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MINUTES OF THE AIDEL ANNUAL MEETING 10th NOVEMBER 2009

On the 10th of November 2009, at 11:30 a.m in the "auletta di Presidenza" of the Faculty of Foreign Languages of the University of Verona, Lungadige Porta Vittoria n. 41, the AIDEL's (Associazione Italiana di Diritto e Letteratura) annual assembly, convened by its President Prof. Daniela Carpi, was held to discuss and decide on the following agenda:

- 1) Communications
- 2) Financial report of 2009
- 3) Renewal membership fees
- 4) Scientific program for 2010
- 5) Any other business

Present: Dott. Valentina Adami, Dott. Laura Apostoli, Dott. Chiara Battisti, Prof. Raffaella Bertazzoli, Prof. Daniela Carpi, Avv. Cristina Costantini, Dott. Roxanne Doerr, Dott. Sidia Fiorato, Prof. Patrizia Nerozzi, Prof. Carla Sassi.

The President followed the agenda:

1) Communications

The President Prof. Daniela Carpi underlined the International aspect that the Association assumed in its first year of existence. In fact, not only does it count illustrious foreign members, but it has also created a link to the Nordic network. Prof. Daniela Carpi also emphasized the Association's interdisciplinary activity, in that it boasts the presence of literary scholars specialised in French, German, English, Latin, and Italian literature, as well as linguists and jurists. Prof. Daniela Carpi then gave a report of the last two international conferences at the University of Lugano ("Intersections of Law and Culture") and at the Italian-German foundation of Villa Vigoni, Lake Como ("Dialogues on Justice. European Perpectives on Law and Humanities") to which she had been invited and which represented the Association's launch on a European level, with the inclusion of new member scholars (Universities of Bruxelles, Giessen, Exeter, Copenhagen, Exeter and Birkbeck College in London).

The President reported the goals that have been reached in the past year:

a) organisation of the International Conference in Verona on "Bioethics, biolaw and literature" (6-8 May, 2009);

b) the Association guaranteed the participation of Italian scholars at international conferences on Law and Literature. Such participation was witnessed in fact at the Colloquio Biennale Associazione Italiana di Diritto Comparato "Nuovi Temi e Tecniche della Comparazione Giuridica, which included a section especially dedicated to Law and Literature (Urbino, 18-20 June, 2009)); at the International Conference "Intersections of Law and Culture" (Lugano 2-4 October, 2009), and at the International Conference "Dialogues on Justice. European Perspectives on Law and Humanities", Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (19-22 October, 2009);

c) a wide-ranging production of publications from many of the Association's members (publicized in the AIDEL's web site) that demonstrates its academic vitality;

d) the journal Polemos, which represents the Association's cultural expression, has changed publisher (Giappichelli) while maintaining its contents;

e) the President Prof. Daniela Carpi announced that the University of Turin, thanks to the Association's vice-president Prof. Monateri, has initiated a course on "Law and Literature" that will provide seminar lessons from experts on the subject;

f) the connections between Italian and foreign scholars have been stimulated by ties with the Nordic network.

g) Prof. Daniela Carpi stressed how publishing activity in the Law and Literature field has been promoted and boosted by the birth of two new series: "Agon, Diritto e Cultura" (Law and Culture) published by Ombre Corte and directed by Professors Monateri, Carpi and Somma, and "Law and Literature" published by De Gruyter and directed by Professors Daniela Carpi and Klaus Stierstorfer.

2) Financial Report of the year 2009

Dott. Battisti, as the Association's treasurer, presented the AIDEL's 2009 financial report. The account balance is 1632, 37 euro.

3) Renewal of membership fees

Prof. Carpi suggested that the annual membership fee of 50 euro be confirmed. The assembly expressed its approval. Payment from all Italian members was encouraged.

4) Academic program for the year 2010

The Association's cultural initiatives for 2010 were announced:

-Seminar on Law and Literature (Aosta, 10th December, 2009) organised by prof. Carlo Maria Bajetta

-Conference "Law and Literature: Theories and Practices" (Paris, 25-27 February 2010) organised by prof. Christian Biet

-Conference ESSE (Turin, 24-28 August, 2010), with two seminars on law and Literature: "Mutual Illuminations in Law and Literature" (convenors: Sidia Fiorato and Jeanne Gaakeer) and "English Studies and the Common Law" (convenors:Greta Olson and Ross Charmock)

-Conference "Law and the Image" (Stockholm 24-25th September, 2010) organised by prof. Leif Dahlberg

Other proposals are encouraged and awaited.

-Program for Polemos in 2010: no. 1: Lo spazio della narrazione giuridica (The juridical narration's space) no. 2: Potere e legittimità (Power and legitimacy)

5) Any other business

No further communications or suggestions.

The meeting was declared closed at 12:40 a.m.

The recording secretary Dott. Chiara Battisti The President Prof. Daniela Carpi