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Representing young lawyers across Europe



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Promotion and Expansion of the EYBA

- ▶ Opening of the Legal Year in Paris, France (December 2015).
- ▶ Opening of the Legal Year in Rome, Italy (December 2015).
- ▶ Opening of the Legal Year in Barcelona (Saint Raimon of Penyafort's Festivity), Spain (December 2015)
- ▶ European Bar Presidents' Conference, Vienna, Austria (February, 2016).
- ▶ *Justitia*, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (May 2016).
- ▶ *IBA Leaders' Conference*, Barcelona, Spain (May 2016).
- ▶ *Anwaltstag* ('Lawyer's Day'), Berlin, Germany (June 2016).

Presentations of the EYBA within Spain

- ▶ In November 2015, I presented the EYBA at the CEAJ, at their General Meeting in Valladolid and again at their first Annual Meeting in Alcalá de Henares, upon which they decided to join the EYBA.
 - ▶ The Madrid Young Bar also joined after the presentation in November in 2015.
- ▶ In January 2016 and again in March I presented the EYBA at the JAC's General Meetings.
 - ▶ Prior to this, they were unaware of the existence of our Association and thanks to these presentations they had the chance to consider possible membership of the EYBA in the future.

Press releases.

- ▶ In order to attract the interest of potential new members, I have prepared articles and given interviews, which have been published in various Newsletters.

Press releases.

▶ In summary:

- ▶ Interview by “EL JURISTA” (Barcelona, Spain) *“The EYBA exists for defending the interests of the European young Lawyers”*. (October 2015).
- ▶ Article published in the Newsletter of the Thessaloniki “LEXIS”. This article was released in Greek, wherein I discussed my experience as President of the EYBA (November 2015).
- ▶ Article published in “EL JURISTA” (Barcelona, Spain), with the title *“The CEAJ decides to join the EYBA in its last General Meeting which took place in Alcalá de Henares”* (March 2016).

Press releases.

- ▶ Article published in “EL JURISTA” (Barcelona, Spain), with the title “*The EYBA as a platform to defend the interests of the European young legal profession*”.
- ▶ I was also interviewed by the *Forum Junge Anwaltschaft* and this interview is due to be published in the Newsletter of the *Advoice* (Germany) within the next few weeks. The interview will be in German.

**In our own EYBA Newsletters I have summarised the content of these articles and interviews, so that all EYBA members have the opportunity to read these.*

Social Media.

- ▶ In general terms, during the year 2015-2016 the Executive Committee has been concentrated on gaining greater visibility for the EYBA.
- ▶ This can be seen by the volume of news and comments posted on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Social Media

- ▶ Since June 2015, when I was appointed as EYBA President we have increased from 596 to 896 Facebook followers; more than 200 new followers.
- ▶ Regarding Twitter, as of June 2016 we now have around 315 followers.
 - ▶ The number of followers has increased at times when we have posted news of conferences and events which we have either organised or attended.
- ▶ On LinkedIn we have worked hard to increase the volume of our posts.

Social Media

- ▶ A good example of increased activity on our social media was our 2016 Spring Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
 - ▶ This was largely thanks to the Northern Ireland Young Solicitors Association (NIYSA).
- ▶ Overall, the improvement of our visibility on social media has been very positive.

2. Increase of the EYBA's Membership

- ▶ The increase of our membership has been predominantly with regard to Organisations rather the Individuals.
- ▶ As stated, my presentations of the EYBA at the CEAJ resulted in:
 - ▶ The Madrid Young Bar Association joining us, representing around 5,800 members.
 - ▶ The CEAJ, representing more than 80,000 Spanish young lawyers also joining us.

2. Increase of the EYBA's Membership

- ▶ More recently, the **Norwegian Lawyers Association**,
 - ▶ which comprises the entire legal profession: judges, the highest courts, law students and lawyers joined the EYBA.
 - ▶ At the present time, they are approximately 21,000 members of which 11,250 are 40 years old or younger.

