

EMC² 2009-2010 PANELLIST POLICY

Preamble

Bearing in mind that the International Council Meeting of ELSA has pledged to develop Regional Rounds within the ELSA Network as the most suitable form of organisation of the ELSA Moot Court Competition (EMC)² on the Law of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the promotion of moot court competitions as a popular tool of Clinical Legal Education in Europe;

In view of the development of the EMC² into a worldwide competition, the structure of which is based on Regional Rounds across the globe, ELSA International;

Acknowledges the need to accentuate the role that the EMC² performs in ELSA's ongoing action to contribute to Legal Education globally;

Promote the function that the EMC² plays in ELSA's ongoing contribution to the development of Clinical Legal Education globally;

Seek to produce mutual benefits for ELSA International as the founder of the EMC² and the academic institutions or student associations who act as the organisers of Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round; and

Strive for greater involvement of WTO experts from legal academia, the WTO Secretariat and international trade law practitioners.

Set out the following EMC² Panellist Policy, aiming to provide the EMC² Regional Round Organisers and the ACWH International Organising Secretariat of the Final Oral Round with procedures for identifying and appointing individuals to act as Panellist for both the Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round as well as procedures for related to travel arrangements..

1. Expression of Interest

ELSA International currently maintains a list of individuals who have previously participated as Panellist in all EMC² ELSA and non-ELSA Regional Rounds, as well as the Final Oral Rounds since 2003.

Notwithstanding, ELSA International now requires all individuals who are interested in participating as a Panellist in either Regional Rounds or the Final Oral Round, to register their '*Expression of Interest*' by sending an e-mail to the EMC² Academic Supervisor for the Americas Ms Ieva Zebryte at zebrytei@yahoo.co.uk.

ELSA International encourages all individuals with the requisite WTO Law and Policy knowledge and/or experience to submit an '*Expression of Interest*'.

Registration of '*Expression of Interest*' with ELSA International will remain open:

- (a) For the Regional Rounds till Friday, 5th of February;
- (b) For the **Final Oral Round** till **Monday, 29th March 2010**.

2. Panellist Application Form

Once an '*Expression of Interest*' has been received by ELSA International, an email will be sent from the Vice President of Academic Activities (to the Regional Rounds' Panellists) or the Academic Supervisor for the Americas Ieva Zebryte (to the Final Oral Round Panellists) to the interested individual requesting that the attached '*Panellist Application Form*' be completed.

A completed '*Panellist Application Form*' will be used by ELSA International, the Academic Supervisors, the Regional Round Organisers and the COLADIC-RD International Organising Secretariat to select individuals to participate as Panellist for all the Regional Rounds as well as the Final Oral Round, which in 2010 will be held in Santo Domingo.

A completed '*Panellist Application Form*' will also be used to develop each Regional Round and the Final Oral Round Event Program which will include details of the selected Panellist, including professional qualifications, work history and publications in the field of WTO Law or Policy.

3. Selection of Panellist for Regional Rounds

ELSA International will forward the '*Panellist Application Form*' to the relevant Academic Supervisor and Regional Round Organiser.

The relevant Academic Supervisor and Regional Round Organiser will independently prepare a List of Candidates each deems suitable to be considered to act as a Regional Round Panellist.

The relevant Academic Supervisor and Regional Round Organiser will collaborate by reviewing the two Lists of Candidates and make their selection utilising the following criteria:

- If a candidate has the requisite trade law/policy knowledge to act as a Panellist;

- If a candidate has participated as a Panellist in past editions of the EMC²;
- If a candidate has a conflict of interest (for example a team for his/her University is enters a team into the competition per **Rule 2.3**); and
- The financial implications of inviting each individual candidate to act as a Panellists (for example consider travel, accommodation and ancillary costs involved);

Pursuant to **Rule 1.1.8.8**, the respective Academic Supervisor of each Regional Round will have the final decision as to who will be appointed a Panellist for their respective events.

4. Selection of Panellist for the Final Oral Round

ELSA International will forward the '*Panellist Application Form*' to each Academic Supervisor and COLADIC-RD.

The Academic Supervisors and COLADIC-RD will independently prepare a List of Candidates each deems suitable to be considered to act as a Final Oral Round Panellist.

Pursuant to **Rule 1.1.8.9** Vice President Academic Activities of ELSA International, all Academic Supervisors and COLADIC-RD will convene to select suitable individuals to act as Final Oral Round Panellist utilising the following criteria:

- If a candidate has the requisite trade law/policy knowledge to act as a Panellist;
- If a candidate has participated as a Panellist in past editions of the EMC²;
- If a candidate has a conflict of interest (for example a team for his/her University is enters a team into the competition per **Rule 2.3**);
- If a candidate is prepared to present an academic paper at the WTO Conference, **Friday, 28th May 2010**; and
- The financial implications of inviting each individual candidate to act as a Panellists (for example consider travel, accommodation and ancillary costs involved);

Pursuant to *Clause 4.7* of the MOA between ELSA International and COLADIC-RD, the final decision as to who will be appointed a Panellist to the Final Oral Round rests with the Vice President Academic Activities of ELSA International and the Academic Supervisors.

5. Appointment Process of Regional Round Panellist

Each Academic Supervisor, in-conjunction with their respective Regional Round Organisers will send/email each successful candidate an invitation outlining the following:

- Advise of selection as a Panellist for the nominated Regional Round;
- Details of the Regional Round including dates and location;
- Include a copy of the Case and Clarifications;
- Advise the distribution date of the Panellist Handbook which includes the Bench Memorandum;
- Advise who will be their Regional Round Organiser contact person;
- Outline the details of what expenses the Regional Round Organiser will cover (for example, transport, accommodation and event program);
- Outline details of the acceptance process by the candidate; and
- Outline details of cancellation notification and procedure.

Upon acceptance by an individual, the respective Academic Supervisor will communicate the name of the candidate to be a Panellist to ELSA International.

The names of the successful candidates will be published in the “Panellist” section of the official EMC² website (www.elsamootcourt.org) as well as each individual Regional Round Organisers website.

6. Appointment of Final Oral Round Panellist

The Americas Academic Supervisor in-conjunction with COLADIC-RD will send/email each successful candidate an invitation outlining the following:

- Advise of selection as a Panellist for the Final Oral Round;
- Details of the Final Oral Round including dates and location;
- Include a copy of the Case and Clarifications;
- Advise the distribution date of the Panellist Handbook which includes the Bench Memorandum;
- Advise who will be their COLADIC-RD International Organising Secretariat contact person;
- Outline the details of what expenses the COLADIC-RD will cover (for example, transport, accommodation and event program);
- Details of the WTO Academic Conference and process for submitting a paper (Call for Papers);
- Outline details of the acceptance process by the candidate; and
- Outline details of cancellation notification and procedure.

Upon acceptance by an individual, the COLADIC-RD International Organising Secretariat will communicate the name of the candidate to be a Panellist to ELSA International.

The names of the successful candidates will be published in the “Panellist” section of the official EMC² Website (www.elsamootcourt.org).