



The Commission on European Family (CEFL), established in September 2001, is proud to present its first results. Based upon in-depth and comprehensive comparative research that includes twenty-two European jurisdictions, *Principles on European Family Law* have been drafted in the field of divorce and maintenance between former spouses. The Principles, expressed in the form of provisions, must be read in conjunction with the supplementary comparative overviews and comments, which elucidate the rules and offer comparative information. While the Principles should not be considered to be an entire model law, they may be used as a frame of reference for national, European and international legislators. In drafting the Principles, the CEFL has applied both the *common core method* as well as the *better law approach*. The time has now come to place the choices that have been made before scientific scholars and practitioners alike in order to obtain a critical assessment and discussion concerning the CEFL's work to date. In addition, the initial results of the CEFL's next working field – parental responsibilities – will be presented.

The CEFL's inaugural conference, which took place in December 2002, was devoted to the Perspectives for the Unification and Harmonisation of Family Law in Europe. The high-level scientific standard of its contributions was received with great interest and enthusiasm. Hence, this second CEFL conference has been organised along similar lines. Not only will well-known specialists in the field of (international) family and comparative law take the floor, but young researchers will also be expressly invited to contribute to the conference.

In short, the conference aims to widen the discussion regarding the first steps towards a European Restatement of Family Law in general and CEFL's first achievements in the harmonisation process in particular.

### **The Scientific Committee**

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University of Barcelona

University of Uppsala

University of Cardiff

University of Frankfurt/Oder

Catholic University of Leuven

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2004

- 15.30 Registration
- 16.00 Welcome  
Prof. Katharina Boele-Woelki, *Utrecht University*
- 16.30 Breaking the Shackles of Culture and Religion in the Field of Divorce?  
Prof. Stephen Cretney, *University of Oxford*
- 17.30 Reception

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2004

- 08.30 Registration  
*Chair:* Prof. Walter Pintens, *University of Leuven*
- 09.00 Working Method of the CEFL  
Prof. Katharina Boele-Woelki, *Utrecht University*
- 09.30 Future Divorce Law – Two Types of Divorce  
Prof. Marianne Roth, *University of Salzburg*
- 10.00 Discussion
- 10.30 Break  
*Chair:* Prof. Miguel Martín Casals, *University of Girona*
- 11.00 The Underlying Principles of Consensual Divorce  
Prof. Anders Agell, *University of Uppsala*
- 11.30 Agreements on Divorce and Maintenance  
Prof. Frédérique Ferrand, *University of Lyon*
- 12.00 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Three working groups: Presentations by young researchers  
**WG 1: *The Revised Brussels II Regulation***  
Chaired by Prof. Maarit Jänterä-Jareborg, *University of Uppsala*  
**WG 2: *Sole or Joint Custody Rights***  
Chaired by Prof. Paul Vlaardingerbroek, *University of Tilburg*  
**WG 3: *Protection of Partners of Informal Long Term Relationships***  
Chaired by Prof. Nina Dethloff, *University of Bonn*

- 15.00 Break
- 15.30 Papers and discussion
- 19.00 Dinner

## **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

**Chair:** Prof. Dieter Martiny, University of *Frankfurt an der Oder*

- 09.00 Conditions for Maintenance  
Dr. Cristina González Beilfuss, *University of Barcelona*
- 09.30 Clean-break or Long Term Payment of Maintenance  
Mr. Geoffrey Shannon, *Law Society of Ireland*
- 10.00 Maintenance as a Separate Issue – Relationship between Maintenance and Matrimonial Property  
Prof. Tone Sverdrup, *University of Oslo*
- 10.30 Discussion
- 11.00 Break
- Chair:** Dr. Andrea Schulz, Hague Conference on Private International Law
- 11.30 Initial Results of CEFL's National Reports on Parental Responsibility  
Prof. Nigel Lowe, *University of Cardiff*
- 12.00 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Contact Arrangements  
Dr. Velina Todorova, *University of Sofia*
- 14.30 Joint Parental Responsibility – Relocation Orders  
Prof. Theresa Glennon, *Temple Law School, Philadelphia*
- 15.00 Discussion
- Chair:** Prof. Katharina Boele-Woelki, *Utrecht University*
- 15.30 Closing Remarks  
Prof. Bea Verschraegen, *University of Vienna*
- 16.00 Closure of the Conference

## Registration Form

(You can also make use of the electronic registration at [www2.law.uu.nl/priv/cefl](http://www2.law.uu.nl/priv/cefl))

Title and initials: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

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Researcher: Early Stage / < 10 yrs experience / > 10 yrs experience\*

\* An early stage researcher is a person with less than 4 years research experience.  
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### Conference Fees

Early conference registration fee (before 15<sup>th</sup> September) € 200 \_\_\_\_\_

Late conference registration fee (after 15<sup>th</sup> September) € 225 \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Guest € 75 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Method of Payment

Payment should be made in advance in Euros. Cheques will not be accepted

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**Conference** Principles of European Family Law: Divorce, Maintenance  
Between Former Spouses and Parental Responsibilities

## **Sponsors (to date)**

- Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, Utrecht University
- Law Faculty, Utrecht University
- Utrecht University
- European Commission



## **Costs**

The fee for the conference is €200 (for registration before the 15th September) and €225 (for registration after the 15th September). This amount includes admission to all lectures, the social gathering on Thursday evening, coffee, tea and lunch on each conference day, the conference dinner on Friday and an abstract and programme book. The fee for an Accompanying guest will be €75. This amount includes admission to the reception on Thursday and the dinner on Friday.

## **Cancellation Policy**

All cancellations should be made in writing to the FBU Congress Bureau. If notification is received by the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004, a refund of 75% will be made. If notification is received between the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004, the refund will be 50%. There will be no refund for cancellations made after the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

## **Call for Papers**

A call for early stage researchers to submit papers for the workshops on Friday afternoon has been announced. For more information see: <http://www2.law.uu.nl/priv/cefl>

## **Registration**

Registration is possible either electronically or by sending the attached registration form to the above address. The first 200 applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

## **Place and Time**

The conference will be held from Thursday 9th to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2004. Registration will take place at Academiegebouw, Domplein 29 in the city centre. Thereafter all lectures will take place in the Marinus Ruppert Building at De Uithof.

## **Hotel Reservation**

Hotel Accommodation has been pre-booked at favourable rates for the conference participants in various hotels in and around the city centre of Utrecht. Please note that the cost of your hotel accommodation is not included in the Conference Fee. Hotel Support Utrecht handles the reservations of these pre-booked rooms. You will be able to find information on these hotels and make a booking at: [www.hotelcontact.nl/CEFL2004](http://www.hotelcontact.nl/CEFL2004). If you would like to make your reservation by fax, please send an email to: [wlefrandt@hotelcontact.nl](mailto:wlefrandt@hotelcontact.nl) and you will receive a Fax Form.

## **Information**

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