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Multilateral Internship Programme for Lawyers 2014

Programme Description – Conditions of Participation

In 2014 the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ-Stiftung) will in cooperation with the German Federal Bar (Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer) and the German Lawyers' Association (Deutscher Anwaltverein) organise a multilateral internship programme for lawyers from the partner states of the IRZ-Stiftung.

Itinerary:

The duration of the internship programme will be from 22 April – 4 June 2014. At the beginning, an introductory seminar on German and European civil and commercial law will be held in Bonn from 23 April - 1 May. On 2 May the participants will move from Bonn to the place where the respective internship will take place.

The internships in selected law firms in Germany will be arranged from 5 – 30 May. During the internships the participants will gain an insight into practical aspects of German substantive and procedural law as well as be acquainted with the working methods of a German law firm.

The placement of the participants at the law firms will be made by the IRZ-Stiftung. The participants can themselves suggest a law firm, which would be prepared to accept them for the internship. The final decision, whether a participant can accept the internship at the law firm suggested by him/ her, will be made by the IRZ-Stiftung subject to the availability of accommodation at the place of internship.

At the end of the programme an evaluation seminar will be held in Bonn from 31 May – 3 June. The return to the home countries is scheduled for 4 June 2014.

Financial information:

The organisers will cover the following costs:

- Board and lodging during the seminars in Bonn
- Travel costs from Bonn to the place of internship and from there back to Bonn
- Free accommodation (either at an apartment or a guest house) during the internship period
- A subsistence allowance during the internship period in the amount of 550 €
- A health insurance which covers the costs of medical treatment in the case of acute illness

The travel costs to and from Bonn at the beginning and at the end of the programme have to be borne by the participants. We would additionally like to point out that the subsistence allowance will normally not be sufficient to cover all personal needs at the place of internship and that it will therefore be necessary for the participants to provide for supplementary funds.

Conditions of participation:

The maximum age for the participation in the programme is 35 years. The candidates must have a very good command of the German language which has to be proved by a language test if this is requested by the IRZ-Stiftung. The applicants should be active in the field of civil and commercial law. They must at least be in the final year of their practical training as a lawyer.

The internship programme is not open to lawyers:

- who work for a German law firm, i.e. a law firm which has been set up as the branch of a Germany-based law firm and/or operates under the name of a German law firm.
- who work for a law firm, which has offices in Germany
- or who work for a law firm which is a partner law office of a Germany-based law firm

As a precaution we would like to point out the following: If for personal or other reasons the successful completion of the programme is endangered or rendered impossible, the organisers reserve the right to prematurely terminate the participation in the programme of the person concerned. In this case the participant has to bear any additional travel costs for his/ her return which may arise due to his/her early departure.

Application:

The applicants for the internship programme must submit the following documents to the IRZ-Stiftung:

- The **filled-in application form with two photographs**
- A **computer-typed curriculum vitae in German** containing the complete address, telephone/ fax number and e-mail address

Deadline for the receipt of the application documents at the IRZ-Stiftung is 22 January 2014.

The documents should be sent until this date in advance by fax or e-mail (e-mail: vitzthum@irz.de, fax: +49 – 228 – 95 55 2 120).

The original documents with photographs and signed by the applicant have to be mailed to the below-mentioned address of the IRZ-Stiftung:

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