

ELFA President Report 2022-2023

In consideration of ELFA's Articles of Association and in keeping with tradition, I have outlined below areas to which ELFA has turned its attention during my term as President with a view to seeking your approval to close the 2022-2023 year.

Our last AGM was on 22 April 2022 in Warsaw. In the year to date, the ELFA Board has held three meetings, two online (13 June 2022, 30 January 2023) and one in person in Barcelona at the seat of the Secretariat on 6 and 7 October 2022.

In the main, the meetings dealt with the preparation of this year's AGM and with ELFA's participation in the AALS annual conference in January 2023.

The current edition of the ELFA Award, coordinated by Laurence Gormley, ran from September 2022 until March 2023. The winner will be announced on 13 April 2022 during the ELFA conference.

In the last week of July 2022, ELFA also joined online the South-Eastern Association of Law Schools conference (SEALS) in the US. During January 2023, the President of ELFA participated in the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Meeting in San Diego, California (USA). The relationship with the European Law Students Association (ELSA) and Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) was renewed and institutionally strengthened.

Since July 2021, ELFA has received membership applications from seven universities. They are:

1. NORWAY, University of Agder School of Business and Law (membership starting 1 Jan 2023)
 2. POLAND, University of Szczecin, Faculty of Law and Administration (membership starting 1 Jan 2023)
 3. NORTH MACEDONIA, University of Goce Delcev in Stip, North Macedonia, Faculty of Law (membership starting 1 Jan 2023)
 4. ROMANIA, Bucharest University of Economic Studies Faculty of Law (09.01.2023)
 5. PORTUGAL, University of Porto, Faculty of Law
 6. PORTUGAL, University of Coimbra, Faculty of Law (renewal)
 7. SAUDI ARABIA, Alfaisal University, College of Law and International Relations (Observer) 24.03.2023
- At present, four applications are pending approval.

One university (Nottingham Trent University) has cancelled its membership, and small group of universities, approximately eight, have not paid their fees yet and are likely to trigger application of Article 16 of ELFA's statute, which stipulates withdrawal after two years.

As in the last year, ELFA has continued the publication of the European Journal of Legal Education, a platform for teachers of law to share their research and for ELFA to promote legal education.

The Journal scores on three fronts. First, it provides a platform for lectures and educators in law sciences to share their ideas and experiences, which is after all the avowed aim of our association. Secondly, it raises ELFA's profile in a crowded and deafening world of academia where countless players – some of questionable quality – are clamoring for attention. The value added for a reader is that we put our names and reputation, and the names and reputation of our universities behind what appears in the pages of the journal. Thirdly, by being available through a link on our website the journal legitimizes, in a sense, and adds weight to the activities of our association.

In concluding, I would like to say that it has been a singular honour to lead our association in the past 12 months and retain the confidence and interest of our members and a number of outstanding legal experts and researchers in ELFA's mission.

A special word of thanks is due to Milagros Orozco Hermoso, who has enforced agendas, monitored deadlines and legal compliance.

Likewise, the commitment and passion put into the editing and publishing of the EJLE deserves a mention. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Greta Bosch, editor in chief, and all members of the editorial board.

The same holds true for Laurence Gormley who continues to coordinate the ELFA Award.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the support and feedback I have received from ELFA's board of directors. I am sure the new President will be successful in bringing EFTA and its members further and continue my work and that of all my predecessors.

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President

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