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They couldn't get enough

Most of the participants of the first Model International Criminal Court (MICC) used extra-given time for rhetorical training on thursday evening. Rhetorical advisor Loring Sittler and his colleagues decided to offer some more hours for those who wanted to improve their speaking skills. -fs

Awards

Participants of the MICC are looking forward to the awarding that will took place on sunday morning. Awards will be assigned to the best defendant, the best prosecutor, the best judge and the best team. -fs

Quote of the day I

"I had the hope that I would be allowed to play the role of an accused."
(Klaus Bachmann at his introduction speech)



Klaus Bachmann

Judges locked up two times?

Rumours that were floating through the halls of Krzyzowa castle on friday and early saturday were saying that judges of two trials had been locked up in their conference room while discussing the verdict.

Quote of the day II

"See you in ten minutes."
(Registrar Fabian Ellermann)



Fabian Ellermann



Who is a pilot's project pilot if not the defendants, prosecutors, judges and the registrar of the MICC's first case?

Industrialist Krauch found guilty of crimes against humanity

By Ewa Kuzniar and Julie Jeck

Industrialist Karl Krauch, former member of the board of directors of I.G. Farben, was sentenced to ten years of imprisonment yesterday. Judges at the International Criminal Court found him guilty of having committed crimes against humanity during the Second World War. As an factory owner and the Plenipotentiary General for labour questions, Krauch was charged of being involved in enslavement of concentration camp inmates and civilians from occupied territories.

It was also taken into account that Krauch was one of the leading chemical experts in Nazi Germany.

As aggravating circumstances the Trial Chamber took that the

accused did not regret the committed crimes. The strategy of the defense team was to prove that Karl Krauch was not aware of living and working conditions of the forced workers and pleaded not guilty. Judges though thought differently.



Prosecutor Grzegorz Niczyporuk

Former Croatian general caught

By Florian Steglich

War crimes suspect Ante Gotovina was arrested on holiday isle Tenerife on thursday.

He is expected to be escorted to The Hague where he will be tried. Gotovina, former general of Croatian forces, is accused of being responsible for the deaths of 150 Serbs and for the expelling up to 200,000 others in 1995. He was the third most-wanted fugitive from the Balkans after Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic, both leaders of the Serbians.

An observer said that Gotovina's capture would improve Croatia's international credibility. Failed arrest of the war crimes fugitive has delayed Croatia's EU entry talks for seven months.

What is the MICC all about?

Interview with Franziska Mandel and Magdalena Wach, both organisers of the MICC.

Could you tell us what the MICC is all about?

Franziska Mandel: The aim of the MICC is to teach young people about Human Rights and show the difficulty of judging. People from three countries will come together to simulate cases in four groups. It is also a training of rhetorical skills and the ability to speak in public.

How did you come up with the idea of organising the MICC?

Franziska Mandel: Doctor Hans Fleisch, the head of the German Association of Foundations had the idea but he could not organise the project on his own so he gave it to Ms. Agnieszka von Zanthier, the director of Kreisau-Initiative in Berlin.

Why is the MICC project organised in Krzyzowa?

Magda Wach: During the Second World War Helmut James von Moltke called a group of his friends to Krzyzowa. They met three times in the "Berghaus" and during those meetings they were thinking of a new democratic Germany after the war. From the very beginning they opposed Hitler. That is why the Krzyzowa Foundation was set up. We teach about values, peace and mutual understanding.



Franziska Mandel and Magda Wach

What are your expectations of the MICC?

Franziska: My expectation is that this project will grow and become known in the whole of Europe. This is a pilot project never done before. Remember what Mr. Loring Sittler said in the introduction of the MICC - "Everybody wants to be the pilot, but someone will fly and someone will crash."

Interview by Ewa Kuzniar

"Everybody wants to be the pilot, but some will fly and some will crash!" *

... or how our participants fight gravity ...

By Nadya Ivanova

20 Polish + 23 Germans + 17 Bulgarians + 1 Romanian = MICC! Life falls on a bed of a cultural salad!

Whenever a group of people meet each other and have nothing to talk about, someone makes a comment and they begin to talk about that subject. In MICC complete strangers meet with an epic mutual goal to build a strong team and defend their cause in solely a few days! Horror of horrors! Smile, you are in Krzyzowa!

