



ELFA Board Meeting Lisboa, 26-27 June 2017 Report & Newsletter July 2017

Last 26 and 27 of June 2017, an ELFA Board meeting took place in Lisboa (Portugal), in the **Faculty of Law of the Universidade de Lisboa**. It was the first meeting of the new Board, since the last AGM in Brno (Czech Republic).



Among other issues, the Board members decided to prepare the draft of a **Strategic Plan proposal**. All the Board members will work in this project in order to be submitted to approval by the next ELFA General Assembly. The main objectives that this Strategic Plan will aim to achieve are to increase ELFA's visibility and influence, to uplift its activities and international relationships so the association can be more useful for its members, and to guarantee transparency.

In this objective, the Board members have discussed about a possible **new web page**. They are looking for a project, with the aim to present the new web page to the General Assembly in Barcelona next April 2018.

Another important decision the Board made was to relaunch the **European Journal of Legal Education**. First steps are being taken in this sense, and hopefully in the next AGM there may be good news about this project, which also be submitted to the General Assembly.

The President Prof. Dr. Josep Maria de Dios Marcer presented the first **draft Program of ELFA Annual General Meeting and Conference Barcelona 2018**, which was approved by the Board and will be discussed and completed during next meetings. The AGM and Conference will take place in Barcelona **from 25 to 27 April 2018**, so please save the date in your calendar for this event.

As well, the Board debated about how to expand and strengthen ELFA's **international connections**. As a way to enrich our work, and looking forward to offering new relationship opportunity channels to all ELFA members, the Board decided to open ELFA's activities to other legal education associations or institutions of different parts of the world, and to collaborate with them.

The Board has also decided to remember all the associated members the **ELFA Award**. Deadline for new submissions for the 2017 award is the 31st of October 2017. Please consult all the info here: <http://www.elfa-afde.com/elfa/elfa-award-2017>

In this meeting, the Board has also accepted the **application to join ELFA**, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, of the Faculty of Law of Atılım University (Ankara, Turkey) and of the Fordham University Law School (New York, United States of America).

Furthermore, in Lisboa the Board also had a **meeting with different Portuguese universities** representatives. A very interesting debate took place, in which all participants had the chance to expose their concerns about actual legal education matters, and to share comments and suggestions about how ELFA could be useful for them.



The ELFA Board wants to take this opportunity to specially thank the Faculty of Law of the Universidade de Lisboa for its valuable contribution and its generous support in the organization of both meetings.

Finally, the Board has received some news from different universities that we send for your information in an attached document.

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INFORMATIONS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Ktrarkiv, Ukraine

<http://legalforum.nlu.edu.ua/en/>

2. Fordham University

I wanted to tell you about a new program that we are offering at Fordham Law School in NYC, with the hope that you can share it with colleagues at ELFA.

The Legal English Institute (LEI) is a one semester program helps students improve their legal English and practical lawyering skills. The courses include:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Law Study
- Integrated Approach to Private Law
- Working with Contracts
- Communication Pragmatics
- Legal Professional Persona
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills

We also have a Legal Writing Workshop, a legal English tutorial, a session on Common Law Reasoning for Civil Law Students, and a Law Practice in Action series featuring practitioners discussing their work.

Students can come either from August through December or January through May. The regular price is \$6,000 for either term but if your students come this year we can offer a discount so that the cost is \$4,000.

We do not award credit but we would supply the student with a transcript that lists the courses taken, and a separate letter signed by me with the US credit equivalent of each course and the grade. With this, perhaps students can receive credit back at their home universities? We would be delighted and honored to have students of ELFA law faculties/schools take part in this program.