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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

José Luis de la Cuesta
President

Following our annual appointment, the Secretary General of the Association has prepared the *Newsletter* de 2007, with the most relevant information on the Association's life.

The second semester of this year is full of events and scientific activities. Along with the Preparatory Colloquia of September (First Section: A Coruña, Spain) and October (Fourth Section: Xi'an, China) and as announced in the *Website*, before the end of the year the First World Conference on Penal Law, organised by the Mexican National Group in Guadalajara (Mexico) will be held from 18 to 23 November 2007 on "Penal Law in the XXIst Century". Our Honorary President, Cherif Bassiouni, will pronounce the Opening Lecture and our Vice-President Raúl Zaffaroni, the Closing one.

The reinforcement and improvement of the Association's management have been particularly promoted during the last year thanks to the renovation of the computer system and, mainly, to the service of Catherine Thony. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the members of our Association, I would like to express our very special gratefulness to Catherine, for her precious and benevolent collaboration in the service of the members' management of the Association.

Important changes are (to be) produced concerning the publications: at the end of 2006 we decided to reorganize the Board of the Electronic Review of the International Association of Penal Law. The Executive Committee decided in June to ask Jean-Paul Céré, Vice-President of the French National Group to assure the position of Secretary General of the Revue, until then under the responsibility of our friend Jean-Paul Laborde; this one will follow on with his collaboration as Secretary of the Scientific Committee of the Association, and I would like to thank him very much for his work. On the other hand our beloved friend Reynald Ottenhof, Vice-President in charge of the coordination of the Scientific Committee and Director of the Revue has announced his firm desire (that he had already manifested me in the Assembly in Beijing) of being progressively relieved from his responsibilities in the Association. We are also maintaining exchanges with *Oxford University Press* in

order to explore the possibilities of reinforcement of the presence and influence of the Association and his work among the English speaking people.

Let me finish this message with excellent news: last June, 28, our beloved Cherif Bassiouni was awarded with the prestigious The Hague Prize 2007 on International Law. As I know very well transmitting to our Honorary President our warmest congratulations I manifest the unanimous feeling of all our members, adherents and friends of this big family that our International Association of Penal Law is.

Yours sincerely,

Jose Luis de la Cuesta
President

N.B.: The process of reflection on the life, organisation and activities of our Association is always open. All the members and adherents are invited to visit our *Website* (<http://www.penal.org>) and to send freely ideas, proposals...

THE LIFE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Helmut J. Epp
Secretary General

Congress Preparation

Due to the availability of the Congress facilities the dates of the 18th International Congress of Penal Law had to be moved by one week. The Congress is now scheduled from 20 through 27 September 2009.

At the board meeting in Paris in June the representatives of the Turkish National Group were accompanied by the head of the congress service that will be in charge of the organization of the Congress in 2009. This gave us the opportunity to discuss organizational matters in more detail.

Based on these discussions the provisional program of the Congress was determined as follows:

	SUNDAY 20 September	MONDAY 21 September	TUESDAY 22 September	WEDNESDAY 23 September
a.m.	Arrival of Participants Registration	Opening ceremony	work 2 & 4 free 1 & 3	work 2 & 4 free 1 & 3
p.m.	Registration COEX CODIR	work 1 & 3 free 2 & 4	work 1 & 3 free 2 & 4	Excursion
evening	receptions by embassies	reception by Host Government		

	THURSDAY 24 September	FRIDAY 25 September	SATURDAY 26 September	SUNDAY 27 September
a.m.	work 1 & 4 free 2 & 3	adoption of resolutions 3 & 4 free 1 & 2	Final Session: General Assembly Elections	Departure of Participants
p.m.	work 2 & 3 free 1 & 4	adoption of resolutions 1 & 2 free 3 & 4 COEX CODIR	COEX (new) CODIR (new)	
evening	working groups drafting of resolutions	GALA DINNER printing of resolutions		

The Turkish National Group promised to distribute the First Announcement by end of this year, beginning of 2008 at the latest.

Slight changes have also been necessary concerning the **preparatory colloquia**:

- The president of the first Section will be Prof. Francisco Muñoz Conde.
- The president of section 2 will be Prof. Richard Gordon.
- And finally the dates of the colloquium on topic 4 in Xi'an had to be changed. This colloquium will now take place from 12 – 15 October 2007.

For further details please check the Association's website <http://www.penal.org>.

