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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 congress for full report on the annual 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 Flensburg, 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 practitioners with recognised academic credentials. The Management Board would like to take the opportunity here to thank Professor Sebastian Kortmann, the previous Chair, who leaves us to take up his very demanding duties of Rector Magnificus of the Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands) as reported previously in eurosol.

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, 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 law firm in London, has made sponsorship available, which will be used to help junior colleagues 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 at 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 EdwinCoe 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 accept the 2008 EdwinCoe 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 the conference as well as the grants and submissions for the research prizes can also be obtained from the Secretary via email at: paul@insol.ac.uk.



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1st Academic Conference



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LEIDEN REPORT

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 weekend, the European Forum on Insolvency Law met in Leiden on 5-6 June 2008 for an insolvency conference jointly organised by the Academic Forum and the European Insolvency Law Association (EILA). The conference was held in the beautiful city of Leiden, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its canals and historic architecture.

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Keynote address

The keynote address was given by Prof. Dr. J. H. van der Wal, a leading expert in the field of insolvency law. He discussed the challenges of insolvency law in a global context and the need for harmonisation.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion was held on the topic of 'The Role of Insolvency Law in the Global Economy'. The panelists included Prof. Dr. J. H. van der Wal, Prof. Dr. M. G. M. van der Wal, and Prof. Dr. P. J. van der Wal.

Workshops

Several workshops were held throughout the conference, focusing on specific areas of insolvency law. These included workshops on 'Cross-border Insolvency', 'Insolvency Law and the Environment', and 'Insolvency Law and the Financial Crisis'.

Networking

The conference provided an excellent opportunity for networking and collaboration between insolvency law experts from across Europe. The conference was held in the beautiful city of Leiden, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its canals and historic architecture.

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Academic Forum Update

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Joint Insolvency Conference

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

Organised by the Academic Forum of INSOL Europe in conjunction with the University of Leiden Meijers Institute, The Netherlands

5-6 June 2008

The Lorentz Conference Hall, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

Major Conference Speakers

Professor Jan Fentner, London
 E Bruce Leonard, Canada
 Prof. Christian Paulsson, Paris
 Professor Heinz Voller, Cologne
 Professor Miguel Vargas, Madrid
 Professor Jay Westbrook, Texas

Inaugural Professorial Lecture

Professor Bob Wessels, Leiden

Further Conference Information

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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

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 The Edwin Coe Lecture was the first...

Setting our sights on Sussex
 Arrangements are well in progress for...

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 The first meeting of the Academic Forum...


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Academic Forum Conference

30 September – 1 October 2009
Grand Hotel, Stockholm

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Academic Forum News

Paul Omar rounds up another successful academic conference



PAUL OMAR
Senior Lecturer at the London Law School and Secretary of the 2009 Academic Forum

Stockholm Academic Conference Report

Chapters were accompanied by a full day of academic activities. The Grand Hotel on 30 September and 1 October 2009. The conference attracted speakers and participants representing 19 jurisdictions from Europe and worldwide. Attendance was a record for academic conferences with nearly 70 registered delegates. There were two satellite forums on the conference programme, including a meeting of academics on the theme of Insolvency Regulation (EAR) as well as a session on the relationship between 'law-firm' and 'academy'. Each very topical subject indeed. For the first time at the academic conference, speaker programme for a Young Scholars Forum, featuring the work of new academics. Many younger scholars presented papers on the main programme, giving the conference a very youthful feel.

The session on the European Insolvency Regulation began on the first day of the conference and featured papers by Dr Miriam Krawinkel (University of Cologne), Dr Juan Manuel (University of Murcia) and Dr. Jose Maria (University of Murcia). The session was moderated by Paul Omar as well as Miriam Krawinkel. The session was followed by the Academic Forum activities in 2009. European papers were given by Christophe Steiner (University of Cologne) and Dr. Miriam Krawinkel (University of Cologne).

The second day's activities saw the final and first sessions on the Insolvency Regulation with presentations by Dr. Miriam Krawinkel (University of Cologne) and Dr. Juan Manuel (University of Murcia) on the place of the European Insolvency Regulation in the European Union. The Young Scholars Forum presented the work of new academics. The Young Scholars Forum presented the work of new academics. The Young Scholars Forum presented the work of new academics.

Future projects
With the attendance of so many young scholars presenting in Stockholm, the conference was the inspiration of a Young Scholars Network jointly supported by Paul Omar, Miriam Krawinkel and Juan Manuel. A few meetings will follow during the conference period. As well as this, planning for 2010 is well advanced and further information about the 2010 Academic Forum will be posted on the Academic Forum website at www.insol.eu/academicforum or email at paul@insol.eu.

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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 the 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 networking and knowledge creating where 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 came from Estonia, Russia, England, Italy and France and cover all the "hot topics" around 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 to writing up a viable and extended network to discuss and exchange ideas with 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, assessments or highlights, calls for papers etc.) as well as information on possible opportunities for teaching 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 to the next forum in becoming a fully-fledged member of the active INSOL Europe family. In conclusion, an invitation is extended to any interested person here to become involved in this very promising project. For further information, please contact Myriam Mally by email: mally.myriam@orange.fr

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A motivating experience

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

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 exhibiting 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 those organised by the Academic Forum. This is a very effective method of encouraging future scholars to continue their research in international insolvency as well as gaining 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 in my own research. The Younger Scholars Forum was scheduled on the second day and chaired by Paul Osage. In line of 25 writer academics and practitioners, we presented our findings. I believe that presenting in front of such an expert audience on these topics.

I found this 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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