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Dear Friends and Members,

1. Activities

The Benelux-Scandinavian Symposium on Legal Theory took place in Turku (Finland) on the 27th - 29th of August 1998. The topic of the Symposium was "Rationality in Legislation - Legal Theory from a Legsprudential Perspective". The programme included 15 lectures in the covering subjects as "Legislation between Politics and Theory", "The Normative Aspect of Subsidiarity" and "The use of Informatics in Legislation" just to mention a few. Profesor Dr. Luc Wintgens has participated in this conference and gives -as enclosed - a short report (Enclosures1). For more information you may contact: Prof. Dr. Luc Wintgens, Katholieke Universiteit Brussel, Vrijheidslaan 17, B - 1081 Brussel (Koekelberg), Tel: + 32 2 412 42 11, Fax: +32 2 412 42 00.

The council of Europe - Directorate of Legal Affairs in Strasbourg, France, organised a seminar in Riga (Latvia) on the 9th - 11th of September 1998 on "Technique of Law Drafting". The Symposium was organized by M. Stéphane Leyenberger who can be contacted for further information:

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The Legal Faculty of the University of Salvador and the Faculty of Political Science in Pisa (Italy) have Agreed on a co-operation in preparation for a course of instruction on Law, Economics, The Use of New Technology and Informatics in Legislation, Problems of Language etc. The course will be offered in four quarters (quadrimestri) of the year, namely in April to July and August to November, Under the directorship of Professore Antonio Martino of the University of Pisa this course will give students the possibility to achieve a Master Degree in scienza della Legislazione. More informations as enclosed (Anlage 2) or contact please: Prof. Antonio Martino, Università Degli Studi di Pisa, Dipartimento di Scienze della Politica, Via Serafini 3, I - 56126 Pisa, Italy, Tel&Fax: +39 50 92 04 00.

2. Future Activities

The Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of London is offering various Visiting Fellowships in the Academic year 1999 - 2000.

These Fellowships are designed for persons already established in their own field of activity, but are not only confined to academic lawyers but equally open to scholars of other disciplines working in the relevant fields, and to practising lawyers or judges with scholarly projects to pursue. Recently the Sir William Dale Fellowship was established. This was in honour of Sir William Dale in recognition of the

tremendous contribution he had made both through his Directorship of the Government of Legal Advisors' Course and otherwise.

Further particulars of the above and additional Fellowships by the School of Advanced Studies are available from:

D.E. Philips, Administrative Secretary, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House, 17 Russel Square, London WC1B 5DR, England, Tel:+441 71 637 17 31, Fax:+441 71 580 96 13, E-mail: d.philip@sas.ac.uk

Under the direction of Prof. Antonio Martino (University of Pisa) the conference of President of Italian Lectures are organising a Conference in Toriono held from 17th-18th of June 1999, on "Training for the Legislative technologies". The Conference will be held in four sessions. The title of the first session will be "Net and e-laboratory in the training for the legislative technologies". For more information see enclosed letter or contact Prof. Antonio Martino, Università Degli Studi di Pisa, Dipartimento di Scienze della Politica, Via Serafini 3, I - 56126 Pisa, Italy, Tel&Fax: +39 50 92 04 00.

3. Members

Our Association is welcoming our new members:

Professor Carl Otto Lenz, former German Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Community (Brussels), and Dr. Bernhard Schloh, former legal adviser to the Council of European Community (Germany).

At the Munich Congress it was suggested to make more precise mention of the members' profession and E-Mail adress. With this each member is kindly requested to check its references and if necessary to correct or complete them by sending a short note.

4. Publications

a. EAL publications

The EAL publications series covers now four 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 1999 was devoted to this and other legislative problems and was attended by experts from twenty-five countries and they included members of parliament, government officials, scholars and legal practitioners. This work is available with Nomos publication, Germany. DM 168,-, € 86,-.

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 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, DM 49,-, € 26,-.

No.3 is the Liège publication in Russian language.

No.4 "National Legislation in the European Framework"

: Report of the Rome congress 1995, see brochure as enclosed.

No.5 : Report of the Third conference of the EAL held in Munich 1997 is in print. For a condensed information look at the summary of W.S.R. Suzanne Stoter, who had written an article about the congress in the Dutch law magazine "Regel Maat" in 1998.

b. Other Publications

"Zum gegenwärtigen Stand der Gesetzgebungslehre in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland" by

"Drafting Legislation and Rules in Plain English"

by Robert J. Martineau, Distinguished Research Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati. Published by West Publishing Company, ISBN 0-314-89023-8.

“Contribución a una teoría de la legislación” by Manuel Atienza, Catedrático de Filosofía del Derecho. Published by Editorial Civitas, S.A. ISBN 84-470-0879-7.

5. Board Activities

The Board is currently organising the **Fourth Congress** due in Spring 2000 in Warsaw. The topic will be **“evaluation of Legislation”**. The Polish Association of Legislation (Poliskie Towarzystwo Legislacji) under the chairmanship of Mr. Maciej Graniecki was kind enough to prepare and host the meeting. More information and the programme of the meeting will be circulated with Newsletter No. 10.

6. Varia

The EAL will become a new telephone number. From April 1999 our new Telephone number will be **+49 40 42838-45 14**.