

Brussels, Saturday 11 March 2017

Dear EULETAns,

We are beginning to see signs of spring and despite the apparent quiet of these dark winter months, the **EULETA Board** has been far from inactive. We held our first face-to-face meeting of the new board in a cold and rainy N. Italy in early February – no mean feat given that this is the most geographically-diverse board **EULETA** has ever seen – and are currently busier than ever behind the scenes getting things ready for developments and events that the coming year will bring to **Legal English**. Our **EULETA Newsbrief from the Board – Winter/Spring 2017** will fill you in on:

- Further information about the **EULETA 2017 Workshop**
- A preparatory survey for the **EULETA Who's who? Members' Directory**
- An update on current and proposed **EULETA collaborations and developments**
- And an invitation to put together/submit your bids to host the **EULETA 2018 Conference**

EULETA Workshop 23/09/2017, Brno, Czech Republic

One of the most vibrant language-teaching hubs in Central Europe!



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Enhancement of Writing Skills in Legal Contexts

EULETA stands out across Europe, Eurasia and the world in providing *the* dynamic interface between English language teaching and the Law. This year's workshop will focus on one of the most critical aspects of teaching, learning and practicing Legal English: *writing skills*.

¹ <https://www.civ.muni.cz/en/>, consulted 7 March 2017.

To be held on Saturday 23 September 2017 in Brno, Czech Republic, this year's **EULETA Workshop** will be hosted by the state-of-the-art **Masaryk University Language Centre** thanks to the capable organisation of our colleagues and fellow **EULETAns**, Stepanka Bilová and the team at MU Language Centre/Law Faculty, Komenského nám. 2, 602 00 Brno: <https://www.cjv.muni.cz/en/>.

The overarching theme of the workshop is: **Enhancement of Writing Skills in Legal Contexts**. Opening for registration and call-for-papers is imminent, so have your fingertips ready at the keyboards, get those ideas for abstracts flowing, and keep an eye on your mailboxes for **EULETA** bulletins! All information about the **event, venue, travel** to and from Brno, and **accommodation** will also be published on www.euleta.org.

Thanks to our dedicated **EULETA** organisers and partners at **MU Language Centre**, individual **EULETA Members** will avail of special reduced-rate accommodation at several Brno city-centre hotels.

Opportunities for co-sponsoring the EULETA 2017 Workshop are still up for grabs, so please come forward if you or your organisation would like to be part of supporting this high-visibility and important event in one of the most vibrant language-teaching hubs in Central Europe!

The EULETA *Who's who?* Members' Directory



Fellow **EULETAns** need to be able to contact one another and see what's going on in the dynamic and ever-evolving sphere of Legal English: within the **EULETA network** across Europe, Eurasia and the world beyond. While our website and social media platforms offer a more than satisfactory networking service (*Facebook* and *LinkedIn*: <https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanLegalEnglishTeachersAssociation.EULETA/> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/euleta-org-a756b6b5/>), the www.euleta.org-based **EULETA *Who's who?* Members' Directory** will provide us with an exclusive opportunity to gain horizontal access to one another.

Nearly everything is in place for the launch of the **EULETA *Who's who?* Members' Directory**, but we need you, the **EULETA Members**, to give us your feedback via the following survey asking you to be listed as a **EULETA Member** on www.euleta.org (it will take you 10 seconds!).

Have your say at: <http://doodle.com/poll/4mph5npui9tff8d3#table>

All consenting **EULETA Members** will receive an invitation to forward contact details and a short profile (*better still if you can provide us with a photo or short video clip*) for inclusion in the **EULETA *Who's who?* Members' Directory**. Profiles may already be submitted voluntarily to contact@euleta.org.

² www.sawyoo.com, consulted 7 March 2017.

