

European Legal Practice Integrated Studies



ELPIS ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

12-14 May 2022

Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg – Switzerland

Thursday, 12 May 2022

Senate Room, Misericorde, Building 1, Fribourg

WELCOME WORDS

- Prof. Gehrard Fiolka (University of Fribourg) took the floor to welcome everyone and express his happiness to meet in person in Fribourg.
- Prof. Hubert Stöckli (Dean, Fribourg Law Faculty) also took the floor to welcome everyone, expressing his wishes for a fruitful work.
- Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva (Head of the ELPIS Network) took the floor to welcome everyone and express his gladness for the ELPIS Network to be able to finally meet in person again.

ANNUAL MEETING

I. INTRODUCTION

- Approval of the minutes of the 15th. December 2021 Annual Meeting (via Zoom).
The approval was by unanimity.

- 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.*
 - Admission of Associate Members: SEALS, Louisville U. (Lib. O. Prog.).
The approval was by unanimity.
- II. *ELPIS NEWS. The Members talked about shared their experiences coming out of the most complicated pandemic times. Numbers of exchange are on the raise again but still not as they used to be before Covid-19. This point was connected to the following.*
- III. *ELPIS EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS, PROFESSORS AND STAFF. Continuing the previous discussion, special consideration was given to the situation in Ukraine. Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva and Prof. Rui Guerra da Fonseca explained the program hosting Ukrainian students in Lisbon. Concern was expressed by other partners on what to do regarding both Ukrainian and Russian students and how universities should deal with that. At the end, there was some consensus on not “closing” programs for any students, but taking under consideration the different situations in which the various institutions are placed.*
- IV. *ELPIS IN THE WORLD: Participations in the SEALS CONFERENCE of 2022 was discussed, as well the Transatlantic Lectures Series. This experience was explained and its results given by Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva as an example of how transatlantic cooperation works well and should be enhanced. Students research exchange.*

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Elpis Network Meeting: continuation of the session

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- V. *ELPIS MASTER: State of the art and difficulties; the role of the Associate members in the ELPIS Master. General remarks by the President and call for participation by other universities in the group. Financial aspects. Intervention by Prof. Patrick Hugg on the US involvement, particularly by the Univ. Loyola.*

Decision to extend de ELPIS master to Loyola. Accreditation of the Master by the various partners. Information about students from the various partners.

- VI. ELPIS V-LAW REVIEW: *Prof. Vasco Pereira da Silva and Prof. Rui Guerra da Fonseca gave a presentation of the EVLR website and reported on the number of viewers, and also a general overview of the ELPIS website, motivating the Members for a more regular use of it. Preparation of the 5th volume about environmental issues to specify further in the call to be sent.*
- VII. ELPIS RESEARCH: *News of the actual Projects (namely, publication on the website of students best papers. Prof. Andreas Schwartz proposed a project of pre-moot preparation on arbitration issues in collaboration with Prof. Rui Guerra da Fonseca.*
- VIII. NEXT MEETINGS: *The issue was discussed looking at 2023 (Cergy-Pontoise) and 2024 (Granada).*

The meeting was adjourned around 12:10.