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The European Criminal Law Association is **pleased** *to announce the following conference:*

THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR: COMING SOON TO A COUNTRY NEAR YOU?

The European Union Act 2011 requires a referendum in the UK before we can appoint an EPP here; but other member states may do so without our participation. Why would they want to, and how would we work with such an official if he were to be appointed?

Monday 20th May 2013

Venue: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

PROGRAMME

14.30 -1500 Introduction by the Chair **Professor John Spencer, Cambridge University**.

15.00 – 15.30: **Dr Lothar Kuhl, OLAF** - The case for the EPP: OLAF's frustrations and the need for pan European action on PIF crime

15.30 – 16.00 **Prof Katalin Ligeti, University of Luxembourg** - how the EPP might work: the results of a Study of possible procedures by UniLux.

16.00 – 16.30 Tea

16.30 – 17.00 **Mike Kennedy,** former Director of Operations, CPS and first **Chairman of Eurojust** – How would an EPP work with the CPS and other UK prosecutors ? The practical issues.

17.00 – 17.30 **Peter Csonka – visiting Professor at the Europa Institute –** How likely is all this to happen ? The political angle.

1730 – 1800 Questions and Conclusions by the Chair.

SPEAKERS

Professor John Spencer is a Professor of Law at the University of Cambridge, Director of the Cambridge University Centre for European Legal Studies and President of the UK European Criminal Law Association. He writes and lectures extensively on EU and domestic criminal law and evidence. In 1997 he was part of the team responsible for the Corpus Juris project. He is a QC (honoris causa), an Academic Bencher of the Inner Temple and holds an Honorary Degree from the University of Poitiers.

Katelin Ligeti is Professor of European and International Criminal Law at the University of Luxembourg. She teaches European and international Criminal Law as well as economic criminal law. She earned her PhD degree at the University of Hamburg (distinction magna cum laude) with a dissertation on “Criminal law and cooperation in criminal matters in the European Union” (“Strafrecht und strafrechtliche Zusammenarbeit in der Europäischen Union”). She was laureate of many scholarships, including Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung Scholarship and published numerous articles in the field of EU and international criminal law. Before joining the University of Luxembourg, she was a reader at the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest) and senior researcher in the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. At the same time she served as expert to the Hungarian Ministry of Justice and participated in various national and international studies. Between 2005 and 2008 she was the head of the committee in charge of the reform of the Hungarian Criminal Code. She has widely published on the reform of the Hungarian sanctioning system. Currently she is leading a comparative law project on “EU Model rules of Criminal Investigation and Prosecution for the procedure of the future European Public Prosecutor´s Office”. She is the Secretary General of the International Association of Penal Law and member of the ECLAN Management Committee.

Lothar Kuhl will be well known to ECLA members as the Head of Policy Unit D1 at OLAF, the European Commission’s anti fraud office. Trained at ENA and the Universities of Bonn and Paris, Lothar joined the European Commission after a short spell in the German Federal Ministry of Economics. He headed the advisory unit of the Commission that was responsible for creating OLAF “as a functioning independent inter-institutional investigation service” and has been with it since 2000.

Peter Csonka is currently an Advisor at the European Commission -- DG Justice . He was formerly Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Coordinator on secondment from the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union and for many years Head of the Criminal Justice Unit at DG Justice. Peter has also worked at the Legal Department, International Monetary Fund in Washington and at the Directorate of Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. He trained at the Prosecutor’s Office in Miskolc, Hungary and completed his Law studies at the Universities of Miskolc and Strasbourg.

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