

Banking and Finance

Only one of the co-convenors was able to attend this year and attendance was down on last year varying between 6 and 4 on each day. However the six papers were well received and interesting so there was plenty of discussion and debate in each session as well as follow up after the conference between some of the participants.

From 2007 - 2009 there are new convenors – Nic Ryder at UWE and Orkun Akseli at Newcastle Law School.

Civil Liberties

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As in previous years, the meeting of the Civil Liberties section was a successful and well attended one, with a wide variety of important contemporary subjects addressed by a number of different speakers. The room and facilities were entirely satisfactory. The organization of rooms and web-site etc was very efficient.

The Civil Liberties section commenced on 14 September, with two papers. Dewi Williams (Staffordshire) cancelled at short notice speaking on "Is the creation of specific terrorist offences justified?" but Professor Helen Fenwick delivered a paper on the definition of terrorism, previously given as part of Lord Carlile's review of terrorism in 2006. Gavin Phillipson (Kings College, London) gave a paper on "Anti-terrorism law and policy: the undeclared war on human rights." There was a goodly amount of time left for a very lively discussion. About 20 people attended.

In the next session, Dr. Eric Heinze (Queen Mary) delivered a paper on "Democratic Citizenship, Legal Morality and Hate Speech: Why Bans Cannot Work". This was provoked a very lively and prolonged discussion. It was followed by a Round table discussion on the new offence of incitement to religious hatred under the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006". About 10 people attended.

On September 5th there was a Joint Session with Comparative Law; Professor Reg Graycar (Sydney) gave a paper on "Negligence, Judicial Activism, 'Wrongful Conception' and Reproductive Autonomy: Some Comparative Perspectives". Dr Jane Krishnadas (Keele) gave a paper on "Human Rights in Transition: Gendered Reconstructions of the Universal and Cultural Divide". The final session of the section was dedicated to socio-economic rights and separation of powers doctrine. Colm O'Connell (UCL) gave a paper on 'The European Social Charter - Trying to give Socio-economic Rights Teeth'. Roger Masterman (Durham) gave a paper on 'Varying Degrees of Separation: Judges, Human Rights and the Constitution'. Both papers provoked lively discussion; about 30 people attended.

Company Law

The company law subject section met over the first two days of the conference and papers were presented as per the programme with no changes.

Each presenter had 40min for their paper and 10-15minutes for questions and answers. An average of 20 delegates attended each session with good participation in the question and answers sessions at the end of each paper.

Comparative Law

1. Convenor: Professor Susan Millns

2. Deputies

None

3. Conference

Programme as advertised together with coordinated Monday morning session with UKNCCL.

Special thanks to Professor John Bell and Professor Geoffrey Samuel for acting as session chairs.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1 – 19

Session 2 – 10

Session 3 – 19

Session 4 - 15

5. Other meetings during the year if any

None

6. Law Commission etc responses if any - none

Criminal Justice

1. Convenors

Alisdair Gillespie (De Montfort University)
Matthew Weait (Keele University)

2. Deputies

N/A

3. Conference

No changes. I should very much like the SLS to consider whether there is any possibility of Criminal Justice not clashing with Civil Liberties.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

All sessions were well attended, with between 10 and 15 participants at each

5. Other meetings during the year if any

On Friday 24th November the subject section held a seminar that focused on the Law Commission Consultation Paper on Homicide. Four speakers presented (Prof Alan Norrie (KCL), Prof Ronnie McKay (De Montfort), Prof Bob Sullivan (Durham, now Birmingham) and Dr Jeremy Horder (Law Commission). Approximately 50 people attended the seminar, including the Chair of the Law Commission, the Hon. Mr Justice Toulson. The Law Commission were extremely pleased with the proceedings and this discussion day served as our submission to the Law Commission consultation.

Acknowledgment should be given to the Law School of KCL who subsidised the cost of refreshments.

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

We responded to the Law Commission consultation paper on homicide by organising a one-day seminar (see (5) above).

During the year we also responded to consultations from the Sentencing Advisory Panel, including consultations on allocation, reduction in sentence for guilty pleas and sentences for sexual offences. The subject section has established a working relationship with the Sentencing Advisory Panel and we are now normally provided with early notice of their consultations.

