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ÉDITORIAL,

Dear friends, members of the Institute,

Let us first present our best wishes for the New Year and thank you for your participation in the work of the Institute.

The work started in 2011 was successful in 2012 with the EUREXPERTISE conference in Brussels and with the recommendations sent to the European Commission.

During this year we have regularly informed you of our progress through our letters No. 8, 9 and 10.

Since Letter No. 10 of November 2012 several large events have been decided for the coming year and are being organized:

- **Official membership event of new institutional members on 1st March 2013 in the Appeal Court of Liège. We would like to thank First President Marc DEWART for welcoming us in his Court.**
- **Presentation meeting of the Institute to a number of German institutional members concerned by expertise. This meeting is organized in the Appeal Court of KOLN on 4th March 2013 at the initiative of President Johannes RIEDEL.**
- **General assembly of the Institute in Brussels on Friday 12 April 2013.**

Unfortunately, at the end of November 2012, the European Commission informed us that it will not fund the ECCE project.

This decision does not affect the project but requires the urgent identification of other resources, a major goal of early this year.

AGENDA

April 12, 2013 :

Ordinary and extraordinary General assembly in Brussels

March 04, 2013 :

Presentation and work meeting at the Appeal Court of KOLN

March 01, 2013 :

Official membership event in LIEGE

January 07, 2013 :

A kick-off meeting of European edition of Revue Experts

December 17, 2012 :

A meeting took place between the Dean of the University of Versailles SQY, Sandrine CLAVEL and Mr. LEMAIRE

November 27 2012 :

Me DESHAYES and Mr ROMERO met the President of judicial experts of the land of Hesse

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1. Official membership event in LIEGE: 1st March 2013

The Institute regularly organises events where institutional memberships are formalized for members who have recently decided to join and participate in its work.

The first ceremony was held in the Court of Cassation in Paris, the second was held in the Appeal Court of Lyon, the next will be held in the Appeal Court of Liège.



The institutions that will join during this event are:

Jurisdictions :

- The Appeal Court of Koln,
- The Appeal Court of Liège,
- The Labour Court of Liège,
- The Commercial Court of Ieper and Veurne,

Lawyers

- The Bar of Liège
- The Bar of Paris,
- l'Ordre français des avocats du Barreau de Bruxelles, subject to change,
- la Délégation des Barreaux de France in Brussels.

Experts

- Nederlands Register Gerechtelijk Deskundigen (NRGD),
- Landelijk Register van Gerechtelijke Deskundigen (LRGD),
- la Compagnie nationale des experts en Informatique – CNEJITA (France),

Please find below the (indicative) programme of this event:

- 14h30 – 15h30: presentation of the Institute by M. Jean-Raymond LEMAIRE,
- 15h30–16h30: discussion between participants on the guidance to the work of the Institute, chaired by the First President Marc DEWART,
- 16h30–17h15: conference by an academic of the University of Liège,
- 17h15–18h15: membership ceremony,
- 18h15: cocktail.

A visit of the “ancien palais des Princes-Évêques” will be held after the ceremony.

2. Meeting of presentation and work at the Appeal Court of KOLN: March 4, 2013

As a result of many contacts between Mr Jean-Raymond LEMAIRE and Mr Johannes RIEDEL, President of the Appeal Court of Koln and at the latter's initiative, the Presidents of the various Appeal Courts of Germany agreed that only the Appeal Court of KOLN will join the Institute and follow all its work for Germany.

In this context, Mr. RIEDLE proposed to present the Institute and its work to the Chamber of Lawyers of Koln, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Koln, the Chamber of Crafts of Koln and the Institute of expertise, based in Koln, but whose scope covers the entire German territory.

This meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2013 at the Appeal Court of Koln. Will be present, in addition to the President of the Appeal Court, the manager of the Chamber of Lawyers, Mr. Huff, President of the Institute of expertise, Mr. Flöter, the head of expertise at the Appeal Court of Koln.

3. The next General Assembly in Brussels. April 12, 2013

The ordinary General Assembly 2013 of the Institute will be held in Brussels on 12 April 2013 with the usual agenda: progress report, financial report, Project 2013, etc.

It will be followed by an Extraordinary General Assembly which will have to decide on the very important proposed reform of our laws and our rules.

Indeed, today the Institute is a non-profit association under French law and, due to its history and in spite of strong contributions from our friends in Belgium and Spain, its governance remains essentially French.

This situation is no longer legitimate when in 2013 its institutional members (courts, bar associations, experts, universities) are from Germany, Belgium, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Czech Republic and Romania.

The main objective of the proposed reform is to give a European dimension to the Institute by the abandonment of its status under French law for the benefit of an international association under Belgian law. In a subsequent step, its head office would be transferred probably from France to Brussels.

