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1. GAJE news and events

News: Extension of **Early Registration Deadline for the GAJE 2006 World Conference in Cordoba, Argentina (27 Nov-2 Dec 2006)**

Details: Early Registration for the 4th GAJE World Conference has been extended to 15 October 2006 and can be done online at (www.gaje.org). Please be reminded that **early registration** conference fee is US\$ 350 which **will rise to \$450 after October 15.**

Event: GAJE Conference in Cordoba, Argentina (27 November – 2 December 2006).

Details: The upcoming GAJE Conference in Cordoba, Argentina will focus on the theme: 'Educating Lawyers for Social Justice: Law, Poverty and Social Change'. The Conference Planning Committee has received over 35 proposals for sessions, all of which were of a very high quality. The Committee is in the process of finalising the draft timetable, which will be posted on the GAJE website very soon. The conference will be interactive, drawing on the experiences of participants, and it will focus on the following five streams:

- A – Addressing unmet legal need – legal service alongside legal education
- B – Professional responsibility and social change – educating lawyers in social justice
- C – Socially relevant legal education – matching the curriculum with social needs
- D – Poverty, reform and education – effecting change through education and research
- E – Public legal education – the role of law schools in improving legal literacy

Further information: Please see www.gaje.org. [Note: Final program and workshop descriptions are now posted on the GAJE web site at: <http://www.gaje.org/Conf06-home.htm>]

2. Other events and courses

News: Report on a Teachers' Training Workshop "Building Capacities: Learning From Each Other"

Details: A Teachers' Training Workshop on the theme "Building capacities: Learning from each other" was held at the Law Centre-I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in April 2006. The report of the proceedings and outcomes of the workshop edited by Prof. Ved Kumari was formally launched by Prof. Jane Schukoske during the Commonwealth Legal Education Association Regional Conference held in Delhi on 28-30 July 2006.

The design of the workshop was inspired by GAJE Conferences' workshops and similar international fora and reflects how international collaboration has a ripple effect even after the formal interaction ends. The workshop provided an occasion for teachers to learn some new and participatory teaching methods, changing their perspective from teaching to learning by students. More importantly it channelled their thoughts to some very fundamental questions regarding law teaching such as: What is law teaching about? What do we want students to do with the education that is given to them in law school or any institution of higher education? Should teachers focus primarily on creating efficient lawyers, professionals well versed in the techniques of their profession or should they be aware of the social context in which their actions will affect people in different ways?

It also brought to the fore the disjuncture between teaching objectives and evaluation systems. While there is consensus that legal education should strive to create efficient and socially committed lawyers, that policy finds little reflection in the evaluation criteria used or in setting of the questions for evaluation. The workshop made participants realize that most of the times the justice component is not integrated in the whole process of legal education consisting of course formulation, teaching methods, question settings and evaluation criteria. The workshop led to introspection by participants and a desire to think through the teaching process carefully and ensure that they are able to make a contribution in promoting justice in society through education.

The report will be a useful resource for people interested to conduct such workshops in their own schools, conduct research or just reflect on what they do and whether there is need to think and work further to achieve better or desired results for securing justice through education. The report in Pdf form may be downloaded from http://www.du.ac.in/show_department.html?department_id=Law
It will soon be available on the webpage of United States Foundation in India <http://www.fulbright-india.org/>. The report is also available in book and CD form through funding from USEFI

Further information: Contact Ved Kumari at vedk@bol.net.in or ved_k@yahoo.co.uk

News: The Polish Legal Clinics Foundation Website

Details: Latest information on Polish legal clinics is now available at the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation: http://www.fupp.org.pl/down/prezentacja_2005_2006_v_ang.ppt

The website includes information about the Polish legal clinics movement: standards, networks, activities, publications as well as the achievements and activities of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation. Comments and remarks toward the site's content are invited from the GAJE Membership.

Further information: Contact Filip Czernicki at (prezes@fupp.org.pl).

3. Vacancies

Position: Legal Specialists, International Legal Education Reform Programs (*Pro Bono*)

Locations: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, other locations TBD

Employer: The American Bar Association is one of the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world. Among its stated goals is to support and promote the rule of law globally. For over 15 years, the ABA has provided technical assistance on a broad range of issues, including legal education and legal profession reform, gender issues, judicial reform, criminal law reform, anti-corruption and human rights in over 40 countries around the globe. ABA assistance takes various forms, such as placing long-term and short-term pro bono legal specialists and paid consultants in host countries, convening training workshops, hosting foreign study tours, and providing expert assessments of draft laws and regulations.

