



Summer Programme on International Sports Law:

Is Sport Playing by the Rule of Law?

30 June - 4 July 2014, The Hague

Organised by the Asser International Sports Law Centre

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS LAW

Twenty years ago the concept of “Sports Law” would have been foreign to most. Today, it is far more widely recognised as an established field of legal scholarship and practice. As a corollary to the growing commercialisation, professionalisation, and globalisation of sport, athletes, sports clubs, and organisations’ run-ins with the law have not only become more frequent, but also more apparent. While the autonomy of sport may have been once an effective defence against “outside”



legal interference, the sports world increasingly has come to accept that its autonomy is constrained by the rule of law and preconditioned on e.g. principles of good governance. Sports governing bodies also realise that they are unable to deal with various threats and challenges alone: e.g. doping, match-fixing, and other types of fraud. The burgeoning sports-oriented workload of courts (e.g. Court of Justice of the EU, Swiss Supreme Court) and disciplinary and arbitral tribunals (e.g. FIFA DRC, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)) has had a significant impact on sports law as an academic field and helped contribute to its establishment as a global field of private practice.



PROGRAMME

The Asser International Sports Law Centre provides a week-long educational programme (30 June – 4 July, 2014) in The Hague led by a number of internationally renowned sports law experts (i.e. academics, practitioners, public officials etc.).

The programme includes a combination of lectures and workshops that will provide both a general knowledge of the legal principles at play and a practical experience of the legal reality on the ground.

Sports Dispute Resolution

- Disciplinary and doping sanctions
- Arbitral awards (e.g. CAS)

Sports Organisers' commercial rights & obligations

- (New) Media rights and image rights
- Competition law issues
- Mega events/ Ambush marketing
- Taxation

Sports Corruption

- Sports Fraud – match-fixing, money laundering, etc.
- Sports Betting: regulation and monitoring
- Doping (WADA 2015)

Sports & Sustainable funding

- Financial solidarity and competitive balance
- Financial fair play
- Third-party investment

Sports Governance

- Good Governance Principles and Sports organisations
- Stakeholders Involvement

Athletes Rights

- EU Free Movement for Athletes
- Collective Bargaining in Sport

The Summer Programme will be led by a number of internationally renowned sports law experts, academics, practitioners, arbitrators and public officials. Last year's speakers included amongst others Prof. Dr. Jack Anderson (Queen's University Belfast), Prof. Dr. Antonio Rigozzi (University of Neuchâtel and Partner at Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler), Roberto Branco Martins (University of Amsterdam and Director of Pro Agent), Dr. Leanne O'Leary (Edge Hill University), Prof. Dr. Karolina Tetlak (Warsaw University), Prof. Dr. Ben Van Rompuy (Asser International Sports Law Centre and Vrije Universiteit Brussel), and Prof. Dr. Michele Collucci (European College of Parma and attorney).

The programme structure is designed to engage participants offering valuable networking opportunities and to create an enjoyable and educational experience.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The primary audience for the Summer Programme is qualified attorneys, policy-makers, and representatives of sports organisations but also advanced students (e.g. LL.M., Ph.D.) who wish to pursue a career in the field of sports law.

Because the Summer Programme brings together both academic and practitioner point of view it will appeal to all who are interested in the area of sports law.

The Summer Programme covers the full scope of sports law related topics and its engaging workshops facilitate the continued building of skills. Even those with practical and/or academic knowledge of sports law will benefit from this course as they will be presented with the latest issues discussed by experts in the field of sports law.



“Absolutely great, whether you are a legal practitioner or working for a sports organisation.”

Participant of the Sports Law Summer Programme 2013

The Summer Programme will give you a unique insight into the pressing issues in the area of International Sports Law and will give you the opportunity to:

- Acquire an in depth knowledge of the theory and practice of International and European Sports Law;
- Learn through a variety of formats such as lectures, interactive group discussions, relevant case studies, timely debates and practical workshops;
- Keep up to date with the latest cases and theories in International Sports Law;
- Take advantage of unique networking opportunities;
- Meet and discuss with a diverse set of sports Stakeholders;
- Be in The Hague!

ORGANISERS

T.M.C. Asser Instituut

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague is a distinctive, inter-university research institute specialised in International and European law and a leading and authoritative provider of executive education to students and professionals operating in the judicial sector. The institute has a long-standing reputation for quality and excellence and is accomplished in recognising the unique challenges faced by today's legal practices.

Asser International Sports Law Centre

The Asser International Sports Law Centre is widely recognised as a pioneer in the area of International and European sports law and remains one of the strongest, innovative, and comprehensive centres of excellence in this domain.

The mission of the Asser International Sports Law Centre is to provide high quality research, services and products to the sporting world at large (sports ministries, international - intergovernmental - organisations, sports associations and federations, the professional sports industry, etc.) on both a national and an international basis.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date

30 June – 4 July 2014

Fee

€ 1195,-

This fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, water/tea/coffee and lunch during working days, a reception and an opening dinner.

The fee does not cover (international) travel costs, domestic travel to and from airports etc., (hotel) accommodation, insurance or other expenses. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague.

Registration *

You can register by completing the online application form at: www.asser.nl/SPISL

The deadline for application is 19 May 2014.

Contact

For more information or questions please contact educationtraining@asser.nl

** Please read the Registration Information & Conditions carefully before registration.*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

Enrollment

1. You may register via the website by submitting the completed online registration form at www.asser.nl/SPISL
2. Each participant should use a separate form.
3. The deadline for registration is 19 May, 2014.
4. Upon receipt of the completed registration form, a confirmation letter and payment details will be sent to you by email.
5. Your registration is complete once the online registration form has been submitted and the payment has been received.
6. The registration form constitutes a legally binding agreement. By submitting the completed registration form the registrant declares to be in accordance with the requirements and provisions described therein.
7. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of registration information. If you have not received confirmation of your registration within 7 working days of submitting, please contact educationtraining@asser.nl
8. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut reserves the right to withhold registration.

Fees and Payment Conditions

1. Fees for the week long programme are € 1195, -
2. The fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, refreshments and lunch during working days, a reception and opening dinner.
3. The balance due must be made, and received in full, four weeks prior to the commencement of the Summer Programme (2 June, 2014).
4. Participants are responsible for the cost of all international travel, accommodation evening meals (approximately €30 per day), and if applicable, any visa charges and medical insurance. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague (€70-120 per day).

Cancellation Policy

1. Cancellations will only be accepted when your request for cancellation is submitted by e-mail to educationtraining@asser.nl
2. If you cancel less than two weeks prior to the starting date of the Summer programme, please note that a € 200 processing fee will be charged. The remaining fees paid will be refunded.
3. No refunds will be made on the registrations not cancelled within the allotted time.
4. The T.M.C Asser Instituut reserves the right to cancel the Summer Programme. In the event that such action is necessary, registrants will be informed at least four weeks in advance of the starting date of the programme.
5. In the event that the T.M.C. Asser Instituut cancels the Summer Programme, the full sum paid will be reimbursed.

Visa

1. If you require a visa to visit the Netherlands, you are strongly advised to apply for your visa at least eight weeks prior to your departure to The Netherlands. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut does not arrange visas but will assist visa applicants where appropriate.

Liability

1. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held liable for personal injuries or for loss and/or damage to the personal belongings of participants either during or as a result of their participation in the programme.