

FOREWORD

The Argentine Association of Comparative Law was found on March 7th 1947, although its origin traces back to the 1946 creation of the Argentine chapter of the Société de Législation Comparée.

The initiative was driven by Mr. Ignacio Winizky, the Association's first president, who convoked a group of eminent Argentinean scholars to establish it, among which some of its founding members were Héctor Lafaille, Juan Carlos Rébora, Eduardo Busso, Enrique Martínez Paz (p), Marcos Satanowsky.

Its purpose has since been to develop, in an environment of absolute academic freedom, an arena of thought and research that would serve Argentinean matters with comparative law as the start point.

The Association's academic work has been constant throughout this 63 years and its product can be seen in the many research papers spread in its meetings and printed in its journal; at present the *Revista de Derecho Comparado* is a reflection of its effort.

In the later years the Association has set out to re-establish flowing relations with the Société de Législation Comparée and the International Academy of Comparative Law. From this engagement stemmed the intention of participating actively at the XVIIIth Washington Congress in July 2010, for which the members were invited to contribute with their work.

This volume consists of more than ten reports on Argentine law, as were turned in to the General Reporters. We are convinced

they will valuably contribute to carry out the debates at the core of the study commissions.

We are thankful for the work of our colleagues Hortensia D.T. Gutiérrez Posse, Frida M. Armas-Pfirter, Augusto César Belluscio, Alberto Dalla Vía, Raúl Aníbal Etcheverry, Rafael Mariano Manóvil, Marcelo López Alfonsín, Alberto Spota, Osvaldo J. Marzoratti, María Susana Najurieta, María Blanca Noodt Taquela, Agustín Parise, Alejandra Rodríguez Galán, Alfredo Mauricio Vítolo and Esteban R. Ymaz Cossio.

And wish that, from their exemplary effort, these argentine contributions multiply in the future.

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Julio César Rivera
President