When the Castle or the cafe become your second sleeping rooms ... and you carry yourselves in a bucket .. be sure that this is Day 1. When you are in the limelight, frying in the court pan or have a pack of journalists hot on your heels ... it must be days 2 and 3. When legal and rhetorical advisors feed with your blunders and make you rack your brains on your court feats, you have just landed after making a curve in the air!

The MICC is a challenge to your limitations! What started

as a mess slowly took its shape. The MICC called out abilities which were lurking somewhere waiting to surprise you.

"Argue for your limitations, and sure enough they are yours." **

The sceptical were opened new landscapes, the shy new powers, the weak new wings. Everyone flew, no one crashed.

Panta rei, you will not cross the same river again!

* Mr Loring Sittler

** Richard Bach

Nazi officer Otto Hoffmann sentenced to twenty years of imprisonment

By Rafal Ciborowski

Otto Hoffmann, former "Obergruppenfuehrer" in the SS and chief of RuSHA (the Main Race and Settlement Office of the SS, responsible for racial examination in the Nazi regime) was sentenced to twenty years of prison. Presiding prosecutor Marina Dinkova Koleva together with her colleagues Magdalena Miskiewicz and Thibaut Gauzin-Mueller accused Mr. Hoffmann of violating article 6 of the Rome Statute and pleaded for twenty-five years of imprisonment. The opposite side, consisting of chief defender Sebastian



Sebastian Pensis, chief defense lawyer

Pensis and his colleagues Michal Wal and Martin Kaldamukov, based their defense on mitigating circumstances including carrying out orders of the superior, being influenced by propaganda, his young age. "Because of his foolishness, we plead for a four-year-imprisonment", said Sebastian Pensis. The judges found the accused guilty of four out of five points, deeming the evidence based on article 6 c as unconvincing. Mr Otto Hoffman had been charged with the so-called "Germanization" policy of ethnic Germans and found guilty of killing members of ethnic German groups,

causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of those groups, imposing measures intended to prevent births within the groups and finally forcibly transferring children of these groups to other groups.

Article 6

- a - Killing members of the group
- b - Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group
- c - Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part.
- d - Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group.
- e - Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Polish for beginners

Everything you ever wanted to know about Polish but were afraid to ask

By Rafal Ciborowski

I don't want to do this - Nie chcę tego zrobić- nie chłon tego srobitsch

When is the break? - Kiedy jest przerwa?- kiedy jest pscherwa

It lasts too long - To trwa za długo- to trfa sa dugo

When is the lunch? - Kiedy jest obiad?- kiedy jest objad

It is too hard - To jest za trudne- to jest sa trudne

How can I get out of here? - Jak moge stąd uciec?- jak mogeu stond utscheds

When is the dinner? - Kiedy jest kolacja?- kjedi jest kolatsja

How can I get to Germany/Bulgaria? - Jak moge się dostać do Niemiec/Bulgarii?- jak mogeu schem dostatsch do Njemjets/Boougarii?

Mummy! Take me home! - Mamusiu! Weź mnie do domu!- mamuschu wesch mnje do domo

What did you say? I should take a beer? - Co powiedziales? Powinienem wziąć następne piwo?- Tscho pofjetschsaues? Pofinjenem wschjountsch następne piwo?

Thank you - Dziękuję- dschingkuje

Can I have another beer, please? - Poproszę następne piwo- poproschon nastęupne piwo

How much is it? - Ile to kosztuje?- ille to koschtouje

For free? In this case, I'll take a third one. - Za darmo? W takim razie wezmę trzecie- Sa darmo? W takim rashe wesme tschetsche.

Am I drunk? - Czy jestem pijany?- tschi jestem pijani

I love you - Kocham Cię- kocham tsche

Warning! - Uwaga!- uwagga

Give me the money! - Daj mi pieniądze!- dai mi pienonse

Help! - Pomocy!- pomoze

Good night - Dobranoc- dobranots

Good morning - Dzień dobry - dschin dobre

I have got a headache - Boli mnie głowa- boli mnje guowa

both were logical but defenders did not have enough evidence.

