

STEP NEWSLETTER

August 2020

Save the date!

STEP Open Call August

27 Aug

The first STEP Open Call of the Term will take place on the 27th August at 18:00 CEST.

The following topics will be covered during the call:

- Introduction to other officers;
- Plans for the term;
- Introduction to Professional Development;
 - Professional Development Courses
 - Professional Development Director
- Online International Area Meetings
- Communication methods for STEP officers;
- Expectations

The New Term - Introductory Calls

The 1st of August marked the beginning of the new ELSA 2020/2021 Term. The entire new International Board of ELSA is incredibly excited to have taken on their new roles and we all cannot wait to present you with our plans for the term and discuss your ideas and expectations.

As many new officers have joined our beloved STEP area I am happy to take some time to schedule **some individual calls with each of you** to get to know each other and discuss your ideas. If you are interested in this, please do contact me at step@elsa.org to arrange a time.

As a final note from last term, I wish to take this opportunity to **thank my predecessor Meeri for her incredible support**, work and dedication to ELSA and STEP. Our Association would not be where it is now without her.

Updated STEP Handbook

With the beginning of the new ELSA Term and with the past term having seen so many updates and changes to our area, I am happy to present to you the [updated version of the STEP Handbook](#).

STEP Open Call - August

With the first month of the new term already in full swing, it is time for the first official STEP Open call. The Open Call for August is scheduled for the **27th August at 18:00 CEST**.

Make sure to join the call to introduce yourself to other STEP officers from the network and start the discussions around your expectations and plans for the term and where you would like to see STEP evolve and improve.

Professional Development

Since 1984 the Student Trainee Exchange Programme has connected thousands of ELSA members to the professional legal world. However, this connection has often been cyclical in nature and lacking the necessary professional development phase of the experience.

The Transition month of July here at the ELSA House was full of constructive brainstorming and innovative new ideas for our area. Among these, the International Board of ELSA is hard at work at preparing new ideas and projects relating to the specific goal of Professional Development that will allow our members to further prepare themselves for their future careers.

More details about the topic will be shared with you in the coming weeks and discussed during our next Open Call.

Online Key Area Meeting

As you are all aware, The International Board of ELSA has had to take the difficult decision to cancel all physical International Area Meetings, due to the current circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus in an effort to ensure the safety of our members and their families.

Thus, as a result, the meetings will now be held online. Particularly, the Online Key Area Meeting will be held from the **2nd - 6th of September**. You can apply as a delegation [here](#).

For those not familiar with the Key Area Meeting, this will be the perfect opportunity to meet fellow officers, share ideas, expectations and prepare the work for the first International Council Meeting and therefore share your thoughts and proposals on where you would like to see our beloved programme headed.

For any questions or concerns, please do get in touch with me me at step@elsa.org

STEP Research Project (SRP)

Thanks to the incredible work of our SRP STEP Trainees, Anna, Petra and Minna and my wonderful predecessor, Meeri, the month of August saw the completion of the compilation of the +130 pages of research and comparison regarding labour standards. You can find the report [here](#). This represents only the starting point of the project.

Make sure to attend the Open call to share your ideas and feedback on the project and ask any questions you may have.

Make sure to join the [ELSA STEP Team 2020/2021](#) group on Facebook!

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