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**The 2000
LL.M. Alumni Reunion
in Athens, Georgia
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The Hague, Netherlands

The 1999 LL.M. Alumni Reunion in The Hague, Netherlands, June 3- 6, 1999.

Ralf, who organized most of the meeting in the Hague, told me on the phone some weeks before our reunion that he does not understand why we choose the Hague as meeting place as it would most likely rain during the whole meeting at that time of the year. Well, it did not rain all the time.

For those arriving early on Tuesday the meeting started on a sunny day with a visit to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. From behind security glass we could follow an expert witness hearing. The case was tried in four different languages, with simultaneous interpreters, a couple of video cameras which showed the participants on different TV screens, with secretaries writing down each word which was said and which could be read within seconds on a computer in front of each person actively involved in the trial. For those used to continental ordinary court proceedings the whole scenario was fairly impressive.

Around lunchtime a major group of alumni met at the hotel right on the seashore of Scheveningen, a suburb of the Hague. The beach, its restaurants, the blue sky and the sun invited for a walk around and to talks with friends which have not met for a while.

In the afternoon, after a 50 minutes ride on the tram, we reached Delft, a beautiful old Dutch city, where we had a guided tour. The evening was spent in restaurants, bars and pubs on the beach in Scheveningen.

On Friday morning we met at the Shell headquarters in the Hague for our business meeting (see below). The Shell Legal department kindly invited us for lunch where we had the opportunity to discuss with the in-house-lawyers not only about Marilyn Monroe and "Some like it hot" or the Brent-Spar-issue but also about various other interesting topics.

A guided bus tour through the Hague, which presented us the highlights of the city from its best perspective, ended in front of the Peace Palace. There, the expert guide to give us an introduction on the function and history of the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, both residing in the building, turned out to be a Georgia Alumni. Our huge group really impressed her and obviously she enjoyed informing us about the place.

For Saturday a visit to Amsterdam, a walk through the city and a boat tour through the Amsterdam canals were planned. Somebody had a guide on Amsterdam which read under the heading "things not to do": "a boat tour on the canals when it is raining". We did it nevertheless and it will be the secret of the participants why a boat ride through the canals of Amsterdam is not a good idea indeed when it is raining.

For lunch we filled a chic Amsterdam restaurant with Italian design

The 500 Euro Club

On a beautiful day in May some years ago in the shade on a boat on the lake of Geneva the idea was developed to found something like an Euro 500 Club. Some of us not only had a lot of fun in Athens, but also benefited significantly from the education we got and the contacts we developed during our days in Athens. The idea was that some alumni would contribute to the funds of the LL.M Alumni Association 500 Euro, if at least 10 others would be willing to do so as well.

Christof, our president, and Dagmar, the treasurer, made this idea become reality with 11 alumni joining the Club by now. At this point of time this initiative is a one time activity which will enable us to donate a significant amount of money to the graduate legal studies program of the UGA law school when we return to Athens this spring.

If you think it appropriate to join, please do so by contacting Dagmar via phone in the evening at +49 511 647 8200 or via Email: Dagmar.Thuermann@ z.hdi.de.
(Rainer)

Professor Gabriel Wilner Appointed Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center/International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies

The UGA LL.M. Alumni Association is honored to announce that Professor Gabriel Wilner has been appointed, as of January 1, 2000, the Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center/International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies. In addition to being an associate dean for several years, we very much congratulate Professor Wilner to this appointment.

Hundreds of students from all over the world took advantage of Professor Wilner's continuous efforts for many years in promoting the graduate legal studies/LL.M. program. With the newly constructed Dean Rusk Center building and the leadership of Professor Wilner, the graduate students as well as the growing number of J. D. students interested in international and comparative law have now even more extensive work and study capabilities.

Parts of the program of our upcoming 11th Annual Meeting in Athens will be held at the Dean Rusk Center, which was still under construction during our last meeting in Athens in 1996. Take the chance to come, see this building and congratulate Professor Gabriel Wilner to his appointment!
(Christof)

The Business Meeting of the 10th annual Reunion

The following issues were discussed:

and an eclectic cuisine, obviously a place where expensive lawyers like to have lunch. Even though we had a lot of fun and enjoyed the excellent food with the more than 40 alumni, spouses and kids, we somehow mixed up their daily routine.

In the afternoon some went shopping or to museums in Amsterdam or just returned to Scheveningen to play with the kids on the beach or to enjoy the lively atmosphere on Saturday afternoon on the beach.

