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# Academy Alumni Newsletter

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## ***Stay in Touch!***

While this first edition of the Alumni newsletter focuses on the 2016 class that has recently left Dallas, we hope participants from previous classes will share current news as well as recollections from their time at the Academy.

We invite you to get in touch and we look forward to your contributions, suggestions and support in the year ahead.

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## ***We Want You***



It is my pleasure to represent the 2016-2017 Academy of American and International Law Alumni. On behalf of the new alumni officers, we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

With this newsletter, our goal is to keep all the Academy Alumni in touch and updated about the news and upcoming events and to share interesting articles written by you. The newsletter is intended to keep us updated about job movements, Alumni meetings, fun histories, memories and CAIL news. If you have any suggestions, we will be more than pleased to receive them. [More...](#)

## ***Farewell to the Class of 2016***



On Friday 24 June 2016, the 47 participants at this year's Academy followed John's instructions to get on the bus one last time and gathered at the Center to reflect on the six weeks that had now come to an end, and bid a final farewell to great friends and wonderful memories.

Mershia, as the spokesperson for the 2016 class, had the unenviable task of trying to summarize the experience we had shared together. On our very first day, Mark clearly knew what was ahead of us, and was right to predict that there wouldn't be

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**Upcoming Events**

**South America 2017**

Many of the 2016 class have expressed an interest in reuniting and April 2017 has been suggested as a potential date. We'd like to get an idea of how many people would be interested in attending.

We're looking to form a small committee of interested parties to lead this initiative. Please let the Alumni Officers know if you would be willing to help get the ball rolling. Let's make it happen!

If interested, contact:

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**Symposium 2017**

As Academy Alumni, you are invited back to Dallas in June 2017 to attend the annual Symposium on Global Markets.

More information coming soon.

many dry eyes on the final day. [More...](#)

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**From the Dean**



Greetings from Dallas! The 2016 Academy is now over, and the class photo will soon take its place on our wall of pictures. I must admit that our building feels a little lonely without the Academy here. In a very real sense, you are the life-blood of CAIL.

CAIL was built on the notion that legal education should last a lifetime and that lawyers can play an important, catalytic role in promoting a world at peace. The Academy class reminds me each year that, even in a world where justice is denied to too many people, there is reason to be hopeful. [More...](#)

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**Life After Dallas**

For many of the 2016 class, there was little time to get over any jet lag before going straight back to work the week after our final farewell. There were definitely a few sad faces on everyone's first Monday in the office.

We hope that the Alumni newsletter going forward will be an opportunity for participants from all years of the Academy to reflect on their time in Dallas, but also to share with each other their lives back at home going forward. [More...](#)

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**Academy Archives**

Our connections to the Academy are varied. Many of the participants often come from firms or companies with longstanding links to CAIL.

The 2016 Academy welcomed four participants from Lebanon, JP, Fawzi, Jihane and Rolla, thanks to a new link between CAIL and the Beirut Bar Association.

For some, their trip to this Academy came about by chance. Daniele, for example, was encouraged to attend after meeting Alan Pickering, a former Academy participant, in New Zealand. [Read Alan's 1976 farewell speech. More...](#)

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**A Note from the Immediate Past Secretary General**

From June 2015 until June 2016, Ernesto Genco from Argentina, Bernardino Tizzani from Italy and



I, Andreas Lohbeck from Germany, had the great pleasure to serve as the Alumni Officers. This note is intended to give you an overview of our initiatives and our work in this last year.

Our general goal was to activate the Alumni network of SWIICL. Therefore, we started to put local structures in place around the globe and we initiated the development of an online platform. [More...](#)

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### *The Alumni Network and More*

Learn about the SWIICL newsletter, the new alumni website and other ways you can leverage the extensive Academy Alumni network. [More...](#)

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### *In Memory of Professor Stephen Zamora*



Long-time Academy lecturer Stephen Zamora died this summer. Prof. Zamora was a member of the Academy faculty for well over 20 years, teaching international litigation in U.S. Courts. He retired from the Academy faculty in 2015. In 1978, Prof. Zamora joined the faculty of the University of Houston Law Center, and was the Law Center's dean from 1995 to 2000. He founded the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law, served as director of the North American Consortium on Legal Education and as adviser to the Houston Journal of International Law. He continued his commitment to these projects even after he took emeritus status in 2015, working to bring together legal communities in Houston and Mexico City, and to increase mutual understanding of our different but related legal systems. [More...](#)

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