Details: The ABA Rule of Law Initiative is seeking law professors interested in lending their expertise to our legal education reform efforts for both long and short-term assignments. The substantive areas of legal education reform on which The ABA Rule of Law Initiative works include: reform and expansion of legal curricula in the developing world; practical legal education including law school clinics, mock trials, moot courts and client counseling competitions; student bar association development; raising the general public's awareness of the law and its role in their lives; and development or refinement of law school accreditation procedures.

Requirements: For volunteer positions abroad, the ABA only considers professionals with a minimum of five years of relevant experience, a high level of energy and initiative, strong interpersonal skills, and demonstrated legal expertise in the substantive area of the

position. International experience and foreign language skills are preferred, but not required.

Deadline for application: Applications will be received on a rolling basis.

Further information: For more information and to apply, please visit:

www.abanet.org/ceeli/program/positions.html; www.abanet.org/intlegalreform or contact one of the Recruitment Associates: Melissa Foldvary at mfoldvary@abaceeli.org (202-662-1959) or Paulina Rudnicka at prudnicka@abaceeli.org (202-662-1989)

Position: Country Director, Syria

Location: Position is likely to be based out of Jordan

Employer: American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative

Details: The ABA seeks a Country Director to implement a legal education and curriculum reform project in Syria, likely to be based out of Jordan. This is a consultant position, beginning November 2006. The Country Director will be the ABA's primary representative in-country, managing staff and working in coordination with the ABA's other legal education programs. The Country Director will lead the implementation of a curriculum reform and clinical legal education program for law students, focused on international and human rights law.

Requirements: Previous experience or background in the region is required, as well as experience in legal education reform, human rights law, and clinical legal education programs. Excellent written and oral communication skills in English required, Arabic is also preferred. Previous international rule of law program development and implementation experience desired.

Application: To apply, send cover letter, resume and 3 references to jobs@abaceeli.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis as received, and will be accepted until the position is filled. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Please write "CD, Syria, GAJE" in the subject line.

Further information: For more information please visit www.abaceeli.org

Position: Deputy Director, Morocco Program

Location: Morocco

Employer: American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative

Details: The ABA seeks a Deputy Director of its Morocco Program, with primary responsibility for management of a gender- and human rights-focused curriculum development project. The Deputy will also assist with the management of a human rights legal clinic at a university near Rabat, and with selected aspects of the overall management of the Morocco program. The Deputy will work under the supervision of a Director and with local staff on-site, and in consultation with ABA program and administrative staff in DC and elsewhere in the region, as well as working closely with local partners and government officials. This is a 12 month position, beginning fall 2006.

Requirements: Applicants should have a JD with at least five years of experience, including international development experience. Applicants preferred with specific expertise in judicial training and/or judicial curriculum development, and experience with human rights and gender equality. Experience with distance learning a plus, as is experience with clinical program development and management. Applicants must have strong written and oral communication skills in English. French and/or Arabic language skills strongly preferred.

Application: To apply, please send a resume and cover letter referencing the job title to jobs@abaceeli.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis as received, and will be accepted until the position is filled. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Please write "DD, Morocco, GAJE" in the subject line.

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Position: Resident Advisor, Egypt

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Employer: American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative

Details: The ABA seeks a Resident Advisor to implement a continuing legal education project for young lawyers in Cairo, Egypt. This is a consultant position, beginning in fall 2006. The Resident Advisor will be the ABA's primary representative in-country, and works in coordination with the ABA's regional programs and representatives.

Requirements: A J.D. or equivalent law degree, minimum of 5 years of relevant experience, including experience designing and implementing CLE programs for lawyers and supervising and managing staff, and previous experience or background in the region is required. Excellent written and oral communication skills in English required, Arabic also preferred. Previous international rule of law program development and implementation experience desired.

Application: To apply, send cover letter, resume and 3 references to jobs@abaceeli.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis as received, and will be accepted until the position is filled. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Please write "RA, GAJE" in the subject line.

Further information: For more information please visit www.abaceeli.org

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