



Board Meeting
&
Working meeting
at the Law faculty of the
Université de Strasbourg

May 15-16th 2013

BOARD MEETING

On May 15th the Board held a meeting at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Strasbourg.



Agenda:

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| I. | Adoption of the Minutes of Münster | IV. | Policy to strengthen ties with members |
| II. | ELFA financing | V. | Lobbying and new sources of funding |
| III. | Debriefing of the selection process of prize thesis | VI. | Official task of Vice-Presidents |

WORKING MEETING

On May 16th a working meeting was held with the board, the dean's staff and law faculty teachers from the *Université de Strasbourg*.



Opening: ANNE KLEBES PELISSIER, ELFA President & CHRISTIAN MESTRE, Dean of the Law faculty

First, the President recalled the contribution of the Law faculty of the Université de Strasbourg – represented by Honorary Dean Norbert Olzack – in the foundation of ELFA.

Second, she talked about her first experience with ELFA which



Dean Mestre expressed his honor to welcome Board members to the law faculty. Moreover he thanked ELFA for choosing the city of Strasbourg to hold the ELFA awards ceremony and the next AGM. In this regard, he assured the full support of the Faculty of Law for the organization of these events.



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consisted of a study concerning ECTS credits in France.

Third, the President presented the main activities of ELFA. Especially the monitoring of the implementation of the Bologna process in law schools, the functioning of ELFA and strengthening of relations with similar organizations on other continents.



Dean Mestre also referred to the European vocation of the law faculty: it is derived not only from its close relationship with European institutions (COE, ECHR, European Parliament) but also thanks to renowned Professors in European law. In this European perspective, he addressed the problematic – politically sensitive – question of the need for law courses in English at French faculties.

Observations of Former Presidents

Reiner Schulze

Former President of ELFA (2012)

Professor Schulze talked about differences between legal education in Europe and in North America. Then, more generally, he referred to the differences that may exist between law faculties and law schools. In this context he pointed out that the differences are not only financial (public funding vs. private financing). In fact, he noted that some institutes offer courses while no legal research is performed. That is why the General Conference of Münster was dedicated to “the Unity of teaching and research”.



Manuel Bermejo Castrillo

Former President of ELFA (2011)

To begin, Professor Bermejo Castrillo spoke about ELFA institutional matters. He then developed several points regarding on the need to maintain the unity of teaching and research, in particularly in law schools.



Observations of Vice-Presidents

Josep Maria De Dios Marcer

Vice-President in charge of relationships with legal professionals

First, the Vice-President raised the question of the purpose of law faculties: should they be limited to courses and issue diplomas in basic training? Or should they also monitor people throughout their careers? In this context, reflections on continuing training have been developed.

Second, he stressed the need for lawyers to have a better knowledge of foreign domestic laws. For this purpose, he proposed to hold regular exchanges – lasting a week or two – to acquire basic knowledge in foreign systems of law, in particular procedural law, civil law.





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Laurence Gormley

Vice-President in charge of the ELFA Award

The Vice-President talked about his experience as Professor of European Law. In the regard, he observed a continuous improvement in legal research and teaching. Concerning the latter, he stressed that theses submitted to the ELFA awards were of a high quality.



Thanks

On behalf of ELFA the board would like to thank the law faculty of the *Université de Strasbourg*, especially Dean Mestre.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Next Board Meeting will held on September in Vienna.

In order to strengthen ties with the European Law Institute, members of the board will participate to their General Assembly.



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