2. Increase of the EYBA's Membership

- ▶ Although it is difficult to indicate an exact quantity of all the young lawyers we are representing within the EYBA, gaining the CEAJ and the Norwegian Lawyers Association as members is a great achievement and I hope that we can collaborate together within the coming years.

3. Collaboration/Cooperation with other young lawyers' international associations.

- ▶ During my term as President I have had a big interest in reaching agreements with other Associations, and not necessarily just lawyers.
- ▶ This is because I am eager to increase the benefits to our members in all senses:
 - ▶ the chance to participate in conferences, to engage in more networking and to increase the possibilities of gaining new clients.
 - ▶ Collaborating with other Associations is beneficial to us all.

3. Collaboration/Cooperation with other young lawyers' international associations.

| Association | Comments |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| AIJA <i>Working on it</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ AIJA member rates to EYBA members registering to three events in 2016/2017✓ EYBA promotes these three events among the members✓ AIJA invites EYBA to the VIP programme at the Annual Congress in Munich✓ The idea is to strengthen our relationship with the AIJA, learn from them in order to improve our Association |

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| ATJA <i>Signed in Barcelona, 30.04.16</i> | <p><u>Proposal on Partnership Agreement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ to improve working conditions of young lawyers, enhance their education, facilitate the exchange and networking of young professionals across the world✓ to enable and facilitate to young lawyers to do internships both in Tunisia for European lawyers and in European Countries for Tunisians Lawyers |
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3. Collaboration/Cooperation with other young lawyers' international associations

- ▶ We are also aiming to increase our involvement with the Young Division of the IBA.
 - ▶ This is a powerful Association, of which we are already members, and I am confident that we can also gain opportunities and benefits for our members.

4. Newsletters' releases.

- ▶ The content of our Newsletter has improved considerably
 - ▶ not only in the quality of the articles,
 - ▶ but also in its presentation and the option to now share its content via Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

4. Newsletters' releases.

- ▶ During the year 2015-2016 we have released the following editions
 - ▶ Spring Edition of 2015.
 - ▶ Summer Edition of 2015.
 - ▶ Autumn Edition of 2016.
 - ▶ Spring Edition of 2016.

5. The EYBA website

| Changes/Innovation | Comments |
|-------------------------------|--|
| New "Home Page" | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Latest news + FB posts+ Next Events below the "Latest news", "Facebook Posts" and coming "Events".✓ Dynamic Slides |
| Former Presidents | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ With the new application, we will be able to add photographs and additional information to each of the listings. |
| Membership's Directory | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Private area of the website✓ To improve our network and facilitate potential client referrals between EYBA members.✓ A letter to be signed by those EYBA members interested in being included in this Directory. |

5. The EYBA website

Changes/Innovation

Comments

Documentation

- ✓ To post the Minutes of previous GMs, the Articles of Association, Agreements signed, etc.
- ✓ Only visible for EYBA members (username + password to be sent).

6. Sponsorship Campaign

- ▶ I can say with pride that we have done a great job this year regarding sponsorship of our Association.
- ▶ Particularly, we have achieved the following discounts, sponsors and funds for our Association, with a total of €3,600.

6. Sponsorship Campaign

| Sponsor | EYBA Members' discount | Date | Sponsoring Amount |
|---|--|--------------|-------------------|
| International Legal Studies and Lazarzky University | 50% tuition scholarships to EYBA members | October 2015 | € 1.350 |
| University of Pennsylvania Law School | \$500 program fee reduction | January 2016 | € 450 |
| ERA The Academy of European Law | 40% discount for all ERA summer courses | March 2016 | € 1.300 |
| Fordham University School of Law | €500 program fee reduction And €500 off for early bid | March 2016 | € 500 |
| Total amount received | | | € 3.600 |



6. Sponsorship Campaign

- ▶ Besides, we have also reached an interesting agreement with the company “**ANWALT.DE**”.
 - ▶ This is a German directory of international, English speaking, lawyers, where EYBA members will have a special offer:
 - ▶ Consisting of having their professional profile listed on the Anwalt website for 1 year for the cost of 8 months
 - ▶ therefore 4 free months during the first period.
 - ▶ Our logo will be also include in Anwalt website

7. Bank Account

- ▶ As we explained at our last AGM, we were finalising the process of transfer of all our funds from our previous bank in Northern Ireland to our new bank account with BARCLAYS, at their office in London.
- ▶ All funds are already in our new bank account and we are operating it actively.
- ▶ Our current Treasurer and Vice-President are authorised to make transfers and to access the account.

