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**

- Prof. Katharina Boele-Woelki, Utrecht University
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- Prof. Nigel Lowe, University of Cardiff
- Prof. Dieter Martiny, University of Frankfurt/Oder
- Prof. Walter Pintens, Catholic University of Leuven
Thursday 9th 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 10th 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 11th 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
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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.

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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 11th 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. If you would like to make your reservation by fax, please send an email to: wlefrandt@hotelcontact.nl and you will receive a Fax Form.

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