



## **HISTORY**

The Central and East European Moot competition (**CEEMC**) was originally founded in 1995 by the British Centre for English and European Legal Studies of the University of Warsaw (an educational co-operation between the Universities of Cambridge and Warsaw and the British charity Juris Angliae Scientia Ltd).

The first competition was held at the Nicholas Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland in 1995 and 1996 and since then has been an event held annually in a different venue in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, most recently in Zagreb, Croatia in 2006, Budapest, Hungary in 2007, Poznan in 2008 and Kiev in 2009 (where the winners came from the University of Warsaw, Poland)



Central and Eastern European Moot Court Competition 2009 in Kyiv

## **AIMS**

The competition invites entries from teams of law students/young lawyers from a number of countries in Central and Eastern Europe who compete against each other in the simulated forum of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Although the original aim was to assist the training of young lawyers in applicant countries to the EU, teams from countries with Association agreements or economic links have also participated in the event with teams coming inter alia from Poland Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Armenia, Croatia, Georgia and Belarus.

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

Teams of 3/4 students/ young lawyers (with regional nationality i.e. from Central and Eastern Europe or from nationals of new/ applicant EU member states , Malta, Turkey and Cyprus) will

represent their University acting as lawyers for both applicant and defendant in a mock trial set at the venue of European Court of Justice.

The case is framed as an Article 234 reference from a fictional National Court to the European Court of Justice, seeking an interpretation on European Community law and will concentrate on a current European Community legal issue. Teams are able to download the case and a full bundle of materials from the moot web site which can be found at:-

[www.europeanmootcompetition.org](http://www.europeanmootcompetition.org).

The case and materials are normally available from January each year.

The competition is held in two parts,

- **Written round-** teams are required to submit written pleadings for each side
- **Oral round** -teams who submit written pleadings are automatically eligible to enter the oral round in April/May.

The moot web site provides copies of moot questions and the best written pleadings from previous years.

## JUDGES

Participating teams have argued their case before distinguished benches led in 1996 and from 1998-2008 by Lord Slynn of Hadley, in 1997 by Advocate General Fennelly and in 2009 by Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston.

The President has been assisted by experts in European and International law led by Professor



William Cornish and Prof. Catherine Barnard (former and current director's of the Centre for European Legal Studies of the University of Cambridge) and their colleagues from the Faculty of Law in Cambridge, as well as many other Western European academics including Prof. Rosa Greaves, Prof Marise Cremona and lawyers from the Court of Justice and Court of First Instance to the European Communities, European Commission and the International Commission of Jurists.

## FEES

A team fee is payable for the oral round, which is set in January and will cover the accommodation and subsistence expenses of a 3/4 member team accompanied by a coach over the 3 days of the competition (teams in special need may seek assistance with partial fee exemptions at the discretion of the organisers).

## PRIZES

The competition is held under the auspices of the European Court of Justice and the University of Cambridge, with prizes provided by both those institutions and by the main competition sponsors; the law firm Clifford Chance to include:-

- **Best Speaker-** a short stage in the chambers of AG Sharpston at the Court of Justice in Luxembourg.
- **Winning Team-** a visit to the University of Cambridge.

## INFORMATION

More information on the competition can be obtained from the web page or by contacting the organisers at [da208@cam.ac.uk](mailto:da208@cam.ac.uk)