

TELDERS INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2014

WHAT IS TELDERS INTERNATIONAL LAW COMPETITION?

Telders International Law Moot Court Competition is a simulation of a mock case (fictitious dispute between two states) before the International Court of Justice. Up to 40 teams from different European Universities in the Competition since 1977. The international rounds take place at the Peace Palace in the Hague. Competition has been named after Professor dr. Benjamin Marius Telders, who became a professor of international law at Leiden University in 1937.

WHERE TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPETITION?

<http://www.grotiuscentre.org/TeldersMootCourt.aspx>

WHAT ARE THE BASIC RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION?

- Team composed of 2 to 4 law students from one University;
- In case there is more than one University per country – the winner of the national pre-selections rounds represents the country in the international rounds;
- Teams perform in English:
 - o Each Team had to prepare a written memorial for Applicant and the Respondent States in line with the requirements presented in the rules of procedure (Structure, Page Numbers, Style etc.). Non-compliance with the procedure result into penalty points;
 - o Each team submits respective number of copies of memorials in line with the rules of the procedure to TOO;
 - o TOO determines exact timing and schedule for Oral Rounds: Each Team plays twice an Applicant and twice a Respondent. Each Team member shall perform at the Oral Arguments,
 - o Two best Teams go to the finals.

For further details please view International Rules of Procedure available at <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/rulesofprocedure.aspx>

WHAT IMPORTANT DATES ALREADY AVAILABLE ABOUT THE COMPETITION?

- Release of the Case and Time Schedule: **1st of October 2013**;
- Deadline for Application for participation by a Team: **11th of November 2013**;
- Deadline for confirmation from TOO on participation of the Team: **29th of November 2013**;
- Deadline for the request of Written Clarifications: **2nd of December 2013**;
- Deadline for Submission of the Written Memorials: **20th of January 2014**;
- Deadline for Payment of the Participation Fee: **17th of February 2014**. **If there is a national pre-selection round, fee is paid by winning team by 24th of March 2014**;
- Time-limit for national pre-selection rounds: **March 3 – 10, 2014**;
- International Rounds: **23-25 of April 2014**;

WHAT ARE PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA FOR UNIVERSITY TEAM?

- Be a law student - 2nd, 3rd or 4th years of study;
- Have an excellent command of English;
- Have a MOTIVATION and dedication for the TEAM WORK;

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- Preferable to have studied public international law.

What is Participation Fee?

The participation fee per team for the Telders Competition of 2014 is € 1.250,-. The fee covers the organisation costs of the Moot Court Competition, as well as the following expenses:

- Welcome drinks and dinner on Tuesday 22 April
- Coffee/tea, lunches and dinners on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 April
- Coffee/tea and farewell drinks on Friday 25 April

STAGE	ACTIVITIES	SKILLS EVALUATED	TIMELINE
Selection Procedures	Law Faculty shall send Brief Case along with the Pre-selection rules is emailed to the interested student.	General: - Ability of the Student to identify potential legal issues and make potentially correct assumptions.	Brief Case and preparation rule are send out to interested students on 17th of October 2013 by 18:00 o'clock.
	Brief case represents a one-page hypothetical followed by three questions. The questions cover the procedural, as well as substantial issues. Pre-selection rules represent one pager defining criteria for preparation and evaluation of the written part and oral presentation.	Written Part (50 %): - Ability to clearly write arguments in English (20%); - Ability to apply Legal Arguments to the Facts of the Case (20%); - Ability to carry out independent research (10%).	Students prepare written proposal (response to the research) by 26th of October 2013, 23:59.
	Oral Arguments are presented before 3 persons (one being coach) who have knowledge of international law and of the Brief Case.	Oral Arguments (50%): - Ability to present the arguments clearly (20%); - Engagement with the jury and ability to answer the questions (15%); - Time management (5%); - General presentation skills (10%).	Students present their written submission in oral argument before Board of 3 three persons: October 26-31 2013 (to be further determined).

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Written Submissions	Selected Team will start its work/preparation on weekly basis in line with the schedule defined by the coach. Schedule will also include internal deadlines in line with the TOO Time Schedule.	See International Rules of Procedure for criteria on evaluation of the Written Submissions.	20 th of January 2014. Detailed weekly schedule to be defined in line with the Time Schedule .
	All Team members will have basic package of materials to read and receive a pass from the coach;		
	Each Team Member will have to make independent research over selected topics and prepare written arguments;		
Oral Presentation Rounds	Selected Team will carry out preparation for the National Pre-selection and/or International Rounds in line with the weekly schedule prepared by the Coach.		National Pre-selection Round: March 3-10 2014. International Rounds: April 23-25 2014;