

*“Why, Sir, you find no man, at all intellectual, who is willing to leave London. No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.”*

Samuel Johnson

# AIJA Highlights London 2015

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG LAWYERS  
ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES JEUNES AVOCATS



# It was a Great Congress

in   
AIJA 53rd CONGRESS • 1-5 SEPTEMBER 2015



With over 700 participants coming from more than 60 different countries, the 2015 AIJA Annual Congress breaks all records of attendance. This event is today the most important gathering worldwide for international lawyers under 45: the place where participants come to **learn, share** and **network**.



## “Dear AIJA friends and colleagues...

The principle of the Rule of Law and the essence of Human Rights and Freedom for every individual on this planet are constantly challenged. It is the principal duty of every lawyer to use his or her skills to protect essential rights and nothing can be traded for those essential values.

*“You do not choose your battlefield, the Gods do that for you. But you can plant a standard where before a standard never stood.”* I am convinced that all of you will plant many standards here during this Congress and AIJA will continue to plant standards in the future thanks to all of you, young lawyers and leaders of the future.

**...hope to see you all in Munich in 2016!”**



Michael Gove, Lord Chancellor, speaking at the Opening Ceremony



## Voice of the Profession session

Full house at the Voice of Profession session on *“The Role of the Lawyer in Defending Freedom of Expression: Perspectives from the Ground up to the Courts”*

# AIJA 2015 Annual Congress in numbers

- **700** participants from **63** different countries
- Over **50** hours of legal training and lectures
- Almost **80** hours of individual coaching
- **10** working sessions and **7** workshops
- **3** scholars coming from Nepal, Argentina and Croatia
- Almost **150** newbies who attended the AIJA Congress for the first time
- **5** hours spent practicing sports: morning jog, football match and very British tennis tournament
- **20** commissions responsible for different legal practices
- **1** flashmob which involved **60** participants
- **8** meetings with various leaders of other international organisations



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## AIJA Annual Congress The perfect mix

Bring together 700 international young lawyers. Choose for this gathering one of the most vibrant cities: London. Arrange for them a busy 5-day schedule with more than 50 hours of training and lectures, 190 speakers coming from all around the world, interactive panels, interesting presentations, lively discussions.

Give them sufficient time to **network**, share about their respective businesses, build relationships that will accompany them in their future careers.

Cuddle them with an entertaining social programme: **Speed Dating** for a fast (yet effective) ice-breaking activity; **Opening Ceremony** for listening to top level speakers and get inspired by new ideas; **Home Hospitality dinner** to find out more about local hospitality in an informal setting; **Day Out** to have a break after so many sessions and business meetings; **Gala Dinner** to enjoy a fancy (007 themed) elegant dinner with colleagues and friends.

This perfect mix is the unmissable AIJA Congress, the International Young Lawyers' event par excellence.





## The new Bureau 2015/2016



O. Görgényi, newly elected President and  
G. Marletta, AIJA Association Manager

## What participants say

*"The AIJA Congress is a great opportunity to meet colleagues from around the world and usually gives lots of good and useful memories and contacts. Always good content at sessions and fun with great atmosphere."*

*"A perfect mixture between scientific and social program that makes networking so easy."*

*"Great offer of scientific content, in an ambitious yet amicable and euphoric atmosphere - possibly a unique AIJA feature!"*

*"At AIJA it is very easy to get in touch with other lawyers thanks to a great social and scientific programme."*



President Dirk Nuyts thanks AIJA staff for the outstanding organization of the event



A huge Organising Committee receives a big applause for their great work!

## Leadership meetings

The AIJA Annual Congress is always a good occasion to meet leaders of other legal organisations to plan common projects and foster cooperation



Meeting with Ms Chieko Inada, Japan Federation of Bar Associations



Meeting with Mr Stephen Dreyfuss, Union Internationale des Avocats



Meeting with Mrs Paulette Brown, American Bar Association



Meeting with Mr Huen Wong, Inter Pacific Bar Association



**Newly elected President Orsolya Görgényi:** "Today's young lawyers are tomorrow's leaders and they play a vital role in spreading an ethical legal and business culture and in assisting governments, NGO-s and businesses to deal with challenges which arise and to become more socially responsible. AIJA not only helps to contribute to making the world a better place through the friendships built here among different cultures and nations, it also helps the participants' personal and career development and business generation in a very efficient and enjoyable way."

The 2016 Organising Committee of the 54<sup>th</sup> International Young Lawyers' Congress in Munich

## Join the International Young Lawyers' Congress in Munich in 2016



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