

# The MICC Times

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## Awards

Best acting participants of the first Model International Criminal Court (MICC) will be awarded on Sunday morning. The awards will go to Andrea Silbermann (best speaker/defense), Philipp Schütze (best speaker/prosecution), Agata Zurek, Pia Lannert, Tomislav Petrova Recheva and Kinga Uszko (best judgement including the registrar) and Paul Bannenber, Klimentina Mihaylova Ruseva and Aleksandra Stanczewska (best team). Director's Award will go to Marina Dinkova Koleva. Michał Małkus will receive the Audience Award.



Gregor Kendrick, Prosecutor



Michał Małkus, Defendant



Igor Paszkowski, Prosecutor



First MICC was called a "great success" in the evaluation conference on Saturday evening.

## "It was a mere coincidence that I survived"

Contemporary witness Ludwig Hoffman held a lecture at the MICC

By Julie Jeck

After his visit at the MICC Ludwig Hoffman asked the questions of the MICC Times. The interview was done in German and translated afterwards.

**Mr Hoffman, how did your life go on after the end of the war - have you yet been able to reflect what happened or did you first repress what you went through?**

At the first moment, when leaving the camp, I just felt sad - I didn't know anything about my sister - was she dead or still alive? I did not know anybody. I stayed in an unknown country and I also got no information about my family's fate. This was the first day. But then I received the message that my sister was alive. Step by step I settled in the big family I was living in. My sister married and I worked with them in a shop. So you can say I enjoyed a little of life. I actually did not have anything, but I was free. My sister emigrated to Australia and I met a christian girl, got married with her and stayed here.

**Did you write down the story of your life or how do you keep it?**

I did not write a book, because I am not patient enough to write one. But I recorded something for an interview a journalist from Warschau made. He wanted to know about my life before the war. Perhaps I will ask someone to make a brochure out of it.



Ludwig Hoffman at the MICC

You know, there are many books about the holocaust like "Ich habe ueberlebt" ("I have survived") of André Groenewoud.

I did not want to write it down. For me it was a mere coincidence that I survived. As an example my sister - she does not want to come to Germany, she has never been there and does not want to give an interview there. I often come to Kreisau to talk about my youth. Today I was asked to tell about my life during the war. For the movie about Schindler

my story has been recorded on a cassette.

**Yesterday, in an absolutely different context, we heard the sentence "If you don't fight, you'll lose". Do you think this statement does also fit to your experiences?**

We'll, I would say, I did not fight for saving my life, these were coincidences, which saved it. Takes a pause But my father was a really good man, who helped many people. Perhaps this is a reason for the fact, that I could survive - because the man who took me out of the row in front of the synagogue, would not have done this, if he would not have esteemed my father.

**Thank you for the interview, Mr Hoffman.**

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Loring Sittler, pedagogical advisor with a soul and a body.



Pia Lannert, Judge



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