

Minutes of the RCSL (RC12) Business Meeting and Board Meeting

BUSINESS Meeting: Milan, 10 July, 2008: 5 pm, room 420

BOARD Meeting: Milan, 11 July, 2008: 6 pm, room 43

Present at the board meeting: Anne Boigeol, Luigi Cominelli, Benoît Bastard, Peter Robson, Valerio Pocar, Jean Van Houtte, Ulrike Schultz, Vittorio Olgiati, Lawrence Friedman, Masayuki Murayama, Carlos Lista, Mavis Maclean, María Teresa Picontó, Rosemary Hunter, Vincenzo Ferrari, Malgorzata Fuszara, Antonio Azuela, Rogelio Pérez Perdomo, Volkmar Gessner, Angélica Cuellar, David Nelken

Apologies: Stephan Parmentier, Devanayk Sundaram, Reza Banakar, Marina Kurkchyan, Guy Osborn, Pierre Guibentif.

The business meeting was also attended by other members of the RCSL.

1) ISA World Forum in Barcelona (September 2008).

The conference theme for the RCSL is "Rethinking legal justice". Vittorio Olgiati describes the programme of the conference. He reports that the ISA Barcelona meeting has a different format from the ISA world congress, stating that many papers were rejected in the selection process.

2) Board elections

In 2009 there will be the renewal of the RCSL Board. Anne Boigeol proposes that in order to bring the duration of the Board up to 4 years, in line with ISA standards, a proposal to amend the RCSL statutes should be submitted to the members. The next Board election, due to take place in 2009, will have to be organized very carefully: it will be also very important to attract young people in the Board. If the proposal is approved, the current Board could be then prorogued until the next ISA world conference in 2010. Anne Boigeol proposes that the Committee in charge of the elections be composed by Benoit Bastard as chair, and by Peter Robson and Maria Cristina Reale.

3) Statute amendment

Vincenzo Ferrari presents a proposal for the RCSL statutes amendment. The proposal incorporates some of the ideas from the amendment proposal submitted in 2006 by Robert Van Krieken. Among the changes: past-presidents of the RCSL would be non-voting members, the Business meeting would be named "Assembly", Working Groups should participate more actively in the RCSL annual

meeting, an electronic procedure will be provided for both Statute and Board elections. Anne Boigeol proposes that the Board should include as a voting member the last winner of the Podgorecki Prize for junior scholars, and that in the future, the Business meeting (Assembly) will held after the Board meeting, so that what is discussed during the former can be also addressed in the latter.

4) Candidates for the Oñati director (2009-2011).

Anne Boigeol announces that two excellent candidates have applied for the post of Onati Scientific Director for the term 2009-2011: Kahei Rokumoto, professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo; Sol Piccioto, Professor Emeritus, University of Lancaster. A discussion ensues on the merits of the two applicants. The RCSL Board recommends to take both candidates into consideration but has also established a ranking. The majority of the RCSL Board believes that Piccioto is exactly what the IISL needs if Oñati is to become a global player in the law and social sciences area, and in view of the creation of the world consortium of law and society. His profile (which adds political science and economics to sociology of law) qualifies him better for the Institute's new orientation.

5) The Adam Podgórecki Prize.

The 2008 Podgórecki prize for junior scholars has been awarded to Liora Israel by the committee composed by Rosemary Hunter (chair), Pierre Guibentif and Teresa Picontó. With regard to the 2008 Podgórecki prize, Anne Boigeol proposes that the Awarding Committee be composed by Malgorzata Fuszara as chair, and by David Nelken and Antonio Azuela. The proposal is approved by the Board. The committee will issue a call for nominations to be published in the next RCSL newsletter.

6) The RCSL E-Journal.

