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Symposium Hague Convention 1980.-

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The Hague Convention and the IAFL.-

On 13th May it was celebrated at the Superior Court of México City, Auditorio María Lavalle Urbina, the symposium organized by the IAFL (*International Academy of Family Lawyers*) in cooperation with the Barra Mexicana, Colegio de Abogados A.C.

The symposium was organized by our colleague and cofunder of ASIME Carolina Marín Pedreño in closed cooperation with Mr. Alfonso Sepúlveda, head of the Mexican law Firm hosting the event. Other speakers from Spain members of ASIME such as Lola López Muelas, Carmen Varela and Mayte García Muñumel also intervened.



The assistance to the event was a complete success, as the public was mainly formed by Judges and Court members from different Court in Mexico, and judges in charge of the Courts specialized in International Child Abduction, and also relevant members of the Courts of Appeal of the United States of Mexico, and a wide representation of lawyers from the hosting country interested in the subject.

This event of specialists from Europe, Latin America and The Caribbean on International child abduction dealt in depth with the practices being followed in several countries for the effective implementation of the Hague Convention 1980 against International Child Abduction. The comparison of the practices in the several countries represented at the symposium for sure will be useful for a better implementation of the protocol and in order to meet the terms established for the return of the minors in Mexico, a key aspect of the Convention.

After the welcome to the audience, the representative of The Hague Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, Mr. Ignacio Goicoechea, reminded the importance of having a closed relationship between the countries signing The Hague Convention 1980 and the liaison judges of The Hague in order to resolve doubts and offer their help to the judges specialized in International child abduction in their respective countries.



The implementation of The Hague Convention in México was explained by Magistrate Cervera and the Magistrate Gallegos, who firmly defended the work already done but also acknowledged the work that still needs to be done.



Relevant specialists from countries such as Argentina, México, Chile and Uruguay explained the practice followed in their countries of origin for the implementation of the Convention.

A special mention has to be made to the participation of the representative of the Mexican Central Authority, who, despite the great work that they are doing, also acknowledged that there is still a lot to do in Mexico for the correct implementation of the Convention.

During the evening, specialists from UK, Spain and France explained the proceedings followed in their respective countries. The growing and successful practice for mediation in International Child Abduction in Europe was represented by Reunite from UK, and also other training entities for mediation in cases of international child abduction, such as MIKK.



When the Magistrate of the Amparo Federal Court, Mr. López Ramos, explained the challenges of México on cross borders issues, an extent and interesting debate was generated between the representatives of the Mexican magistrates, which called the attention of those present. For the first time, as it was acknowledged by many present, the judges and magistrates of Mexico faced in a clear and constructive way the existing lack of connection between the several judicial instances of the country, and also the lack of contact with the liaison judges of The Hague Convention, who offer their assistance and wide experience in this matters to resolve any doubt to the representative of the several courts of Mexico.

The problem of the so-called “*recursos de amparo*” widely known by the specialists on International Child Abduction cases was discussed by those present and an agreement was reached that this matter has to be reviewed in order to avoid the excessive delay in the return of the abducted children, and also avoiding the filing of excessive appeals in many matters without a real justification which, however, are being accepted by the Mexican Courts.

The day ended dealing with the proceedings of relocation and change of International residences set in countries of Latin America, such as Chile, Argentina and México and several European countries represented by Spain.



There is no doubt that the support of The Hague Conference and the celebration of Symposium like this organized by the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) have granted to countries like Mexico to advance to an effective and optimal implementation of The Hague Convention against International Child Abduction.

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