

## About the Conference

The Institute of Legal Information Theory and Techniques of the Italian National Research Council (ITTIG-CNR) is organising the IX International Conference "Law Via The Internet".

The Conference deals with issues of free access to legal information and annually gathers the network of Legal Information Institutes (LIIs).

The Florence Conference is to be set in the context of the evolution of the use of information and data transmission-technologies in the legal field and intends to focus on digital legal information, analyzing its aspects in the light of the idea of freedom of digital legal culture and of the technological progress that is shaping law.

Within this interaction of technological progress and law, free access to information is only the first, but fundamental step.

Quality is necessarily connected to the topic of access to information, since it ensures that the information is complete, reliable and clear.

Therefore, the full knowledge of quality legal information makes it possible to citizens to exercise in a conscious and effective way the rights and safeguarding rules set by the judicial system. In this way, the use of new technologies becomes an irreplaceable tool of democracy for the citizen of the e-society.

The past editions of the Conference have been held in Montreal, Vanuatu, Paris, Sydney and attended by hundreds of scientists, experts and public officers coming from five continents.

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<i>Early-bird registration (before Sept. 15)</i>	<b>euro 300,00</b>
<i>Regular registration (after Sept. 16)</i>	<b>euro 400,00</b>
<i>Students</i>	<b>euro 120,00</b>

Registration fees include conference materials and access to all conference activities. Coffee breaks, lunches and the gala event (concert and cocktail) are also included in the registration fees.

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## IX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## LAW VIA THE INTERNET

## FREE ACCESS

## QUALITY OF INFORMATION

## EFFECTIVENESS OF RIGHTS



## Conference languages

The official languages of the Conference  
are Italian and English.  
Simultaneous translation is available.

**30-31 October 2008**

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# Preliminary Scientific Program

Thursday 30 October 2008

8:30 am-9:15 am *Registration*

9:15 am-9:30 am *Introduction*

**Nicola Palazzolo**, Director of ITTIG, Italy

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**Andrea Di Porto**, Director of the Department "Identità culturale" of the National Research Council - University "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy

**Graham Greenleaf**, Co-Director of the AustLII, Australia

9:30 am-12:45 am

## I PLENARY SESSION

### The Right to Access Legal Information

(chair: **GRAHAM GREENLEAF**, AustLII, Australia)

**Gherardo Casini** (Italy)

**Maximilian Herberger** (Germany), Free Access to Law: What is still ahead?

**Fabio Pistella** (Italy), The role of CNIPA in Accessing Legal Information

**Daniel Poulin** (Canada), Fifteen Years of Open Access to Law: What Have Been Done and What Are the Next Steps

**Italo Scotti, Enrico Seta** (Italy)

**Vincenzo Zeno-Zencovich** (Italy)

From 2:00 pm

## Exhibition Open Source Software for Law

2:00 pm-5:30 pm

## II PLENARY SESSION

### Free Access to Law: Information Systems and Institutions

(chair: **PASCALE BERTELOOT**, OPOCE, Luxembourg)

**Albrecht Berger** (Luxembourg), Access to Legislation Online in the EU: from Fee-based to Free Information

**Stephane Cottin** (France), Free Access to Legal and Legislative Information: the French Approach through the Enlightenment of the Strategic Reviews of Better Regulation in the European Union

**Aki Hietanen** (Finland), Free Access to Legal Information in Finland: Principles and Practice

**Nina Koch** (Denmark), Advantages in Inter-Institutional Cooperation - Design and Production

**Caterina Lupo** (Italy), Free access to legislation in Italy: the role of standards for the integration of information systems

**Michel Moret** (Switzerland), Free Access to Legal Information in Switzerland: Current Situation and Trends for the Future

**Günther Schefbeck** (Austria), Free Access to Legal and Legislative Information: the Austrian Approach

**Hans Van Bossuyt, Bertel De Groote** (Belgium), Toward a standard Structure for the Drafting of Judgments? How Small Measures Can Give Way to Great Effects

Friday 31 October 2008

9:15 am-12:30 am

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### 1 - A Legal Framework for Open Access to Legal Information

(chair: **GIOVANNI SARTOR**, EUI, Italy)

**Jon Bing** (Norway), Reconstructing a Vision: May a Consolidated Legal Information Service be Achieved, and What Requirements Should a Professional Service Meet?

