

Activity Report

ELSA Denmark

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The winter has past together with the exams and the spring has arrived.
Therefore so has our mid-evaluation of the work in ELSA Denmark.

We are on the verge of sending our biggest delegation on its way to the International Council Meeting in Malta. A fully motivated team is representing Denmark with a delegation of 20 people for the ICM, representing ELSA Denmark in the good of the network in every workshop.

When arriving home we will finish our terms biggest projects which is almost finished in the planning phase, so indeed the board and national team is ready to finish what we started.

The board of ELSA Denmark will then proudly present our Activity Report.

Sincerely,

Michael, Matias, Christian, Sabine and Emilie.

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President

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Michael Morgen

Since ICM Batumi being president of ELSA Denmark has been a complete rollercoaster ride. Coming out of ICM Batumi I was certain that the national board was now strong and ready to work together, I couldn't have been more wrong. Conflicts that I thought had been resolved resurfaced and issues that I thought had been smooth out came back and created waves that in the end let to my Secretary General to leave the board after we had finished up our Fall NCM. My own motivation for being in ELSA and my confidence in myself as a leader was shaken so bad that I almost abandoned my presidential duties for one and half months only doing the absolute minimum required of me. As I came home from my exchange semester in early January we had a board meeting, where I told of my complete lack of motivation. After that the rest of my board rallied behind me and talked to me separately, which gave me a boost of motivation. After going to the IPM in Brno I gained a lot more motivation and was ready to tackle the last half of my term.

In regards to the Board Management side of my duties, it has been pretty smooth sailing since January with only a few small issues to take care of. I have quite some time dealing with fundraising but I have, like my successor been had almost no luck in getting sponsors for our moot court competition. This has forced me to rethink how ELSA Denmark is going about its fundraising, as the sponsors won't work together with ELSA Denmark. They would rather work together with local groups because they have direct access to a big group of law students unlike ELSA Denmark. So I would very much like to get further inputs to how fundraising is done throughout the network on the national level and how you spend that money.

On the Expansion side of things Christian and I together managed to get in contact with some law students from the University of Southern Denmark, which had participated in EMC²'s regional round I Passau. These students had become very interested in continuing with ELSA when they came back to their university, but found that no local group existed. Currently we have established their member database and are preparing the interested students to host a local council meeting so that elections for the local board can be held. All this is happening with the goal that they can apply for observership at the Spring NCM of ELSA Denmark in April. Once this becomes a reality, ELSA Denmark will be well on its way to have local groups at all law faculties in Denmark with full membership rights.

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Secretary General

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Written by Vice President for Marketing, Christian Krogh

In the absence of a Secretary General, the current board members of the board have covered the work in the Internal Management area. The goal has been clear about this area from the whole board - we would not let it influence our work, that we were to do the job, and the help and reminders of the whole board to fulfil the task within the area, have been met with great encouragement.

National Council Meeting of Copenhagen

This year we are aiming for and are arranging the biggest and most national/international Nation Council Meeting that ELSA Denmark has ever had. Together with the members from board of ELSA Copenhagen, I have been in charge of the structure of this NCM and the excitement and success of this, comes from ambitions in the board to do something extraordinary in our term, which we would proudly look back on, and will move the Danish network much further.

Approximately 70 participants of which 35 are international participants, will guest us Copenhagen and the program works out to be just perfect.

Alumni

Together with Michael, we have put together a strategy for involving our alumni.

An alumni database, have been created and is running well. We are having the traditional alumni get together during the last night of our spring NCM.

Statutes and Decision Book translation

The network decided in Copenhagen last year that the statutes and decision book of ELSA Denmark should have a translated version in English. The conductions of this quite extensive project have begun and the result would be seen at the NCM in Copenhagen in April.

Treasurer

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Matias Popp

The activity report of the Financial Management area has heavily been affected by the fact, that the I have been on exchange. Thus, my main tasks have been transferring money and paying bills.

