







2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW

BIM - BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING

UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND, 3 NOVEMBER 2017

The focus of this year's conference will be on BIM (Building Information Modeling). BIM is far more than just a new design tool. By encouraging contractor involvement at an early stage of construction planning and promoting a much higher degree of transparency and accessibility of design information, BIM clearly has the potential to profoundly change the way the construction industry operates. While BIM is already beginning to take root in many countries around the world, a wide range of questions remain to be addressed.

The ESCL conference will provide a forum for discussing those issues from a comparative perspective, offering deeper insight into the changes taking place – helping you to more fully understand the direction in which things are moving and be better prepared for the legal challenges to come.

THE VENUE

The conference will be held at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (www.unifr.ch). The University is a bilingual institution (French/German) located in the predominantly French-speaking city of Fribourg. It is conveniently reachable by trains running directly from both Zurich and Geneva airport.

THE SPEAKERS

Dr. Evelien Bruggeman, The Hague. Senior research fellow Dutch Institute of Construction Law

Professor Dr. Bernd Domer, Geneva. Head of inPACT Institute, Haute école du paysage, d'ingénierie et d'architecture (hepia) de Genève

Dr. Ovidiu Ioan Dumitru, Bukarest. President of the Romanian Society of Construction Law, Member of the Romanian Parliament, Attorney-at-Law

Professor Dr. Bastian Fuchs, Munich. Honorary Professor for Construction Law at the University of the Bundeswehr, Lecturer at the LEUPHANA University of Lüneburg, Member of the Board of the German Society of Construction Law, Attorney-at-Law

Niklas Korsgaard Christensen, MBA, Copenhagen. Lecturer at the University of Copenhagen, Attorney-at-Law and Certified Arbitrator

Professor Anthony P. Lavers, PhD, London. Visiting Professor at Oxford Brookes University, Barrister England and Wales

Elke van Overwaele, Brussels. Member of the Board of Directors of the Belgian Society of Construction Law, Head of Legal Department of the Confédération de la Construction

Peter Wengler-Jørgensen, Copenhagen. Secretary general of the Danish Society for Construction and Consulting Law, Member of the Board of the Danish Institute of Arbitration Attorney-at-Law, Mediator and Arbitrator

Professor Dr. Hubert Stöckli, Fribourg. Professor at the University of Fribourg, Director of the Institute for Swiss and International Construction Law

Professor Dr. Martin Beyeler, Fribourg. Professor at the University of Fribourg, President of the Swiss Association of public procurement law

SCHEDULE

0930-1000	Opening remarks Hubert Stöckli / Martin Beyeler
1000-1050	BIM, a new method and what it means for the industry Bernd Domer
1050-1115	Coffee break
1115-1200	BIM and Public Procurement - Insights from The Netherlands Evelien Bruggeman
1200-1245	The past and the future of BIM in the UK Anthony Lavers
1245-1400	Lunch break
1400-1430	Country Report Germany Bastian Fuchs
1430-1500	Country Report Romania Ovidiu Ioan Dumitru
1500-1530	Coffee break
1530-1600	Country Report Denmark Peter Wengler-Jørgensen and Niklas Korsgaard Christensen
1600-1630	Country Report Belgium Elke van Overwaele
1630-1715	Final Discussion and Conclusion
1715	Aperitif
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Thursday, 2 November 2017	
1700	Guided City Tour
1900	Concert and Apéritif riche
Friday, 3 November 2017	
0930	Conference on BIM or Excursion to Gruyères
1900	Festive Dinner

REGISTRATION

The registration form is available under the following link. Please send the completed form to alexandra.vukadinovic@unifr.ch before 30 September 2017.

REGISTRATION FORM

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