

S účinností od 1. ledna 2006 působí člen vedení naší Společnosti Mgr. **Jan Šafránek** jako advokát. Do další činnosti mu přejeme mnoho úspěchů.

Dne 2. ledna 2006 oslavil významné životní jubileum člen redakční rady Revue církevního práva a pracovního výboru SPCP pan **Pavel Landa**. Ještě jednou mu jménem celé Společnosti i našich čtenářů děkujeme za veškerou péči. Ad multos annos!

Záboj Horák

From the Church Law Society

From the Bologna University Library Catalog (Italy)

The Church Law Review was listed for the first time in the Catalog of the Bologna University Library as No. E 188478, with its ISSN as 1211-1635. The listing was arranged by Dr. **Antonello De Oto**, teaching assistant for state law on churches at Bologna University. We express our cordial thanks to him.

Lectures from the Lecture Series *The Effects of Law on Society and the Church*

In November and December 2005, the Church Law Society organized regular *public lectures and discussions*. These took place in the reading hall of the Prague Dominican monastery.

On Tuesday, 8 November 2005, there were two lectures: ICDr. JUDr. **Stanislav Příbyl**, Ph.D. from the Theological School of the University of South Bohemia and the Inter-Diocese Court in Prague, talked about the *Amendment to the Act on Churches*; Mgr. **Jan Klail**, attorney from Pilsen, lectured on *Deficiencies in the Application of the Provisions on Church Legal Entities*.

On Tuesday, 6 December 2005, Professor JUDr. **Valentin Urfus** lectured on *Small Religious Monuments and the Law in the Czech Past*.

Session of the General Meeting of the Church Law Society

The General Meeting of the Church Law Society took place on Wednesday, 11 January 2006, exactly one year after the date of the preceding General Meeting.

From the Annual Report by the President of the Church Law Society

On 11 January 2006 the Church Law Society had 376 members. Since the last General Meeting, eight new members joined the Society, nine members left the Society, and two members have passed on.

The Internet pages of the Church Law Society show 30,220 accesses since December 1999. We would like to cordially thank the creator and administrator of the pages, JUDr. Adam Furek from Prague.

The Church Law Review was published in three separate issues in 2005. The previous slight delay in publishing was remedied.

Due to the growing number of subscribers, the number of copies was increased.

Amendment to the Charter

Based on the decision of the previous General Meeting, the Operating Committee prepared a draft amendment to the Charter. Following a debate, the General Meeting approved the amendment as proposed by the Committee. The updated version of the Charter is published on the Internet pages of the Society.

Elections of the Operating Committee

At the end of the session, the General Meeting elected for the next two-year term the Chairman, six other members of the Operating Committee and nine alternates, two financial auditors and their two alternates. The complete list of elected members is available on the Society's Internet pages.

A Conference at the Catholic Theological School of the Charles University

On Thursday, 26 January 2006, the School hosted the second Conference on "incorporated parishes," which are the incorporations of legal entities at the level of parishes by the order institutes of consecrated life. This time, the Church Law Society was invited to participate and a number of the Society's members and representatives of its leadership took part in the Conference. Participants at the Conference received copies of Church Law Review No. 3/2005, which, thanks to a prompt inclusion, contains the Czech translation of *Nota – Note of the Congregation for the Clergy in the Matter of Incorporated Parishes*. The translation was prepared by ICDr. JUDr. Stanislav Příbyl, Ph.D., member of the editorial board of the Church Law Review. We provide more detailed in-

formation about the event in *Again on Incorporations* at the beginning of this Review. We also publish in this volume an edited version of the contributions that were introduced at the Conference.

Congratulations to Church Law Society Members

JUDr. **Vít Ossendorf**, LL.M., a teaching assistant of the Department of Financial Law and Finances of the Charles University Law School, was awarded a Ph.D. degree. He received his diploma at his graduation in the Karolinum on 2 November 2005.

On 15 November 2005, P. Dr. **Jiří Kašný**, Th.D., SDB, the Dean of the Theological School of the University of South Bohemia and a church law instructor, received the degree of Docent at the St. Cyril and Methodius Theological School of the Palacký University in Olomouc. His church-law habilitation work concerned the proceedings of the abolishment of a marriage.