The day culminated in the dinner in the Kurhaus in Scheveningen. The Kurhaus is a huge building from the turn of the century right on the promenade, with five o'clock tea and dance. In one of the rooms a banquet was prepared for the alumni and starting with the aperitif and the setting sun now shining brightly into the banquet room a memorable evening with a marvelous dinner and good talks started.

On Sunday morning an expert actively involved in the trials before International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia talked as surprise speaker on international penal law, procedure, the role of penal law in the international legal system and latest developments in this field of law. The presentation was followed a lively discussion and concluded another great reunion of friends.

Thank you very much to Ralf Marxen (class of 1986) and also Martine Speekenbrink-Pijnappels (class of 1991) who excellently organized this event.
(Rainer)

- It was confirmed that the next reunion will take place in Athens, Georgia, from May 17 –22, 2000.
- In view of our return to Athens it was agreed to increase the efforts for our financial support for the Law School. So far LL.M alumni contributed around 5000 Euro to our Alumni Association. Additionally, the idea of the Euro 500 Club (see below) was accepted.
- Christof was asked to discuss with Prof. Wilner how best to support the International Programs of the Law School and the students therein with the money we so far collected.
- Raised but not discussed at length was the question whether the directory should be kept and updated by the Law School and whether the LL.M Alumni Associations should develop its own home page. Alumni or students who would be willing to develop such home page were encouraged to volunteer and contact Christof.
- Christof Siefarth (president), Giovanni Acerbi (vice president) and Rainer Gildeggen (newsletter) were reelected for another one year term.
- Dagmar Thürmann was reelected treasurer of the German Verein administering the fund. Having started in the early 90th she will kindly continue with her responsibilities until the end of this term. The association will need to appoint a new treasurer for the next term during our next business meeting.



Alumni News

Erich Michel (class of 1990) returned to the law firm White & Case as partner and is heading their Frankfurt office. His phone number is +49 69 713 770.

Werner Mielke (class of 1984) has joined the Frankfurt office of Andersen Freihalter Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH as partner. He may be reached at Mergenthalerallee 10-12, 65760 Eschborn/Frankfurt/ Germany, phone +49-6196-977064, fax: +49-6196-997021, and Email:werner.mielke@de.andersenlegal.com.

Andrea Novarese (class of 1992), is now working with the newly established Italian law firm Bonelli Erede Pappalardo in 20122 Milan, Italy, Via Serbelloni.

Martin Pickert (class of 1986) is now working with the law firm Dr. Busse, Dr. Heintz Müller-Stein & Pickert, Maximilian-Straße 21/3, 80539 Munich, Germany; phone +49 89 290378217; fax: +49 89 2913429.

Christian Pitschas (class of 1994), after two years as a lecturer at the free University of Berlin, joined the law firm Freshfields Deringer and may be reached at: Bastion Tower, Place du Champ de Mars, 5, 1050 Brussels, Belgium; phone: +32-2-504 7000, fax: +32-2-504 7206, email: cpitschas@freshfields-deringer.be.

Eyal Price (class of 1991) has renamed his lawfirm to Price - Klagsblad Law Offices and has moved to new offices at: Twin Tower 2, 35 Jabotinsky St., Ramat Gan 52511, Israel; phone: +972-3-75 22 999, fax: +972-3-61 32 380, email: iplaw@netvision.net.il.

Martine Speekenbrink-Pijnappels (class of 1991) became in-house counsel of Holland Railconsult B.V., Daalseplein 101, 3511 SX Utrecht, The Netherlands; phone +31-30-2653 223, fax: +31-302653 111, email: mcspeekenbrink@hr.nl.

Joseph Wilson (class of 1995) specialized in space and telecommunications law invites you to visit his home page <http://www.spacetel.com>.

Richard Xu (class of 1992) says hi to all his class mates and would like to deliver his best wishes to them. He lives in Hong Kong and welcomes all alumni travelling to Hong Kong to get in touch with him. Please find his address in the directory.

A note from the editors

Our newsletter needs an update in form and contents and a new editor.

Gabi and myself edited the newsletter since 1993. At times, particularly when Taufiq (Choudhury, class of 1987) and Bernd (Thalmann,

class of 1987) came over and when we spent some beautiful days together also writing the newsletter, it was great fun. Sometimes it was work. However it may have been, this is the last issue we edit. We hope the newsletter helped to keep in touch and made many of you interested to join us in our marvelous reunions all over the world.

See you all in Athens!
(Rainer and Gabi)

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