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WHAT'S HAPPENING:

New Bylaws, Board of Governors and Officers

Given past experience and the challenges we have faced in administering an international association, the Board of the IALS has resolved to put before the membership a revision of our current Bylaws. These new Bylaws address the need to (1) conform our governance documents with the District of Columbia's Non-Profit Corporation Law, (2) take into account the general consensus of the Board and membership, and (3) create a governance structure, informed by past experience, that is flexible and sustainable. These revisions will enable us to continue growing our Association and permit the Board to work together to develop new structures to better serve our membership.

The Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee of the International Association of Law Schools is putting before its membership a revised set of Bylaws, as well as a proposed slate of Governors and Officers for the Association. They can be viewed on our website at <http://www.ialsnet.org/ials/2015election/>

The Nominating Committee has reviewed all thirty-three candidates who had responded to our call for Board membership. There were many excellent candidates which made the decision as to who to nominate very difficult. The final twelve candidates are listed below. We, therefore, have three board members for each of our four regions. In its nomination process, the Committee sought to achieve a rough balance as to legal systems, developing vs. developed and emerging countries, gender, as well as diversity within each region. The Nominating Committee sought to balance continuing governors with institutional memory with new governors to bring in fresh ideas and perspectives.

Ballot period will commence early January 2015. Each member school has provided us with the name and email for the authorized voting representative. The representative will be notified on where to vote. Each school shall have one vote.

2015 SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS

Africa Region



**Prof. Luis Gabriel Franceschi, Dean
Strathmore Law School - Kenya**

Dr Luis Franceschi, LL.B (UCAB), LL.M (University of Nairobi), LL.D (Universidad de Navarra) is Dean of Strathmore Law School (SLS). Dr Franceschi is a Lawyer, Lecturer and Legal Consultant. His areas of specialization include: International and constitutional law (the constitutional regulation of the foreign affairs power), African human rights systems, legal ethics, jurisprudence and governance with emphasis on International Institutions. He has been a member of UNEP's Governing Council and the legal adviser of the President of the Council. Dr Franceschi was also Country Representative at the 4th and the 7th Global

Training Programme on Environmental Law & Policy. He also formed part of the team entrusted with the drafting of the famous United Nations Nairobi Declaration. Dr Franceschi is the Chairman of the Annual Ethics Conference Committee, Chairman of the Ethics Institute of East Africa and a member of the board in several corporation and international bodies. He was a founding member of the National Values Committee at the Office of the President (Kenya), a member of the editorial committee on human rights for the Constitution Implementation Commission (CIC - Kenya) and a peer reviewer for the Council of Legal Education (CLE) and the Commission for University Education (CUE). He is also a consultant with the Ministry of Justice, the National Cohesion Commission and the Legal Adviser of Strathmore Educational Trust. He has published and/or edited more than 7 books on legal topics. His latest book (The Constitution of Kenya, A Commentary) is the first publication ever to analyze and direct Kenya's Constitution article by article. He is also a weekly writer for the Nation Newspaper (Kenya). He also likes mountain climbing. He has reached Uhuru Peak (Africa's highest) on Kilimanjaro, at 5895 Meters ASL, Point Lenana on Mt Kenya more than five times and also climbed the Rwenzori Mountains circuit (Uganda-Congo). He speaks English and Spanish and understands Italian, Portuguese and basic Kiswahili.



**Prof. Emmanuel Magade, Dean
University of Zimbabwe Law School - Zimbabwe**

I hold 3 Law degrees and am a registered Legal Practitioner. I am member of the Law Society of Zimbabwe and The Council of Legal Education, a statutory body that regulates legal education in Zimbabwe. The Faculty that I head offers one undergraduate degree programme, LL. B (Hons) and 2 postgraduate programmes. The Faculty of Law has a student population of about 600 students. My Research interests are Criminology, Human Rights and the Law of Evidence. Our niche area is mooting and the Faculty's moot teams have been

crowned champions at the Pan African Moot Court in Arusha, Tanzania in 2007, 2009 and 2011. We also operate a very vibrant legal aid clinic which is run by students and supervised by a Director who is a registered legal practitioner and a member of the teaching staff.