The First World Conference Guadalajara/Mexico, 18 – 23 November 2007

As you might remember, Guadalajara had offered to organize the 18th International Congress of Penal Law. As the decision by the Board favoured the Turkish offer, the Board decided also to invite the Mexican Group to organize the First AIDP World Conference which will now take place in Guadalajara/Mexico from 18 – 23 November 2007.

The provisional programme is attached to this newsletter.

For further details please contact the Associations website:

<http://www.penal.org>.

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Young Penalists

I just wanted to mention that there was a change in the presidency of the Young Penalists' Committee from Luciana Boiteux to Zoe Konstantopoulou.

The Executive Committee and Board are looking forward to a continuing and fruitful cooperation with our young penalists (cf. also the contribution of the President of the YP Committee below).

Miscellaneous

1. Questionnaire

In the last Newsletter we published a questionnaire in order to learn suggestions and proposals from our members both with regard to the life and organization of the Association as well as with a view to the Association's publications.

As we received only a couple of replies I would like to remind you to participate in this survey and to send your suggestions to: aidpepp@nextra.at.

2. Update of our database

We have realized that our database is sometimes outdated. This applies in particular to the composition of the boards of directors of National Groups and e mail addresses.

Thus I would be grateful if you could inform me of the recent composition of the board of your national group together with e mail addresses. Thank you.

I would be happy to meet you at one of the Association's scientific events.

Helmut J. Epp

Secretary General

THE REVUE AND THE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Reynald Ottenhof
Vice President in charge of the Scientific Coordination

I – The International Review of Penal Law and other publications

At the time of its last meeting, the Editorial Committee of the Review adopted the following plan of publication:

Volume	Title	Editor in Chief	Date
2006 1/2	Criminal Law of the European Union	Peter Csonka	April 2007
2006 3/4	Cyber-criminality	Isidoro Blanco	June 2007
2007 1/2	Intelligence and Criminal Activity	Steven Becker	September 2007
2007 3/4	Preparatory Colloquium – Section I	Reynald Ottenhof	December 2007
2008 1/2	Preparatory Colloquium – Section IV	Isidoro Blanco	March 2008
2008 3/4	Preparatory Colloquium – Section II	Steven Becker	October 2008
2009 1/2	Preparatory Colloquium – Section III		March 2009

Henceforth, the Association also has an Electronic Review (to be consulted on the website of the Association: www.penal.org, under “Publications”). The edition for the year 2006 was published in December 2006. Contributions for the year 2007 are welcome. They are to be addressed to Els De Busser: reaidp.eriapl@revelec.org.

Thanks to the remarkable work carried out by the President of the Association, Professor José Luis de la Cuesta, all of the resolutions of the Congresses of the Association since its origin have been

assembled. They will be made the object of a publication in French and English of a special volume of the **Nouvelles Etudes Pénales**. They are now able to be consulted on the website of the Association, in the 2006 edition of the Electronic Review.

Mr. Jean-Paul Céré, Vice-President of the French national group of the Association, was designated Secretary General (active post) in replacement of Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, who wished to be discharged from this function.

II – Scientific Activities

1. Preparation for the XVIIIth International Congress of Penal Law

The next International Congress of Penal Law will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, from September 20 to 27, 2009.

The questionnaires of the four Sections are now finalized. The places and dates of the Preparatory Colloquia, the names of the general rapporteurs, and the final dates for submitting the national reports are able to be consulted on the website of the Association.

2. The World Conference

The First World Conference of Penal Law of the Association, organized by the Mexican national group, will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, from November 18 to 23, 2007. The anticipated program, as well as information on the methods of participation, is in the course of being sent to the members and is able to be consulted on the website of the Association.

3. Regional Conferences

The plans for regional conferences for the Young Penalists are being prepared by the national groups of Brazil and Italy.

4. Research Projects with the ISISC

The President of the ISISC, Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, has proposed to the Association to participate in two research projects:

* A project under the framework of the AGIS program on “European Cooperation in Penal Matters: Results and Prospects.”

* A project on the Criminal Justice Programs of the EU on “Fighting Impunity and Promoting International Justice.”

INFORMATIONS OF THE YOUNG PENALISTS

Zoe Konstantopoulou
President of the Committee of Young Penalists

Dear fellow young penalists,

I hope all of you are doing well, advancing in your endeavors after the summer.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you on recent evolutions, concerning changes within the Young Penalists Committee, the recent AIDP Meeting in Paris (June 8-9, 2007) and also **some very interesting up-coming events and opportunities for young penalists to attend international conferences, submit and/or present papers, exchange views, further the scientific goals and tighten personal relations between young penalists.**

It is my pleasure to address this letter to you as the new president of the Young Penalists Committee, on behalf of the whole Committee.

CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THE YOUNG PENALISTS COMMITTEE

As had been decided by the Committee at the beginning of our term, and as we had informed you, there would be a shared presidency, between Luciana Boiteux and myself and it was agreed that Luciana would preside the Committee for the first half and I would then follow for the second. This change in the Presidency was made during the AIDP meeting last June. At this point, as the new President of our Committee, I would like to thank Luciana for all the good work she has done so far and which she will of course continue doing as member of the Committee. I would also like to thank the other members of our Committee, namely Els de Busser, Kristen Frost and Ahmed Khalifa, whose valuable contribution is vital to the work of the Committee. Last but not least, I would like to thank the senior members of our organization, the President Professor De la Cuesta, the vice-President Professor Ottenhof and the Secretary General, Professor Epp, who have always been attentive and open to proposals submitted by our Committee and who have welcomed enhanced participation of Young Penalists in the life and work of the Association.

UP-COMING COLLOQUIA, CONFERENCES AND ROUND TABLES

It is the strong belief of our Committee, and of myself personally, that it is vital for all Young Penalists to be given opportunities to participate in the scientific work of the AIDP and also to have our own scientific fora to meet, exchange views and further our research. We have therefore been working together with the AIDP and the national groups to make such participation possible in various contexts. Within this framework, we have very good news to announce to you:

Young Penalists Round Tables

As you already know 4 Young Penalists have been selected as Young Penalists Rapporteurs to participate in the 4 Preparatory Colloquia and in the AIDP Congress.

A **new evolution** is that we proposed to the AIDP Executive Committee and Board of Directors to be able to **organise a separate Young Penalists' Round Table within the context of the Preparatory Colloquia (Spain, China, U.S.A., Croatia), the AIDP World Conference (Mexico) and the AIDP Congress (Istanbul) in 2009 [for specific dates and topics, please consult the AIDP official website at www.penal.org]**. Our proposal has been warmly welcomed by the AIDP governing bodies and certain national groups who are organizing the Preparatory Colloquia have already been mobilized to encourage Young Penalists to participate and to cover their costs.

The idea behind the Young Penalists Round tables is on the one hand to encourage young penalists to participate in the AIDP Colloquia, Conferences and Congresses and on the other hand to have a forum of their own where they can present papers and further the dialogue of Young Penalists.

YOUNG PENALISTS ROUND TABLE- LA CORUNA SPAIN, SEPTEMBER 5-8, 2007

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that the first Young Penalist Round-table will be organized in Spain, la Coruna, during the first AIDP Preparatory Colloquium, which will be held on 5-8 September 2007. **The Law Faculty of the University of La Coruna will be covering accomodation and boarding costs for the first 17**

Young Penalists who will register. The details of the Colloquium as well as a registration form have already been sent out by e-mail.

The subject of the Young Penalists' Round Table, which will be held on **Thursday 6 September, 2007 between 18h and 21h** will be:

"Preparatory acts, participation and new forms of criminal responsibility under international criminal law and the jurisprudence of international criminal tribunals and courts"

We are also aiming at organizing round tables during the Colloquia coming up next, as well as in the context of the AIDP World Conference and in the AIDP Congress namely:

- 1) China, to be held in October 2007
- 2) Mexico (AIDP World Conference) to be held in November 2007
- 3) U.S.A. to be held in April 2008
- 4) Croatia to be held in November 2008
- 5) Turkey (AIDP Congress) to be held in September 2009

Keep the above dates and places in mind and we will soon come back to you with more details on the round tables.

Young Penalists Conferences

The wonderful and wisdomful experiences we have all collected in Syracuse and Noto, enjoying the hospitality of I.S.I.S.C. and of Professor Bassiouni are proof that Young Penalists Conferences are of extreme importance to the life and work of the Young Penalists.

We are very happy to announce to you that, with the valuable help of our hosts, we will be organizing 2 Young Penalists Conferences, one in Germany, during Spring 2008 and one in Hungary, in September 2008 (on the latter, we will provide you with more information in the coming months).