Cyberlaw

1. Convenor – Steve Hedley
2. Deputies - none
3. Conference – as in programme except as follows:

Session 2: Al Ramahi was a no-show, replaced by:
Hakan Kayaaslan (Southampton), 'Solutions for copyright infringements on the Internet'

Session 4: speakers as given, but one title changed:
Habibe Kayaaslan: 'Data Protection in Turkey'

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session –

Session 1	6
Session 2	3
Session 3	7
Session 4	9

5. Other meetings during the year if any – none.
6. Law Commission etc responses if any – none.

Environmental Law

1. Convenor

Prof. Colin T. Reid

The Convenor's current term of office expires in 2006 and this was notified to the Section in advance of and at the Conference. In the absence of any clamour for a replacement, the current Convenor is willing to serve for another term.

2. Deputies

Ms. Karen L. Morrow

3. Conference 2006

The programme ran as scheduled, and we had speakers and comments from the floor from all parts of the UK, the Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. Those attending ranged from Professors to PhD students. The joint session with the Maritime Section was a great success with two lawyers from DEFRA (Tim Jewell (formerly an academic at Southampton) and Tom Mosedale) speaking about the proposals for a Marine Bill and giving an insight into the complexities of the situation and the workings of government. I am grateful to Anne-Michelle Slater (Aberdeen) for joining the "panel" in presenting the issues.

The room was suitable and the IT facilities worked very well and we are grateful to all concerned with the conference organisation. The catering in the Comus Resturant for breakfast, lunch and dinner was of an exceptionally high standard.

As in previous years, the interest in giving papers meant that for two sessions there were three papers scheduled and for another session two. This inevitably creates considerable time pressure but the speakers all played their part excellently by giving short talks that allowed time for discussion, rather than reading full papers. Again the overwhelming view of those attending was that maintaining the range and diversity of topics was more valuable than cutting down the number to gain a little more time for each speaker.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1 – 11; session 2 – 6; session 3 – 13; session 4 – 12.

5. Other meetings if any

As last year, the level of interest in giving papers suggests that there may be enough interest to justify considering a second meeting during the year (as has happened in some past years), but informal discussions served only to confirm the conclusion that this is likely to be impractical. The variation in the academic year between institutions means that any suggested date will be difficult for a significant number of people because of disparities in teaching commitments, exams and vacations, whilst personal commitments mean that

whilst for some a weekend meeting would be the most convenient, for others it would be impossible.

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

The conference session on the proposals for a Marine Bill meant that there was direct dialogue with those involved in formulating a major piece of legislation. No formal responses were provided on other proposals.

EU and Competition Law

Some 18 – 20 members of the Section attended the sessions at the conference dealing with EU and Competition Law. It is always difficult to draw up a programme that meets everyone's wishes as the interest of the group are so diverse – just like EU law!

The first days of the conference saw two sessions. The first looked at the free movement of goods and the implications for trade. Caoimhín MacMaoláin (Trinity College, Dublin) began by reviewing the latest cases ("Recent developments in free movement of goods case law"). This was followed by Angus Johnston (Trinity Hall Cambridge) who gave an interesting insight into the implications for the internal market by "Unbundling legal questions for the future – Fundamental Rights re Property". The final paper in the first session was by Dimitrios Doukas (Queen's University Belfast) - "Freedom of Advertising and Free Movement of Goods and Services: From Divergences to Convergences", a very thought provoking paper on the developments since the Keck judgment.

The second session was given over to two very good papers on aspects of competition law. The first paper, by Mary Catherine Lucey (University College Dublin) 'The Relationship between EC Competition Law and National Law- A case of Europeanization Unbounded?', explored how the modernisation and decentralisation measures and initiatives for the enforcement of Article 81 have affected national law, other than national competition law.

Paul Hughes (Westminster) gave the other paper, "The role of consumer welfare in EC Competition Law". The concept of consumer welfare is said by European Commission officials to lie at the heart of EC Competition Law enforcement; however EC cases and decisions do not demonstrate that the concept is applied with clarity or consistency. This paper discussed the impact on the transparency and predictability of the administration and enforcement of EC Competition Law and its effectiveness.

The third session involved three papers which dealt with different aspects of EU law but which blended into each other when the ideas were discussed. The first paper was by Alicia Hinarejos Parga (Oxford) - "Reforming the Jurisdiction of the ECJ in the Third Pillar of the European Union". This paper looked back to the Maastricht Treaty and the construction of the Third Pillar but also towards the implications of the Constitutional Treaty.