8. Conferences

- ▶ As usual, we participated in
 - ▶ The International Weekend last September 2015 in London
 - ▶ The Spring Conference 2016
 - ▶ Many thanks to our colleagues of the Junior Lawyers Division and the Northern Ireland Young Solicitors Association.

8. Conferences

- ▶ Aside from our three official conferences,
 - ▶ In Barcelona on 30 April 2016 we co-organised the **International Meeting- The Value of Young Professionals.**
 - ▶ Together with
 - ▶ the Barcelona Young Bar Association (GAJ Barcelona),
 - ▶ the Barcelona Bar Association, the Junior Chamber International for Catalonia ("JCI")
 - ▶ and the Federation of Associations of Catalan Young Entrepreneurs and Businesses men/women (namely "FAJEEC" - Federació d'Associacions de Joves Emprenedors i Empresaris de Catalunya).

8. Conferences

- ▶ The VYP Barcelona was a huge success.
- ▶ We were honoured by the presence of several professionals from different sectors
 - ▶ doctors, architects, students, lawyers, business people, etc.
- ▶ As well as different nationalities
 - ▶ Ukrainian, Russian, British, German, Hungarian, Tunisian
- ▶ And from different Spanish and Catalan cities (Madrid, Valencia, Sabadell, Granada, Igualada, Girona).

The future of the EYBA

- ▶ During my year of presidency we have begun some other projects which the board would like to continue over the coming years.

The future of the EYBA

- ▶ Such projects include:
 - ▶ SURVEY:
 - ▶ WHY? In order to establish the real situation of European young lawyers following their law degree.
 - ▶ Already sent to EYBA members: we ask for your collaboration!
 - ▶ This will be a comparative survey of all EYBA members (Young Bar Associations and also individual lawyers) in order to prepare a final report to be presented at one of the EYBA's General Meetings.
 - ▶ The idea is to work to improve those aspects which require improvement.
 - ▶ The answers: managed by members of the EYBA Board with the support of the Barcelona Bar Association.
 - ▶ All answers are anonymous and will not be published

The Future of the EYBA

- ▶ To have greater presence at European Institutions.
- ▶ WHY?
 - ▶ In order to show our interest in and support for matters which affect our members or European citizens generally.
- ▶ Slides were prepared and presented in Belfast in support of refugees and to show our position against terrorist attacks.
- ▶ We have also prepared a Manifest regarding these two issues.



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Sends their support to refugees

#YoungLawyersSupportToRefugees
www.eyba.org



**SUPPORT
TO VICTIMS OF TERRORISM**



#YoungLawyersAgainstTerrorism
www.eyba.org

The future of the EYBA

- ▶ A **promotional video** of the EYBA is being prepared.
 - ▶ The idea is to post it on YouTube, Social Media and on our website.
 - ▶ The aim of this video is to continue the promotion of our Association.
- ▶ We have a new **EYBA banner** for display at events in order to further promote our Association.



Conclusion

- ▶ After this intensive year, in which I have prioritised the EYBA above all else, I can only say that I would do it again if given the opportunity.
- ▶ This has been possible thanks to:
 - ▶ The EYBA Executive Committee
 - ▶ The Barcelona Young Bar Association.
 - ▶ The Barcelona Bar Association.
 - ▶ The EYBA members for your confidence in me and your support throughout this year.

Thank you!

- ▶ You have a colleague and a friend at your disposal!

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