

Greetings to All,

The International Association of Law Schools (IALS) Board is pleased to announce to IALS members the next IALS General Assembly and Education Conference entitled “Teaching, Legal Education and Strategic Planning” will be held at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 13-15, 2011. The hosting of this Conference was made possible by a generous commitment of financial assistance from the University of Buenos Aires Faculty of Law.

New to this year’s Education Conference is the opportunity for each conference delegate to present his or her paper on a sub-theme of the conference in the opening small group session. Topics discussed at the Education Conference will include:

- How Did IALS Get Here?
- Curriculum Content of Legal Education
- Pedagogy
- Regulation and Accreditation Models
- Where Do We Go From Here?

Conference Registration

[The program can be found here.](#) The Conference will open with a dinner on the evening of Wednesday, April 13 and continue for the next 2 days concluding with a dinner on Friday, April 15.

Please note that in order to attend all Conference delegates are required to write a three to five page paper on one of the sub-themes found in the conference program. The paper is due by **March 11, 2011**. Each Conference delegate will present his or her paper in the opening small group session. Papers from prior conferences have been particularly important to the success of the conferences and many of the papers have been published in law journals. You can review the papers from past conferences posted on the IALS website at www.ialsnet.org/meetings/.

The Conference registration fee is US\$350. Please complete the “Registration Form” and include your curriculum vitae and one paragraph abstract of your paper by March 11, 2011.

General Assembly

The General Assembly, which is the business meeting of IALS member representatives, will be held on the afternoon of April 13. All IALS member schools are entitled to send one voting representative to the IALS General Assembly. Deans of law schools should nominate their school's representative to the IALS General Assembly by March 11, 2011 by completing the [Nomination Form](#). For further questions please contact ialsbuenosaires@aals.org. There is no fee for participating in the General Assembly.

Details for Attending the Conference and General Assembly

Please note that the IALS General Assembly and Educational Conference is open only to Deans and faculty at IALS member law schools. For more information about IALS membership, please visit www.ialsnet.org/members.

Support for Those from Member Schools from Developing Countries

There is limited funding to support the attendance of representatives of schools located in developing countries. If you need financial support for attendance, please write a short explanation on why you would need a registration fee waiver, hotel or airfare to be able to participate. Due to limited resources, some requests may not be able to be granted for the Conference. Be sure to include your abstract with your request for a subsidy, and submit your request immediately. Because of the limited size of IALS resources, all requests for funding are to be accompanied by a letter from the Dean of your law school committing to reimbursing any costs (airfare and hotel room nights) that IALS has incurred should you be unable to attend the meeting.

Hotel

We remind you that we will provide further details about the arrangements and hotels in later emails to you. For further questions please contact ialsbuenosaires@aals.org. We hope that you can join us. We are looking forward to meeting you in Buenos Aires.

Passport and Visa Information

Argentina requires passports and, in many cases, additional documentation for non-residents. Please see the [following chart](#) to determine whether you will need additional documentation. If so, please complete the passport section on the registration form and return to ialsbuenosaires@aals.org as quickly as possible. It is imperative to allow plenty of time to receive a Visa letter from the University of Buenos Aires that will go to both you and the Argentine Embassy in your country.

If your flight makes stops in other countries, you may need transit visas for those countries as well. We have had a number of delegates who were unable to attend past IALS Conferences because their flight stopped in a country where a visa was required and they were returned back to their country.

About IALS

The International Association of Law Schools' (IALS) mission is to foster mutual understanding of and respect for the world's varied and changing legal systems and cultures as a contribution to justice and a peaceful world; enhance and strengthen the role of law in the development of societies through legal education; serve as an open and independent forum for discussion of diverse ideas about legal education; contribute to the development and improvement of law schools and conditions of legal education throughout the world; contribute to the better preparation of lawyers as they increasingly engage in transnational or global legal practice, and when they pursue careers other than private practice, including governmental, non-governmental, academic, and corporate careers; share experience and practices regarding legal education; committed to the proposition that the quality of legal education in any society is improved when students learn about other cultures and legal systems and the diverse approaches to solving legal problems employed in those legal systems.

Sincerely,

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