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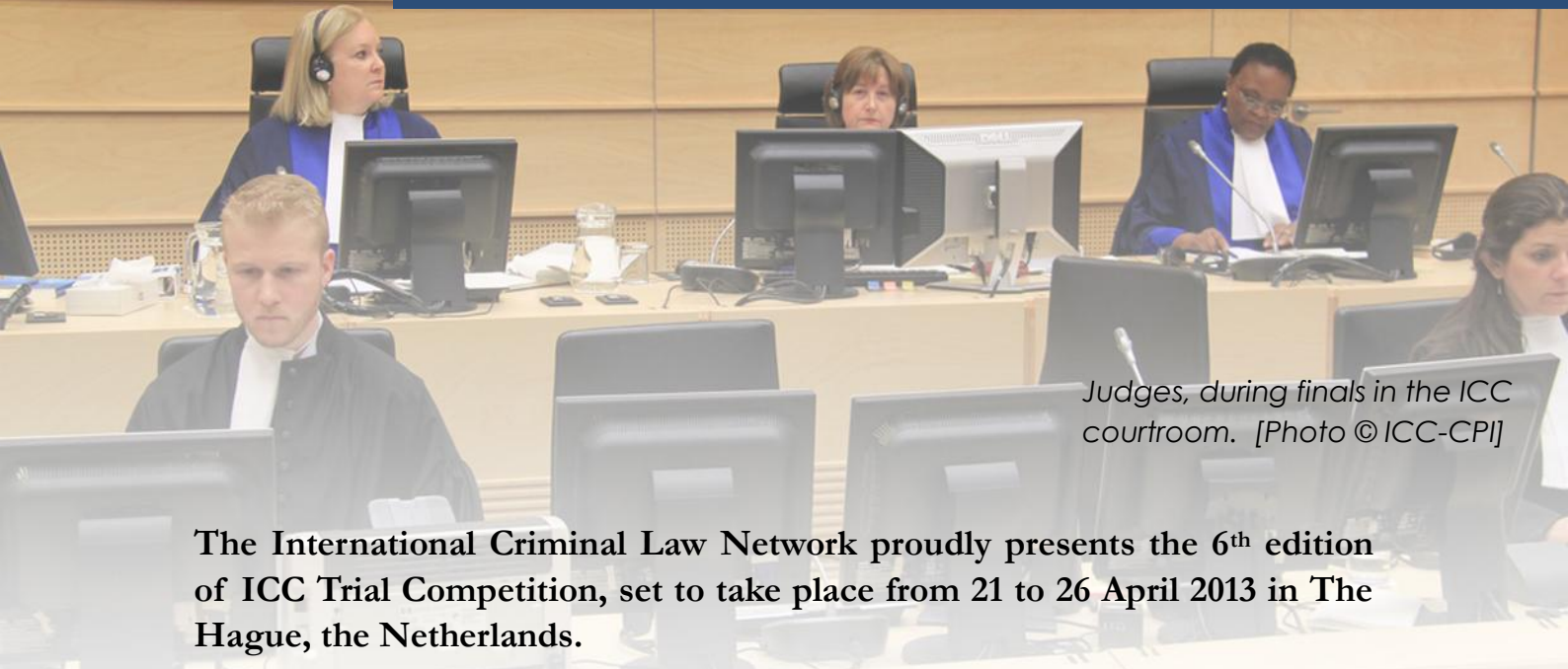
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The ICC Trial Competition



Judges, during finals in the ICC courtroom. [Photo © ICC-CPI]

The International Criminal Law Network proudly presents the 6th edition of ICC Trial Competition, set to take place from 21 to 26 April 2013 in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The ICLN ICC Trial Competition welcomes universities from all over the world for a large scale moot court simulating the proceedings of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The competition consists of an extensive six-day educational program which brings together students of diverse backgrounds and cultures to The Hague, the city of peace and justice., to challenge their skills as future international lawyers.

The final round takes place in an actual ICC courtroom with ICC judges adjudicating.

As of 2011, the International Criminal Court formally recognizes the ICLN ICC Trial Competition as the only official ICC moot court competition in the English language.



Students in front of the International Criminal Court during the 5th Edition, ICC Trial Competition 2012.

