

NEWSLETTER FROM THE YOUNG PENALISTS COMMITTEE

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 (zkunst@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