Furthermore, I have started making the accounts for the term.

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Vice President for Marketing

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Christian Krogh

The goal of the term to increase the quality in the Danish Network have until now been fulfilled. The awareness about the importance of good marketing in the local board have been fully understood and they themselves are thinking so creatively, that one as the national responsible could only be proud.

The OYOP had four simple goals:

1. Have a unified promotion in the Danish Network.
2. Unify the promotion of our moot court
3. Improve marketing materials
4. Increase the reach of our efforts online.

The year is not over, and therefore neither is the work. So far, the goals have been reached to a great point, but of course we put efforts into increasing it even further.

Moot Court Competition

Only a week ago, all local groups had their Moot Court Competitions, in order to send the winning team and runners up to the National Moot Court Competition final in our Supreme Court. Here the promotion of all three moot courts was done in the same way, with a branding of the competitions so that it reflects being part of a bigger connection.

All local groups used the same marketing materials, and their promotion strategy was more or less the same, which we will see the result of in April during the final.

Marketing Materials

The marketing materials in close comparison to the previous years have increased a lot in quality and quantity.

This does not only apply for the work of ELSA Denmark, but in general the Danish network.

The marketers have increased a lot in quality with personal help to all of them when needed. This meant an increased promotion of the MCC from ELSA Aarhus, and is now reflecting positive towards ELSA Aalborg and especially ELSA Copenhagen's work.

Our efforts online

The visibility of our work stumbled upon some obstacles during the last part of 2015 and beginning of 2016, since Facebook decided to change the way our pages are viewed. All though we have prevailed and the projects within our marketing have worked out very successful.

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- Moot Court Competition
 - As stated before, worked very well
- STEP
 - We had more STEP applicants than previous years
- Delegations
 - We have had delegates on ELSA Delegation at every cycle and the awareness of this possibility have been very well known.
- Law Schools
 - Same apply to law schools, which we have met with great interested as well as the four participants at the Winter Law School in Innsbruck.
- National Council Meeting
 - Probably the best-promoted event we have done, and with the amount of participants from the Danish as well as international network, our efforts here haven't been waste of time.

Motivation and encouragement

Yet another good thing happening within my area is that four of my local marketeers of 6 in total will be traveling with us to ICM Malta. To see their motivation for the work is just as inspiring as doing it myself, and that over 1/4 is marketeers shows how promising this area is. Not only have we been able to encourage them to travel, but also their motivation for going is so high.

Therefore there is reason to be confident in the future of the marketing in ELSA Denmark, and now when the year is almost done, this is promising.

The rest of the term will include the finishing of the Moot Court Competition Promotion and when finished the upcoming Negotiation Competition which we are happily looking forward too.

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Vice President for Academic Activities

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Sabine Godsvig Laursen

I hereby present my activity report regarding Academic Activities in Denmark in the period of October 2015 until March 2016.

Helping the local groups

My focus last semester was to create a platform for my three local groups of how to create different events and how to improve from the previous years. I have provided them with the necessary tools and explained the means, however the local groups struggle to see the importance of using them, so this is an issue that needs a lot of attention. Due to the fact, that the VP AA position has been either empty or possessed by an officer who was not involved, the local groups are used to running their own show, which is why they are struggling to work together and share information now.

Moot Court Competitions

In October, the planning of this year's local and national moot court competitions began. The local moot court competitions were held last week and the national moot court competition will be held in on 15th of April.

As far as the local moot court competitions, my focus has been on unifying the setup, rules and regulations. We ended up with three almost identical competitions, so I will say that my plan succeeded. My job has been supporting their work and helping when they were in doubt.

The local groups struggled with human resources, either finding sponsors or enough participants. In the end, they found just enough, but this is an area we need to focus on moving forward.

In regards to the national moot court competition, we also struggle with finding sponsors, but this is a general problem for ELSA Denmark and, I think, also related to the fact, that it is only the second edition. However, most of the preparations have been made, so now we just have to wait for the big day.

