

Minutes of the Family and Succession Law Special Interest Group Meeting 6 September 2019

Venue: Juridicum, Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna

Present:

Masha Antokolskaia
Elena Bargelli (chair)
Robert Bray
Aline Carruet (keeper of the minutes)
Olga Cvejić Jančić
Mariella Fiorentino
Richard Frimston
Melanija Jančić
Elwira Macierzyńska-Franaszczyk
Marius Mocanu
Vlad-Dan Oanea
Nelson Rosenvald
Francois Tremosa

The meeting commenced at 09:00

I. Welcome and Introduction

- (1) Elena Bargelli, Co-Chair of the Family and Succession Law SIG, welcomed those present and briefly presented the SIG's aims and past/upcoming activities.

II. Past SIG Activities

- (2) Bargelli informed the attendees that, after the SIG's successful symposium on 'The Present and the Future of European Family and Succession Law' (on 7 June 2018 in Pisa, Italy), the idea arose of publishing a collection of papers on the possible interplay between national family and succession laws and European Private International Law. The book ('Family Law, Succession Law and Private International Law – Adapting to Change', eds Elena Bargelli and Jens Scherpe) is currently being edited and will be published in 2020 by Intersentia. It will be the first SIG's book.

III. Upcoming SIG Activities

- (3) Bargelli reported that a Family and Succession Law SIG panel will take place at next year's Annual Conference in 2020. Unlike this year, there will be a call for papers to identify two speakers. Details will be provided by January 2020.

- (4) She also informed those present that the SIG would co-organise a conference at Utrecht University in 2021. The conference was initially announced for 2020, however, due to the shortage of rooms at Utrecht University, it will not take place before February 2021. There will be more parallel sessions, with young people encouraged to contribute. An appropriate call for papers, followed by a publication, is to be expected soon. The idea would be to publish the contributions in a new book, potentially again with Intersentia.
- (5) Bargelli announced that on 15 October 2019 a High Level Expert Group Meeting on Family Law will take place at the premises of the European Law Institute (ELI) in Vienna, and that Anatol Dutta, Wendy Schrama, Christiane Wendehorst and herself will participate. The aim of this meeting is to come up with proposals in the area of family law for potential new projects, which the ELI could embark on.

IV. SIGs page on the ELI website

- (6) Bargelli reminded those present about the section of the SIG page devoted to the [national developments](#) in the field of family and succession law (password: FmLw2019SIG). The idea is to make them more visible, also by removing the password. This will have to be discussed with the ELI Executive Committee. She encouraged everyone to submit reports, emphasising that they have to be short and focused on the most important developments. She reminded that the call is always open.
- (7) It was suggested that any important European family and succession law related events (conferences, calls, etc.) and publications should be advertised on the SIG webpage.

V. Membership of the SIG and Involvement in the ELI

- (8) Some meeting attendees, who were at that time non-SIG members, expressed an interest in joining the SIG. Bargelli asked Aline Carruet to share with her the contact details of those individuals so that she could invite them personally.
- (9) Bargelli encouraged those present to get involved with the ELI projects related to Family and Succession Law, as a project Reporter, member of the Advisory Committee (AC) or by joining the Members Consultative Committee (MCC).
- (10) She also asked participants to encourage young experts in Family and Succession Law to apply for the ELI Young Lawyers' Award.
- (11) Bargelli thanked those present and closed the meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:40.