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1. GAJE News

News: Report from the Interim Executive Committee of the GAJE Steering Committee

Details: At the February 2007 meeting the GAJE Steering Committee appointed an Interim Executive Committee to serve until at least the next Steering Committee meeting. The members are Mao Ling (China), George Mukundi (Kenya) and Clark Cunningham (USA). The Interim Executive Committee met by email immediately after being appointed and set up three Working Groups to report to the next Steering Committee meeting:

PROPOSALS FOR 2008 CONFERENCE: This working group is responsible for preparing and issuing the request for proposals to host the 2008 worldwide GAJE conference in East or Southeast Asia. They will then evaluate the proposals, conduct follow-up inquiries as necessary, and make recommendations to the steering committee. The work of this group will then be ended and a different, long-term Conference Planning Committee will be appointed when the SC decides who will host the 2008 Conference. This group does not include anyone from an institution or organization interested in hosting the 2008 Conference. For further details contact the Working Group Chair Filip Czernicki at filip.czernicki@gmail.com (See also the call for conference proposals below)

GENERAL SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION: This working group will review the financial and legal issues involved in paying an honorarium for the General Secretary position. The group will then develop a proposed job description and recommend a monthly honorarium amount. The group does not include anyone who is a potential candidate for the General Secretary position. [Note: because the General Secretary position will be the first position for which a GAJE member would receive payment for his or her work for GAJE, suggested names for the General Secretary position should be sent directly to the Chair of the Working Group David Mcquoid-Mason (South Africa at MCQUOIDM@ukzn.ac.za)

LEGAL STRUCTURE: This working group will prepare a report on the pros and cons of creating a formal legal structure for GAJE and is authorized to obtain free assistance from volunteer lawyers and/or law school clinics. The group is encouraged to investigate the legal requirements for non-profit incorporation in more than one jurisdiction. The group is also encouraged to find out for major foundations that are potential donors their requirements for the legal status of organizations in order to be eligible for funding. Suggestions and comments may be sent to the Chair of this Working Group Judith Dickson (Australia) at judithd@bigpond.net.au

The Interim Executive Committee has scheduled the next Steering Committee meeting for May 15 - June 15. Emails can be sent to the Executive Committee at: gaje.ec@gmail.com

News: Request for Proposals to Host the 5th GAJE Worldwide Conference

Venue: The 5th GAJE Conference is to take place in the first half of December 2008, in East Asia or Southeast Asia (including the adjacent island nations of the western Pacific).

Date: *Deadlines for receipt of proposals is May 1, 2007*

Details: Proposals should come from a person or group of persons that would constitute the core of the Local Organizing Committee, including one person who would serve as the chair or co-chair of the Conference Planning Committee. It must identify a host institution and include the following additional information:

- 1) Local infrastructure for the conference (meeting rooms, hotels, dining, etc.).
- 2) Estimate of the cost for the following items: - per-person cost of conference meals, local transportation; accommodations; conference supplies; basic information about the plane tickets cost to that country from New York, Sidney, Frankfurt, Buenos Aires, Capetown, Bombay.
- 3) Support expected from the host institution
- 4) Proposed outline of local content for the conference program
- 5) Although not required, proposals will receive favorable consideration if they include one of more letters of support from foundations or other potential sponsors.

Please send the proposals to the three members of the Working Group at: MBerbec@osi.hu, cmvaras@tutopia.com, filip.czernicki@gmail.com

More Information: Please contact Filip Czernicki, filip.czernicki@gmail.com

2. News, Events and Courses

News: Learning Ethics in Justice Education – Research Project

Details: Sara Chandler and Nigel Duncan are conducting research into whether ethics are taught on law courses and wish to include information on as many jurisdictions as possible. They will issue a short questionnaire by email, addressing whether ethics are taught and if so, with what aims and what teaching methods.

You can help in one or both of two ways:

1. If you are a law teacher and are willing to complete one of our questionnaires in respect of your own institution or jurisdiction, please send us an email to that effect.
2. Contact colleagues to ask them if they would be willing to participate in our research, and if they agree, forward their email addresses to us. We will then contact them directly.

More Information: If you can help please email: sara.chandler@lawcol.co.uk and n.j.duncan@city.ac.uk

News: Bridges Across Borders CLE programs in the South East Asia Region – Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia

Details: We at Bridges Across Borders (BAB) have taken on the role of helping to support CLE outreach with universities throughout much of the SE Asia region to promote and help in the assistance of implementing Clinical programs. Currently, some of the universities that BAB is working with this year are 1) Universiti Teknologi Mara (Shah Alam, Malaysia) 2) Chiang Mai University (Chiang Mai, Thailand), and Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam). Each university will have an outreach program, a legal clinic at the university and an internship with a legal aid firm. The progress of each university is briefly discussed on the clinic talk website (www.sea-clinictalk.org)

In addition to its university based clinical legal education work, BAB has been involved in educational support for grassroots paralegal, community legal advisor/advocate programs.

More information: Please visit the website of CLE in SE Asia Region or Bridges Across Borders www.sea-clinictalk.org or email blasky@bridgesacrossborders.org, wendy_morrish@yahoo.com

Event: International Journal for Clinical Legal Education Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa

Date: 9th to 11th July 2007

Theme: Unity in Diversity - The conference will deal with the unifying themes of social justice through legal education, assessment within a social justice environment and unity and diversity in clinical law experiences. It recognises the particular context of the South African clinical movement in South Africa's move to a democratic multi-cultural environment.