Negotiation competition

In January, my director for negotiation competitions and I began the work of creating a negotiation competition in ELSA Denmark, which we hope will take place in November. We are still in the early stages and are at the moment creating regulations.

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Vice President for Seminars and Conferences

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Emilie Norup Lauridsen

Delegations

Through promotion on social media platforms as well as on ELSA Denmark's webpage I have attempted to create awareness about ELSA Delegations. With the aim of making ELSA Delegations approachable for the individual ELSA member I have done my best to explain to the local officers what a great opportunity ELSA Delegations is. I'm convinced that another step towards creating awareness about ELSA Delegations is to expand the knowledge about ELSA Delegations on a local level. It seems to be an abstract concept for a lot of the students and I've experienced problems with the communication and understanding when it comes to Delegations. I will focus more on how to deal with this issue throughout the rest of my term.

ELSA Day

We've had two ELSA Day events on a local level. One essay competition focusing on immigration law and one legal discussion focused on the ELSA day topic gender equality. Sadly our third and last local group did not manage to arrange an event in time. Within the national board we managed to create promotional material focusing on ending violence against women. To conclude it was overall successful and the evaluation forms has been filled out. I've done my best to encourage the local groups to remember ELSA Day and make an effort to do an event. Next year all three local groups will hopefully have an ELSA Day event.

Copenhagen ELSA Law School

I've been in close contact with the OC and local S&C officers regarding the planning of Copenhagen ELSA Law School. The local officers has been able to draw on my personal experience of being Head of OC last year in the planning of Copenhagen ELSA Law School 2015. The OC team has been formed and the different OC's has been assigned to different assignments. Right now we are focusing on fundraising. Sadly, the fundraising has not yet been as successful as we hoped. We are continuing to apply for different funds and scholarships. Fundraising is key when it comes to being able to arrange an ELSA Law School in Copenhagen so it means everything for the project. Otherwise the process seems to go as planned and the team seems to be working together in a productive and positive way. The ELSA Law School will be my main focus from now on since it's the ELSA biggest event in Denmark.

Study Visit/ Institutional Visit ELSA Aarhus & ELSA Aalborg

I've been in close contact with the OC and local S&C officers in both ELSA Aarhus and ELSA Aalborg regarding the planning of the two SV/IV's. ELSA Aarhus just returned from their successful trip to Rome. It was a well-planned trip thanks to the work of the local groups S&C officer and her team. ELSA Aalborg is going to Brussels in April. Also here the participants will await a very interesting

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academic programme. It will be ELSA Aalborg's first SV so it's wonderful that everything is going as planned and the process generally have been very problem free.

My projects

I have, in cooperation with my fellow board members, been responsible for a trip for our national and local boards in Denmark to Brussels. The trip took place in December and had a full academic programme. The trip was also a great teambuilding experience for our active officers and directors. Right now I am working on implementing the new S&C regulations in our decision book and preparing for the upcoming NCM in Copenhagen. I also want to provide more materials for the local S&C officers regarding the new Law School cycle in Danish and will be working on that in the near future.

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Vice President for Student Trainee Exchange Programme

ELSA Denmark 2015-2016

Christian Krogh

Within the area of STEP we have come across some challenges, ever since the last ICM and some good things as well.

The lesser good was the fact that due to personal reasons our STEP'er in ELSA Aalborg had to resign from her position. We tried our best by instating a Director for STEP in ELSA Denmark to help with STEP in general and help ELSA Aalborg especially, however it did not work. Currently we are focusing more on Student Hunting than Job Hunting due to the very nature of job hunting in Denmark, where the amount of interested and internationally focused companies are very few.

However on the positive side is that the two of the three local groups ELSA Aarhus and ELSA Copenhagen are working intensively towards making this happen in this Job Hunting Cycle. Their VP's are informed and active not only could this result in a good job hunting, but especially a good student hunting as we are approaching the most promising part of the STEP year, were we tend to have the most success.

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