The other two papers by Penny Kent (Middlesex) on "Union Citizenship and the Economically Inactive", and Ian Kilbey (De Montfort) on *Commission v France* – a wrong decision, both discussed recent cases decided by the ECJ and the implications they may have for the future.

The fourth and final session was unfortunately reduced to one paper as one speaker did not attend the conference. If information about withdrawal had been given earlier it would have been possible to spread the three papers given in the third session over a longer period. However, the one paper that was given was by Peter Yeoh (Wolverhampton) on 'Impending Storms over

EU Takeover Directive?' This interesting paper raised a number of issues about the modern takeover and the friction between EU and national measures. The absence of the other paper allowed for a wider discussion amongst delegates on current issues and ideas for the future.

Overall the papers at the Keele conference, generated by work-in-progress and forthcoming articles, covered the wide range of teaching and research interests of delegates.

Mike Cuthbert remains the convenor for EU Law, assisted by Penny Kent (Middlesex University) and Angus MacCulloch (University of Manchester) remains with a special interest in Competition Law.

FAMILY LAW

1. Convenor

No changes from the website

2. Deputies

No changes notified or required.

3. Conference

Programme - Convenors need only supply changes from programme advertised at Conference.

Other matters - any special thanks, comments or suggestions for improvement

The programme ran as advertised on the conference website and SLS website.

Thanks are due to all speakers/presenters who generously gave their services, expertise and efforts – much appreciated by the organisers and by those in receipt of the presentations and work.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session B1 Cohabitation session	22
Session B2 Joint with Legal History	28
Session B3 Comparative issues session	14
Session B4 Child and family law issues	14

5. Other meetings during the year if any

Although not a formal SLS Family Law Section event, the Family Law Seminar Day held at Staffordshire University Law School is attended by some section members as a mid-year meeting. The meeting in 2006 was on the theme of 'Couples', and that planned for Saturday 3rd February 2007 is on the theme of 'Yours, Mine and Ours', with five presentations on issues relating to sharing (or not sharing) property, living and incidents of family life.

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

One session at the SLS conference was devoted to the Cohabitation consultation paper at which it was decided to encourage individual responses owing to the differing interests and complexities of the potential proposals. The cohabitation session was lively and thoughtful, and it is hoped that individuals connected with the Family Law Section at conference will have felt able to contribute to the consultation invitation or to its aftermath in due course,

Gibraltar Section

Two sessions of the section were run at the conference. One session had one paper and the other two papers. A number of other people were offered slots in the Gibraltar section but failed to send in abstracts or papers. Whilst, for the first time, the section did not receive many papers it enabled two overseas academics to attend and gave the opportunity for a member to test interest in a new section on Law and Economics.

Intellectual Property Section

1. Convenor

Alison Firth, contact details as conference programme

2. Deputy

Jonathan Griffiths, Queen Mary, London

Help with programme and London meetings

3. Conference

Programme went ahead as planned, save that Catherine Ng was indisposed and not able to present her paper. Tanya Aplin's paper was brought forward to the beginning of session B4. We look forward to hearing Catherine's paper on another occasion.

There was a good mix of IP topics this year. The paper presenters are to be congratulated on keeping to their slots and leaving time for discussion, which was much appreciated. Thanks to Keele for making laptop/projector arrangements.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1 - 10

Session 2 – 8

Session 3 – 9

Session 4 - 15

5. Other meetings during the year if any – none this year

6. Law Commission etc responses if any – none

International Law

Three speakers pulled out for personal reasons: 1A Christine Bell (Ulster)

"Lex Pacificatoria: Peace Agreements and the Force of Law"

2A Emmanuel Voyiakis (Brunel)

"Some Fallacies About The Causes Of The Fragmentation Of International

Law"

4B Dewi Williams (Staffordshire Law School)

"Challenging Genocide "The Crime of Crimes"

There was one replacement paper: Dominic McGoldrick (Liverpool) The Islamic Headscarf Debate in Europe

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

There were 8 people in each of the three sessions.

5. Other meetings during the year if any: we held a SLS international law group conference in Liverpool in July 2006 on the War on Terrorism, attended by about 60 people.