Background

ICLN developed the ICC Trial Competition in response to recent advances in international criminal law. The establishment of the world's first International Criminal Court provided a fantastic opportunity to further support the rule of international law and the fight against impunity by garnering a youth-led interest. Since 2007, ICLN has had the pleasure of organizing the competition annually and its popularity has grown consistently each year.

Out of all moot courts worldwide, the ICC Trial Competition is the only English language ICC moot court with an official partnership with the ICC.

The competition involves heavy collaboration with judges from international courts and tribunals, professors of international criminal law, and other legal professionals to make the ICC Trial Competition a realistic simulation of ICC proceedings. Content for the previous edition, including the fictional case, was primarily architected by Dr. Michael P. Scharf, Professor in International Law and President of ICLN.

The 2012 edition attracted a record number of 26 teams, 150+ participants from 20 different countries from 6 continents. Its organization received the record highest rate of reported satisfaction by participants to date.



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Purpose

The purpose of the ICLN ICC Trial Competition is threefold:

1. To allow the top law students from all over the world to improve their knowledge of international criminal law in practice and in particular of the ICC and its proceedings.
2. To provide students with the opportunity to become familiar with world-famous institutions in The Hague such as the ICC, the ICTY, the STL, the OPCW, the ICJ and the Peace Palace Library.
3. To enhance knowledge about the Rome Statute, especially within countries that have yet to ratify it, by providing the top legal minds of the future from both Member and non-Member States alike, an opportunity to learn more about the ICC.





Value

Winners, ICC Trial Competition 2012, 5th Edition. City University of Hong Kong. [Photo © ICC-CPI]

The International Criminal law Network (ICLN) is dedicated to providing an innovative and unparalleled educational experience for all those involved in the Competition with learning opportunities both within and outside the fictional Courtroom.



Site Visits

On top of the rigorous competition schedule, students get to experience first-hand the most important institutions in international law and governance operating in The Hague with scheduled visits to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Meeting Professionals and Experts in the Field

Students are able to meet distinguished international jurists and practitioners who judge all rounds and give extremely helpful guidance and feedback.

A Meaningful International Experience

The Competition also serves as a perfect forum for global interaction. Law students from all sides of the globe are united by a common interest in international criminal law allowing them to learn from each other while forging strong international bonds which facilitate their future career successes and create new friendships. This aspect makes the ICC Trial Competition a truly unforgettable experience.

University Credit

The high learning value and workload makes this program eligible for course credit at their universities.

