

ISLJ Annual International Sports Law Conference 2017 List of Speakers

Keynote Speakers

- Miguel Maduro is professor and director of the Global Governance Programme at the European University Institute. He was the head of FIFA's Governance Committee from May 2016 until his removal in May 2017.
- Michael Beloff QC is a barrister and CAS arbitrator. He has been an arbitrator at the Olympic Games (Atlanta) 1996, (Sydney) 2000, (Athens) 2004 and Beijing (2008), and at the Commonwealth Games (Kuala Lumpur) 1998, (Manchester) 2002, (Melbourne) 2006. He is also known as one of the 'godfathers' of sports law.
- Stephen Weatherill is professor of European Law at Oxford University. He is an authority on European Sports Law. T.M.C. Asser Press published his collected volume on European Sports Law in 2014.
- Richard McLaren is a professor in the Faculty of Law at the Western University, Canada. He is a well-known CAS arbitrator, sports law scholar and the former head of WADA's investigation into the Russian doping scandal.

Panel Chairs/ISLJ Editorial Board Members

- Antoine Duval is the Head of the Asser International Sports Law Centre and a Senior Researcher at the Asser Institute. He holds a PhD from the European University Institute and has worked extensively on the lex sportiva and its interaction with European and national law.
- Mark James is Professor and Director of Research at Manchester Law School and Editor of the Entertainment and Sports Law Journal. He is one of the world's foremost experts on Olympic law and the author of a leading manual in sports law.
- Johan Lindholm is Professor at Umea University in Sweden and the Editor-in-chief of the International Sports Law Journal. He has written extensively on the interaction of EU law and sport and is preparing a book on the lex sportiva at the CAS.
- Despina Mavromati is a Faculty Member at the University of Lausanne and a Visiting Professor teaching Sports Law at the University of Western Ontario. She is the founder of SportLegis, a specialized international sports law and arbitration practice based in Lausanne (Switzerland). Before that, Despina served as Managing Counsel & Head of Research and Mediation at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for nine years.
- Richard Parrish is Professor and the Director of the Centre for Sports Law Research at Edge Hill University. He is a member of the European Commission's High Level Expert Group on Sports Diplomacy and was a member of the European Commission's Group of Independent Sports Experts that advised the EU on priorities in the area of sport (2010). He is author of two monographs and three edited collections exploring the interface between sport and EU law.
- Ben Van Rompuy is Assistant Professor of Competition Law at the Europa Institute of Leiden Law School. Before joining the Europa Institute in August 2016, Ben was a senior researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague (2012-2016), where he headed the Asser International Sports Law Centre. Ben has particular expertise in the application of European law and competition law in the sports sectors.

Panel Speakers

Panel 1

- Jakub Laskowski is currently the proxy of the Management Board of Legia Warszawa S.A. for legal issues & business projects. He holds a PhD from the University of Warsaw, with a thesis on the “Legal aspects of transfer of a football player”.
- Eleanor Drywood is senior lecturer at the University of Liverpool, where she currently focuses on the application of a children's rights perspective to sports law. She is the recipient of a Leverhulme Trust Fellowship for a project critically appraising the legal framework which responds to the trafficking of child footballers from Africa to Europe.
- William McAuliffe is an Irish-qualified lawyer specialising in international sports arbitration and international sports law at the Swiss law firm Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler. He has acted as counsel before the CAS and the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT).

Panel 2

- Jack Withaar is an independent lawyer specialised in labour law, social security law and tort law, Tilburg (NL). He is also a lecturer in labour law, social security law and collective labour law at Avans University of Applied Sciences, Den Bosch (the Netherlands) and a PhD researcher at Tilburg University.
- Matthew Graham is an Amsterdam based, Australian sports law consultant. Holding a Master's of International Labour Law he focuses on industrial relations and regulatory issues in sport and has recently been engaged by the Centre for Sports Law Research, the University of Amsterdam, and a boutique sports law firm where he focuses on litigation and dispute resolution.
- Andrea Cattaneo is an associate lecturer at Birkbeck University of London. He holds a PhD entitled “The Application of EU Competition Law to Sport” from Edge Hill University.

Panel 3

- Tomas Grell is a junior researcher at the Asser International Sports Law Centre and is enrolled in a postgraduate law programme (Juris Doctor upon successful completion) at the Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. His thesis is entitled 'Sports law and economic competition'.
- Daniela Heerdt is a PhD candidate at Tilburg University. Her research is focused on the impact of mega sporting events on human rights.
- Brendan Schwab is the executive director of the World Players Association at UNI Global Union. He is an Australian labour lawyer with over 20 years of experience in the collective representation of professional athletes at the elite level. He previously served as a vice-president of FIFPro.

Panel 4

- Stefania Marassi is lecturer in labour law and EU sports law at The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

- Christopher Flanagan is a private practice lawyer in Bristol, England. His sports law research interest focuses on the nexus of finance and sport.
- Suren Gomtsian is lecturer in business law at University of Leeds and holds a PhD from Tilburg University. Branislav Hock is a junior member of the Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC). He holds a PhD from the Tilburg University.

Panel 5

- Lindsay Brandon is an associate at the Law Offices of Howard L. Jacobs in Westlake Village, California, where she specialises in sports law and the representation of athletes in disciplinary matters. She has worked on several cases involving professional athletes, Olympic athletes and amateur athletes in disputes involving doping and team selection issues. Howard Jacobs is a sports lawyer focusing on the representation of athletes in all types of disputes, with a particular focus on the defence of athletes charged with doping offenses, but also endorsements, unauthorized use of name and likeness, salary and team selection issues.
- Jernej Letnar Čerňič is associate professor of human rights law at the Graduate School of Government and European Studies and senior research fellow at the University Institute of European Studies – IUSE (Turin, Italy). He holds a PhD in human rights law from University of Aberdeen. He also serves on the management board of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency.
- Kazushige Ogawa is associate professor at Rikkyo University of Tokyo. He is also an expert at the Japan Sport Arbitration Agency.

Panel 6

- Kelsey Erickson (PhD) is a Research Fellow in the Institute for Sport, Physical Activity and Leisure (ISPAL) at Leeds Beckett University (UK). Her expertise is in the psychology of drugs in sport and she is particularly interested in developing an understanding of the psychosocial factors that influence performance enhancing drug use. Her research to date has been supported by the International Athletics Foundation, the International Olympic Committee, and the World Anti-Doping Agency.
- Jan Exner is a legal adviser for the Czech Olympic Committee and a J. D. candidate at the Faculty of Law of the Charles University. He is also the Chairman of the Ethics Commission and a member of the Doping Review Panel at the International Orienteering Federation.
- Louise Reilly is a barrister who specialises in sports law and international arbitration, acting as both counsel and arbitrator. She is an adjunct professor at UCD Sutherland School of Law in Dublin and a visiting professor at Western Law School in Canada.