The reform project was distributed to institutional members and a summary of their findings is underway.

Once the final draft is adopted by the Council, it will be circulated to all members in preparation for this Extraordinary General Assembly.

4. The ECCE project

The European Commission informed us at the end of November that it will not fund the ECCE project as part of its grants for this year.

Their reasoned decision suggests to us that we have probably not been sufficiently explicit on the content and objectives of this new project, but also that the world of forensics does not seem to be a priority of European institutions.

The Bureau and the Board of Directors identified several short terms goals arising from this decision:

- Need to accelerate the search for private funding.
- It is urgent to implement the statutes reform to endorse the European dimension of the Institute.
- Creation and implementation of governance reform.
- Improved and increased communication refocusing on the image of the EEEI as a think tank.

5. Expansion – Philippe JACQUEMIN and Jean-Raymond LEMAIRE

Prospection

A letter was sent to institutional members asking them to give us contacts in the countries in which we haven't been able to create contacts. Same approach to the Supreme Court where we have no input. 5 answers for the moment:

- The Curia of Hungary;
- Supreme Court of Poland;
- Supreme Court of Slovenia;
- Supreme Court of Lithuania;
- Supreme Court of Dublin;

You will find below the various steps we are taking to develop the European EEEI.

EEEEI in Italy.

-For the record, Italy is well represented at the Institute:

- The Appeal Court of Venice;
- The Bar of Venice;
- The Appeal Court and the General Prosecutor of Rome,
- The Appeal Court and the General Prosecutor of Brescia.

The Italian delegation at the conference in Brussels was consistent. Were present, Mr. Chairman Vittorio Rossi was the First President of Venice, Mr. Antonio Fojadelli, Treviso Prosecutor (depending on the Appeal Court of Venice), Mr Carlo Amedeo Bianchetti representing the First President of Brescia and Mr. Giuseppe Brescia Locatelli, who represented the Prosecutor General of Brescia. We regret the departure of Françoise Travailot, French liaison magistrate in Italy who accompanied us during our visits and is continuing her career in Paris.

A trip to Italy is planned for April or May 2013.

The delegation will visit respectively.

At the Appeal Court of Venice

This Court has seen changes in its governance. Mrs. Manuela Romei Passetti who signed the EEEI membership has left her post and was replaced by the First President who stayed only a few months before his retirement. For several months, the position has been occupied by the President Vittorio Rossi as Acting President and with whom we have a very good relationship from the beginning, but who is overworked because in addition to the Presidency, he has retained his position as Chairman of the Chamber.

At the Appeal Court and General Prosecutor of Rome:

We will meet The First President, Giorgio Santacroce and The General Prosecutor, Luigi Ciampoli.

At the Appeal Court and General Prosecutor of Brescia:

Mrs. Graziano Campanato, The First President and Mr. Guido Papalia, The General Prosecutor are still in office. The Appeal Court of Brescia has established a working group on expertise and in line with the objectives of the EEEI as exposed both in Brescia and Brussels.

At the Appeal Court of Milan:

Madam Campanato, the First President (Brescia) contacted the First President of the Appeal Court I of Milan, Giovanni Canzio to talk of the EEEI. She was assisted by Angelica Carla Maffi, executive director of the Appeal Court of Brescia and Milan, who is an excellent "bridge" between these two Courts. It seems that First President Canzio is very interested in an involvement with the EEEI. This will, without doubt, be one of our next contacts.

Julie MITTON - expert translator and interpreter in Italian of the Appeal Court of LYON Le 7/1/2013.



You will find below the various steps we are taking for the European development of the EEEI.

Germany

KOLN: Following the membership of the Appeal Court some steps have been taken with the President for membership of the Bar, chambers of commerce, industry, crafts, associations of experts...

Meeting scheduled for early March 2013.

Land de HESSE: an appointment with the President of judicial experts held in November.

Netherlands

Supreme Court: Vice-President of the Appeal Court of ARHNEM and President of the NRGD must organize a meeting with the President in Netherland to approach the modalities of EEEI development in the country.

Spain

Bars - many steps have been taken to Spanish members to ask for help in contacting 5 important Spanish Bars grouped in one umbrella association: MADRID, VALENCE, MALAGA, MURCIA...

Superior Court of Cataluña: the President who was contacted in June by email, has confirmed he will give his answer quickly.

Italy

Brescia, Rome and Venice: a personal letter was sent with a newsletter translated in Italian by Julie MITTON. We want to organise a meeting at the beginning of 2013.

The First President of BRESCIA initiated steps for the Appeal Court of MILAN to join the EEEI.

Steps in progress.

France

The Appeal Court of DOUAI, meeting with the First President.