Current and proposed EULETA collaborations and developments

One of the main missions of **EULETA** is to conceive and nurture collaborative projects which broaden and define this hybrid discipline at the interface between Language and Law which is Legal English. **EULETA** strives to innovate and improve the teaching of Legal English and to share knowledge and tools to this end. Much of the material available in the **Members** section of www.euleta.org is the result of just such past projects and synergies. Log in to see what you can avail of (or indeed what you can offer) as a **EULETA Member**, including pages featuring **Past events**, lesson **Materials**, reviews of suggested **Course books**, an overview of the **EULETA Education Committee**, a **Blog**, space for **Job offers**, a directory of **EULETA Country Reps**, and a note on **EULETA Governance**. Our conferences and workshops are launch pads for innovation in teaching methods and tools development, and the brainstorming sessions that they entail always lead to the birth of new projects. Here are some of the most recent initiatives or synergies launched or carried forward by **EULETA** since **Passau 2015** (workshop) and **Winterthur 2016** (conference):

→The **EULETA Education Committee**

...was set up in October 2015 (post-Passau) to focus on education projects and programmes to benefit **EULETA Members**, Legal English students and teachers, and the development of Legal English at large. The **EULETA Education Committee** provides an outlet for greater active participation by members in achieving the aims of **EULETA**, as well as benefitting members at the individual, corporate, and institutional levels. The **EULETA Education Committee** is *ad hoc* in nature and has no formal elections, chair, or standing membership. If you have an idea that you are prepared to steer through to fruition, then you are welcome to submit it to the **EULETA Board** at contact@euleta.org.

The first **EULETA Education Committee** project to have been brought to fruition, designed as a “starter pack”, particularly with the new **Legal English Teacher** in mind, was the **EULETA Legal English Teacher Training Manual. A resource kit for entry-level legal English teachers** (download at www.euleta.org, **Members** section), conceived and coordinated by Paul Cooper, Czech Republic; experience, time, and ideas given by **EULETAns** James Arnold (UK), David Best (Belgium), Aleksandra Łuczak (Poland), András Petz (Hungary), Alison Wiebalck (Switzerland). Some further areas which the **EULETA Education Committee** is currently working on are: *Issues specifically focused on our academic members; Issues of special interest to language schools; Teacher-training programmes; EULETA-accredited courses; EULETA E-Journal; EULETA-accredited Legal English Exam/Testing needs analysis*. To learn more about any of these initiatives, please get in touch at contact@euleta.org.

→**EULETA Country Reps Committee: Strengthening connections within EULETA:**

One of the topics up for discussion at the recent f2f **EULETA Board** meeting was how better to support our **EULETA Country Reps** and improve communications between Board and Members via the **Country Reps**. To this end, the **EULETA Board** has voted to constitute a **EULETA Country Reps Committee**, which will reinforce lateral ties among the **EULETA Country Reps** and offer the opportunity for actions and meetings at this level of the Association. Coordinated by a rotating **EULETA Country Reps Committee** Chair, **Country Reps**, will have the opportunity to hold meetings at all **EULETA** events (the first of its kind will take place at the **EULETA 2017 Workshop, Brno 23/09/2017**).

→ **EULETA Study Trips/Legal Tours:**

For some years now, our fellow **EULETAn**, Mark Brophy, has been running **EULETA-endorsed Legal Tours**, essentially city-trips throughout Europe comprising study visits to legal institutions hosted by legal, law-related or educational establishments. For the past two years, these have been organised in direct conjunction with **EULETA**: the scope for further development of the concept is vast and all **EULETA Members** can get involved. Mark teamed up with András Petz and **EULETA** to conduct **Budapest Legal 2015**, and co-organised **Brussels Legal 2016** with David Best and **EULETA**, which took in the **European Institutions**, seminars at **Brussels University Law Faculty**, and a guided tour (by a legal architecture expert) of the gargantuan **Brussels Palais de Justice**. New destinations for **EULETA Legal Tours** to be announced shortly!



