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The **UIA** is a global and multicultural organization for the legal profession.

UIA, established in 1927, facilitates professional development and international exchange of information and ideas, promotes the Rule of law, defends the independence and freedom of lawyers worldwide, and emphasizes friendship, collegiality and networking among members.

Today, the **UIA** reaches around two million lawyers through its individual and collective members (bars, federations, associations) spread over more than 120 countries..

## KEY INFORMATION

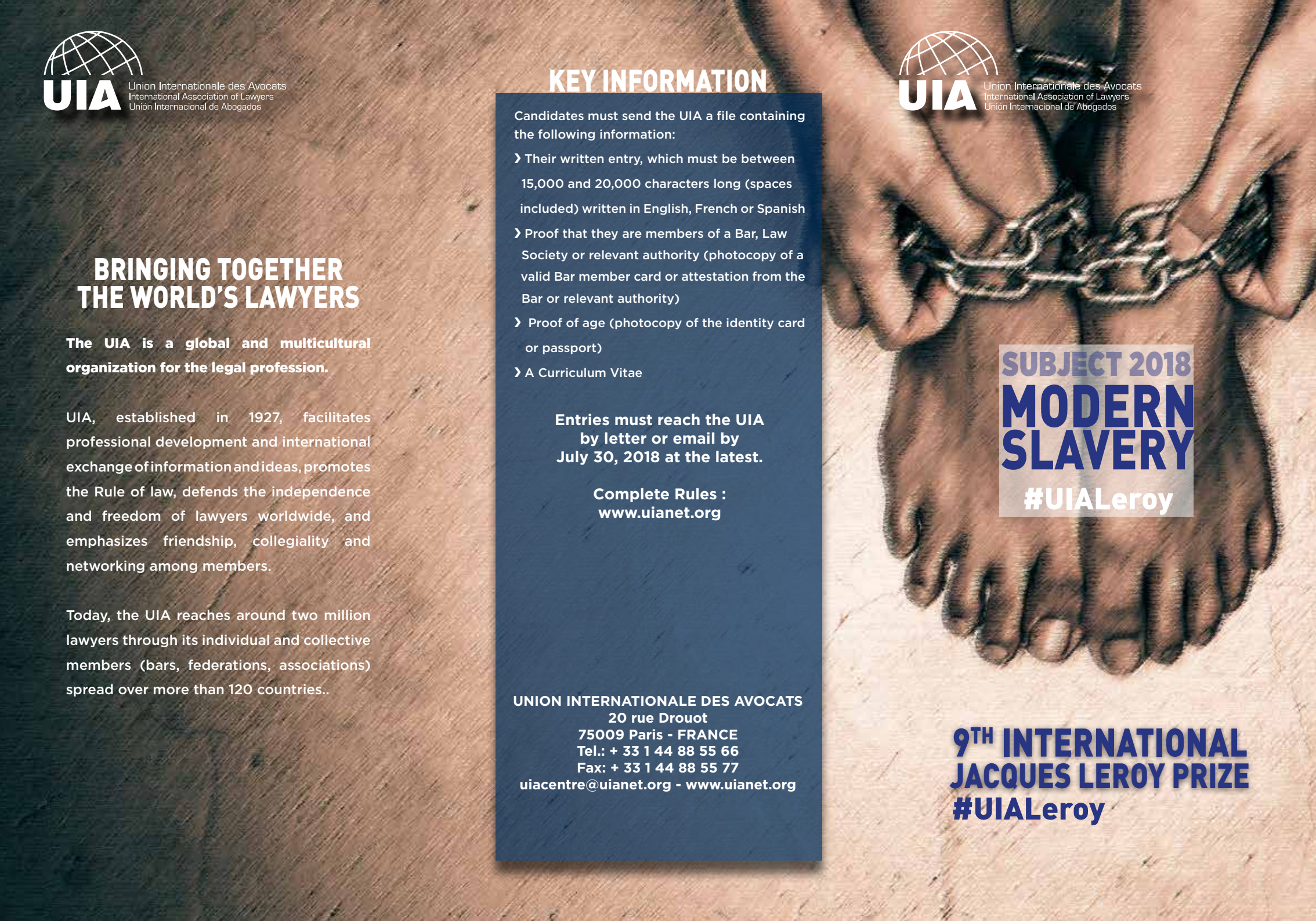
Candidates must send the **UIA** a file containing the following information:

- › Their written entry, which must be between 15,000 and 20,000 characters long (spaces included) written in English, French or Spanish
- › Proof that they are members of a Bar, Law Society or relevant authority (photocopy of a valid Bar member card or attestation from the Bar or relevant authority)
- › Proof of age (photocopy of the identity card or passport)
- › A Curriculum Vitae

**Entries must reach the **UIA** by letter or email by July 30, 2018 at the latest.**

**Complete Rules :  
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**SUBJECT 2018  
MODERN  
SLAVERY**  
**#UIALeroy**

**9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
JACQUES LEROY PRIZE**  
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# HOW CAN WE STOP MODERN DAY SLAVERY?

