

# The History of Delay in Civil Procedure: A Lesson for the Future?

## Programme

### Thursday 24 April

**09.30-10.30** Registration (Salonzaal)

**10.30-11.00** Opening session (Feestzaal)  
- C.H. van Rhee  
- M. Storme

**11.00-12.30** Plenary session (Feestzaal)

(Honorary) Chairman: M. Storme

Prof.Dr. K.W. Nörr (Tübingen):

*Summary Proceedings in Canon Law: The Clementina Saepe, 14th Century*

Prof.Dr. R. Helmholz (Chicago):

*Delay and the English Ecclesiastical Courts, 14th-16th Centuries*

Prof.Dr. P. Gottwald (Regensburg):

*Defeating Delay in German Civil Procedure*

**12.30-15.00** Lunch (first meeting of the members of the Working Group on the History of Civil Procedure, Gerda Henkel Stiftung)  
Restaurant: 4 Azen, Helmstraat 8 (tel.: 043-352 02 11)

**15.00-17.00** Plenary session (Salon)

Chairman: C.H. van Rhee

Prof.Dr. S. Dauchy (Lille):

*Les délais dans l'ordonnance de 1667, normes et pratiques. L'exemple du Conseil Souverain de Québec*

Prof.Dr. A. Wijffels (Louvain-la-Neuve):

*The Shadow of the Ancient Regime's Protracted Proceedings in the French (1806) and the Belgian-Dutch (1830) Codes of Civil Procedure*

Dr. M. Macnair (Oxford):

*Lord King and Lord Talbot: An Eighteenth Century Attempt to Reduce Delay in Equity and its General Lessons*

Dr. P. Brand (Oxford):

*Delay in English Common Law Courts, 12th-14th Centuries*

**17.00-19.00** Second meeting of the members of the Working Group on the History of Civil Procedure, Gerda Henkel Stiftung (room 1.019)

**20.00** Dinner  
Restaurant: Au coin des Bons Enfants, Ezelmarkt 4 (043-321 23 59)

**Friday 25 April**

**09.00-11.00** Workshops

**Workshop A** (Feestzaal)

Chairman: C.H. van Rhee

Prof.Dr. K. Modéer (Lund):  
*Delay and Judicial Culture in Sweden*

Prof.Dr. H. Bryson (Richmond):  
*Some Old Problems in England and Some New Solutions from Virginia*

Prof.Dr. J. Kekkonen (Helsinki):  
*Reforms and Reform Attempts of Civil Procedure in Finland, 19th-20th Centuries*

Prof.Dr. S. Waddams (Toronto):  
*Evidence of Witnesses in the English Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts (1800-1850)*

**Workshop B** (Salon)

Chairman: Th. Pouw

Prof.Dr. T. Jongbloed (Utrecht):  
*Delay in Civil Procedure in the Netherlands, 19th-20th Centuries*

Prof.Dr. Alan Uzelac (Zagreb):  
*Accelerating Civil Proceedings in Croatia*

Prof.Dr. P. Yessiou-Faltsi (Thessaloniki):  
*Civil Procedure in Greece, 19th-20th Centuries*

Dr. Frederyk Zoll (Krakow):  
*Accelerating Civil Proceedings in Poland*

**11.00-11.30** Coffee break (Salon)

**11.30-13.00** Workshops

**Workshop C** (Feestzaal)

Chairman: W. Burnham

Prof.Dr. W. de Vos (Stellenbosch):  
*Delay in South African Civil Procedure*

Prof.Dr. P. Oberhammer (Vienna):  
*Past, Present and Future of Speeding Up Civil Litigation in Austria*

Dr. Ferenc Glatz (Budapest):  
*Accelerating Civil Proceedings in Hungary*

**Workshop D** (Salon)

Chairman: C.H. van Rhee

Prof.Dr. D. Tamm (Copenhagen):

*Procedure and Delay in Supreme Court Proceedings in Denmark since 1537*

Dr. M. Godfrey (Glasgow):

*Civil Procedure, Delay and the Court of Session in 16th Century Scotland*

Dr. H. Blomquist (Copenhagen):

*Delays in the Danish Maritime and Commercial Court at the Beginning of the 20th Century*

**13.00-15.00** Lunch (Meeting of experts on delay in modern civil procedure; meeting is open to all participants)  
Restaurant: De Cuyp, Tongersestraat 30 (043-321 83 82)

**15.00-16.30** Plenary Session (Feestzaal)

Chairman: M. Storme

Prof.Dr. W. Asser (Leiden):

*Within a Reasonable Time: A Joint Responsibility*

Prof.Dr. P. Carrington (Durham, NC):

*Asbestos and Delay in US Courts, 1980-2002*

Prof.Dr. W. Rechberger (Vienna) and Prof.Dr. Th. Klicka (Münster/Vienna): *Measures to Speed Up Litigation in Austrian Civil Proceedings During the 20th Centuries*

**16.30-17.00** Closing Session (Feestzaal)

- B. Groen

- C.H. van Rhee

**17.00** Reception

Kaffee de Wekker, Tongersestraat 13 (tel.: 321 35 43)