

**9th Congress
of the
European Women Lawyers Association
(EWLA)**

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European Lawmaking and Practice
Fundamental Rights and Financial Markets

July 3-4, 2009

Venue

**National Centre for Cultural Heritage
115 Hverfisgata, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland**

Further information:

www.ewla.org

Thursday 2nd July 2009

- 17.30-20.00 Blue Lagoon light supper and refreshments hosted by the Icelandic Women Lawyers' Association/ Bathing in the Blue Lagoon optional and using other facilities <http://www.bluelagoon.com/Bath/What-to-do/> at own expense.

Friday 3rd July 2009

National Centre for Cultural Heritage, 115 Hverfisgata, 101 Reykjavík

- 08.15-09.00 Registration/ Inscriptions/ Coffee and Pastries
09.00-09.15 Welcome by the President of EWLA, Ms LEENA LINNAINMAA
09.15-09.20 Opening of the congress
09.20-10.40 *Panel: "Financial Crisis and Constitutional Implications"*



Chair: Prof. Dr. HERDÍS THORGEIRSDÓTTIR, vice-president of EWLA
Speakers: Norwegian /French magistrate Madame **EVA JOLY**. She is known all over Europe for her battle to uncover corruption at highest levels and her determination to see justice done. – Ms. **MARGARET MARSHALL**, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the first woman to hold that position (*to be confirmed*).

- 10.40-11.00 Coffee Break
11.20-12.30 Panel: Fundamental Rights in the Future of Europe
Chair: Ms **LENIA SAMUEL**, Deputy Director General of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, the European Commission
Speakers: Ms SOPHIA SPILIOPOULOS, Attorney and Counsellor of Law, Athens other speakers to be confirmed.
12.30-14.00 Lunch
14.00-15.30 Workshop: "Corporate Social Responsibility "
Chair: Prof. Dr. BEATE RUDOLF, Free University Berlin

Speakers: Ms GABRIELE C. KLUG, City Treasurer and Board Member, Transparency International (German Chapter)
CAROL XUEREF, Director for Legal Affairs and Group Development Essilor International S.A.

14.00-15.30 Workshop: Family Law - "Financial Crisis and Family Breakdown"
Chair:

Speakers: Ms DÖGG PÁLSDÓTTIR, Supreme Court Attorney, Reykjavík, Ms HJÖRDÍS HÁKONARDÓTTIR, Supreme Court Justice, Iceland.

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 Panel: "New Equality Strategies for Very Uncertain Times"
Chair: ELISABETH KOTTHAUS (née Mueller), EWLA Past President
Speakers: Minister of Justice, Ms. RAGNA ÁRNADÓTTIR, Dr. DANIELA BANKIER, Head of Unit Equality, Action against Discrimination, European Commission, DG Employment, Reception (City Hall ?)

19.30-22.30 Boat trip to Viðey Island/dinner
http://www.reykjavik.is/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-3347/4847_view-666/

Saturday 4th July 2009

09.00-10.30 General Assembly of EWLA: Presentation of the Candidates for the Election to the EWLA Board; Election of Board Members

10.30-11.30 Workshop: "Markets and Risk Management"
Chair: Ms Maire Laitinen, Senior Legal Counsel, Fondia (FI) "Changing role of the corporate legal function and risk management"
Speakers:
Ms LEENA LINNAINMAA, EWLA President and Director, The Central Chamber of Commerce of Finland, KRISTÍN PÉTURSDÓTTIR, Director of Auður Capital, HELGA JÓNSDÓTTIR mayor, to be confirmed

10.30-11.30 Workshop: "Gender-Based Violence and Justice"
Chair: Ms NANCY GAGE-LINDNER
Speakers: Prof. JACKE JONES, Bristol Law School, Ms. SVALA ÓLAFSDÓTTIR, lecturer in Criminal law, Reykjavík University; Ms. SIGRÍÐUR FRIÐJÓNSDÓTTIR, prosecutor, Ms. THELMA

ÁSDÍSARDÓTTIR victim of incest and sexual abuse and co-writer of a book on her experience.

- 10.30-11.30 **Workshop: “Law Making and Practice in Turbulent Times”**
Chair: Prof. Dr. CHRISTA TOBLER, Europa Institute of the University of Basel and University of Leiden
Speakers:, Prof. Guðrún Gauksdóttir, Reykjavík University, to be confirmed, BÉATRICE CASTELLANE, Avocat at the Paris bar, AEFJ President, business lawyer
- 11.30-12.30 **Lunch**
- 12.30-14.00 **Closing Session and General Assembly (Part 2): Results of the Workshops and Resolutions**
- 14.10 **Departure for the Golden Triangle, Thingvellir, Gullfoss, Geysir.** The magnificent Gullfoss Waterfall, the world famous Geyser and National Park of Þingvellir, the seat of the oldest Parliament in the World. Dinner at the legendary bishopry Skálholt.

The official congress language will be English.

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The Culture House (venue of congress)

http://www.thjodmenning.is/index_english.htm

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<http://www.bluelagoon.is/>

[http://www.icelandvisitor.com/icelandvisitor/online_booking/day_tours_and_activities/Blue Lagoon Tours/?special_search_input=Blue+Lagoon+Tours&special_search_Area=Reykjavik&rf=g07-09&gclid=CJLXibqe_JYCFQWJ1QodK1UNYA](http://www.icelandvisitor.com/icelandvisitor/online_booking/day_tours_and_activities/Blue_Lagoon_Tours/?special_search_input=Blue+Lagoon+Tours&special_search_Area=Reykjavik&rf=g07-09&gclid=CJLXibqe_JYCFQWJ1QodK1UNYA)

Viðey

<http://www.reykjavik.is/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-3026/>

Golden Triangle

http://www.nat.is/travelguideeng/gullfoss_geysir.htm

Thingvellir

<http://www.thingvellir.is/english/>

Hotels:

<http://island.hotels.com/hotel-island/hotel-reykjavik/>

Anna Guesthouse

<http://www.accommodation.is/?gid=43>

More guesthouses

<http://www.accommodation.is/?gid=1358>