



International Association of Law Schools

Thank you to our members who have renewed their 2015 Membership with the IALS. The association also welcomes the new members who have joined us in the 2015 year. 2015 promises to be an extraordinary year for the association, with our 4th round of Regional Law Deans Forums, 2nd Global Law Deans' Forum and our 9th Annual Meeting.



Governor's Message

I've been delighted to have participated in numerous workshops and meetings of the International Association of Law Schools. The Association serves as a vital forum where law schools have an opportunity to engage with each other in developing new relationships for collaboration and scholarship in enriching legal education worldwide. The

Singapore Declaration on Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education adopted at the IALS Global Law Deans' Forum in Singapore in 2013 is an example of the great willingness of law schools around the globe to come together and develop a common understanding of shared values and goals for educating the lawyers of the future.

I am honored to have been elected to serve on the Association's Board of Governors, and look forward to working with our members who represent the vast global diversity of other legal systems and cultures. I have dedicated my professional life to legal education and law reform. As an American law school professor and the former Chancellor and Dean of my law school, I know we have much to learn and to share with our non-American colleagues. The Association offers the opportunity for members to work together to address the challenges facing legal education in these unsettling times. I invite all law school leaders to contribute their insights and experience and to join this significant effort to embrace the world's law schools in approaching legal education on a collective basis.

Professor Mary Kay Kane
Chancellor and Dean Emeritus
University of California, Hastings College of Law

The association is taking part in a membership drive! We would like to invite our members to support us in increasing our membership to have a more diverse and active association. Law school leadership continues to grow ever more challenging as we globalize. These inevitable forces are reshaping the world around us all. Will our students be well enough prepared to navigate and thrive in this new reality?

If you are not a member we welcome you to join your colleagues in shaping a global perspective for legal education.

The IALS is a non-profit, volunteer service organization. It is a learned society of over 160 law schools and departments from over 55 countries representing more than 5,000 law faculty members. One of our primary missions is the improvement of law schools and conditions of legal education throughout the world. We have and will be introducing more programs to support the legal education community's need to expand its global reach and understanding.

A wealth of information is available on our website at <http://www.ialsnet.org/>.

[Click here](#) to access our membership application.

9th Annual Meeting

Developing Standards for a Global Legal Education

Instituto Empresa University, Law School

Segovia, Spain

27-29 October 2015

Help shape a globalized legal education for the 21st century. Join your international colleagues at our 9th Annual Meeting. The theme of this year's annual meeting is "Developing Standards for a Global Legal Education." All legal education scholars are invited to contribute. Stay tuned for more information regarding Awards, Registration, Call for Speakers and much more!

Registration Opens: 15th March 2015

2nd Global Law Deans' Forum

A Study of Global Evaluative Processes for Legal Education and Scholarship

Instituto Empresa University, Law School Madrid, Spain
25-27 October 2015

In September 2013 history was made upon the culmination of the forum with the "[Singapore Declaration of Principles for a Legal Education: Outcomes and Standards](#)," which was thoroughly discussed for over two years. In this amount of time, approximately 117 law school deans who attended the Regional Law Deans' Forums in 2012 and 2013, as well as the 2013 Global Law Deans' Forum were involved in drafting this document.

Join your international colleagues this year for the 2015 Global Law Deans' Forum in Madrid, Spain. The topic for the Forum is "A Study of Global Evaluative Processes for Legal Education and Scholarship" which will be discussed throughout our Regional Law Deans' Forum.

2015 REGIONAL LAW DEANS' FORUMS

The International Association of Law Schools, in collaboration with the University of Namibia, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, University of Trento and Far Eastern Federal University invite you to attend the 4th Annual Regional Law Deans' Forum in Namibia, Colombia, Italy and Russia, respectively. The Regional Law Deans' Forums are open to both members and non-member Deans and Associate Deans (active and emeritus) from law schools and departments. Space is limited. There is no registration fee.

The Forum adopts a workshop format and concentrates on topics of interest to the top leaders of the region's law schools. These workshops serve to distill and focus on regional perspectives on legal education. They also serve to shape the next Global Law Deans' Forum to be held the 25th-27th October 2015 at the IE Law School in Madrid, Spain. The global conference will bring together law school deans from around the world.

This is an opportunity for you to engage with your colleagues and the judiciary to develop a critical set of issues and proposals in developing a global approach to the challenges facing legal education today. The forum will begin with a Welcome Dinner on the first day and continue with two full days of forum.