**Prof. Obeng Mireku, Dean
Nelson Mandela School of Law, University of Fort Hare – South Africa**

Obeng Mireku is a Professor of Law and Dean of the Nelson R Mandela School of Law at the University of Fort Hare, South Africa. He is also the Managing Editor of Speculum Juris, an accredited law journal which has recently gone online. Besides, he serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the US-China Review law journal. With effect from 1 September 2014, he has been appointed as a member of the Service and Execution of Processes Committee of the Rules Board for Courts of Law as well as the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Court-

Annexed Mediation in South Africa. Prior to taking up his current position as Dean at the University of Fort Hare, he had served as the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Management and Law at the University of Limpopo as well as the Dean of the School of Law and founding Director of the Ismail Mahomed Centre for

Human & Peoples' Rights at the University of Venda. His book, *Constitutional Review in Federalised Systems of Government: A Comparison of Germany and South Africa*, was published in 2000. Against a rich background of management experience, he has extensive teaching, research and publication record in public law, particularly in constitutional law, administrative law and human rights.

Americas Region



**Prof. Vicente de Paulo Barretto, Dean
Universidade do Vale do Rio do Sinos – UNISINOS - Brazil**

Law Degree of the University of the State of Guanabara (1962). Philosophy Doctor, Ph.D. at the PUC RJ 1976. Professor at the Graduate program in Law at UNESA; Professor of Philosophy of Law at the UNISINOS Law School; Dean of the UNISINOS Law School. Post-doctoral of the Maison des Sciences de L' Homme, Paris. Visiting Professor of Faculty of Law at the University of Coimbra. Editor of the Dictionary of Philosophy of law and the Dictionary of Political Philosophy. Author of the Camus, The profile of the Revolt; The

Masks of Power; Politics and Ideology in Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva Thought; The Evolution of Brazilian Political Thought; The Fetish of Human Rights and other themes; Liberalism and the 1988 Constitution. He has written extensively on human rights, ethics and law, literature and law, bioethics and the history of political and social ideas. Ad hoc advisor to the area of law at CAPES; Ad hoc advisor to the area of Law at CNPq – National Counsel of Scientific and Technological development. Scientific Research Fellow at CNPq. Author of more than 20 books and 50 articles.



**Prof. Barbara Holden-Smith, Vice Dean
Cornell Law School – United States**

Barbara Holden-Smith, recognized for her groundbreaking work in Supreme Court history and practice, currently teaches conflicts, federal courts, civil procedure, advanced civil procedure, and African Americans and the Supreme Court. After her graduation from the University of Chicago Law School, she spent a year in an Illinois law firm and then entered a clerkship with the Hon. Ann C. Williams of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Professor Holden-Smith then joined the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold &

Porter, where she worked for three years in litigation, antitrust, and food and drug law, before she joined the Cornell Law School Faculty in 1990. Her scholarship has addressed the legal response to lynching and the fugitive-slave cases. Her scholarly interests include global access to justice, and legal and political responses to historical injustices.



**Prof. Mary Kay Kane, Chancellor and Dean Emeritus
UC Hastings College of the Law – United States**

Mary Kay Kane is the Chancellor and Dean Emeritus and the John F. Digardi Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, in San Francisco. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, having earned both her B.A. and J.D. degrees from that institution. Dean Kane has written several articles and books in her major field. These include a Nuthell on Civil Procedure, now in its 7th edition, a co-authored Hornbook on Civil Procedure, now going into its 5th edition, a co-authored

Hornbook on Federal Courts, in its 7th edition, and the 2d and 3d editions of 14 volumes of the co-authored treatise, Federal Practice and a Procedure, She also has been active within the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (ABA), where she served on the Council from 2004-2010; the American Law Institute, where she currently serves on the governing Council; and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), where she was the 2001 President. Dean Kane also served as a member of the Standing Committee on Practice and Procedure of the U.S. Judicial Conference from 2001-2007. She also has chaired numerous ABA site evaluation teams for accreditation purposes in the United States and has chaired advisory teams for ABA-ROLI in the Middle East.