**Roberto Caso** (Italy), Open Access to Legal Information and Copyright Rules: a Law and Technology Perspective

**Pasquale Costanzo** (Italy), Theory and Reality of the Official Publication of Legal Acts on Internet

**Iain Currie** (South Africa)

**Sebastiano Faro** (Italy), Open Access to Outcomes of Publicly Funded Research

**Graham Greenleaf** (Australia), The Obligations of Public Authorities Responsible for Originating Legal Materials

**Philip Leith** (Ireland)

**Kevin Pun** (Hong Kong), An Unexplored Legal Issue for the Provision of Free Legal Information on HKLII

**Davide Sarti** (Italy), Open Access and Legal Exceptions to Copyright: Towards a General Fair Use Standard?

### 2 - The Global Scope of Free Access to Law

(Chair: **DANIEL POULIN**, LexUM, Canada)

**Mariya Badeva-Bright** (South Africa), Re-thinking "Open" in Free and Open Access to Law

**Guillaume Blain, Karl Charbonneau, Marc-André Morrisette** (Canada), SATAL, a Novel (and Cheap) Way of Building a Point-in-time Legislation Publication System )

**Fernando Galindo Ayuda** (Spain), Free Access to the Law in Latinamerica: Brasil, Argentina and Uruguay as Examples

**Alessandro Gallo** (Italy), Open Access, Digital Preservation and Semantic Web: the New Era of a Multi-disciplinary Global Publisher

**Andrew Mowbray, Philip Chung, Graham Greenleaf** (Australia), Improving Case Law: Automated Citators and Virtual Databases

**Abdul Paliwala** (United Kingdom), Free Access to Law in Africa: Issues for Network Society

**Mario Ragona, Daniela Tiscornia** (Italy)

### 3 -ICTs and the Quality of Legal Information (Chair: **DANIELA TISCORNIA**, ITTIG, Italy)

**Pompeu Casanovas** (Spain)

**Thomas Gordon** (Germany), The Legal Knowledge Interchange Format

**Friedrich Lachmayer, Harald Hoffmann** (Austria), ICT and Quality of Legal Information

**Monica Palmirani** (Italy)

**Roland Traunmueller** (Austria), Legal Information Systems: Some Aspects on Quality and Access

**Tom Van Engers** (Netherlands)

**Fernando Venturini** (Italy), Legal Documents as Core Public Sector Information: from Professional Information to Internet Development Support

**Hughes-Jehan Vibert** (France), Legal Wikis: in Search of Credibility

2:00 pm-5:00 pm

## III PLENARY SESSION

### Strategic Solutions and Sustainability Models for the Diffusion and Sharing of Legal Knowledge (chair: **THOMAS R. BRUCE**, Cornell Law School, USA)

**Gianmaria Ajani** (Italy), Introducing the Legal Taxonomy Syllabus (LTS) on EU Consumer Law

**Pascale Berteloot** (Luxembourg)

**Danièle Bourcier** (France), Is Creative Commons a strategic solution for the diffusion of legal knowledge?

**Thomas R. Bruce** (USA), Foundlings on the Cathedral Steps: Public Search, Domain-Enhanced Search, Metadata, and End Users

**Graham Greenleaf** (Australia), AustLII's Enterprise Model: Constraints and Opportunities in Funding Free Access to Law

**Pierre-Paul Lemyre** (Canada), The Evolving Ecology of Legal Information Market

**Ivan Mokanov** (Canada), Logical Framework for the Evaluation of the Outcome of Free Access to Law on Lawyers Competence

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm *Conclusions*

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