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1. Activities

a. *Recent Activities*

Several symposia and conferences dealing with European law related topics were held by the *Academy of European Law (Europäische Rechtsakademie Trier)* during the first six months of the year: “Electronic Commerce and Community Law“ (June 15th – 16th, Trinity College, Dublin), “Umwelthaftung in der EU“ (Responsibility for environmental damages within the EU, June 21st – 22nd, Trier), “Aktuelle Entwicklungen im EG-Verbraucherschutzrecht“ (Current developments in EC customer protection law, June 18th – 19th, Trier), “Durchsetzung des Gemeinschaftsrechts vor nationalen Gerichten: Zehn Jahre Francovich“ (Enforcement of EC law before national courts: ten years after the Francovich case, May 14th – 15th, Trier). *The Academy of European Law can be contacted at ph ++ 49 651 – 1451930 or fax ++ 49 651 145 19330; postal address: Metzger Allee 4, D-54295 Trier, Germany; www: <http://www.era.int>; email: info@era.int.*

“**Die mehrsprachige Gesetzesredaktion: Last oder Gewinn? (La rédaction législative plurilingue: Atout ou fardeau?)**“ – conference organised by the Swiss Association of Legislation (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Gesetzgebung), Berne, May 11th, 2001. Among the speakers was our member Luzius Mader. For detailed

information please contact *Alexandre Flückiger, c/o Office fédéral de la justice, CH-3003 Berne, ph 031 / 322 41 44; fax: 031 / 322 84 01; email: alexandre.flueckiger@bj.admin.ch.*

In honour of our member Heinz Schaeffer, who turned 60 this year, the University of Salzburg, Austria, Law School organised an international symposium on “**Verfassung in Zeiten des Wandels (Constitution in Times of Change – Democracy, Federalism, Rule of Law)**“ on April 26th and 27th, 2001. Among the speakers were Prof. Dr. Josef Isensee of the University of Bonn and Prof. Dr. Jaume Vernet i Llobet of the University of Tarragona. The conference covered topics such as the future of Austrian federalism within the EU and the rule of law in the EU.

On June 10 – 12, a *European Law Conference*, hosted by the Swedish Parliament and Government, took place in Stockholm. The conference dealt in particular with EC law issues, such as *The future role and function of the EC Court, women’s equality, Consumer Law, The European Parliament and the national parliaments’ influence in the legislative process and fundamental rights*. It was led by Gunnar Grenfors, former Secretary-General of Parliament, as chairman. *For detailed results please contact the Institute for further Education of Lawyers – VJS –, Box 5192, S-102 44 Stockholm, Sweden, ph + 46 8 459 19 90; vjs@vjs.se.*

On June 13th, 2001, the annual conference of the Swiss Society of Administrative Sciences (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Verwaltungswissenschaften – SGVW) took place in Luzern, Switzerland, under the topic of “**Politische Planung – Neukonzeption oder Wiederbelebung? (Political Planning – new edition or revival?)**“. The conference dealt in particular with the distribution of competences between parliament and government as well as between state authorities and local cities.

For more information please contact *the Swiss Society of Administrative Sciences, Dachsweg 23, 3075 Rüfenacht, ph 031 – 839 69 15; fax 031 – 839 50 88; email: office@sgvw.ch*.

On September 13th – 15th, 2001, the First European Jurists Forum (Europäischer Juristentag) took place in Nuremberg, Germany. Many members of the EAL gathered around the conference and – besides other things discussed – the Fifth EAL Congress is to take place in Athens in May or June 2002.

The EJF was split in three working groups, dealing with the citizen in the Union, corporate activity in the community, judicial cooperation in the Union.

The European Association of Legislation is in permanent contact with the European Law Students' Association (ELSA). The association was founded in Vienna, Austria in 1981. Its aim is to strengthen legal cooperation between law students and young lawyers from different European countries. In 20 years of its existence, ELSA has become an international association representing 41 national association with 30,000 members in 180 (Western / Eastern) European cities. As an NGO, it has gained consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). ELSA activities can be divided into three major ("key") areas: S&C (Seminars and Conferences), AA (local Academic Activities) and STEP (Student Trainee Exchange Programme). On a bilateral basis, ELSA organises exchange visits between local groups from different cities (Study Visits). For more information please contact *Nils Mölle, Assistant to Prof. Karpen, Seminar für Öffentliches Recht und Staatslehre, Universitaet Hamburg, Schlueterstr. 28 III, 20146 Hamburg; email: nmoelle@web.de; ph: ++ 49 172 454 95 35*.

b. Future Activities

The **1st European Jurists Forum** (Erster Europäischer Juristentag) will be held **in Nuremberg on September 13th – 15th, 2001** under the patronage of the German, Austrian and Swiss Jurists Fora.

