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

and obviously she enjoyed informing us about the place.

For lunch we filled a chic Amsterdam restaurant with Italian design
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.


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)