



**6th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights
Sydney, Australia
17 – 20 March 2013**

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your members to the 6th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, which is to be held from 17-20 March 2013 in Sydney, Australia.

You will find the link to the registration form at www.lawrights.asn.au

Background

The World Congress is an Australian undertaking with worldwide support and recognition.

The World Congress attracts Judges, practicing and academic lawyers, legislators, policy makers, doctors and health care professionals, non-government organisations, educators and human right organisations. They join with those whose concern is child protection and making the rights of children recognised by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child a reality. It has attracted participants from both the developing and the developed world. It seeks outcomes which promote and protect the rights of children.

The World Congress has been recognised and supported by the United Nations and its agencies, and its co-chairmen have been acknowledged in the Order of Australia for the conference's contributions to law internationally and in Australia

We are pleased to announce that Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark is the patron of the 6th World Congress.



Achievements of the World Congress

The first World Congress was convened in Sydney in 1993 and was supported by the Australian Government. The Congress gained international acclaim for its work in relation to the sexual exploitation of children by tourists. In concert with the Attorney General and the Minister for Justice, the idea of child sex tourism laws was born and announced at the World Congress. That law was passed by a bipartisan vote in the Australian parliament. The most significant development was the example set by Australia which was subsequently followed in many other countries. In addition, the World Congress lent weight to the formulation and eventual creation of the optional protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in relation to child trafficking.

My hope is that the 6th World Congress, in March 2013, will be able to achieve similar goals and set similar examples. In this regard we invite you to examine the program and distribute this information to your members.

Yours sincerely



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