Asia-Pacific Region



**Prof. Taslima Monsoor, Dean
Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka – Bangladesh**

Prof. Dr. Taslima Monsoor is the Fourth time elected Dean of the Faculty of Law and Professor of the Department of Law of Dhaka University. She did her LL.B (Hons.), LL.M from Dhaka University and PhD from University of London. She was awarded Commonwealth Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Scholarship and Fellowship in the University of London. She was awarded Fulbright Specialist Exchange Program in 2007 to teach in University of Pennstate Altoona. She has also taught in post graduate students in 2009 in University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. She is associated with different institutions and organizations. She is a life and executive member of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association, Consultant of Multi-Sectoral Program on Violence against Women, Consultant Judicial Exchange Project of the British Council, Consultant of Action Research Study on the Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh. Member of European Network of Bangladesh Studies, Consultant of Bangladesh Medical Research Council and was Legal Advisor of Bangladesh Girls Guides Association, Students Advisor of the faculty of Law, Consultant of Women in Development mission of UNDP, Vice President of BWCCI- Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry. President Bio-Ethics Society of Bangladesh (5th time elected) has activities to upgrade the morality and ethics of the society. Professor Dr. Taslima Monsoor has written plenty of books. The first book she has written was titled "From Patriarchy to Gender Equity, Family Law and its Impact on Women on Bangladesh" published by UPL in 1999. In 2005 she has written another book titled "Judiciary and Gender on Trial: Reported and Unreported Decisions of the Family Courts". In 2008 she has written two books one titled "Gender Equity and Economic Empowerment: Family Law and Women in Bangladesh" and another book titled "Management of gender Relations: Violence Against Women and Criminal Justice System in Bangladesh". 'Gender Equity: Islamic Family Law and Women a research from Malaysia and Bangladesh'. These books were published by British Council under Empowerment of women in the legal regime an Higher Education Link program of Law Department Dhaka University and School of Oriental and African Studies University of London. She has contributed numerous articles in national and international journals. Her area of interest is family law, human rights, judiciary, gender, environment, education and developmental issues. She was awarded Annayas top ten women of the year 2003 for her contribution to education as the first women Dean of any faculty of Dhaka University.



**Prof. Cheng Han Tan, Dean Emeritus
National University of Singapore - Singapore**

Professor Tan Cheng Han was Dean of the NUS law school from May 2001 till December 2011. He has been a Visiting Professor at Peking University, East China University of Political Science and Law, and National Taiwan University. He was also a member of the International Advisory Committees to the National Chengchi University School of Law and the Australian National University College of Law. He is also a Senior Counsel and arbitrator, and the Chairman of the NUS law school's Centre for Law and Business. Some of his non-academic appointments include being a Commissioner of the Competition Commission of Singapore, Chairman of the Media Literacy Council, Chairman of the Public Accountants Oversight Committee, and a Council Member of the Singapore Sports Council. His research interests are in the Law of Agency, Company Law, and Contract Law and he has published in journals such as the Asian Journal of Comparative Law, Company Financial and Insolvency Law Review, Journal of Contract Law, Journal of Corporate Law Studies, Law Quarterly Review, Singapore Academy of Law Journal, and Singapore Journal of Legal Studies.



**Prof. Francis SL Wang, Dean Emeritus
Kenneth Wang School of Law at Soochow University - China**

Francis SL Wang is one of the founding Governors and presently serves as the President and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Association of Law Schools. He is the Executive Director of The Wang Family Foundation. Professor Wang is the Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law at the Kenneth Wang School of Law, Soochow University, Suzhou, China. He serves as the Honorary Chair of the Board of Regents of Soochow University. He is a Visiting Professor of Law and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Pacific – McGeorge School of Law. He is the co-founder and Senior Counsel of the War Crimes Studies Center at U.C. Berkeley, now part of the WSD Handa Center at Stanford University and the East-West Center in Hawaii. He is one of founders and a member of the Advisory Council to the Human Rights Resource Center, a university based research institute headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia with supporting centers at universities throughout the ASEAN countries, as well as a member on the Board of Advisors of the C.V. Starr East Asia Library at the University of California at Berkeley. He co-chairs the Chinese Jurisprudence Commission. He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

European Region



**Prof. Nerina Boschiero, Director Emeritus
University of Milan - Italy**

Director of the Department of Italian and Supranational Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Milan (2008-). Her research interests are focused on private international law (international litigation and conflict of laws); international business transactions; intellectual property rights; biotechnology; WTO law and international economic law, with a special focus on the interaction between international trade law and human rights. She has recently completed a project supported by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research (MIUR) (relevant national interest's research grant) on "Rome I Regulation" (together with Universities of Cagliari, LUISS-Rome, Cà Foscari Venice, Macerata), which has appeared as a book on "The New European Discipline on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations" 2009, 544 p. She is currently working on a study on "The Private International Law Dimension of the Security Council's Economic Sanctions" which has been presented as a special Course in Private International Law at the Hague Academy of International Law in August 2012. She is also working on a number of themes of private international law's general theory which will appear on a textbook on "Private International Law and International Civil Procedure."



