

ILS update – 24 December 2007

New Treasurer appointed

Mr Andrew Percival was appointed as the new Treasurer of the International Law Section at the last ILS Executive meeting. The meeting was held in Melbourne on 13 December 2007. Mr Percival will succeed Mr Glenn Ferguson who will continue as a member of the ILS Executive and as Treasurer of the Law Council of Australia.

Incoming Delegations

The Law Council welcomed two delegations from China and Sri Lanka in December 2007. On 18 December 2007, a delegation from the China Law Society visited the Law Council Secretariat to further strengthen the relationship between the two organisations. Law Council President Mr Ross Ray QC welcomed 23 members of the delegation which was led by Mr Gu Zhaomin, Deputy Director-General of the China Law Society's Overseas Liaison Department. Issues discussed included information law and trade law. Dr Gordon Hughes, Deputy Chair of the ILS, was also present at that meeting.

On 19 December 2007, a Magistrates Court Lawyers' Study Group from Colombo, Sri Lanka, visited the Law Council to gain an insight into the role and work of the Law Council of Australia. This delegation was also welcomed by Law Council President Mr Ross Ray QC.

Upcoming Conferences

2nd Annual CPD Immigration Law Conference

The 2nd Annual CPD Immigration Law Conference will be held in Melbourne on 8 & 9 February 2008. Immigration lawyers will be able to gain 12 MARA approved CPD points by attending the Friday and Saturday Conference.

The topics to be discussed at the Conference include:

- Trends in Judicial Review
- Effective Advocacy in Tribunals and relevance to Judicial Review
- Professional Ethics from a lawyer's perspective
- Dual Regulation and the 2007/08 Review of Migration Agent Regulation
- Update and issues in sponsoring temporary workers
- Update and issues in sponsoring permanent workers
- Skilled visas and third party assessments

Confirmed speakers include:

- Mr Andrew Metcalfe, Secretary, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- Mr Denis O'Brien, Principal Member of the Migration Review Tribunal
- Mr Michael Clothier, Partner, Clothier Anderson & Associates
- Mr Glenn Ferguson, Managing Partner, Ferguson Cannon Lawyers
- Ms Maria Jockel, Partner, Maddocks Lawyers
- Mr David Prince, Accredited Migration Law Specialist, Kah Lawyers
- Ms Christine Rodan, Partner, Erskine Rodan & Associates

For further information and regular updates please visit the Conference website located at www.lca-ils.net/ILAA/cpd2008.htm

Conference on the Future of Federalism

The ILS and the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law (CPICL), T C Beirne Law School, University of Queensland, will co-host a Conference on the future of federalism. The Conference will be held in Brisbane from 10 to 12 July 2008.

The topics to be discussed at the Conference include:

- Federalist Theory
- Australian Federalism: The Present and the Future
- Fiscal Federalism
- Federalism in Europe, including German constitutional reforms and the EU constitutional process
- Federalism, Trade and Globalisation
- Federalist Responses to Ethno-Religious Conflict

Confirmed speakers include:

- Professor Thomas Fleiner, Director, Centre for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland
- Professor Fritz Scharpf, Max-Planck-Institute, Federal Commission, Germany
- Professor Ernest Young, University of Texas, United States
- Professor Thomas O Hueglin, Wilfried Laurier University, Canada
- Professor Suri Ratnapala, University of Queensland
- Professor Cheryl Saunders, Melbourne University
- Professor Anne Twomey, University of Sydney
- Professor Jürgen Bröhmer, University of New England
- Mr Andrew Hudson, Partner, Hunt & Hunt
- Mr Ian Govey, Deputy Secretary, Attorney-General's Department

For further information and regular updates please visit the Conference website located at www.fedcon2008.net.

And last but not least...

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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