Structure

Main Round

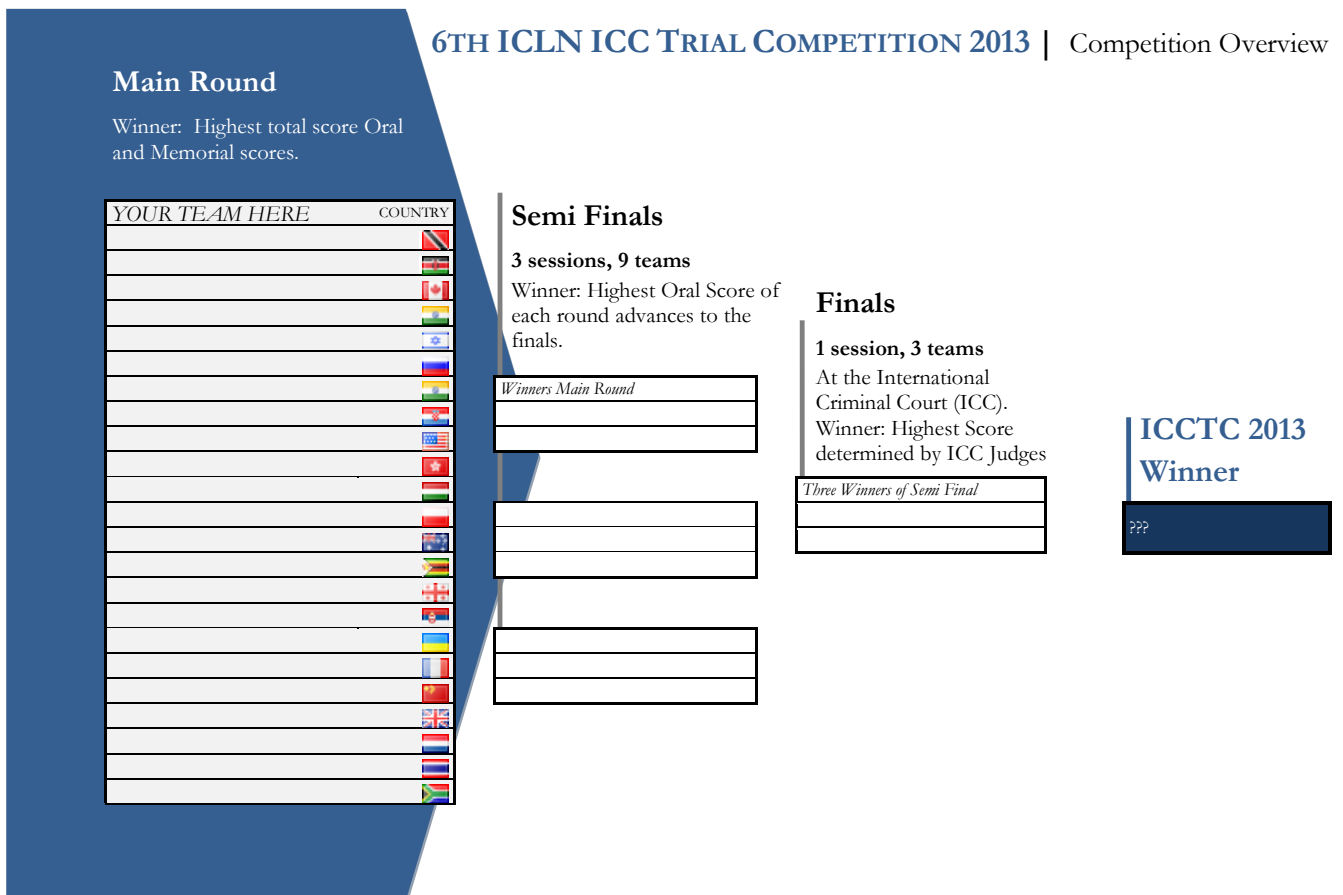
All participating teams are given a chance to argue all sides of the case by assuming each of three roles of roles of the court. Oral session scores combine with scores of written briefs (memorials) assessed prior to the Competition.

Semi Final

Due to growing participation and higher quality of performances, the semi final round, implemented the prior year, will be expanded to accommodate 9 teams (3 sessions, 3 teams each) advancing from the main round.

Finals

One of the most thrilling aspects of the Competition are the finals, held in the courtroom of ICC, adjudicated by ICC judges. Translators and photographers are also present and a live stream is broadcasted on the ICC website.



Preliminary (National) Rounds

A maximum of two teams per country are allowed. In the event registrations exceed two, teams must submit a address 'preliminary question' in writing, or a participate in a specially organized national round.

Partners

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ICLN has held an official partnership with the ICC since 2011, working closely together to deliver a very informative and realistic simulation for all Trial Competition participants.

The ICC also holds ICC Trial Competitions in the Chinese, Russian, and Spanish languages.

For more information, visit www.icc-cpi.int

Pace University

Pace University (United States of America) has organized the preliminary rounds for the Americas. Teams from universities throughout North America, the Caribbean and South America are obliged to take part in the Pace preliminary rounds.

The beginnings of the ICC Trial Competition were founded at Pace University by Professor Matthew Brotmann

For more information visit: www.pace.edu



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Registration

- › Registrations opens October, 1, 2012. You may register on via the website.
- › Maximum 7 participants per team: 1 Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 3 speakers and 2 researchers.
- › Registration Fee EUR € 295.– (ex. 21% VAT per team).

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Facilitating professional and social interaction between academics, policymakers and legal professionals in international criminal law

The advancement of international criminal law will heavily rely on the nexus between a number of different institutions on a worldwide level. In addition to the establishment of institutions such as the ICC and Eurojust, the exchange of knowledge needs to be structured.

In 2002 experts from the world's international criminal law community, together with Dutch governmental parties and Science Alliance B.V., founded the *International Criminal Law Network (ICLN)*. Since its establishment, ICLN has organized global interaction between academics, policymakers and legal professionals in the field of international criminal law.

ICLN is situated in The Hague, the International City of Peace, Justice and Security, and home to the ICC, the ICTY, EUROPOL, Eurojust, the Netherlands Forensic Institute and many other important (international) institutions.

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