
**ELPIS ANNUAL MEETING,
12-14 DECEMBER 2019
GOTTFRIED WILHELM LEIBNIZ UNIVERSITÄT HANNOVER**

Minutes of the meeting of 12-13 December 2019,
Leibnizhaus, Holzmarkt 4-6, 30159 Hannover

I. — Opening words:

- Coordinator of the ELPIS Network, Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva
- Mayor of Hannover
- Representative of the Rector
- Prof. Bernd Oppermann
- Prof. Claas Friedrich Germelmann
- Prof. Hilmar Fenge.

II. — Introductions of all the representatives present.

III. — Approval of the minutes of the Sassari Meeting in 2018 (unanimity).

IV. — New partners

Regarding the admission of new partners proposed, there were presentations by (i) Prof. Patrick Hugg on behalf of the College of Law of the Loyolla University of New Orleans (USA), (ii) Prof. Andreas Schwartze on behalf of the University of Innsbruck (Austria), (iii) Prof. Bohdan Karnaukh on behalf of the University of Ukraine, and Prof. Elvin Evrim Dalkilic on behalf of Bilkent University.

The new partners were approved and warmly saluted (unanimity).

V. — Invitation of SEALS

The Coordinator of the ELPIS Network, Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva, gave the word to Prof. Patrick Hugg who presented the invitation of SEALS (Association of South and Eastern Law Faculties of the USA) for the participation of the ELPIS Network in the

annual meeting, at Fort Lauderdale, at the end of July — beginning of August 2020. It was agreed that a delegation of the ELPIS Network would be present, and that formal invitations per Faculty would be sent.

VI. — ELPIS Research

It was proposed by the group of partners belonging to the master program (ELPIS II) that a third ELPIS label be created: “ELPIS Research” or “ELPIS III”. This is intended to integrate lines of research both from ELPIS professors and students, helping to boost international publications and joint efforts. Also, ELPIS would promote the creation of a new journal as a vehicle for this third label, promote the website accordingly, and promote a conference attached to the ELPIS Annual Meeting to contribute to the research of the new label. The partner hosting the meeting would set the topic of the conference (unanimity).

A task force was nominated to implement the new label. The group is to be coordinated by Professor Vasco Pereira da Silva, and will include Professors Rui Guerra da Fonseca, Dimitrius Parashu, Dovile Gaillute-Janusone, and Gerhard Fiolka.

VII. — ELPIS Logo

The Coordinator of the ELPIS Network, Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva, presented the only application that had been submitted to the contest “Are Lawyers Artists Too?”, decided in the Sassari meeting in 2018. After debate on the matter, it was decided to adopt the image of that application provisionally (unanimity).

(the session was adjourned for until the next morning)

VIII. — Bilateral agreements

It was decided to prolong all bilateral agreements, and that all partners must be attentive at all times to issues of safety that might affect student’s traveling, no matter what countries are involved (unanimity).

IX. — Next Meetings

The partners welcomed and accepted the calendar of the next meetings, thanking the respective partners: Fribourg, 2020; Granada, 2021; Cergy-Pontoise, 2022.

X. — ELPIS Alumni

Regarding the proposal for an ELPIS Alumni Network, the partners discussed the project, and it was agreed that the Faculty of Law of Hannover would boost it through the network it already has. Alumni should have close relation with ELPIS III (see above).

Having completed the program, the meeting was concluded around 11am 13 december).