JURISPRUDENCE

Convenors:

Phil Bielby

Mary Ford

(Please note change to MF's contact details since publication of 2006 conference programme)

Term of office:

2005-08

Report on conference:

The Jurisprudence section ran a full four-session programme at the 2006 annual conference, including a shared session with Tax. PB introduced himself as the new section co-convenor and welcomed the speakers and delegates. MF, the other section co-convenor, unfortunately could not be with us and PB passed on her apologies.

Session 1 began with two fascinating papers, the first from Tony Ward (Hull) on the epistemology of expert testimony in English law and the second from Stephen Skinner (Aberystwyth) on the insights literature may offer in theorizing the relationship between law and violence. PB chaired this session. Both speakers had sought in advance to identify thematic connections between their work, which informed a perceptive interaction between the topics. A lively discussion followed. After a break for refreshments, session 2 took place featuring a stimulating paper from Ngaire Naffine (Adelaide) entitled 'Law and the Meaning of Life', chaired by TW. This was a critical analysis of the myriad competing concepts of personhood that exist in modern Anglo-American-Australasian law, with particular reference to the experience of pregnant women. This generated a wide-ranging and incisive debate.

The third session followed on the second day of the conference, with a paper from John Prebble (Victoria University, Wellington) on the nature of legal autopoiesis and the general anti-avoidance rule in income tax law, chaired by PB. This paper, presented as part of the Jurisprudence and Tax sections jointly, represented a meeting point between the usually disparate interests of jurists and tax lawyers and elicited discussion from and between audience members from both backgrounds.

The only change to the advertised programme was made to the fourth and final session. Due to the withdrawal of one speaker a couple of weeks before the conference and MF's absence, PB decided that it would be a better idea to postpone the paper he and MF had intended to present in that session and instead accepted John Prebble's offer to give a second paper, entitled 'Fictions of Income Tax Law'. This extended some of the themes presented in his earlier paper that morning and introduced some new areas of analysis. Despite the late change to the programme, this paper attracted an enthusiastic audience.

All speakers were thanked for their stimulating and well-argued contributions.

Attendance at Conference broken down by session (approximate figure given):

Session 1:	7
Session 2:	14
Session 3:	9
Session 4:	4

Labour Law

1. Convenor

Lucy Vickers

Changes to Mark Bell and Pascale Lorber (both Leicester) from 2006 -9

3. Conference

No Changes to programme

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1 – 7

Session 2 – 11

Session 3 – 7

Session 4 - 9

Legal Education

Maureen Spencer
Middlesex University Business School

Deputy Convenor:
Chris Ashford (Sunderland)
School of Business, Law and Psychology, University of Sunderland

The section was well attended this year with sessions averaging around 20 delegates. With the exception of a planned paper by Paul Maharg all papers took place as scheduled.

Fiona Cownie provided a fascinating opening paper for the stream discussing the role of textbooks within academic scholarship, exploring our evolving understanding of the form and function of the academic textbook. Some of the challenges currently facing law schools were explored with a paper from Tony Bradney exploring the role of 'team working' within the law programme, arguing that most legal academics do not fully appreciate or understand the term. Vera Bermingham and Susan Watson shared recent findings of a national survey of plagiarism and misconduct procedures within UK Law Schools. Judith Willis also considered 'Teacher Diversity' exploring the identity of LPC providers.

Chris Ashford and Paul Catley both provided papers exploring e-learning. Chris explored the potential role of blogging as an aid for both collaborative and reflective learning whilst Paul shared some action-research on the use of on-line quizzes.

Alistair Gillespie provided an interesting exploration of mooting challenging common perceptions of the role of mooting within the law curriculum. Jonny Hall presented a paper exploring the role of student community based research and highlighted examples of how it had been successfully used within the North East of England.

A number of speakers explored the fragmentation within law between vocational and academic, and old and new. Vida Allen addressed some of these themes through her exploration of the training that new academics now receive whilst Amanda Fancourt revisited the academic/vocational debate highlighting some of the challenges that continue to divide the sector. This theme was continued with a paper from Graeme Broadbent exploring the fragmentation of law and focussing upon identity and arguing the binary divide is alive and well.

Delegates commented on both the high quality of papers presented and the engaging discussions that followed.

