19th Annual Conference on European Tort Law

April 16 to 18, 2020 | Vienna (Austria)

Essential information on court practice and legislation in the area of tort law in 2019. Including a Special Session on ‘Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies’.

ACCOMMODATION IN VIENNA
ECTIL and ETL have provisionally booked a number of rooms for conference participants at HOTEL REGINA **** (£ 130 for a double room/single use incl. breakfast; £ 170 for a double. Available until March 19, 2020). Please contact the hotel directly and make your own reservation, using the booking reference ‘ACET’. A credit card number is required to secure reservations.

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HEURIGEN EVENING
Enjoy a casual get-together with your fellow participants and the Conference speakers, as well as the ECTIL/ETL team, on Friday evening (April 17, 2020) over Viennese wines and Austrian specialties. The Viennese term Heurigen denotes both the wine harvested during the previous autumn and the local taverns where it is sold. Most of these inns can be found in picturesque villages set against the backdrop of vineyards at the edge of the Vienna Woods.
Price per person: € 39 (including food and beverages). If at all possible, early booking and payment would be much appreciated (ideally alongside Conference registration).

INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN TORT LAW AND EUROPEAN CENTRE OF TORT AND INSURANCE LAW
The European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL, an independent association), and the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Graz (ETL) collaborate to produce the Yearbook and host the Conference. The results of their collaborative and independent research projects are published in their co-edited series, Tort and Insurance Law (de Gruyter). Further information is available at www.ectil.org and www.etl.oeaw.ac.at. ECTIL and ETL also provide institutional support for the European Group on Tort Law, whose core project is the drafting of Principles of European Tort Law (see www.egtl.org).

JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN TORT LAW (JETL)
The Journal of European Tort Law is a peer-reviewed publication and the first law review to be dedicated to the ever-changing, highly significant area of European tort law. The Journal appears in three volumes each year, published on behalf of ECTIL and ETL by de Gruyter. Following the Conference, the papers from the Special Session on ‘Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies’ will be published together in a special issue of the journal. For further information, see www.degruyter.com/jetl.

ECTIL SUPPORTING MEMBERS
ECTIL welcomes applications to become Supporting Members. The minimum annual fee for Supporting Membership is € 1,000, in exchange for which Members receive copies of all ECTIL publications from the year they become a member onwards. Supporting Members also receive a 50% reduction on the fee for the Annual Conference on European Tort Law.

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Overview

The Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity for both practitioners and academics to discover the most significant tort law developments from across Europe in 2019. Experts from each of the many jurisdictions represented will present selected highlights from their contributions to the European Tort Law Yearbook, an annual volume which provides a comprehensive overview of legislative and judicial developments in tort law throughout Europe during the preceding year. (The Yearbook 'European Tort Law 2019' will be published in autumn 2020.) The national reports will be followed by an overview of EU law developments and a comparative, concluding summary, which will critically assess the most important trends and issues to emerge.

Thursday evening sees the Conference begin with an opening lecture, to be delivered by Michael Faure (Maastricht, The Netherlands), and it concludes with a Special Session on ‘Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies’ on Saturday morning. The Conference provides many and varied opportunities for discussion and debate, both during the formal proceedings and the breaks and informal events.

For further information please visit www.acet.ectil.org

Programme

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020
Austrian Ministry of Justice (Palais Trautson), Museumstrasse 7, 1070 Vienna

18:00 Welcome Address
18:10 Michael Faure: ECTIL – Past, Present and Future
19:15 Reception

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020
Austrian Supreme Court/Palace of Justice, Festive Hall, Schmerlingplatz 11, 1010 Vienna

09:00 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
   Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Czech Republic, Denmark, England & Wales, Estonia
10:30 Coffee break
10:50 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
   Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia
12:30 Lunch Break (light buffet provided)
13:30 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
   Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland
15:10 Coffee Break
15:30 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
   Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, European Union
16:30 Colm P McGrath: Comparative Remarks
17:00 Close
19:30 Heurigen Evening

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020
Austrian Supreme Court/Palace of Justice, Festive Hall, Schmerlingplatz 11, 1010 Vienna

Special Session: Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies
09:00 Bernhard A Koch: Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies: An Overview
10:30 Coffee Break
11:00 Christiane Wendehorst: Operator’s Strict Liability for Emerging Digital Technologies
Panel Discussion
13:00 Close

Sponsors: Austrian Ministry of Justice, Kulturabteilung der Stadt Wien, ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG
Conference Fees (including Conference materials, reception, buffet lunch on Friday and refreshments):

- Supporting Member*: €300 for the first participant (includes one volume of the Yearbook),
  - early booking discount fee for registration by February 18, 2020: €250;
  - €100 for additional participants (Conference only; Yearbook optional at approx. €95 extra)

- Non-Member: €600 (includes one volume of the Yearbook),
  - early booking discount fee for registration by February 18, 2020: €500

- University Staff and Judges: €120 (Conference only; Yearbook optional at approx. €95 extra),
  - early booking discount fee for registration by February 18, 2020: €100

- Jurists in training: €60 Conference only; Yearbook optional at approx. €95 extra)
  - early booking discount fee for registration by February 18, 2020: €50

*In order to qualify for the Supporting Member’s fee, you must be a current Supporting Member of ECTIL with all applicable annual fees paid (see www.ectil.org for details).

I hereby register for the 19th Annual Conference on European Tort Law in Vienna from Thursday, April 16, 2020 to Saturday, April 18, 2020.

☐ I will attend the reception on Thursday, April 16, 2020 (included in the fee).
☐ I will attend the Heurigen evening on Friday, April 17, 2020 (€39 extra).

I will pay the Conference fee no later than March 30, 2020 by the following method:

Please charge the applicable fee to the following credit card account:

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I am aware that cancellations must be made in writing before March 18, 2020 in which case I will receive a refund (less €20 administration charge). Refunds will not be considered for requests received after this date.

Date: ______________________  Signature: ______________________