Organisation team

We need to strengthen the team in charge of expansion. The goal is to have more than 100 institutional members at the end of 2014.

6. The website

Translation policy

The website is multilingual and multi-country. Its interface is made available in 5 languages among the most used in the European Union: German, English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Our limited means do not however allow us to translate in all of these languages the entirety of the content already present on this website.

This purely economic fact requires us to make the following choices:

- prioritize the English language widely used in the European Union and we will strive to have all of the existing content translated
- make all new articles available in both English and French
- for other languages we welcome any assistance from persons or institutions which would like to help with the translation of the articles.

Enrichment of the contents

The Institute website is its showcase and its favored communication means with members. It is essential that its contents present in the most relevant possible way the organization and the practices of judicial expertise in the countries of the European Union.



This is why we suggest that each of the institutional members send us a presentation of its institution, in the language of its country, as well as in English and/or in French. This presentation will improve the pages describing the activity of each country.

Also, we shall relay on the site all announcements of events that could be of interest to the expertise community, such as congresses, trainings, changes in the procedures, national or international jurisprudences as well as any article or work that would be brought to your attention ...

We trust that each of you will provide us with this information, which can be sent to us in the form of documents, e-mails or of a simple link to a website with interesting information. Your participation is essential and we thank you for it.

7. Press – a European edition of “La Revue Experts”.

The Revue Experts and the EEEI decided to initiate a project together for the preliminary study, creation, production and distribution of a first "test" European edition of the Revue Expert.

This edition comprised of articles by European personalities from various backgrounds: judges, experts, lawyers, Universities, industrials, insurances... would be bilingual (French and English).

A kick-off meeting was held on January 7th, 2013.

The main objectives of the European international edition are:

- create a communication tool aimed at the European judges, lawyers, experts and institutions and entities involved in expertise (insurers, large groups, specialists in criminal law, civil law specialists, Universities) and politicians;
- accelerate the realization of a European data bank (for example translate and make available throughout Europe jurisprudence on expertise);
- bring together the reflections of all origins in Europe on the harmonization of expert procedures.

The estimated time of the project is 18 months (forthcoming spring 2014). The first step includes a feasibility study with a decision "GO / NO GO" at the end of the first four months.

Teams will be formed by the Revue Expert and EEEI to support this project.

EEEI side, Robert PAILLOT agreed to pilot the team which should be set up quickly.

If you want to contribute to this new challenge, do not hesitate to let us know.

8. Seeking voluntary contributions - Jean-Raymond LEMAIRE and Philippe JACQUEMIN

Whatever the relevance of the ongoing reorganization (statutes, rules and governance) nothing is possible without new "goodwill."

Everyone is well aware that the Institute since its inception in 2005, is based entirely on a limited group of contributors and virtually unchanged.

The EUREXPERTISE project federated a dedicated team which has been extraordinarily motivated and which made it successful. It is appropriate to again thank each member here.

However, the end of the first major project as well as its outstanding achievements have led quite naturally to a demobilization.

The bureau of the Institute was counting on the ECCE project to "replenish troops" and motivate further new contributions.

Although this project is in fact delayed in obtaining funding, the Institute should not release its efforts.

Multiple daily running, communication and exploration tasks, but also funding for research, without which the sustainability of the Institute cannot be guaranteed, require resources that are not covered today.

Finally, the internationalization of voluntary contributions is imperative.

This is why we would like to thank all those who join us to specify the areas in which they would like to get involved.

In advance, we thank them.

The EEEI team

Website Audience Overview Dashboard

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The figures presented here are extracted from the statistics provided by Google Analytics. Probes are installed since initial site design to produce global or very subtle analyzes of our website visitors. We publish only monthly figures in order to make comparisons. The tool is structured to eliminate visits from search engines constantly scanning websites.

	October 2012		November 2012		December 2012	
Visitors						
Visits	804		700		636	
New Visits	679		592		469	
Avg. Visit Duration	1min07		2min32		1min09	
Bounce Rate	79%		74%		79%	
Visitors location, only top3 locations are listed (country / visits)						
Top 1	France	481	France	375	France	363
Top 2	Ivory Coast	78	Ivory Coast	63	Belgium	50
Top 3	Belgium	36	Benin	40	Luxembourg	47
Pageviews						
Pageviews	1693		1625		1364	
Pages / Visit	2,11		2,32		2,14	
Page Top1	Home page in French	151	Home page in French	176	Home page in French	120
Page Top2	Directory	115	Civil legal expert examination in France	84	Civil legal expert examination in France	89
Page Top 3	Civil legal expert examination in France	77	Directory	81	Psychiatric expertise	65
Page Top 4	Psychiatric expertise	65	Psychiatric expertise	52	Directory	63