



FBE II International Young Lawyers' and Law Students' Human Rights Oratory Competition, Berlin 2019

WHERE?

In Berlin, Germany

WHEN?

September 13-14, 2019

WHO?

Lawyers and Law Students under 35 years of age

WHY?

The Competition is a great opportunity to:

- practice and improve oratory skills
- learn to present a case to an international audience of lawyers
- develop legal English and general oral English skills
- meet with lawyers from jurisdiction across Europe
- see Berlin

THE ORGANIZATION

The Competition is organized by the European Bars Federation (FBE)/ its Human Right Commission and will be hosted by the Berlin Bar.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Prepare a 10 minutes speech on: "Freedom of speech" to be presented to an International Jury in Berlin with other participants from different country.

If selected amongst the four best contestants, defend a position against an opponent on another topic the following day.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be approved by the sending Bar Association. Please contact your Bar and send your application to the relevant person.



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1. General overview of the Competition

The **FBE II International Young Lawyers' and Law Students' Human Rights Oratory Competition September 13-14, 2019** (the Competition) is an educational event in which lawyers and law students from different jurisdictions meet each other to participate in a public speaking contest.

The Competition is an opportunity to practice oratory skills, learn to present a case to an international audience of lawyers/law students and develop oral English abilities, as well as providing a valuable networking occasion for lawyers/law students from different jurisdictions.

The Competition consists of two rounds:

1. Round 1 (1st day of the Competition) with all the participants
2. Round 2 (2nd day of the Competition) with the finalists of Round 1

The basis for the Competition is the presentation of a speech on the following topic: “” in front of a Jury and a public audience.

The best contestants participate to the second round, which is focused on their abilities to defend and convince.

2. The Hosting Bar

The Competition is going to be hosted by Berlin Bar/RAK Berlin, Germany (the Hosting Bar).

3. Application and participation

The Competition is addressed to young lawyers and law students under 35 years of age from the FBE Members Bars.

Each FBE Member Bar may send up to two participants.

Candidates' applications should be approved by their Bar Associations.

Applications for the Competition are to be filed on the official form and send by the Bar by email to HRC by 12.00 midday on Tuesday August 20th, 2019 , e-mail address: **fbehrccompetition@wp.pl**

First applying candidates will take part in the contest; however the Hosting Bar may need to make a selection to provide international character of the Competition.

To make the proper selection by the Bar, it is suggested to ask the elected participants to write of 200 words work about refugee rights in 2019 in Europe (the copy of the winning work should be sent with

the participant application).

4. Language of the Competition

English is the only language of the Competition.

5. Organization of the Competition

The Competition lasts 2 days.

The Competition may take place in front of a public audience.

The participants will have to wear a professional gown to present their speech. The Berlin Bar may provide gowns for the participants who did not bring their own.

The Hosting Bar reserves the right to cancel the competition if the number of participants is insufficient.

The course of the Competition:

a) The Speech

Round 1

TOPIC: “Freedom of Speech”

The topic is the same for all the participants.

The Speech must be an original work, by one speaker, not used in previous competition and based on a chosen by the Competitor relevant examples.

The participants are free to organize their Speech as they wish, there is no imposed format.

The Speech must not exceed 10 minutes. Participants going over the allotted time will be penalized.

Round 2

Detailed instructions will be given with the topic on Day 2.

b) Competition days

1st Day: Round 1

All participants will present their speech before the Jury.

The order of presentations will be drawn randomly before the Competition.

The Jury will have 2-3 minutes to ask questions to the participants.

The Jury will gather to deliberate after all the participants have presented their speech. They will choose

the 4 best contestants who will participate to Round 2.

2nd Day: Round 2

The 4 best participants of Round 1 will be given a new topic. Two of them would have to defend the positive side and the two other the negative side.

They will have two hours to prepare a speech of 5 to 10 minutes.

They will present their speech by pairs (for and against), each participant being given 2 minutes to challenge to the arguments of their opponent.

The Jury will then gather to deliberate and announce the winner of the Competition.

c) Materials admitted during the Competition

During the speech

The participants are allowed to use their notes during their speech.

During the preparation of the speech for Round 2

Only competing participants work on the topic. No external contacts.

Participants may use only the resources and equipment that they brought with them, i.e. books, lawyers programs available on their laptop (wi-fi connection will be provided by the Hosting Bar).

d) The Jury

The panel of judges consists of up to 5 judges, and is chaired by the President of FBE Human Rights Commission.

The FBE HRC will provide an international panel of judges.

For Round 2, the participants from Round 1 who are not participating as contestants will also be part of the Jury and will have one joint vote in the deliberation.

Judges assess participants taking into account the content, the organization and the delivery of the Speech.

The Jury reserves the right to not select a winner if they consider the speeches presented do not meet the quality requirements that can be expected in a Competition of this type.

The Jury's decision is final. Participation to the competition implies full acceptance of the rules of the Competition and of the Jury and Organization decisions.

e) The prize

The winner will receive the FBE Award and will be invited to attend the FBE Congress in Lisbon on 24-26 October 2019 to receive **the FBE Presidency Award**.

Additionally, the winner will receive the prize of the Krakow Bar (*FBE Member*) named **Mr Marian Anczyk Award**, who was in 1992 co-founder of present FBE (it will be the weekend in Krakow/Poland).

f) Recording and transmission of the Competition

The participants agree to accept that pictures and videos be made during the Competition. This material may be used by the Organization, the press or social media for communication and promotion purposes.

6. The costs

a) The Human Rights Commission and Hosting Bar covers costs of:

- Infrastructures for the Competition,
- office rooms meeting technical requirements,
- catering during the Competition, including lunch on Friday and networking cocktail on Saturday, and dinner as well as on Friday evening for all participants

b) Participating Bar covers:

- travel of the participant(s)
- accommodation of the participant(s)

7. The Contact:

In case of any questions concerning the Competition do not hesitate to contact:

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