

AustLEA

Australian Law & Economics Association

December 2001 NEWS FROM PRESIDENT OF AustLEA

Dear Members

AustLEA CONFERENCE & AGM

A highly successful annual conference was held in November. Many favourable comments were received on the uniformly high standard of papers given. Special thanks to our Keynote speakers: Professor Glenn Withers, Dr Graham Scott and Professor Phillip Williams. Attached are the Minutes of the AGM.

NEW AustLEA PRESIDENT - DR IAN MCEWIN

Formerly the Foundation Director of the Centre for Law and Economics, Ian is a member of the International Antitrust and Foreign Competition Law Committee of the American Bar Association, the Trade Practices Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, and the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He was a member of the Advisory Group of the Australian Law Reform Commission's Reference into the Adversarial System in Australia. He is currently a Director of LECG.

Many thanks to George Barker for his efforts in expanding the activities of the Association. He is highly dedicated to law and economics and has made a substantial contribution to law and economics both in Australia and New Zealand.

OVERSEA LAW AND ECONOMICS SOCIETIES

Renewed contacts are being made with the American Law and Economics Association and the European Law and Economics Association to encourage more interaction between members. More news in the new year.

AustLEA WEBSITE

The AustLEA website is now online, the site can be accessed at <http://law.anu.edu.au/cle/austlea/index.htm>. It has been established to give you easy access to up to date information including newsletters and events. Please let us know what you think of the new site.

DAVID TEECE AustLEA SCHOLARSHIPS

The following were selected as recipients of the *David J Teece - AustLEA Scholarship in Law and Economics* for 2001. Congratulations to these students for their efforts.

Timothy Bulman	-	University of Queensland
Kelly Burns	-	Latrobe University
Kylie Smith	-	Queensland University of Technology
Adam Sharpe	-	University of Western Australia
Alan Anderson	-	Adelaide University
Rehka Indrasamy	-	Flinders University
Vittoria de Stefano	-	Deakin University
Anais D'Arville	-	Australian National University
Yanson Ching	-	University of Melbourne
Martyn Taylor	-	University of Sydney

MEMBERSHIP

We remind all members to **review their membership status**. It is likely to be in arrears. The annual membership fee is AU\$50. Please forward this payment to the address below and if possible please enclose a business card so we can ensure our database has your correct contact details.

AustLEA 2001 Membership Fees
Attn: Wendy Forster
Centre for Law and Economics
Australian National University
Canberra, ACT 0200

FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN THE COPYRIGHT DOMAIN

The 'Wind Done Gone Case' And Some Australian Comparisons

A very successful free public seminar sponsored by the Centre for Media, Communications and Information Technology Law and the Law Faculty, The University of Melbourne, in conjunction with the Australian Law and Economics Association was held on Thursday 13 December at the University of Melbourne.

UPCOMING SEMINARS OF INTEREST

If you are aware of any seminars/events that might be of interest to other members then please email to w.forster@anu.edu.au so we can add these to our website.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and happy & healthy New Year.

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Australian Law & Economics Association
held on Thursday 1 November at
the Australian National University, Canberra**

1. Executive Committee Report

President for 1999-2001, George Barker, reported on AustLEA activities in the past two years

2. Scholarships

Congratulated David Teece Scholarship recipients

3. Accounts

George reported on changes to AustLEA accounts. It was noted that once AustLEA is registered, the accounts need to be audited.

4. Election of President

George nominated, and AGM approved that Dr. Ian McEwin be the next President. Ian thanked George for his contribution, including generous financial contribution to AustLEA.

5. Election of office holders

(Since there are more positions than the number of people at the AGM, in the end everyone volunteered their service to a position of his/her own choosing, and not all positions have been filled) The results are:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Ian McEwin
Vice president:	Chee-wah Cheah
Treasurer:	Vacant
Secretary:	Wenli Cheng
Committee member:	George Barker, Brett Williams

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

ACT

Chair:	Vacant
Committee Members:	Tony Meacham, Daniel Stewart, Dhammika Dharmapala

NSW

Chair:	Vacant
Committee member:	Vacant

Victoria

Chair:	Teresa Fels (to be confirmed)
Committee members:	Russell Smyth, Kelly Burns

Queensland

Chair Vacant
Committee member: Michael Wincorp

WA

Chair: Vacant
Committee member: Vacant

SA

Chair: Alan Anderson
Committee member: Vacant