For more information please contact Winifred Bitters, Campus Law Clinic, University of the Witwatersrand: +27117178562 email: Maria.Bitter@wits.ac.za

Website: <http://hermes.wits.ac.za/www/Conferences/IJCLE/>

Event: Colloquium on Service Learning & Civically Engaged Scholarship, Wm. S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Date: 24 April 2007

Theme: "Legal Responses to Intra-Family Violence in a Post-Conflict Society"

Details: The colloquium will spotlight the above service learning course developed by Professors Raquel Aldana and Leticia Saucedo. The course involves a collaboration with a community-based mediation center in a rural community in Nicaragua. After completing the classroom component of the course, law students will travel with the professors to Nicaragua and will have the opportunity to analyze comparative legal systems and discover how different legal systems address the serious and entrenched problem of domestic violence that all societies share. Invited Speakers are Grethel Sequiera, Director of the Maria Luisa Ortiz Cooperative and Women's Health Center, and Dr. Luis Morales Parajón, Director del Centro de Mediación, Universidad Autónoma de Nicaragua en León. Faculty, students and community members are invited to attend.

More information: You can get more information on this conference by emailing Raquel.aldana@unlv.edu or Leticia.saucedo@unlv.edu

Event: Australian Law Reform Commission Kirby Cup Law Reform Competition

Details: The Kirby Cup Law Reform Competition is traditionally held every two years, in association with the Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference (ALRAC). The Kirby Cup was donated by the Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG, a current Justice of the High Court of Australia and the first Chairperson of the ALRC, to encourage law students to participate in a practical way in the process of law reform.

The ALRC Kirby Cup Law Reform Competition *will now be held annually* as one of the student competitions held as part of the Australian Law Students' Association conference.

More Information: For further details please visit the ALRC website: <http://www.alrc.gov.au/events/events/kirbycup/index.html>

Event: 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Educational Integrity 2007, the University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia.

Date: 6 - 7 December 2007

Theme: Creating a culture of integrity. Who is responsible for educational integrity? Is it students, educators, administrators, senior managers or policy makers?

How can a culture of integrity be created so that the current model of 'police action' is replaced by self-regulation and mutual respect?

Call for papers is current.

More information at the conference website:

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/educationalintegrity/conference/papercall.asp>

Course: Courses on Mental Disability themes

Dates: Summer and Fall 2007 Semester

Details: During the summer 2007 semester, New York Law School (NYLS) will be offering a course in its online, distance learning mental disability law program: *Survey of Mental Disability Law*.

During the fall 2007 semester, it will be offering three courses: *Survey of Mental Disability Law*; *Sex Offenders* (for the first time), and *Mental Health Issues in Jails and Prisons*. Registration of students for all courses is open now and anyone interested should contact Liane Bass, esq., Senior Administrator (lbass@nyls.edu).

The courses are appropriate for law students, practicing lawyers, mental health professionals, international human rights activists, and mental health activists and advocates.

More information: Visit the website: www.nyls.edu/mdl or write to Prof. Michael L. Perlin, mperlin@nyls.edu, Director, Online Mental Disability Law Program, New York Law School

Courses: Distance learning courses by Human Rights Education Association (HREA) for its Fall 2007 semester

Date: Application deadline is 1 June 2007

Details: "Human Rights Monitoring" (5 September -27 November 2007)

"Project Development and Management in the NGO Sector" (19 September -11 December 2007)

"Introduction to Human Rights Education" (12 September - 4 December 2007)

"Einführung in das Europäische System des Schutzes und der Förderung von Menschenrechten" (5 September - 27 November 2007)

"Programmation basée sur les droits humains" (19 septembre-11 décembre 2007)

More Information: To learn more about these courses and to download an application go to:

<http://www.hrea.org/courses/>

3. Resources for Justice Education

Resource: Biannual Report of the Center for Human Rights and Environment (CEDHA) Legal Clinic

Details: The report covers the Centre's work during 2005-2006 and includes summaries of its projects and public interest cases and reflects social, political and environmental reality in the Province of Córdoba and the response of the judicial system to these problems.

You can download the report from the Centre's website:
http://www.cedha.org.ar/es/iniciativas/clinica_juridica/informes.php

More Information: If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of the report please contact Romina Tabarelli Coordinator at: clinica.tabarelli@cedha.org.ar or write to Cedha- Av. General Paz 186 – 10^a, (CP 5000) Córdoba – Argentina. Tel/Fax (54-351) 425-6278 / 429-0681

The above information in Spanish:

La Clínica Jurídica de CEDHA (Fundación Centro de Derechos Humanos y Ambiente), anuncia la publicación de nuestro informe bianual. El informe incluye los casos de interés públicos ambiental llevados por la Clínica Jurídica de Cedha, en los años 2005-2006, y son un fiel reflejo de la realidad social, política y ambiental en la Provincia de Córdoba, y de cómo el Poder Judicial y los órganos administrativos responden ante ellos.

Se puede acceder al documento completo del informe a través del siguiente vinculo:
http://www.cedha.org.ar/es/iniciativas/clinica_juridica/informes.php

Si Ud. tiene preguntas o desea obtener un ejemplar de la publicación por favor dirigirse a clinica.tabarelli@cedha.org.ar Cedha- Av. General Paz 186 – 10^a, (CP 5000) Córdoba – Argentina. Tel/Fax (54-351) 425-6278 / 429-0681. Romina Tabarelli, Coordinadora

Resource: Clinical Legal Education Curriculum for Nigeria

Details: The Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI-Nigeria), collaborating with Open Society Justice Initiative and Nigerian clinicians recently published a standard clinical legal education curriculum for Nigerian universities' law faculties and law clinics. The subjects covered include: Interviewing and Counselling; Legal Writing 1; Legal Research and Analysis; Field work and Site Visits; Ethics, Discipline and Professional Responsibility; Information and Communication Technology; Legal Writing 2; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Introduction to Practice Management; Public Interest Lawyering; Access to Justice; and Law Clinic Work

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