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Academic Forum: From Strength to Strength

Paul Omar and Bob Wessels bring us an update on recent activities and future plans of the renamed Academic Forum

The Academic Forum (formerly the Academic Wing) of INSOL Europe was recently present at a special gathering in Monaco on the Saturday of the annual congress for full report on the congress itself on page 12. There were two parts to the gathering: a meeting of the newly-elected Management Board and a half-day event, which included presentations from speakers representing a number of different jurisdictions on the theme of cooperation and communication as well as law reform.

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Under new management

A new team is now in charge of organisation of Academic Forum activities. Bob Wessels, Professor in International Law at the University of Leiden (The Netherlands) has been elected as Chair of the Management Board for a three-year term. Paul Omar, Senior Lecturer at the University of Sussex (Brighton, United Kingdom) will be serving as Secretary to the Board. Florian Broder, Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Private Law (Hamburg, Germany) is also a member of the Board.

A Supervisory Committee has also been established to oversee the policies implementing. Membership of the Supervisory Committee is currently being put together and will include senior insolvency academics as well as insolvency practitioners with recognised academic credentials. The Management Board would like to take the opportunity here to thank Professor Sebastian Kormann, the previous Chair, who leaves us to take up the very demanding duties of Rector Magnificus of the Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands) as reported previously in *insol*.

Barcelona 2008

Next year's Academic Forum annual meeting is scheduled to take place in association with INSOL Europe's next Annual Congress in the city of Barcelona. The meeting is to be held over two days, will feature research papers and presentations given by members of the academic community in Europe and there will also be an Academic Reception and Dinner for delegates. Other events are also planned in association with the Congress, including a meeting with the judicial wing of INSOL Europe.

Sponsorship success

The Academic Forum has been especially pleased that EdwinCoe LLP, a commercial sponsorship available which will be used to help junior colleagues to attend and present papers at future Congresses, including Barcelona. Similarly, research grants will be made available to encourage work that could be usefully carried out and presented to the Academic Forum meetings in 2008-2010. Furthermore, the sponsorship will also result in two prizes for academic writing to be awarded each year for three years for outstanding research published by junior colleagues. The first prizes will be presented at the Barcelona meeting, at which the inaugural AcademicCoe Lecture will also be given by a guest speaker of international renown. The Academic Forum is especially pleased to announce that Professor Jay Westbrook of the University of Texas at Austin has agreed to present the 2008 AcademicCoe lecture on a topic to be advised. A call for papers for the Barcelona conference has been issued and the before long, further information about submissions for the research prizes can also be obtained from the Secretary via email at: paul@insol.ac.uk.



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Joint Insolvency Conference

Amsterdam

5-6 June 2008

Paul Omar, Secretary of INSOL Europe's Academic Forum, reports from the recent joint insolvency conference in Amsterdam

Welcome to Leiden

Over the last few years, the Leiden School of Law has become a hub for insolvency law research and education. The Leiden School of Law is a member of the Leiden University of Law and Social Sciences, and is part of the Leiden University of Law and Social Sciences. The Leiden School of Law is a member of the Leiden University of Law and Social Sciences, and is part of the Leiden University of Law and Social Sciences.

Conference report

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Professor Jan Rottman, London
Professor Christopher Patten, Berlin
Professor Hans-Joachim Lauth, Cologne
Professor Jürgen Westbrook, Texas

Inaugural Professional Lecture

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Further Conference Information

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Academic Forum Update

Paul Omar provides background information to the work of the Academic Forum, in particular relation to current and future plans

Insolvency cooperation in the academic world

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On The New Dutch Provisions on International Insolvency Law and Regulation of the Insolvency Profession

Organized by the Academic Forum of INSOL Europe in conjunction with the University of Leiden, The Netherlands

5-6 June 2008

The Lorentz Conference Hall, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

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Academic Forum Update

From Barcelona to Brighton: the journey continues...

Paul Omar brings us a report from the recent conference at Barcelona, and an update on the Academic Forum's activities

Barcelona Annual Conference

The annual conference of the Academic Forum, which was held in Barcelona, Spain, on 12-13 October. The theme of the conference was 'The future of insolvency law in Europe'.

Edwin Coe Lecture

The Edwin Coe Lecture was the first of its kind, and was delivered by Prof. J. A. (Jack) Coe, a leading expert in the field of insolvency law.

Setting our sights on Sussex

The Academic Forum is pleased to announce that it will be holding its next conference at the University of Sussex, Brighton, in March 2009.

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Young Academic Network

The Younger Academic Network

Myriam Mally, joint organiser of the new network, offers more background information

Created by Professor Bob Wessels (Chair of the INSOL Europe Academic Forum), the main purpose of the Younger Academic Network (YAN) is to provide support for younger academics who are at the beginning of their writing process of their doctoral thesis in the area of international and European insolvency law.

It also serves to overcome the limitations younger academics may feel by working alone in their home country. This informal cooperation of a small group of researchers is intended to act as a forum on restructuring and insolvency enabling them to express their views and to share their ideas.

To make this idea more concrete, communication was first established by way of group emails in order to introduce research questions to evaluate the possibility of assistance between members of the group. Initial members of the group come from Estonia, Russia,

England, Italy and France and cover all the "hot topics" insolvency. Four of the initial members of the group attended the most recent INSOL Europe Congress in Stockholm. The group is also pleased to be able to introduce in this column that interest has given amongst doctoral candidates in writing up a viable and extended network to generate support from members of various insolvency professional or academic institutions.

Next steps

The next step for the group will be to increase the opportunities for exchanging and sharing information (to produce comprehensive reports on conferences attended by members in Europe or beyond, specific matters (court cases, publications, announcements in highlights, calls for papers etc.) as well as information on possible opportunities for

meeting or research abroad (introduction to foreign universities or libraries). Several projects are currently being discussed between members with a view to submitting jointly-authored articles on original insolvency issues.

The Academic Forum's annual conference are seen as crucial events for this new community to discuss further possibilities to increase cooperation. Further developments are likely to conduct the group in the near future to becoming a fully-fledged member of the wider INSOL Europe family. In conclusion, an invitation is extended to any interested person here to become involved in



Prof. Bob Wessels presents with the Younger Academic Network



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A motivating experience

Arnella Colo gives us the perspective of a first-time-attendee

This autumn I had the honour of attending the Academic Forum in the wonderful city of Stockholm. I was also given the opportunity to present the findings of my LL.M thesis on the second day during the Younger Scholars Forum.

INSOL Europe is determined to promote and support young scholars and students embarking on their research in the field of International Insolvency Law. By providing prospective young scholars with grants and other funding INSOL Europe truly gives the next generation the opportunity to conduct research and attend conferences such as these

organised by the Academic Forum. This is a very effective method of encouraging future scholars to continue doing research in international insolvency as well as giving new insights for future practice.

The first day of the forum was very interesting and the dynamics in insolvency already visible. Although several presentations were given on the topic of COMI, none were identical and all were very insightful. Even though my subject does not concern COMI, the presentations did give me a number of ideas that I will be able to apply to my own research. The

Younger Scholars Forum was scheduled on the second day and chaired by Prof. Olaus. In line of 25 writer academics and practitioners, we presented our findings. I believe that it was the first time for all of us presenting in front of such an expert audience on these topics.

I found the experience to be very motivating, both personally and professionally, and INSOL Europe should continue to offer young scholars opportunities like this. I am certainly recommending that younger colleagues apply for the grants offered and attend the next conference in Vienna.



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