



ELFA NEWS

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1. Board of Directors and President

The General Assembly ratified the nomination of Laurence Gormley (University of Groningen) as Member of the Board of Directors and elected a new Board Member, José María de Dios Marcer (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).



Laurence Gormley, new member of the ELFA Board



José María de Dios Marcer, new member of the ELFA Board

The new Board of Directors now consists of six members: Reiner Schulze (University of Münster – President), Anne Klebes-Pélissier (University of Strasbourg – First Vice-President), Věra Kalvodová (Masaryk University of Brno – Treasurer), Halúk Kabaalioglu (Yeditepe University Istanbul), Laurence Gormley (University of Groningen) and José María de Dios Marcer (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

2. General Assembly

On 10.03.2012 the General Assembly of the ELFA took place in Madrid. Following the election of the President and board members, the newly elected President thanked his predecessor, Manuel Bermejo Castrillo, for his excellent and selfless work in overcoming the difficult tasks in organising the activities of the ELFA in 2011.



Reiner Schulze, new ELFA President

With regard to the forthcoming tasks, ELFA President Reiner Schulze presented the following topics for discussion, inter alia:

- Promotion of public attention of the significance that legal education and legal research have for European integration and for the common features of the legal cultures in Europe.

- ELFA cooperation with associations of law teachers, legal professions and students for a better public understanding of this central role of legal education and legal research.

- Increasing the exchange between law faculties in Europe of experiences and programmes, in particular on legal teaching and research on European law (including its comparative, historical and philosophical bases) as a 'common core' of the tasks of law faculties in Europe.

- Increasing the exchange of experiences and opinions concerning legal teaching and research also with law faculties outside of Europe, in particular cooperation with the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

- Improving the continuity in the work of the ELFA board; for this purpose, deliberation at the General Assembly 2013 on the possibility of an extension of board membership to five years.

The President requests all representatives of the law faculties to discuss these topics within their faculties and to give feedback to the board as soon as possible.



General Assembly and Conference, Madrid 2012

3. Madrid Conference

The annual conference of ELFA took place on 09.03.2012. The main theme of the Conference, 'Legal Education and Professional Life: Adapting to Current Challenges', was presented and discussed from different perspectives. In addition to four plenary sessions about the main theme, two panels about Environmental Law and Consumer Protection also took place. The submitted papers are published on the ELFA website.

4. Resolution

The speeches and discussions of the Madrid conference provided the participants with a global overview and gave the ELFA members the opportunity to reach several conclusions, which were summarised in a Resolution. The Resolution is now available on the ELFA website and also attached to this Newsletter.

5. New Secretariat

The office of the ELFA Secretariat moved to a temporary office at the University Carlos III, where the main administrative management of ELFA is carried out by Nuria Muñoz, who can be contacted by e-

mail (nmmunoz@pa.uc3m.es) or
telephone (0034-916249797).

During the presidency of Reiner Schulze, Nuria Muñoz will be supported in her administrative role by the assistant Miriam Boehm at the University of Münster. You can contact her by e-mail (Miriam.Boehm@uni-muenster.de) or telephone (0049-251-8321970 / 0049-251-8322757).

6. Website (www.elfa-afde.eu)

Over the course of the last weeks the ELFA website has been updated; the work on the creation of a new ELFA website is still in progress. Members are kindly invited to send actual dates of their faculty events to the secretariat so that they can be published on the website. A visit to the new website is highly recommended!

7. ELFA-Prize

Beginning this year, ELFA will award a ELFA-Prize to the best doctoral thesis or Ph.D. thesis on European Law submitted in 2011 or 2012. The prize is worth 3,000 € and the contributions for the ELFA-Award must be submitted before 30.09.2012. The decision will be taken by a jury of three academics selected by the ELFA Board. Further information will soon be available on the ELFA website.

This newsletter has been prepared by the ELFA secretariat on behalf of the President.

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