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REMINDER RENEWEL MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law are kindly reminded to pay their membership dues for the European Society of International Law for the year 2016. You will have received reminder emails, and there is a 'renew' button on the home page of the ESIL website which makes it very easy to pay the 2016 fee. Membership fees remain the same as last year: regular members pay €115; retired members pay €85; and student members pay €30. More information can be found on the ESIL website.

UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

In December, the IG sent out an online questionnaire to all its members to get input on the future governance and activities of the IG. Many members responded with some excellent ideas on events and activities in which the IG could participate. The Coordinating Committee is now following up on these ideas.

REMINDER WEBSITE

The website of the IG is [migreflaw \[dot\] wordpress \[dot\] com](http://migreflaw.wordpress.com). If you have interesting content (a call for papers, a blog or publication, an event), or any questions regarding this newsletter, please send an email to [e.t.w.vanroemberg \[at\] uva.nl](mailto:e.t.w.vanroemberg[at]uva.nl).

UPDATE: ELECTIONS FOR A NEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law is currently in the process of electing a new Coordinating Committee. As part of that process, a questionnaire was sent in October 2015 in which you were asked whether you would be interested in taking up a position on the Coordinating Committee. Three members expressed their interest; you can find a short profile of each of the three nominees below. You have the option of responding to their nomination **until 31 January 2016**. Should no responses be forthcoming, the nominees will tacitly have been elected as new Coordinating Committee members.

CANDIDATES FOR NEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Kristof Gombeer is a researcher at the Center for International Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium. His PhD research focuses on the monitoring and protection of fundamental rights of migrants and refugees in the context of maritime operations in the Mediterranean. He previously worked as a research fellow at the Counter Trafficking unit of the IOM Regional Office for the Asia-Pacific, Bangkok. He holds an LL.M. degree in International Legal Studies from the New York University School of Law and a M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Tamas Molnar is adjunct professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of International Studies on public international law and migration law. Since January 2015, he also works as chief international law advisor in the Deputy State Secretariat of Hungarian Minorities and Diaspora, Prime Minister's Office. In addition, he has been involved in ad hoc consultancy work for UNHCR on statelessness since 2010. He obtained his Ph.D. in public international law from the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest (ELTE) in 2013 and graduated from the Université libre de Bruxelles, Institut d'Etudes européennes in 2006 (LLM on EU law) and the ELTE Law Faculty in 2003.

Tom Syring is a founder and former Co-Chair of the International Refugee Law Interest Group of the American Society of International Law and currently serves on the Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board. He has previously taught at the University of Oslo and at Boston University as a Lecturer in International Law and Visiting Fulbright Scholar. He has particularly published and lectured on issues at the intersection of international humanitarian law, international criminal law, refugee law, and human rights. His latest research includes a book (co-edited, with Susan Akram) entitled *Still Waiting for Tomorrow: The Law and Politics of Unresolved Refugee Crises (CSP)*, and a forthcoming, co-edited volume (with Richard Falk) on *War, Occupation, and Refugees* (Routledge).

NEW ESIL-AAIL EVENT ON MIGRATION TAKING SHAPE

The European Society of International Law, with the help and input of the Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law and in cooperation with the African Association of International Law, is organizing an event on migration. The event will take place in Naples on one of the following dates: 13 or 20 May or 3 June. The Coordinating Committee is currently in the process of identifying members of the IG as potential speakers and may contact you in the coming period.

More information about the event can be found in the semi-final programme for the event, which can be found [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS / EVENTS / VACANCIES

The Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen is offering three Postdoctoral Research and Writing Fellowships. The new Department of Ethics, Law and Politics, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Ayelet Shachar, is seeking to appoint up to three postdoctoral research fellows with an outstanding academic record. Applicants should have substantive legal or political theory expertise in the fields of citizenship, immigration, borders and the regulation of mobility, the ethics of diversity, and the study of cultural or religious pluralism. *More information can be found [here](#).*

A new volume on 'Migration and Refugee Protection in the 21st Century: international legal aspects' has been published by the Hague Academy of International Law (edited by Guy Goodwin-Gill & Philippe Weckel). *More information can be found [here](#).*