Michał Małkus: I found the prosecutors to be lacking knowledge as the defense was clearly a lot better, especially the chief defender.

Klimentina Ruseva: I am not aware of the case, but they sounded convincing.

What is your opinion about the rhetorical preparation of the participants?

Kalina Atanasova Kalcheva: Although they were a bit embarrassed they managed to look appropriate.

Marta Puchalska: They were pure of their opinions and they tried to use proper arguments to convince the other side.

Michał Małkus: They were very well prepared but a bit nervous.

Klimentina Ruseva: They performed well and have made a big progress since yesterday.

Will you suggest any improvements?

Kalina Atanasova Kalcheva: During the question part I was left with the impression that

First reactions after the Krauch and Hoffmann cases

Appropriate verdicts / Most participants very well prepared / Rhetorical skills impressive

What is your general impression after the Krauch trial?

Prof. Kuliniak (teacher): I think that the participants were very well prepared and both the defense and the prosecutor office had convincing evidence.

Sebastian Pensis: I loved it, it was really fun. I liked the people and the legal advisors were very helpful.

Karolina Olanin: I was very impressed.

Aleksandra Stanczewska: I liked it very much. As an opening trial it was good.

Do you think that the verdict was appropriate?

Prof. Kuliniak (teacher): To my mind it was adequate.

Sebastian Pensis: No, I think that the defense had much more convincing arguments.

Karolina Olanin: In my opinion the verdict was accurate.

Aleksandra Stanczewska: No, I think the verdict was unjust and the accused should have been acquitted.

What do you think about the defense and prosecutors' arguments - were they logically presented?

Prof. Kuliniak (teacher): The arguments were rather logical but sometimes a bit confusing.

Sebastian Pensis: The arguments were well-made, both sides put a very strong case.

Karolina Olanin: I think that the prosecutors could have been more precise and should have had a stronger basis for their statement.

Aleksandra Stanczewska: To my mind the prosecutors had arguments but no evidences to prove them. I think that the defense should have won the trial.

What is your opinion about the rhetorical preparation of the participants?

Prof. Kuliniak (teacher): I would say they were extremely impressive.

Sebastian Pensis: They were all very well-prepared.

Karolina Olanin: I think that the rhetorical preparation is not important. For me the crucial part of convincing the trial chamber is being natural and spontaneous.

Will you suggest any improvements?

Prof. Kuliniak (teacher): Maybe the participants should have been given more appropriate vocabulary, legal terms.

Sebastian Pensis: I think that the judges should have been more involved in the case and learn some more information.

Karolina Olanin: Yes, I suggest some of the prosecutors and defense lawyers to be more precise and enthusiastic.

Aleksandra Stanczewska: I

would like the case to be more dynamic.

What is your general impression after the Hoffmann trial?

Kalina Atanasova Kalcheva: The trial was very interesting. I was impressed by the enthusiastic attitude of both prosecutors and defense lawyers.

Michał Małkus: Generally the whole trial could be summed up in one word: "Chaos". The judges seemed to have been working in complete disarray.

Klimentina Ruseva: It was interesting and I think that both teams had really strong positions. I was impressed by their statements.

Do you think that the verdict was appropriate?

Kalina Atanasova Kalcheva: I am not sure about it.

Marta Puchalska: Maybe I would suggest the sentence be a bit lighter.

Michał Małkus: I am satisfied with the final sentence.

What do you think about the defense and prosecutors' arguments - were they logically presented?

Kalina Atanasova Kalcheva: Both sides were logical but in my opinion the defense tried to convince us in some exaggerated and strange pleas.

Marta Puchalska: I think that

both sides had not fully understood the questions or were not well prepared to answer them.

Michał Małkus: Definitely yes, the prosecution team and the judges could have been a lot better.

Klimentina Ruseva: What I do not like about the defense was that the leading defender did not give the chance to the others to clarify their positions.

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