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## II. AGM Münster 2013

### 1. Brief Description of Münster and its University

Münster is located in the federal State of North Rhine-Westfalia, in the northwest of Germany. It is a small city with approx. 300,000 inhabitants – 39,000 of whom are students at the WWU Münster.

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## I. Introduction

In this edition we are going to set out the progress that is being made on preparing the 2013 Annual General Meeting that shall take place in the city of Münster at the Westfälische Wilhelm-Universität Münster (WWU Münster). In this Newsletter we shall give information on this city, in particular its University, to ELFA members.

We hope that this Newsletter will stimulate curiosity about ELFA and will be the driving force for all ELFA members and friends to be convinced to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Both ELFA and the WWU Münster are looking forward to welcoming you to Münster in March 2013.



Map of Germany with the location of Münster.

The influence of students and bicycles is clear from the moment you step out of the train station – you need to walk only a couple of metres to detect the youthful atmosphere and clean air.

The city centre is surrounded by the “Promenade” – the former city wall – which serves as a convenient route for the many bicycles, which together with buses are the preferred means of transport for most of Münster’s inhabitants.



City map of Münster.

The University plays a crucial role in this cosy city – its streets are full of life and its population increases year-by-year.

The WWU Münster has been a part of the city since it was founded in 1780 and has continued to be very involved in the university education of its students. This history and magnificence is reflected in the facade of the *Schloss*, which is now home to the university administration.



Schloss of WWU Münster (Quelle: TJ).

Especially noteworthy is the University’s clear integration and perfect adaptation to the Munsterian architecture; in fact, the University buildings – 217 in total – are

spread all over the whole city without forming a central campus as such.

However, although the University is located in the city of Münster, in reality the University of Münster is open to the world and the exchange of academics and students. The University’s international projection is so outstanding that it has been twice awarded with the German Foreign Office Prize for excellent support of international students (1999 and 2007).

## 2. Topic & Speakers

The main topic of the Annual General Meeting 2013 has already been defined: “The Unity of Research and Teaching”. This subject has been chosen as a response to the Europe-wide discussion about the need of unifying research and teaching in our Law Faculties, thereby strengthening their academic character.

This topic will be developed by different speakers who will each offer new perspectives from which the subject can be analysed.

A Call for Papers will soon be announced in order to allow interested scholars to submit their work. The panel sessions topics and deadlines will soon be available on the official ELFA website: <http://elfa-afde.eu/annual-general-meeting/agm-m%C3%BCnster-2013/call-for-papers>

## 3. Structure of the Programme

The programme for the 2013 AGM in Münster follows, in general, the same structure as in previous years:

On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the reception and welcome to members will take place, as well as the registration at the hotel.

On the second and third day we will have different plenary sessions and parallel sessions.

On the third day, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013, the ELFA General Assembly will take place. After the Assembly, those who wish to see more of this beautiful region can participate in the organised trip.

A detailed programme of events will be sent with a later edition of the ELFA News and will be published as soon as possible on the ELFA website.

#### **4. Dates & Requirements**

The AGM will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> March 2013. ELFA members and non-members are invited to register by filling out the 2013 Registration Form. As usual, only ELFA members are eligible to vote and are subject to a lower conference fee.

The Registration Form will be available in a few weeks and is to be submitted via E-Mail to [elfa@elfa-afde.eu](mailto:elfa@elfa-afde.eu).

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