Hotel, hosted by the City of The Hague**  
Welcome address by Mr Jozias van Aartsen, Mayor of the City of The Hague (*the Netherlands*)



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## Friday, 9 May 2014

- 08:30 - 09:00 **Walk in / registration if necessary**
- 09:00 - 10:30 **Cross border family mediation in practice**  
Mr Christoph Paul, lawyer - notary - mediator (*Germany*)  
Ms Anke Loebel, lawyer - mediator (*Germany*)  
Ms Sandra Fenn, mediator (*United Kingdom*)  
Ms Katharina Kriegel-Schmidt, mediator - research fellow (*Germany*)
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Article 11 Brussel II bis**  
Mr Milos Hatapka, Director of Private International Law Division Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovakia (*Slovakia*)
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Seminar of choice**
- ❖ **9) Could this be a case for mediation? Mediation and abduction: what lawyers need to know and never dared to ask (*Academy hall*)**  
Mr Christoph Paul, lawyer - notary - mediator (*Germany*)  
Ms Sybille Kiesewetter, psychologist - mediator (*Germany*)
  - ❖ **10) The timing of the 1980 Hague Convention proceedings (*Seminar room*)**  
Mr Nigel Lowe, professor Cardiff Law School (*United Kingdom*)
  - ❖ **11) Relocation (*Small Hall of Justice*)**  
The Rt. Hon Sir Mathew Thorpe, former judge (*United Kingdom*)
  - ❖ **12) The role of the Central Authority (*Deliberation room*)**  
Mr Agris Skudra, Head of Children Affairs Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia (*Latvia*)
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**



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14.00 - 15.30 **Seminar of choice (*Repeated seminars*)**

❖ **13) Application of the grounds of refusal (*Academy hall*)**

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Ms Kerstin Niethammer-Jurgens, lawyer (*Germany*)

❖ **14) Relocation (*Seminar room*)**

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❖ **15) Case law: discussion of the newest and most important case law (*Deliberation Room*)**

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❖ **16) The Brussels II bis Regulation in relation to the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention (*Small Hall of Justice*)**

Mr Ian Curry-Sumner, specialist private international law (*Netherlands*)

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Conclusions and recommendations are shared and floor open for discussion (*Academy hall*)**

Mr Francisco Javier Forcada Miranda, chair Advisory Board LEPCA (*Spain*)

17:00 - 18:00 **Farewell reception at the Foyer of the Academy sponsored by the Dutch Association for Family law lawyers and divorce mediators (vFAS) and Dutch Association of child abduction lawyers**

**Saturday, 10 May 2014 (*Optional*)**

**Network breakfast meeting at Carlton Ambassador Hotel**

09:00 - 09:30 **Walk in**

09:30 - 12:00 An agenda for the future: establish a platform of specialised lawyers

12:00 Network and closure



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