**YOUNG PENALISTS CONFERENCE, TUEBINGEN,
GERMANY, SPRING 2008- CHANGE OF DATES**

This event was originally planned to take place on 7-11 October 2007, but for various technical reasons, it has been re-scheduled for spring 2008. The general topic of the Conference will evolve around the work of the International Criminal Court in light of the up-coming revision of its Statute. The Conference will involve presentations made by Professors and other experts in International Criminal Law and young- penalists working groups and panels, where the young penalists ourselves will be presenting their contributions and drafting their conclusions. You will receive more detailed information as well as an application form in the coming weeks.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PENALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE AND SCIENTIFIC WORK OF THE AIDP

THE AIDP REVUES:

YP SECTION IN THE RIDP-CALL FOR PAPERSFOR THE ELECTRONIC REVUE

During the last AIDP meeting in Paris, we have proposed to the Aidp Organs to include a Young Penalists Section in the RIDP, and this proposal was warmly welcome. The details of such an option are still under discussion.

Also, it has been decided to encourage Young Penalists' participation in the Electronic Revue, whose Editor in Chief is as of last June, Professor Isidoro Blanco, whom some of you may remember from the YP Noto Congress, where he was a panelist in the cyber-crime section. We would therefore like to invite all of you who are interested in writing an article for the Electronic Revue to submit your proposals to Professor Isidoro Blanco at blancoi@uvigo.es or to myself (zkonst@otenet.gr, zoekonstantop@hotmail.com) or to Els de Busser (Els.DeBusser@ugent.be) as YP Representatives in the Revue Committee and members of the Electronic Revue Committee

AIDP PRIZES

It has been discussed during the last AIDP meeting to establish a prize for Young Penalists. The details of this proposal have not yet been decided upon. We will duly inform you as soon as procedures are set up.

I am strongly hoping to meet as many of you as possible during the months to come in one or more of the YP and AIDP colloquia and conferences. Also, I would like to warmly invite those of you who would like to assume a more active role within the young penalists community, and help in the work of our committee (be a regional contact-person, organize a YP national, regional or international event), to contact us.

Looking forward to your responses and participation,

Zoe Konstantopoulou
President of the YP Committee

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAM
OF THE FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE
Guadalajara/Mexico, 18 – 23 November 2007**

	SUNDAY	MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23
10:00 Plenary	8:00 a 22:00 Arrival and inscriptions	Inauguration Governor of Jalisco. José Luis de la Cuesta President IAPL. Fernando Espinoza de los Monteros President Mexican Group IAPL	Prof. Richard Gordon Case Western Reserve University Law Faculty <i>Fighting terrorism finance</i>	Prof. Lorenzo Picotti Member of the Scientific Commission IAPL <i>The fight against the traffic of persons in a global world</i>	Dr. Moisés Moreno President of the Academy of Penal Sciences (Mexico) <i>Perpetratorship and participation in the organized crime</i>	Departure of the participants
11:00 Plenary		Opening lecture Prof.M.Cherif Bassiouni Honorary President IAPL <i>Contemporary problems of International Penal Justice</i>	Prof. John Vervaele Member of the Scientific Commission IAPL <i>Proactive methods of investigation against organized crime and terrorism</i>	Prof. Luis Arroyo Zapatero, President International Society of Social Defense <i>International harmonization Process in Criminal Law</i>	Prof. Abdelazim .Wazir Vice-President IAPL <i>Victims of crime in a global world</i>	
12:00 Plenary		Prof. Zhao Bingzhi Beijing Normal University (China) <i>International Terrorism and the penal justice : prevention and prosecution</i>	Prof. Nasrin Mehra Member of the Scientific Commission IAPL <i>International and regional initiatives against corruption</i>	Prof. Joachim Vogel Profesor of Criminal Law University of Tübingen (RFA) <i>Cybercrime in a global society</i>	Prof. John Dussich President World Society of Victimology <i>The need o fan U.N.Convention on victims of crime</i>	

<p>16:00 Workshops¹</p>		<p>International Penal Justice Wang Xiumei</p> <p>International Terrorism J.P.Laborde</p> <p>Corruption C.E.Japiassu</p> <p>Traffic of persons K.Ligeti</p> <p>Globalization and organized crime U.Sundberg / F.Espinoza de los Monteros</p> <p>Cybercrime I.Blanco</p> <p>Intelligence and proactive methods of criminal investigation S.Becker</p> <p>International Policies in the field of drug criminality L. Boiteux</p>	<p>Touristical visit</p>	<p>Presentation of the Workshops' conclusions Chaired by R.Ottenhof Vice-President in charge of the scientific coordination IAPL</p> <p><i>Closing Ceremony</i> Prof. Raúl Zaffaroni, Vice-President IAPL <i>Globalization and organized crime</i></p>
<p>20:00</p>	<p>Dinner</p>		<p>Gala Dinner</p>	

¹ With free communications

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