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## EPFL Legal Network

⚽ **First Workshop** ⚽

**Athens, Thursday 29 June 2017**



***“Transfer and Registration of Players at Domestic and International Level”***

Thursday, 29 June 2017, 9.00 – 14.00 hrs, Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens



Co-hosted by the Super League Greece



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## Agenda

8.45 am: Registration

9.00 am: Welcome of George Stratos, President of the Greek Super League and Georg Pangl, General Secretary of the EPFL

### 1. Transfer and Registration at Domestic Level

- ✚ *In Spain*: Miguel Maria Garcia Caba - Head of Legal Affairs, Real Madrid CF
- ✚ *In Italy*: Massimo Cosentino - General Secretary, FC Internazionale
- ✚ *In England*: Mark Annett - Head of Football Operations, Premier League

### 2. Most pressing issues in the International Transfer of Players

- ✚ *Provisional Registration of Players*  
Gaudenz Koprio, FIFA Players' Status
- ✚ *'Last Minute' Transfers and FIFA TMS*  
João Lobão, In-house Lawyer at Sporting Clube de Portugal
- ✚ *Peculiar clauses in international transfer agreements*  
Juan de Dios Crespo, attorney-at-law
- ✚ *Q&A with FIFA representative*

### 3. International Transfer of Minors

- ✚ *Transfer and registration of minors: the FIFA and CAS Jurisprudence.*  
Ornella Desiree Bellia, Single Judge of the FIFA Players' Status Sub-committee and Head of Legal Affairs at the EPFL  
Daan de Jong, Single Judge of the FIFA Players' Status Sub-Committee and Legal Counsel at ECA



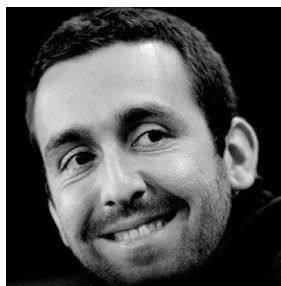
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## Speakers



**Miguel Maria Garcia Caba**  
Head of Legal Services  
Real Madrid CF

Miguel is currently the Head of Legal Services at Real Madrid CF and has been the Head of Legal Affairs of the Spanish League (“LaLiga”) for more than eleven years. He has been Member of the Madrid Bar Association since 1998 and is currently Assistant Professor Doctor of Sports law at the San Pablo-CEU University in Madrid. Miguel is an Academic correspondent of the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation of Spain, section 22 (sports law) and Member of the Board for sports of the Madrid County. He is also member of several university chairs and Assistant Professor in Administrative Law at the Carlos III University in Madrid. He is author and co-author of more than two hundred articles and books of Sports Law and is regularly invited as Lecturer to national and international seminars and conferences.



**Massimo Cosentino**  
General Secretary  
FC Internazionale

Swiss born, studied Political International Sciences In Università Cattolica Milano, Master degree in Madrid at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos and Real Madrid C.F. Massimo Cosentino has started as staff General Manager in Torino F.C., then moved to Novara Calcio as Sport Secretary and for almost 4 years General Secretary of Sampdoria. Since November 2014 he is the General Secretary of Inter Milan. Massimo speaks Italian, French, Spanish, English and some German.



**Mark Annett**  
Head of Football Operations  
Premier League

Mark Annett is Head of Football Operations at the Premier League. He has been at the League since July 2001, holding the position of Registrations and Fixtures Manager for much of his tenure. Mark previously worked at the National League as League Secretary from 1999-2000. He has been a member of the EPFL Strategic Committee on Football Matters since 2014.

Mark has a BA Honours in English and Sports Science and a Masters Degree in the Sociology of Sport.



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**Gaudenz Koprio**  
FIFA Players' Status  
FIFA

Gaudenz Koprio joined the Players' Status Department of FIFA as a legal counsel in 2006 and has been working as a Senior Group Leader within the department since 2009. Gaudenz is mainly responsible for dealing with requests regarding registrations / international transfers of players, including minors, which are referred to FIFA's deciding bodies and provide information to inquiries of different stakeholders within football.

Prior to starting work with FIFA, Gaudenz Koprio obtained a law degree from the University of Zurich and gained some experience in other fields of law.



**João Lobão**  
In-house Lawyer  
Sporting Clube de Portugal

João Lobão is a Lawyer at Sporting Clube de Portugal and has extensive experience in Sports Law, Employment, Corporate and Commercial, Intellectual Property and Joint Ventures. João has been Member of the Portuguese Bar Association since 2013; President of the Subcommittee of Professional Football Players from the Sports Agents' Training Commission at the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) since 2012; and Chairman of the Justice Council Association at Sports Association of the Higher Education since 2011. He is author and co-author of several articles of the Sports Law area of practice and is regularly invited as Lecturer in seminars and specialised conferences on Sports Law.



**Juan de Dios Crespo**  
Attorney-at-law

Juan is a partner at Ruiz-Huerta & Crespo, specialist in sports and EU and international law. Arbitrator of the Valencia Chamber of Commerce as well as in proceedings at the ICC of Paris. President of the Sports Law Section of the Valencia Bar.

Speaker in seminars and masters of Sport Law and Professor of International Contracts. He has published numerous legal papers and books. He is an arbitrator of the European Handball Federation (ECA) and of ALADDE (Latin American Association of Sports Law). He is a member of the BASL as well as the IASL. He is also a LL.M. ISDE (H.C.).



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**Ornella Desiree Bellia**

Single Judge of the FIFA Players' Status Sub-committee and Head of Legal Affairs at the European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL)

LL.M. in International Sports Law (ISDE) and Negotiation and Leadership Diploma (Harvard Law School). Ornella has gained valuable experience in the global sport industry, having worked as in-house lawyer for an Italian top-division football club, as well as in some of the most renowned law firms worldwide in Brazil, Spain and the UK. Ornella is regularly invited as a guest lecturer at Sports Law Master Programmes in Italy, Spain, and Switzerland and is the author of several publications in sports law reviews, as well as co-author of specialized books. Over the last few years, she has been invited as a guest speaker at conferences and seminars in Europe and the United States. She is currently a member of the FIFA PSC Sub-Committee and Head of Legal Affairs at the EPFL.



**Daan de Jong**

Single Judge of the FIFA Players' Status Sub-Committee and Legal Counsel at the European Club Association (ECA)

Graduated with an LL.M. in International Sports Law (ISDE) and European Business Law (Leiden University), Daan works as a Legal Counsel for the European Club Association since 2013.

At the same time, he is a Member of the FIFA Sub-Committee of the Players' Status Committee dealing with applications for international transfers & registrations of minors.