

### NEWS FROM THE IASJF

⇒ For the first time, the Academy held its annual symposium in Asia. On June 20-21, 2018, the Institute for Marriage and Family Development of the University of Asia and the Pacific, located in Manila, Philippines, hosted the Eleventh International Symposium of the Academy. The topic for this year was *Family and Poverty*. As stated in the welcome remarks, the theme is most appropriate, as material poverty is still a big challenge for the Philippines, and its reduction or worsening could very well be a result of the internal dynamics of the family. Besides, the University of Asia and the Pacific celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, and “People Development,” with special attention to those who are in most need, is one of the major concerns of the Institution.



Professors from Europe, North and South America, and of course Asia, attended the sessions and debated over different aspects of the issue. Prof. Bernardo Villegas delivered the keynote presentation on the first day, with the title “Solid Family Life and Suitable Education: A Major Factor for Poverty Reduction.” Congressman Jose Enrique Garcia III was the keynote speaker on the second day; his paper was entitled “From Family Development to Community Development: A Governance Experience.”

After the sessions, on June 22, most participants and the members of their families who accompanied them attended a cultural tour of Old Manila, graciously hosted by the University of Asia and the Pacific.



### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

During the Symposium, the members of the Academy held their General Assembly. Stefano Troiano, President of the Academy, summarized the goals achieved this past years, and set the new targets for the forthcoming months.

As usual, we had the elections to elect one third of the members of the Board. Scott FitzGibbon (Boston College Law School, USA) and Carmen Garcimartin (Universidad de A Coruña, Spain) were reelected as Editor in Chief of the IJFF and Executive Secretary - Treasurer respectively. Ursula Basset (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina), Olga Dyuzheva (Moscow State University) and Gordana Kovaček - Stanić (University of Novi Sad) were elected as Members of the Board.



### NEXT SYMPOSIUM

⇒ The Twelveth Symposium of the IASJF will be held in Sao Paulo, Brasil, on May, 27-28, hosted by the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Sao Paulo. Further details will be published on the website of the Academy.

### PUBLICATIONS

⇒ Selected papers for the 2018 Symposium will be published in Volume Nine of the International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family. Volume Eight has been published on line, where it may be accessed by those who subscribe to the William S. Hein & Co., Inc., service for this journal.

The Journal is listed on Scholastica and ExpressO.

Article submissions may be sent to the Editor in Chief, Scott FitzGibbon (Boston College Law School, 885 Centre Street, Newton Center, Massachusetts 02459, United States; [fitzgisc@yahoo.com](mailto:fitzgisc@yahoo.com)). Articles should be in Word format, and be approximately eight thousand words in length.

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