On 19 January 2006, P. ThLic. PhD. **Martin Štěpán Filip**, OP, successfully defended his dissertation at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. His dissertation for the doctorate of theology concerns the sacrificial character of holy mass.

As of 1 January 2006, Mgr. **Jan Šafránek**, a member of the Society's leadership, became an attorney. We wish him great success in his future career.

On 2 January 2006, Mr. **Pavel Landa**, a member of the editorial board of the Church Law Review and a member of the Operating Committee, celebrated an important birthday. On behalf of the entire Society and of our readers we express once more our thanks for all of the care that he devotes to us. Ad multos annos!

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Brief News

Draft Treaty on the Right to Objection of Conscience Not Yet Debated by the Slovak Cabinet

According to news from the press, the draft *Treaty between the Slovak Republic and the Holy See on the Right to Objection of Conscience* was not listed in the agenda of the Slovak Cabinet at the beginning of 2006. According to news reports, this prompted a reaction from the ministers from the Christian-Democratic Movement, who resigned from their ministerial posts. Due to their resignations, early elections have been called in the Slovak Republic.

The Church Law Review published the full Draft Treaty last year in No. 31 – 2/05, pp. 149–152. The dispute over the Treaty, which represents an important expression of human rights at both the personal and religious levels, is certainly a significant event of European scale.

The European Consortium for Church and State Research Meets in Höör (Sweden)

On 17–20 November 2005, the *European Consortium for Church and State Research* (headquartered in Strasbourg) organized its annual meeting in conjunction with its conference *Religious Entities as Legal Persons*. The meeting and the conference took place in Höör at Lund, Sweden.

The Reporters of each of the European Union member states submitted their answers several months in advance according to a preset system, after which the answers were distributed to the participants prior to the conference. The report for the Czech Republic was submitted by Docent JUDr. Jiří Rajmund Tretera.

On Friday morning, Professor Lars Friedner (Uppsala) delivered a comparative lecture on Northern Europe (Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). The morning discussion was moderated by Professor Marco Ventura (Siena). In the afternoon, Dr. Wolfgang Weishaidner (Vienna) compared the Western European countries (the United Kingdom, Ireland, Benelux, Germany, Austria). The afternoon discussion was moderated by Professor Gerhard Robbers (Trier). The countries of Southern Europe (Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Greece, Cyprus) were compared by Professor Silvio Ferrari (Milano), and the discussion following was moderated by Professor José de Sousa e Brito (Lisbon).

On Saturday, the situation in some of the new member states (the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia) was compared by Professor

Balázs Schanda (Budapest) and the ensuing discussion was moderated by Professor Charalambos Papasthatis (Thessaloniki).

Conference on *Local Community and Care for Small Monuments*

On 13 May 2006, the civic association *Small Monuments of Northern Bohemia*, together with the National History and Geography Museum and the Gallery Česká Lípa is organizing a conference entitled *Local Community and Care for Small Monuments: Small Chapel on the Village Square, Little Cross in the Field*. The conference will take place in the Museum. The following Sunday an excursion will visit the various monuments restored by the association *Small Monuments of Northern Bohemia*.

During the conference there will be lectures and discussions on the following subjects: The purpose of preservation; Restoration and maintenance of small monuments for local communities; Method of restoration of small monuments from the point of view of monument care; Documentation, recording and inventory; International cooperation.

For details see the Internet page <http://kaplicky.unas.cz>.

The next conference of “Karlsbader Juristentage” will take place in June 2007

The Association “Karlsbader Juristentage” announced that instead of a June 2006 (annual) conference in Karlovy Vary, the event will from now on take place biennially, the next event to be held in June 2007. The prestigious awards will also be awarded biennially. Therefore, this year the readers of the Review will not receive award ballots.

Congratulations

On 24 January 2006, P. **Tomáš Benedikt Mohelník**, Th.D., the newly-elected Provincial of the Czech Province of the *Order of Preachers – Dominicans*, assumed his office. He was born on 5 November 1970 in Valašské Meziříčí and studied theology at the St. Cyril and Methodius Theological School of the Palacký University in Olomouc and at the Catholic University of Fribourg (Switzerland), where he defended his doctoral dissertation on the sacrament of confirmation on 24 June 2005. His dissertation was published under the title *Gratia augmenti, Contribution au débat contemporain sur la confirmation*, Fribourg (see *Our Acquisitions*).

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