

4th international competition conference

Friday, 27 November 2009
ING Auditorium, Brussels

The Brussels Bar, Dutch Speaking Section is proud to announce the fourth edition of its International Competition Conference. This year's conference will be held on 27 November 2009 and once again brings together an exceptional group of speakers and panelists. The morning session will be devoted to the current and future law on distribution agency and licensing agreements. During the afternoon, various workshops will discuss topical enforcement issues.

The Organising committee of the conference is chaired by Bar Dean, A. Tallon and further consists of Messrs. H. Gilliams (secretary), D. Arts, F. Depoortere, D. De Vliegher, K. Haegeman, T. Janssens, P. L'Ecluse, K. Platteau, J. Stuyck, F. Tuytschaever, A. Vanderelst, B. van de Walle de Ghelcke, D. Vandermeersch, Y. Van Gerven, T. Verstraeten, and P. Wytinck



PROGRAMME

**MORNING SESSION: agency, distribution and licensing:
where do we stand and where do we go?**

08:30 AM Registration

Morning Chairman: Jacques Steenbergen

09:00 - 09:15 AM Welcome and introduction > Dean Alex Tallon

09:15 - 10:00 AM Agency, distribution and licensing agreements and competition law: an overview of the current state of the law
> Joanna Goyder (Freshfields)

10:00 - 10:45 AM The European Commission's revised policy on vertical restrictions > Lucas Peepkorn (European Commission, DG Competition)

10:45 - 11:00 AM Coffee/tea break

11:00 - 12:15 AM Panel debate – Vertical restrictions: current issues
> Chair: Jules Stuyck (Liedekerke) Members: Joanna Goyder and Lucas Peepkorn, joined by: Fabrizio Mecozzi (Nike Europe) and Xavier Lewis (EFTA Surveillance Authority)

12:15 - 12:45 AM Keynote address: Current enforcement trends in EC competition law > Bo Vesterdorf (Herbert Smith; formerly, President, EC Court of First Instance)

12:45 - 2:00 PM Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION: current enforcement issues

2:00 - 3:00 PM WORKSHOP I-A: Cartel enforcement: recent and future developments > CHAIR: Kris van Hove (Van Bael & Bellis)

Panelists: Bert Stulens (Body of Auditors, Belgian Competition Council), Vanessa Turner (European Commission, Cabinet of Commissioner Kroes), Antonio Capobianco (OECD, Competition Division) and Richard Whish (King's College)

2:00 - 3:00 PM WORKSHOP I-B: State aid in and after the financial crisis
> CHAIR: Jan Meyers (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton) Panelists: Christophe Galand (European Commission, DG Competition), Pierre Wunsch (Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Finance) and Charles Gheur (VBO/FEB)

3:00 - 3:15 PM Coffee/tea break

3:15 - 4:15 PM WORKSHOP II-A: Enforcement of Belgian Competition Law: achievements and current issues > CHAIR: Bernard van de Walle (Linklaters) Panelists: Stefaan Raes (President, Belgian Competition Council), Anne-Marie Van den Bossche (University of Antwerp) and Paul Blondeel (Court of Appeals, Brussels)

3:15 - 4:15 PM WORKSHOP II-B: Intellectual property and competition law > CHAIR: Ian Forrester (White & Case) Panelists: Nicholas Banasevic (European Commission, DG Competition), David Rosenberg, GlaxoSmithKline and EFPIA, Denis Waelbroeck (Ashursts) and Jean-Yves Art (Microsoft Europe)

4:15 - 4:45 PM Conclusions from panel discussions > All panel chairmen

4:45 PM Followed by a reception hosted by the Brussels Bar, Dutch Speaking Section

Venue: ING Auditorium, Marnixlaan 24, 1000 Brussels
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Registration fee: €150 (includes lunch, conference documentation, coffee/tea breaks and a post-conference reception); a reduced rate of €125 is available for full time academics and government officials. Please note that we will not accept cancellations. The conference fee is payable in full by wire transfer, no later than November 15 2009, on account number 630-0222008-34 – IBAN-number : BE 68 6300 2220 0834 – SWIFT-code: BBRUBEBB

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The conference has been recognised by the *Orde van Vlaamse Balies* under the "Permanente Vorming" programme as eligible for 6 points, and by the *Ordre des barreaux francophones et germanophone* de Belgique as eligible for 6 points.

Further information: May be obtained by contacting orde@baliebrussel.be

The conference proceedings will be conducted entirely in English (there will no interpretation into other languages).

REGISTRATION FORM

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