Recent reports on multinationals by prominent media outlets have brought to light evidence of modern slavery within their supply chains. These revelations have had an extremely negative impact upon the reputations of these corporations.

The clear aim of these exposés on forced labour within supply chains across a number of sectors, taken together with the implementation of new legislation such as the UK Modern Slavery Act and the California Transparency in Supply Chains Act is to improve the transparency within the supply chains of large corporations.

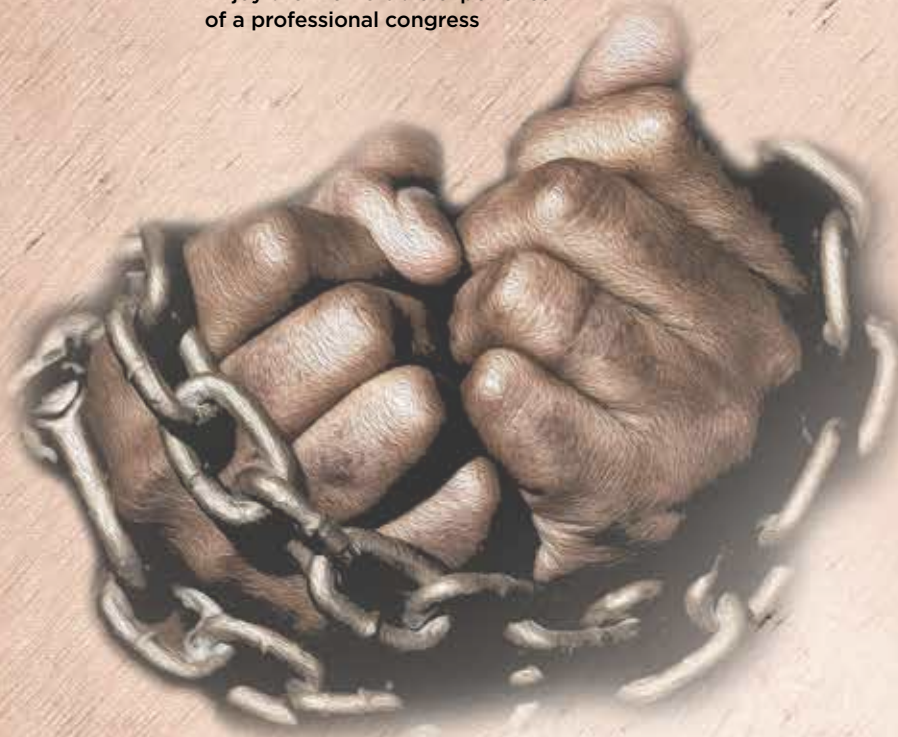
Several strong messages have been sent to corporations. The legislation creates transparency obligations for corporations which are vital in enabling victims to assess the possibility of bringing legal action. However, across a number of jurisdictions, the implementation of the regulations on transparency is not underpinned by a legal framework and the failure to adopt measures which create a right of recourse for victims represent obstacles to genuine progress in this arena.

What mechanisms presently exist to enable victims of modern slavery to access remedies? What steps can human rights defenders take to assist victims of modern slavery in asserting their rights where national legislation does not provide any clear and practical remedies for victims?

Do strategic and creative forms of litigation by pro-human rights NGOs and legal action by victims represent the only means of encouraging corporations to act more responsibly and obtain redress for victims?

## WHY ENTER THIS COMPETITION?

- > Work on current topics and defend a just cause
- > Present your work to a panel of experienced lawyers
- > Build a network of contacts from around the world
- > Move ahead with your future career as an international lawyer
- > Enjoy the memorable experience of a professional congress



## WHAT DOES THE WINNER RECEIVE?

Every year, the UIA organizes a congress that brings together more than 1,000 lawyers from more than 70 countries.

The UIA will give the competition winner:

- > Free registration for 2018 Porto – Portugal Congress from October 30 to November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- > Travel to and accommodation in Porto during the congress

## IN ADDITION, THE UIA ALSO GIVES THE WINNER:

- > A cash prize of 1,000 Euros
- > A year's free membership in the UIA for the calendar year following the award of the prize

## WHO CAN ENTER THE COMPETITION?

All young lawyers under the age of 35.

## WHAT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMPETITION?

A written paper (15,000 – 20,000 characters) in the form of a trial argument, dissertation, study or commentary on a practical case, based on a solid legal line of reasoning.

## WHEN AND HOW IS THE PRIZE PRESENTED?

During the opening ceremony of the Porto Congress on October 30, 2018, the jury President or the UIA President will award the prize to the winner. The winner will present the winning paper during the session of the Business and Human Rights commission.

## WHERE CAN I FIND THE COMPLETE RULES FOR THE COMPETITION?

The rules for this competition are available on line at our website [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

## WHO IS JACQUES LEROY?

Jacques Leroy was President of the UIA from 2003 to 2004.

He was an Attorney in Brussels, Belgium, who was specialized in labor law.

He was very committed to the work of the association and unfortunately passed away prematurely.

This prize is dedicated to him.

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