



The Australian Network for Japanese Law

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ANJeL Newsletter 2005/2

Dear ANJeL members and associates:

Minasama niwa masumasu Goseiei no kototo Oyorokobi moushiagemasu. We hope all of you have had a fantastic year. In this last newsletter for 2005, we would like especially to alert those who are interested in joining our exciting event ANJeL will host on 28 February 2006.

1. ANJeL International Conference in Japanese Law (28 February 2006)

ANJeL's next annual international conference, to be held on 28 February 2006 at UNSW, is entitled "[The War of the Worlds in Japanese Law?](#)". The conference will consider the different approaches taken to studying Japanese law particularly in the Anglo-American literature, in Europe, and in Japan itself, and explore some implications for important practical issues such as potential business law harmonisation under Japan's burgeoning free trade agreements. The conference will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the *Journal of Japanese Law (ZJapanR)*, as well as the [Australia-Japan Year of Exchange](#) on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the NARA Treaty between Australia and Japan. It has been officially endorsed as a Year of Exchange event, and ANJeL gratefully acknowledges sponsorship from the [Japan Foundation Sydney](#). Please register as soon as possible, even tentatively, as we need to confirm numbers especially for the conference lunch at which Chief Justice Spigelman will speak. Please also tell us if you would like to give a short presentation or help as a session coordinator, as we are finalising the program.

2. Visitor: Dr Baum and Professor Jones (late February – early March 2006)

From late February 2006, Dr Harald Baum, will visit Australia as an ANJeL Research Visitor. During his stay, he will attend ANJeL's Advisory Board meeting, give a keynote speech at the ANJeL international conference in Japanese law, and give seminars in Wollongong, Canberra and Melbourne. Professor Colin Jones will also visit Sydney as an ANJeL Research Visitor from late February to early March 2006. He will also attend ANJeL's international conference in Japanese law during his stay.

3. IPBA Annual conference (30 April – 3 May 2006)

The [Inter-Pacific Bar Association](#) (IPBA) is holding its annual conference in Sydney 30 April to 3 May 2006. Several ANJeL members are actively involved in IPBA, and we hope to organize an informal event during the conference.

4. New Appointments (October 2005)

ANJeL was delighted to welcome two additional members to its Advisory Board:

- PD Dr Harald Baum (MPI Hamburg/DJJV); and



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- Dean and Professor Meryll Dean (Oxford Brookes University).

In addition, five active ANJEL members have been appointed Program Convenors:

- Professor Souichiro Kozuka (Sophia University – “ANJEL-in-Japan Program: East Japan”);
- Professor Makoto Ibusuki (Ritsumeikan University – “ANJEL-in-Japan Program: West Japan”);
- Stacey Steele (University of Melbourne – “ANJEL Judges-in-Residence Program”);
- Phil Jamieson (New City Corporation – “Japanese Law Online Program”: www.jlawonline.info);
- Carol Lawson (Director, Legal Communications Japan, recent UNSW LL.M graduate and two-time winner of the Akira Kawamura/ANJEL prize in Japanese law – “Student Competitions Convenor”).

All these appointments will help serve the needs of ANJEL’s network of more than 230 members, including growing numbers in Europe and Japan.

5. Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition (December 2005)

In December 2005, ANJEL organised an Australian team for the [Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition](#) in Tokyo, where the team conducted mock negotiations and arbitrations in Japanese against Japanese university teams. ANJEL gratefully acknowledges sponsorship from Osaka University, ANU Law Faculty, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, and Matsuo & Kosugi, and in-kind support from Sophia University and Blake Dawson Waldron. [The team won the 2005 Teamwork/Enthusiasm Trophy, thanks to their generous support.](#)

6. Essay/Course Prizes (December 2005)

The ANJEL/Blake Dawson Waldron Essay Prize co-winners are: Carol Lawson (UNSW) and Emily Flahive (ANU). Honourable Mention was awarded to Anna Hyland (UMelb). Carol Lawson won the 2005 Kawamura/ANJEL Course Prize in Japanese Law at UNSW, and Christopher Stevens won the course prize for 2005 at ANU.

7. Kyoto Seminar (September 2005)

ANJEL coordinated an informal dinner in Kyoto on Sunday 11 September, which coincided with [two events sponsored by Ritsumeikan Law School](#) and involving all three ANJEL Co-Directors: a conference on “Japanese Law and International Trade” on 10 September; and the “Kyoto Seminar” on Japanese Law in the Global Era, over 12-17 September. Almost a dozen students from The University of Sydney joined with many local and international students based in Japan. A similar intensive Seminar will be held in Kyoto probably in February 2007.

Please feel free to contact us about any of these activities, and let us know how else we may serve your interests to advance the study of Japanese law particularly in (or comparing) Australia.

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