

## HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE

## 2016 HLSAE reunion: more than 150 alumni and friends of HLS meet in Copenhagen!

From May 5 to May 8, 2016, over 150 alumnae and alumni, and their guests, gathered in Copenhagen for this year's annual reunion of the Harvard Law School Association of Europe (HLSAE). Traditionally, the HLSAE meeting takes place on Ascension weekend, with a mix of sightseeing, socializing and academic events.

This reunion was yet another unforgettable event for all participants. All owe a *stort tak!* to the Danish organizing team, that has put together a wonderful program. This team was composed of Steen Lassen (LL.M. '77), Jens Kruse Mikkelsen (LL.M. '94) and Rebecca Kramarz Cohen (LL.M. '15).

During the 4-day reunion, participants cruised through the Canals of Copenhagen in a privately chartered boat, visited the spectacular Louisiana Museum and spent an evening at the famous Tivoli Gardens. The Gala Dinner was held at the recently reopened *Hôtel d'Angleterre*. Thanks to the generosity of HLSAE Governor Willem Stevens, the best moments of the Copenhagen reunion were captured in a movie, which is accessible here<sup>1</sup>.

This year's half-day Academic Session was devoted to the refugee crisis. The speakers were (i) Prof. Deborah Anker, Clinical Professor of Law at HLS and Director of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, (ii) Mr. Jonas Christoffersen, Executive Director of Denmark's National Human Rights Institution and (iii) Mr. Andreas Kamm, Secretary General of the Danish Refugee Council.

This year's reunion was the third and last one organized by the outgoing Board of HLSAE, under the leadership of Henrik Rossing Lønberg (LL.M. '01). At the General Meeting of HLSAE held on May 7, 2016, the following new Officers were elected for a three-year term:

- Secretary: Alvyda Usinskaite (LL.M. '13)
- Assistant Secretary: Federico Raffaele (LL.M. '12)
- Assistant Secretary: Daniela Ratajova (LL.M. '12)
- Assistant Secretary: Marco Laurita (LL.M. '14)
- Treasurer: Aija Lejniece (LL.M. '11)

The new Board will be led by the incoming President Salvo Arena (LL.M. '00), who had been appointed as President Elect at the 2015 Paris reunion.

The movie is protected with the password used on the HLSAE website. In case of need, please send an email to <u>info@hlsae.eu</u> to obtain this password.



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All participants were already looking forward to next year's reunion, to be held from **May 25 to 28, 2017**. The venue will be announced shortly.

Another chance to meet before then will be the traditional breakfast meeting organized by HLSAE and held during the IBA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday September 21, 2016** from 8:00 to 9:30 AM.

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