

European Legal Practice Integrated Studies



**ELPIS ANNUAL MEETING AND
CONFERENCE (IN HOMAGE TO PROF. FENGE),
10-11 DECEMBER 2021
(ZOOM)**

**MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 14H (LISBON) / 15H (FRIBOURG)**

WELCOME WORDS

- Prof. Gehrard Fiolka (University of Fribourg) took the floor to welcome everyone and express his frustration for the cancellation of the meeting in person due to the change of Covid travelling rules in Switzerland.
- Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva (Head of the ELPIS Network) took the floor to welcome everyone and look forward to the May 2022 meeting.
- Short Presentation of the participants: *At the request of Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva, all representatives present introduced themselves and expressed joy for participating in this meeting in such difficult times and their hope of meeting in person in May 2022 in Fribourg).*

ANNUAL MEETING

I. INTRODUCTION

- Approval of the minutes of the 14th. December 2020 Annual Meeting (via Zoom).
The approval was by unanimity.

II. ELPIS NEWS. *This point was considered integrated in the following points. Marine Touiller informed that the Univ. Rouen is close to have possibly for the first time a semester in English.*

III. ELPIS EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS, PROFESSORS AND STAFF

- Current situation: the effects of the pandemic situation. *Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva explained the general situation, giving notice of the reality in Lisbon in 2020/21 which was not that bad all in all: even with a decrease of 60% in the number of incoming students, Erasmus+ students amounted to 166, coming mainly from Germany, Italy, France and Poland. Some members expressed both surprise and joy with these numbers considered the general picture around the partner institutions. The point was discussed along with other aspects.*
- Difficulties and Problems. *Problems with exams were stressed by various participants. Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva explained the problems with distance exams. Other experiences were shared.*

IV. ELPIS IN THE WORLD

- General criteria for admission of new partners: enlargement and/or strengthening? *A position was assumed on general openness with proportionality but checking what each candidate has to give.*
- Proposal for Associate Member: “Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS)”. *Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva presented the proposal.*
- Presentation of the Law Faculty by Prof. Ingo Sarlet and vote. *After the presentation, the vote was by unanimity and thus PUCRS was accepted as a member of ELPIS.*
- Participations in the SEALS CONFERENCE of 2021. *The issue was discussed after a presentation by Prof. Patt Hugg.*
- Transatlantic Lectures Series. *The project was explained by Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva and Prof. Dimitrios Parashu.*
- Students research exchange. *The issue was discussed.*

V. ELPIS MASTER

- State of the art and difficulties. *The issue was discussed.*
- The role of the Associate members in the ELPIS Master. *The issue was discussed.*

VI. ELPIS V-LAW REVIEW

- State of the art and contributions for the enhancement of the project. *Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva gave notice of the number of views of the v-articles as an expression of the implementation of the project.*
- Preparation of the 4th. Volume. *Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva announced a call for #4, informing that the conference of the following day will be recorded to also be a part of the following number.*

VII. ELPIS RESEARCH

- News of the actual Projects. *The issue was discussed.*
- New Projects. *Andreas Schwartze proposed a participation aiming the Vienna Moot Court. Melanie Reid proposed identifying the areas of research/interest of the different members. Rui Guerra da Fonseca suggested the future creation of a “ELPIS Moot Court”.*

VIII. NEXT MEETINGS

The issue was discussed looking at May 2022 (Fribourg), 2023 (Cergy-Pontoise) and 2024 (Granada).

The meeting was adjourned around 18:45 (Frib. Time).