

Dear all participating in the NIP 2013 competition,

We have the pleasure to announce the finalist teams of the Nordic IP Moot Court Competition (NIP) 2013!

The best Finnish teams, which were chosen by Professor Marcus Norrgård and Dr. Rosa Maria Ballardini are:

- Hanken 1, composed by Iegor Bakhariev, Daniel Jongsma, and Tiina Kristoffersson, and
- Helsinki 3, composed by Josefina Aalto, Kristina Kotro, and Hilma-Karoliina Markkanen

The best Swedish team, which was chosen by Professor Marianne Levin, is:

- Stockholm 1, composed by Alana Jamil, Branka Marusic, Courtney Adamson, and Cecilia Carolina Navarro Lostaunau.

There was only one team from Norway that automatically qualified. The Norwegian team is:

- Norway 1 composed by Tora K. Vinje, Arna Vikanes Sørheim, Marthe Øksnes, and Lars S. Arnesen.

On behalf of the organizing committee we would like to thank all participating teams and the respective supervisors and coaches for their efforts, and especially congratulate the finalists. Well done!

In the final each team only appears once as follows:

1. The Finnish team Hanken 1 (Bakhariev, Jongsma, and Kristoffersson) acts for the Claimant against the Swedish team Stockholm 1 (Jamil, Marusic, Adamson, and Navarro Lostaunau), who acts for the defendant.
2. The Norwegian team Norway 1 (Vinje, Sørheim, Øksnes, and Arnesen) acts for the Claimant against the Finnish Team Helsinki 3 (Aalto, Kotro, and Markkanen) who acts for the defendant.

Each team has a maximum of one (1) hour at its disposal divided as follows:

1. Both teams start off with presenting a skeleton argument (claims, grounds and evidence briefly: max 10 minutes per party). Claimant presents its skeleton argument first.
2. Both teams continue thereafter with a more detailed presentation of their cases (which may last a maximum of 40 minutes per party).

3. Both teams end with closing arguments lasting no more than 10 minutes per party.

Audiovisual aids (PowerPoint-presentation) may be used.

The final is held at The Market Court in Helsinki (Radanrakentajantie 5 00520 Helsinki, FINLAND) on 5th December 2013.

The arbitration panel will consist of Judge Ari Wirèn from The Finnish Market Court who will chair the event, the President of the Swedish Patent Appeals Court Per Carlson, and Attorney-at-law Arne Ringnes (Thommessen, Norway).

The arbitration panel chooses the winner on the basis of the best overall performance. The arbitration panel also chooses the team with the best written submissions (Statement of Claim and Statement of Defence).

The schedule for the final is as follows:

13.00 Opening words

13.15-13.45 Presentation of The Market Court

13.45-14.45 Finnish team Hanken 1 (Bakhariev, Jongsma, and Kristoffersson) and Swedish Stockholm 1 (Jamil, Marusic, Adamson, and Navarro Lostaunau) present their cases

14.45-15.15 Coffee break

15.15-16.15 Norwegian team Norway 1 (Vinje, Sørheim, Øksnes, and Arnesen) and Finnish Team Helsinki 3 (Aalto, Kotro, and Markkanen) present their cases

16.15-16.45 The arbitration panel deliberates and announces the winner

19.00 Dinner at restaurant Tornö (Christmas buffet)

You will receive an email with a link to all the statements of claim and defence from the finalist teams. The subject line of the email will mention "Funet FileSender". Please note that the file is available only for a short period of time, after which it will expire and will be automatically deleted. Therefore, please download the documents on your drive once you receive the email from Funet.

All the members of the finalist teams, their supervisors and coaches, as well as the judges are invited to the dinner. We would kindly appreciate confirmation on participation no later than Wednesday 20th November.

I hope to see you all in Helsinki in the final, and, as always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Marcus Norrgård & Rosa Maria Ballardini