

BOB WESSELS MADE HONORARY MEMBER INSOL EUROPE

At its annual congress in Venice, September 22 - 25, 2011, the Council of INSOL Europe elected professor Bob Wessels as Honorary Member. Professor Wessels is an independent legal advisor and professor of International Insolvency Law, Leiden Law School, The Netherlands. Bob Wessels has contributed greatly to the flourishing success of INSOL Europe. Together with professor Miguel Virgós (Spain), Bob was the co-author of the European Communication & Cooperation Guidelines for Cross-border Insolvency ("CoCo Guidelines"), which were endorsed by INSOL Europe in 2007 and have been welcomed by both international scholars as well as international insolvency practice. He was the Chairman of INSOL Europe's Academic Forum from 2007-2010, responsible for the organisation of six technical conferences with the additional co-editing of the conference papers in the INSOL Europe Technical Series. During the same period he was an active member of the Council. During early 2010 he was a member of the Working Party on behalf of INSOL Europe, advising the European Parliament on "Harmonisation of Insolvency Law at EU Level". He has been supportive in establishing an INSOL Europe's Lenders Group and took the initiative to create the Younger Academics Network, which presently involves twenty PhD researchers from law faculties and law schools in ten countries. During the Annual meeting in Venice, with over 400 attendees, the EU Insolvency Regulation Case Database was launched, an internet based system which will contain searchable abstracts of hundreds of court cases. Bob Wessels acts as prime advisor to the EIR Case Register.

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