New European Company Law and Corporate Governance – The UK and the New Member States - 18 March 2005

9.30 Coffee and Registration

10.00-13.15

Chairman: Prof Mads Andenas Director BIICL, Professor of Law, University of Leicester

10.00 Key Note Speeches: Community or National Corporate Law for Europe from the Point of View of Efficiency, Feasibility and Subsidiarity
Stephen Spivey, Director of Company Law and Corporate Governance, DTI
Dr Arkadiusz Radwan, Managing Director, European Center for Comparative Commercial and Company Law; Jagiellonian University Cracow, Poland

10.45 Corporate Governance – The international corporate perspective
Dr Larry Stone, Group Corporate Secretary, BT plc*

11.15 The EU Agenda
Prof Jonathan Rickford, Director Company Law Centre, BIICL

11.45 Companies’ Capital and Creditor Protection
Dr Eilis Ferran, Reader in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation, University of Cambridge
Dr Bohumil Havel, Assistant Professor, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic
Discussant: Andres Vutt, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Tartu, Estonia

12.45 Questions and Discussion

13.00 -14.00 Lunch

14.00-18.00

Chairman: Philip Bovey, Director, Company Law Reform, Department of Trade and Industry

14.00 Cross-Border Restructuring and European Companies
James Palmer, Partner, Herbert Smith, London
Dr Krzysztof Oplustil, Institute for Economic Policy, Jagiellonian University Cracow, Poland
Discussant: Dr Matthias Pannier, Research Fellow in European Law, BIICL

15.00 Questions and Discussion

15.15 Tea and Coffee

15.30 Shareholder Rights and Corporate Governance
Giles Peel, Director of Development, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, London
Professor Maria Patakyova, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
Discussants: Professor András Kisfaludi, Head of the Civil Law Department, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, Hungary

16.30 Questions and Discussion

16.45 Tea and Coffee

17.00 Takeovers
Julian Francis, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Dr Rafal Sroinski, Associate Professor, University of Warsaw, Poland
Discussant: Theis Klauberg, Partner at BNT Legal and Tax Consultants (Riga and Vilnius)

18.00 Questions and Discussion

18.15 Panel of Speakers - Open Floor Discussion and Reception.

* To be confirmed