For information please contact the European Jurists Forum, Amtsgericht Nurnberg, Fuerther Str. 110, D-90429 Nurenberg. ph ++ 49 911 321 2062, -2063 ; fax ++ 49 911 321 2084; email ejt@olg-n.bayern.de.

2. Members

The EAL welcomes its new members, Nadiya A. Semenova (Kyiv, Ukraine) and the Estonian Academic Law Society (EALC).

3. Publications

Vol. 6 of the EAL publication series, covering the proceedings of the Fourth Congress of the association held in Warsaw this year, is currently being edited.

It will feature the reports given by the speakers and protocols of the discussions during the sessions. We expect the book to be available by December, 2001.

a. EAL

The EAL publications series now covers **five** publications:

No. 1 – „Legislation in European Countries“. Various European Countries are preparing for membership of the European Union and are therefore stepping up their activities in the field of comparative legal studies. A conference held in Germany in 1991 was devoted to this and other legislative problems and was attended by experts from 25 countries and they included members of parliament, government officials,

scholars and legal practitioners. This work is available with Nomos publication, Germany. DEM 168,--.

No. 2 – „Contributions to the Methodology of the Creation of Written Law“:

One of the most pressing problems faced by Europe's legislators today is the question of how to draft precise and yet intelligible law texts, thus reducing the proliferation of law and improving its quality. During the First Congress of the EAL in Liège in 1993 ten authors deal with the different steps of the legislative process: from defining the norm content, drafting the norm and enforcing it to the evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of the law. This publication is available with Nomos publication, Germany, DEM 49,--.

No. 3 is the Liège (No. 2) publication in Russian language.

No. 4 – „National Legislation in the European Framework“ – featuring the results of the Rome Congress in 1995.

No. 5 – „Role and Function of the Second Chamber“: Report of the third conference of the EAL held in Munich 1997.

No. 6 – „Evaluation of Legislation“: Report on the proceedings of the Fourth Congress of the EAL in Warsaw, 2000 (currently being edited and expected to be available by the end of 2001).

b. Other Publications

„Wirkungsorientierte Verwaltungsführung und Gesetzgebung (Effective Public Administration and Legislation“ publishes the results of a Swiss study on new public management and legislation. These are some of the featured reports: „Optimizing the legislative process“, „Estimating the effects of legislation. The implementation of ex-ante evaluation of legislation in the canton of Bern“.

The publication (ISBN 3-258-06197-1) is available with Verlag Paul Haupt, Falkenplatz 14, CH-3001 Bern, ph + 31 30 12345; fax + 31 301 46 69; email: buch-handlung@haupt.ch; <http://www.haupt.ch>, in German language.

4. Board Activities

The chairman of the European Association of Legislation, Ulrich Karpen, continued his work as a member of the International Institute for Studies and Training Government and Society in Buenos Aires.

In mid July, the chairman was working with a group of parliamentarians and ministry bureaucrats from Belarus on issues of legislation and logistics (Wustrow / Berlin).

Our board member Marta Tavares de Almeida is currently working on a survey of national periodicals on legislation issues. The publication is expected for Newsletter 15.

The chairman and members St John N Bates, Luzius Mader are still involved in a Council of Europe project aiming at training members of parliaments and administrators of ministries in matters of techniques of legislation. After training courses in Tbilisi (Georgia) and Kyiv (Ukraine) as well as Tirana, Albania in late 2000 and 2001. The group is on its way to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and Moscow, Russia.

5. Varia

The Fifth Congress of the EAL to be held in 2002 will be hosted by the European Public Law Center in Athens, Greece, and its chairman, Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis. Ulrich Karpen is going to travel to Athens in December, 2001 to prepare the Congress. If there are any suggestions as for the topic, please let the board know.

Fortunately, Switzerland indicated its willingness to host the 6th Congress due to come in 2004 in the country.

Yours truly,

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Karpen