Volkmar Gessner presents the report on the creation of the RCSL e-journal, sent to all the Board members: the RCSL and the Oñati institute will be responsible for setting up the journal and organize the editing. The estimated costs of the preliminary phase would be of about 1.500 euros, shared between the IISJ and the RCSL. The steering committee will be formed by two representatives of each institutions monitoring the journal's development. Two more

members of the steering committee will have to be nominated by the IISJ Governing Board. The project is approved by the board.

7) RCSL's finances.

Luigi Cominelli reports that the RCSL has two separate accounts: a general account and a Podgórecki account. The general account of the RCSL contains the membership fees and donations. The second account, which was set by the donation of Maria Los, is used to fund the Podgórecki Prize. Due to the attendance at the Milan meeting, the organizing committee of the conference should be able to give to the RCSL about 5.000 euros.

The balances on 8 July 2008:

General Account:	13.429,34 €
Podgórecki Account:	2.933,24 €

The board has approved the policy to use the money of the RCSL to help students or post-doc researchers to attend the RCSL meeting and to attend IISJ. RCSL pays a sum of 3,000 € towards supporting the Treves Scholarship to the Oñati Institute in September each year, and this year it will also pay around 1.200 € for the 3 Graduate Students travel grants awarded for the Milan-Como meeting and the Barcelona ISA Forum.

8) The next RCSL annual meetings

The Oñati Institute will host the 2009 RCSL annual meeting in occasion of the 20 years of the Institute. The 2010 meeting will be held in Göteborg, jointly with the ISA world meeting. Professor Arvind Agrawal confirms that the Indian Sociological Association intends to bid for hosting the 2011 RCSL Annual Meeting.

9) Working Groups.

Anne Boigeol invites the WG chairs to present a report of their activities. All WG Chairs are invited to submit a written report. Benoit Bastard, on behalf of the chair of the *WG on Legal Profession*, Emmanuel Lazega, presents the activity of the WG. The WG is now formed of 7 sub-groups. The WGLP had a meeting in July in Berder. and is organizing with the French sociology of law section (Thierry Delpuech) and AISLF a joint meeting on law and economic regulation in October. Angélica Cuellar reports on the activities of the working group on

law and politics. She also remarks the difficulties of the WG members to travel from their countries in order to attend the RCSL meetings.

Antonio Azuela reports that the Law and *Urban Space* WG has been reactivated and is now organizing conference on the subject. The working group established a network on expropriations involving four countries in Latin America, and it is going to establish a new network on conflicts of proximity.

Vittorio Olgiati chaired two sessions of the Social and Legal Systems working group, and together with Ulrike Schulz co-organized a joint session on "Gender in Legal Education and Legal Professions and its Impact on Social Systems and Legal Culture".

Peter Robson, on behalf of Guy Osborn, presents the *Law and Popular Culture* WG activities. The WG organized two workshops in Oñati with 14 papers presented. At the Milano-Como meeting, the working group organized one session on popular culture, and more will be organized in Barcelona.

Masayuki Murayama reports on the Working Group on Civil Justice and Dispute Resolution. The WG is currently composed of 17 members from 14 countries. At the Milan meeting, 14 papers were presented, and in 2 years the working group is planning to hold its own meeting.

David Nelken reports on the Working Group on Comparative Legal Culture. The WG had 6 sessions during the 2007 Berlin meeting and three successful sessions in Milan, with several PhD students presenting their research works.

Arvind Agrawal, on behalf of Devanayaka Sundaram, reports on the Working Group on Law and Migration. The working group held three sessions in Milano, and they were all very successful.

Stefan Parmentier could not attend the meeting but sent a written report concerning the activity of the working group "*Human rights*". The Board agrees that the Human Rights working group should organize one or more session during the next annual meeting.

Rosemary Hunter reports that the law and gender working group had 5 sessions in milano, many of them with the topic of the meeting: the risk of law.

Anne Boigeol: The Board has received no reports from the WG on Socio-legal methodology (Chair: Reza Banakar).

[On the 3rd of August, Reza Banakar resigned as Chair of the WG on Socio-Legal Methodology with a communication to Anne Boigeol].

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