5. Other meetings during the year if any

The Legal Education Section was grateful to the Editorial Board of the Web Journal of Current Legal Issues for allowing it to produce a Special Edition in June this year (<http://webjcli.ncl.ac.uk/2006/contents3.html>). This celebrated the fifth Anniversary of the Section. Professor Ruth Soetendorp, who founded the Legal Education Section and was its first Convenor, and Maureen Spencer collaborated as Joint Editors.

Legal History

Convenor – Lorie Charlesworth

Co-Convenor:

Andrea Bryan Jarman has resigned.

Replaced by Dr Judith Rowbotham, Nottingham Trent University

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Conference

The convenors would like to thank all those who gave papers and those attending, especially the full audience participation in the lively and productive plenary session. We note that the joint session with Family Law was particularly well attended by those from both subject areas and are investigating ways of repeating this type of session. Finally we would like to congratulate Dr Joshua Getzler for winning the Burks' Book Prize, noting that it is particularly pleasing that this was a work of Legal History.

Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1; 14

Session 2; 30

Session 3; 10

Session 2; 10

Maritime

1. Convenor: Dr. Richard A Barnes

2. Deputies

Dr Theodora Nikaki. Assists with arranging the section meeting for the SLS.

3. Conference

Apart from paper 2(c), who had to withdraw at the last moment due to illness, the programme was as advertised.

Particular thanks to James Davey and Paul Todd, who produced excellent and stimulating papers, which generated a high degree of interest and discussion. The joint session with Environmental law worked well, and I would like to thank Colin Reid for his efforts in chairing and coordinating the session, and for the speakers - Tim Jewell, Tom Mosedale and Ann-Michelle Slater for their engaging papers.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session. Sessions 1: 8. Session 2: 9. Session 3:8. Session 4 (Joint with Environmental): 12

5. Other meetings during the year if any

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

Media and Communications Law

The convenor of the Section is Professor Tom Gibbons, University of Manchester. There is no deputy, although Professor Eric Barendt of University College London would take on the role if needed.

The conference programme for the Keele conference took place as advertised, with the exception of the second session, from which Nicole Moreham had to withdraw at short notice. Gavin Phillipson therefore led the session and Kirsty Hughes, a postgraduate student who is starting a PhD at Cambridge, introduced and commented on Nicole's paper.

Attendance at the sessions was patchy; the most crowded had 13 participants, and one session had 5, but two had only 2. Discussions were very good but the turnout was obviously disappointing in general and especially given the successful sessions at the Strathclyde conference.

There have been no other meetings of the Section during the year.

There have been no Law Commission or related papers to which the Section could respond.

Medical Law

1. Convenor: Dr Shaun Pattinson, Durham University

2. Deputies

Lynn Hagger (did not attend)

3. Conference

No changes from the final programme. I wish to warmly thank the presenters and the conference organisers.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1: September 4th 14.00 - 15.30

Estimate over 20

Session 2: September 4th 16.00 - 17.30

Estimate over 20

Session 3 September 5th 09.15 - 10.45

26

Session 4 September 5th 14.00 - 15.30

18

5. Other meetings during the year if any

None

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

None

MIGRATION LAW

1. Convenor: Dr H el ene Lambert

2. Deputies: no deputy

3. Conference

I wish to thank all the participants, in particular all those who presented a paper, for their exciting contribution indeed, and for those who agreed to step in as Chair. It was a very enjoyable two days.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1: 9

Session 2: 12

Session 3: 6

Session 4: 8

5. Other meetings during the year if any

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

PRACTICE, PROFESSION AND ETHICS

1. Convenor

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2. Deputies

Paul Maharg GGSL (ICT subject area, on line and multi media teaching)

Michael Petley (Professional issues, Access to Justice especially ADR)

3. Conference

Programme - No changes from programme advertised at Conference

The Section would like to continue to have the timing of its sessions in Group A at Durham: this proved at Keele to provide a much better chance for vocational tutors to attend: most had left by the time we reached our slots last year, a pity for a good programme, and this year they mostly again left immediately after we had finished.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1 (10)

Session 2(12)

Session 3 (12)

Session 4 (10)

5. Mid year meeting was held in London by kind invitation of Michael Petley. We spent Saturday 17 June at the College's Chancery Lane premises considering the Nature and Practical Teaching of Professional Legal Ethics. There were 2 Introductory papers by respectively Professor Peter Camp (Visiting Professor the College) and Professor Judith Willis (Professor of Legal Practice at BPP). The meeting then took a workshop format in which a series of questions were debated in groups, mostly based on case studies and practical questions which might arise in teaching either undergraduate or vocational students. The issues we identified for further work were

(1) What does Professional Legal Ethics mean?

