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Catania, Sicily, 12-14 September 2018

JOINT International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges  
(IARMJ)<sup>1</sup>-Europe and  
Scuola Superiore Delia Magistratura (SSM) CONFERENCE

With the participation of  
European Asylum Support Office (EASO)  
and UNHCR

*THE RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE JUDICIAL PROTECTION  
UNDER EU ASYLUM LAW*

PROGRAMME

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<sup>1</sup> It is anticipated that by September 2018, or very soon after, IARLJ will have formally changed its name to IARMJ (International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges)



**Wednesday 12 September 2018**

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

**Venue:** Monastero di San Nicolò l’Arena, Piazza Dante Alighieri 32, 95124 Catania

14.30-15.00 Arrival of participants

15:00 Welcome and Introduction to the workshops

**15.20 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS**

**- WORKSHOP 1 (in Italian)**

State and non-state agent of persecution; state protection - criteria for the proper identification of these elements

*Fabrizio Gallo*, President of the Catanzaro Administrative Commission, Italy, that deals with international protection measures

*Antonio di Muro*, RSD Coordinator Apulia, UNHCR ROSE

**- WORKSHOP 2 (in Italian)**

Exclusion clauses and non refoulement, Criteria for the assessment of serious non-political crime: Cases C-573/14), Louani; C-373/13 H.T.; C-57/09, B & D

*Patrizia Papa*, Judge, Bari Court of Appeal, Italy

*Enrico Bona*, UNHCR representative in the Territorial Commission in Cagliari and Exclusion focal point, UNHCR ROSE

**- WORKSHOP 3 (in English)**

COI and due process.

*Johan Berg*, Board Leader, Immigration Appeals Board, Norway

*Katinka Ridderbos*, Senior research and information Officer, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

**- WORKSHOP 4 (in English)**

Right to be heard in the light of Cases C-560/12 Moussa Sacko; C-560/14, M and C-277/11, M.M.

*Cristina Correale*, Judge, Court of Napoli, Italy, specialised Department for Migration and International Protection

*Samuel Boutruche*, Judicial Engagement Coordinator, UNHCR Brussels

17:20 **Reports from workshops**

18:00 **End of the day**

**18:00 – 19:00** Drinks and Official Launch of EASO *Evidence and Credibility Assessment in the context of the Common European Asylum System – A Judicial Analysis*, produced by IARLJ-Europe under contract to EASO.



**Thursday 13 September 2018 (DAY 1 of CONFERENCE)**

(Simultaneous translation Italian/English and vice-versa)

**Venue:** Monastero di San Nicolò l’Arena, Piazza Dante Alighieri 32, 95124 Catania

- 08:30      *Arrival and registration of the participants in the conference*
- 09:15      **Welcome and opening** (President Court of Appeal, Catania; President IARMJ-Europe; President IARMJ; SSM representative; UNHCR representative; EASO representative)
- 09:45      Roundtable panel on **“The right to effective judicial protection and remedies in the CEAS and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union”**  
  
*Hugo Storey, IARMJ-Europe, “Article 46 of the APD (recast)”*; *Samuel Boutruche, Judicial Engagement Coordinator UNHCR, “The CEAS and effective remedies”*; *Mona Aldestam, Judge of Appeal of the Administrative Court of Appeal in Stockholm, Sweden, “Practical problems of judicial protection in national case law: the example of Sweden.*
- Chair: *Liesbeth Steendijk, Judge, Judicial Department of the Council of State*
- 11:30      BREAK
- 12:00      **“The future of the CEAS”**  
Presentation by EU Commission representative, *Borbala Szigeti*
- Chair: *Jacek Chlebny, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court in Poland*
- 12:30      Plenary discussions
- 13:00      LUNCH



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- 14.00      **“The project ‘migrantes’”**  
*Mariano Sciacca*, Court of Catania, President of Civil Department
- 14:25      **“Managing 350,000 appeals: the German experience”**  
*Harald Dörig*, Judge of the German Federal Administrative Court  
  
Chair: *Hilkka Becker*, Chair, Protection Appeals Tribunal, Ireland
- 14:50      **Thematic parallel sessions** [introduced by presenters with specific case studies;  
**please note there will be no translation facilities for these.]**
- PARALLEL SESSION 1 (in English)**  
**Dublin transfers and the role of article 27 of the Dublin Regulation**  
Presenters: *Michael Hoppe*, Judge of Baden-Württemberg Higher Administrative Court, Germany; *Katelijne Declerck*, Council of Alien Law Litigation, Belgium
- PARALLEL SESSION 2 (in Italian)**  
**Legal issues surrounding hotspots**  
Presenter: *Gabriel Stanescu*, EASO contact Point for Italy
- Legal issues surrounding detention**  
Presenter *Maria Cristina Contini*, Court of Milan, Italy, specialised Department for Migration and International Protection
- PARALLEL SESSION 3 (in English)**  
**Safe Country concepts under the Asylum Procedure Directive(recast) and national law: safe country of origin; safe third country; European safe country**  
Presenters: *Jakub Camrda*, Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic; *Professor Chiara Favilli*, University of Florence;
- PARALLEL SESSION 4 (in English)**  
**Family relationships in EU free movement law; personal scope; the best interest of the child; the CJEU “Zambrano” cases**  
Presenters: *Rita Russo*, Catania Court of Appeal; *Jeremy Rintoul*, Judge of the UK Upper Tribunal
- 16:20      Reports back from parallel sessions  
Chair: *Luca Perilli*, Member of the Board of Directors of the Italian School for the Judiciary
- 17:00      End of the first day of conference**
- 19.30      Conference Dinner [local restaurant]**



**Friday 14 September 2017 (DAY 2 of CONFERENCE)**

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**Venue:** Monastero di San Nicolò l’Arena, Piazza Dante Alighieri 32, 95124 Catania

- 09:00      **Keynote addresses**
- “The fundamental right to asylum in international protection”**  
*Gaetano Silvestri*, President of the Italian School for the Judiciary
- 09:25      **“Recent developments in the CJEU jurisprudence on Asylum Law”**  
*Lars Bay Larsen*, Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- Chair: *Marleen Maes*, Council of Alien Law Litigation, Belgium
- 09:50      **Panel debate on “Judicial protection and vulnerable categories”**  
Speaker: *Joanna Petin*, University of Pau, “ CEAS legal norms relating to vulnerable categories”.  
Panelists *Carlo De Chiara*, Court of Cassation, Italy; *Nadine Finch*, Judge of the UK Upper Tribunal; *Florence Malvasio*, Cour nationale du droit d’asile
- Chair: *Johan Berg*, Board Leader, Immigration Appeals Board, Norway
- 11:10      Plenary Discussion
- 11:30      **B R E A K**
- 12:00      **For SSM programme only:**  
**“Dealing with Trafficking Cases: the multi-agency approach”**  
*Lina Trovato*, Catania Prosecution Office
- 12:00      **For IARMJ-Europe programme only:**  
**“Challenges Ahead for IARLJ-Europe: present and future activities”**  
*Boštjan Zalar*, Senior High Court Judge, Administrative Court of the Republic of Slovenia
- Chair: *Catherine Koutsopolou*, Judge of the Athens Administrative Court of First Instance and Member of the Independent Appeals Committee
- 13:00      **END OF CONFERENCE**
- 13.00      **IARMJ-Europe General Meeting and elections**
- 14:00      **L U N C H**
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