→ **New EULETA Flyer (or Flier)⁵ coming soon: Small and sometimes overlooked but crucial visibility.**

The board recently took time to hold a brainstorming session and consultation with marketing experts with a view to spicing up our **EULETA Flyer** while conserving the current logo and colour scheme. The results will soon be available. With costs and environment in mind, we will not be distributing batches of **EULETA Flyers** to every **EULETA Member**, but should you need some for an upcoming event, do not hesitate to ask the first point of contact, your **EULETA Country Rep**, or the **EULETA Board** at contact@euleta.org.

→ **EULETA** will be well represented at the upcoming **Białystok Legal English Centre (BLEC) third international conference, 8-9 June 2017: Language and Law – Traditions, Trends and Perspectives** which will take place at the Faculty of Law, University of Białystok, Poland. Why not join us?

Deadline for registration: 20 March 2017, all details and registration form available here:

<http://www.adler.demon.co.uk/Bialystock%202017.pdf>, or by e-mailing blecuwb@gmail.com.

→ **EULETA** would like to draw attention to the ***English Law and Legal Methods Summer Programme*** at the **University of Cambridge** from **9 July 2017 to 29 July 2017**. *This well-respected three-week programme presents the central aspects of English law, with emphasis on the general structure of the law and legal methods, including: development and structure of English law, sources of English law, precedent and statutory interpretation, courts and legal profession, private law (property, obligations, trusts, labour law, family law etc), public law (constitutional and administrative law), civil and criminal procedure. The programme is designed primarily for lawyers and law students (having completed a minimum of one year of their undergraduate legal studies) who have no prior knowledge of the English legal system. For details and registration, see:* <http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/course/english-law-and-legal-methods-summer-programme>.

³ www.lacapitale.be, consulted 7 March 2017.

⁴ Antonio Ponte, www.flickr.com, consulted 7 March 2017.

⁵ There is little consistency in spelling of the word outside the U.S. The *Guardian style book*, for example, says “flyer, not flier,” while the *Daily Telegraph style book* says “flier, not flyer,” but in practice these newspapers and other non-U.S. publications use both spellings seemingly with no pattern except that *flyer* is more common. Obviously there is no agreement on the issue, and the *flier-flyer* distinction is unsettled for now’ (<http://grammarist.com/spelling/flier-flyer/> consulted 7 March 2017).

Get involved more widely with **EULETA** – submit ideas to the **EULETA Board!**

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EULETA 2018 Conference: Submit your bids to host it!

The **EULETA Board** invites Members, associates or friends to put together and submit bids or offers to host the **EULETA 2018 Conference**.

The **EULETA Conference** typically takes place over a weekend in mid to late September, kicking off with an informal networking event on the Friday evening (not necessarily held at the main venue); a full day-and-a-half of conference activities in one central venue (plenary sessions, networking tea/coffee breaks, parallel presentations, book and publishers stands, and the **EULETA AGM**); a networking lunch on both Saturday and Sunday; and a cultural/social event on the Saturday night. The **EULETA Conference** usually wraps up business on the Sunday, just after lunch, when delegates head for home.

The **EULETA Board** will assess candidates and make an announcement on the chosen location for the **EULETA 2018 Conference** at the **AGM** to be held at the **EULETA 2017 Workshop** (on 23/09/2017, Brno)

In order to consider serious bids, we invite you to please consider and provide the following:

1. **Attendees:** We aim for a minimum of 70 and ideally around **100 attendees**;
2. **Dates:** a weekend in **mid to late September**, from **Friday 17.00 to Sunday** early afternoon;
3. **Pre-Conference registration & payment, call for papers and communications** organised by **EULETA**;
4. **What EULETA requires from the host organiser:**
 - a. **One major conference room** for plenary sessions; 4 smaller rooms (latter not needed on Friday);
 - b. **Coordination of catering services**, Friday evening through to Sunday lunch;
 - c. **One locally-based coordinator** and support team (e.g. 4-6 students) throughout the weekend;
 - d. **Potential for sponsorship**, either from within your institution or local/national organisations.

Get in touch if you wish to host our **EULETA 2018 Conference!** contact@euleta.org

With best wishes for a bright and productive spring, on behalf of the **EULETA Board**,



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