(2) How can one best inculcate this in law students? Nigel Duncan (studying this second question within his Teaching Fellowship) carried this theme through at Keele. His theory is that the vocational stage is too late and that Ethics need to be inculcated as an ethos much earlier, at the latest at the undergraduate stage.

Next year's mid year meeting at the College in Chancery Lane will be on the topic of Portfolios, which appear to be likely to assume significant importance in future work based learning vocational planning. The meeting will be announced on the website when we have had an opportunity to design it.

6. No Law Commission etc responses since regeneration of the Section in 2005

Property

1. Convenor

Name: Warren Barr

Changes to contact details from conference programme:

None

2. Deputies

Name and function: None

3. Conference

Each of the sessions generated healthy and lively debate, illustrating that property issues are still important. A wide range of topics from across the spectrum of property law issues meant that the audience for each section varied considerably; 'themed' papers were kept together which, as in previous years, worked well. Attendance at the first sessions was limited, due to an event in the Family Law stream involving the Law Commission and cohabitation, which attracted a number of property lawyers. The relevant consultation paper had been published after the Property stream papers had been finalised, so there was no chance of co-ordination between the two subject sections. Attendance numbers were up on last year, but still quite low.

4. Attendance at conference sessions; a return of nos at each session.

Session 1 – 07

Session 2 - 14

Session 3 - 18

Session 4 - 11

5. Other meetings if any

None

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

None

Public Law

1. Convenor

For 2005-6 Dr A.C.L. Davies (Oxford)
From 2006-9 Dr J. Oliva (Bangor)

2. Deputies

None

3. Conference

The programme was as advertised in the conference brochure.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1: 7
Session 2: 9
Session 3: 10
Session 4: 9

5. Other meetings if any

None.

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

None. The team manager of the Public Law team spoke at the Keele conference.

Restitution

1. Convenor
Professor Francis Rose, Bristol

2. Deputies
Dr Stephen Watterson, Bristol

3. Conference

The programme took place as advertised, with the exception that the session on Subrogation had to be cancelled. Instead, Francis Rose delivered a paper on recent developments in Restitution teaching and scholarship, based on his contribution to the Peter Birks' memorial volume Mapping The Law, which was published simultaneously with the conference.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Swadling 14
Rose 12
Degeling 13
Stevens 17

5. Other meetings during the year if any

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

N/A

Tax Law

1. Convenor
Tim Vollans, Coventry University

2. Conference 2006

The Subject Section's sessions at the Society's Annual Conference at Keele University took place over the first two days of the Conference, Monday & Tuesday, 4th & 5th September 2006. Attendance at the sessions was low (session attendance varying from 4 – 7). However, the papers continued to reflect the diversity of the interests of the section's membership.

On the first day, Cynthia Coleman (Sydney) spoke on "Lessons from Australia" followed by Natalie Lee (Southampton) "Inheritance Tax". The second day saw a joint session with Jurisprudence to hear John Prebble (Victoria University, Wellington) consider "Legal Autopoiesis and the General Anti Avoidance Rule". Later Henry Russell (Chair of the National Association of General Commissioners) spoke of "A State of Flux" about the changes affecting the General Commissioners.

The convenor records his gratitude to all those attending.

Other meetings and general comments

The Tax Section also continues to enjoy its strong links with the Tax Research Network and several members travelled to Southampton to attend the 2006 Annual Conference, organised by Natalie Lee, on September 7th & 8th.

Attendance:

Session 1 – 5

Session 2 - 5

Session 3 (joint with jurisprudence) – 12

Session 4 – 4

Election of Convenor

In the absence of any other nomination, and with the unanimous support of those members attending the section meeting, the present convenor agreed to continue in office.

TORTS

1. Convenor

Ken Oliphant, University of Bristol

2. Deputies

None

3. Conference

The sessions ran as advertised, and all were very successful. The panel discussion (session 4, on compensation culture) was particularly well-received.

4. Attendance at Conference broken down by session

Session 1: 30

Session 2: 21

Session 3: 22

Session 4: 17

5. Other meetings if any

None

6. Law Commission etc responses if any

None