2015 Africa Law Deans' Forum
University of Namibia, Swakopmund, Namibia
12-14 April 2015



2015 European Law Deans' Forum
University of Trento, Faculty of Law, Trento, Italy
14-16 May 2015



2015 Americas Law Deans' Forum
Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia
26-28 April 2015

Register Now



2015 Asia-Pacific Law Deans' Forum
Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia
3-5 June 2015

Dean's Message

As legal education becomes more global, the need for a forum in which law schools around the world can share experiences and learn from one another has become more pressing. IALS provides precisely that forum as an inclusive network of law schools on every continent. I have benefited from every meeting that I attended, and it was a tremendous honor for NUS Law to host the first Global Law Deans' Forum in 2013. That meeting adopted the Singapore Declaration on Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education, which we hope will offer a common language for global legal education. ☺☺



Dean Simon Chesterman
National University of Singapore Faculty of Law

SPOTLIGHT ON REGIONAL HOSTS

University of Namibia, Namibia

Host of the 4th African Law Deans' Forum

The University Of Namibia Faculty Of Law consists of three departments: Commercial Law; Public Law and Jurisprudence; and Private and Procedural Law. In addition, two Centres fall under the Faculty, viz. the Human Rights and Documentation Centre (HRDC) and the Justice Training Centre (JTC). The Faculty also runs a Legal Aid Clinic, whose mandate includes the provision of clinical legal education to our final year LLB students and the offering of legal assistance to the indigent members of our community. Since its establishment as a fully- fledged faculty of the University in 1992, it has remained the only institution offering legal education to Namibians who would like to receive a locally –based legal education. The UNAM Law faculty welcomes all the Deans from various African law schools who will be attending the 2015 forum to be held at the beautiful seaside resort of Swakopmund. We look forward to exchanging fruitful views with all of you on the very important matters of legal education such as curriculum development and presentation, research and other issues pertinent to the development of legal education and the legal profession in our various jurisdictions.



Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Colombia

Host of the 4th Americas Law Deans' Forum

The Law School of the University Sergio Arboleda is delighted to be hosting the Americas Law Deans' Forum of the International Association of Law Schools. In just 30 years of existence, the University has grown significantly by having campuses in Colombia (Bogotá, Santa Marta and Barranquilla) and in Spain (Madrid). Hosting the Forum constitutes an important milestone in our efforts to be part of the global legal education community. The Forum will help us address our main challenge today, which is thinking about how to educate 21st century lawyers. Sharing our views with law schools from all over the Americas will be paramount in confronting this challenge, and learning from the efforts of our peers will also be of great value. The Forum will be a perfect setting to share common challenges, learn from different perspectives and advance in our common goal which is to continue to improve legal education. We wish to make the world a better place by educating lawyers who contribute to society with a strong sense of ethics, innovation and entrepreneurialism.



Far Eastern Federal University, Russia

Host of the 4th Asia-Pacific Law Deans' Forum

The history of FEFU legal education began in 1899 when the first course in Law was introduced into the degree program of the Institute of Oriental Studies. The FEFU School of Law was recognized by the Russian Federal Government as one of the leading law schools of Russia. In 2011, the FEFU law degree program joined the rank of the one of the best innovative educational programs of Russia. It is the only law school in the Asian region of Russia that provides all levels of legal education: Bachelor of Laws, Specialist of Laws (close to J.D. level), Master of Laws, Candidate of Laws, Doctor of Laws and programs for additional vocational training. The school has 95 faculty members, 76% of them with Ph.D. degrees in Law, and over 1,200 students, making the FEFU School of Law one of the largest law schools in Russia. Major areas of interest are Comparative Law of Asia-Pacific Rim Countries and Law of the Sea.



University of Trento, Faculty of Law, Italy

Host of the 4th European Law Deans' Forum

The Faculty of Law of the University of Trento is a small place in the heart of the Alps, where excellence in the fields of research and teaching is developed. Its opportune location—bordering Austria and situated at the core of the EU—facilitates a lively and intimate research environment, and has helped the Faculty develop close connections with the main European Law Schools. The Faculty is facing the challenge and opportunity of expanding its programs by, among other things creating bachelor degrees in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies through classes taught entirely in English). The Faculty of Law is determined to become a critical center for the study of the relationship between Law, Science and New Technologies. Finally, the Faculty is working hard to become a center of excellence in the fields of study and training on migration, integration and sovereignty.



Dean's Message



“I have been involved extensively with IALS. During the time I served as Dean at Lewis & Clark Law School, I hosted the 3rd Americas Law Deans' Forum in Portland, Oregon. I also attended the Global Law Deans' Forum Singapore where law school leaders from around the world unanimously adopted the Singapore Declaration on Standards and Outcomes of a legal education. The relationships I made during these meetings were -- and continue to be -- invaluable. I have learned a great deal about legal education around the world. I know of no other organization that regularly brings together legal education leaders from across the globe. As our gatherings reveal, while each country (and, indeed, each law school) faces unique issues, there are many common areas of concern as well. IALS provides an excellent opportunity for academic leaders to learn from each other. I plan to remain involved in IALS and look forward to upcoming gatherings.”

**Robert Klonoff, Dean Emeritus
Lewis & Clark Law School**

New Bylaws

The votes are in! The revised Bylaws have passed with over 95% voting in favor, the two officers were approved by over 96% and the new slate of Governors for the IALS Board passed by over 98%. Thank you to all those who took time to vote! [Click here to view the new Bylaws.](#) [We welcome the new 2015 Board](#)

Membership Dues

Thank you to our renewing members who have paid their 2015 Membership Dues. Invoices were sent via email on January 8th, 2015. Please continue your membership so that you, your faculty and your students are eligible to participate in these activities with the global legal education community.

Members Only Website

Join the IALS Members Website to participate in discussions and forums, and post questions and receive feedback. All meeting minutes and papers will be posted on this site. In order to participate in this site your school must be a current IALS member. **To sign up [click here!](#)**

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