**Prof. Javier de Cendra, Dean
IE Law School - Spain**

Javier de Cendra is Dean of IE Law School. He is also Honorary Senior Research fellow at University College London Faculty of Law, Honorary Senior Lecturer at UCL Energy Institute, member of the Scientific Committee of Fondazione Scienza y Fede - STOQ, within the Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican City State, and legal expert at the Malta Forum on Legal Issues of Adaptation to Climate Change. In addition, Javier seats in the advisory boards of a number of research institutions and think tanks. Javier's fields of expertise span across environmental and energy law, with a particular focus on climate change. Javier has engaged intensively in research and consultancy on climate change and energy law. He has participated in several European projects, and contributes regularly to the Malta Forum on Legal Issues on Adaptation to Climate Change, an academic body that provides legal advice on climate change adaptation. Javier has published three books and many academic articles in journals such as the Yearbook of International Environmental Law, the Journal of Environmental Law, Climate Law, Climate Policy, the Journal of European Consumer Law, and RECIEL. He has presented papers at conferences such as the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquia and the Global Conferences on Environmental Taxation. He is member of the editorial board of the journal Frontiers of Legal Research, and acts as expert reviewer for many journals, including Climate Law, Climate Policy, Transnational Environmental Law, RECIEL, and others.



**Prof. Valentina Smorgunova, Dean
Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia - Russia**

Dean, Faculty of Law; Head, Department of Theory of Law and Civic-Legal Education, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia. Born 17.12.1955 in Russia, St.-Petersburg (Leningrad). Education: St.-Petersburg State University, 1978 (BA, MA), Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, 1981, PhD. Job Experience: 1981-1997-Assistant, Associate Professor. Professor- from 1997; 1999-2002-Head, Department of Political Science; 1988 – 1992- Dean, Faculty of History; 1992-2002- Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences; 2002-current time - Dean, Faculty of Law. Field of research and teaching: Philosophy of Law, Civic Education, Political Philosophy, Theory of Law, Human Rights, Multiculturalism. Research and Teaching Experience abroad: Canberra, Australia, ANU, November, 2012, signing the Agreement; Brussels, Belgium, 2012, 1st European Faculty Law Deans meeting; Washington, DC, USA, January, 2012, AALS conference; Buenos Aires, Argentina, April, 2011, IALS conference; Rome, Italy, IALS Board Meeting, July, 2011 Hong Kong, City University, December, 2011; Milan, Italy- IALS conference, 2010; Toronto, Canada, April, 2010; Princeton, NJ, USA, December, 2008, signing the Agreement; Washington, DC, USA, George Washington University, 2008, 1991, visiting scholar; 2003, 2006, 2009 –paper giver at World Congresses of IPSA (Durban, South Africa; Fukuoka, Japan; Santiago, Chile); New York, NY, USA, Columbia University, January-April, 2000, visiting scholar and etc. Publications-more than 240 (monographs and articles). IALS member of the Governing Board.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



IE Law School is part of IE University, a very young institution created on the trails of the very well-known IE Business School. IE Law School was created, together with IE Business School, 40 years ago. In the beginning it offered two LLM programmes, fully taught in Spanish. Nowadays, IE Law School is a fully fledged school, with a well-balanced academic portfolio including many programmes at undergraduate,

postgraduate and executive education level, taught both in Spanish and English, some of which are offered in cooperation with prestigious partner institutions. IE University hosts students from almost 110 nationalities, and IE Law School shares in that rich diversity which, together with a constant search for excellence through innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit, constitute the defining features of the school. Legal education globally confronts many important and exciting challenges, but we are certain that, working with key stakeholders such as our 7,000 strong Alumni community and our fellow law schools within IALS, we will be able to confront them very successfully.



Javier de Cendra,
Dean of IE Law School since February 2013

Membership

We have over 160 members! As expected since there was no Annual or Global Meeting, our membership numbers are lower than last year. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to working with your schools. Invoices for the January-December 2015 year will be sent via email in January 2015.

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